

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA (Winnipeg Centre)

RE: CHANGES TO ADULT BAIL TRIAGE PROCEDURE (courtroom 301) and BAIL COURT (courtrooms 304 and 306)

The opportunity to apply for judicial interim release in a timely manner is a fundamental right of individuals. The Provincial Court of Manitoba is committed to ensuring this right is protected. The following changes are being made to the bail process in Winnipeg in support of this commitment. All participants in the justice system are reminded they have an obligation to do their part to ensure applications for bail are heard in a timely manner.

Effective January 10, 2022, bail triage court in courtroom 301, will become a court of record and will be presided over by a Judicial Justice of the Peace (JJP). Triage court will sit from 9:30 a.m. until the completion of the dockets. The 11:00 a.m. JJP consent docket will be discontinued.

All consent remands, consent releases, consent in custody no contact orders, consent bail cancellations and time line extensions will be heard by the JJP in courtroom 301. Accused persons will appear from the Winnipeg Remand Centre and the Winnipeg Police Service Central Processing Unit by Teams video. While the Court continues to encourage Crown paralegal staff and all counsel to appear in person, Teams video appearances will be facilitated and the use of the current consent forms, properly prepared, will continue to be accepted at 301BailTriageConsentDoc@gov.mb.ca. The relevant forms are attached for reference. Please note: Wi-Fi is now available in courtroom 301 and the password is posted in the courtroom.

Contested bail applications only will be transferred to appear before a Judge in courtrooms 304 and 306, if addressed in courtroom 301 prior to the 11:30 a.m. cut off. Any matters not spoken to in bail triage court by 11:30 a.m. will remain in courtroom 301 to be dealt with by the presiding JJP, including any remaining contested bail applications.

Courtrooms 304 and 306 will open promptly at 10:00 a.m. It is the expectation that counsel will make all reasonable efforts to be ready to proceed at that time.

ISSUED BY:

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**The Honourable Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe
Provincial Court of Manitoba**

DATE: December 20, 2021