

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA (WINNIPEG CENTRE)

RE: ELIMINATION OF IN-CUSTODY ADULT ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS

The Provincial Court has reviewed how the Administrative Courts have been functioning, and the impact of these courts on matters progressing through the criminal justice system. We are concerned that too often matters remain on the Administrative docket without pleas being entered and with no meaningful progress being made to move the matter forward. This is contrary to what was originally contemplated by the Pre-Trial Coordination Protocol and is contrary to our collective obligations to progress matters through the courts in a timely manner.

After receiving and considering feedback from members of the profession, the Pre-Trial Coordination Protocol has been amended. As of September 1, 2018 the Adult In-Custody Administrative docket will be phased out with no new matters being added to this docket. Once the existing matters are concluded, the Adult In-Custody Administrative docket will be eliminated.

Starting on September 1, 2018, matters can no longer be remanded to the Adult In-Custody Administrative docket. The timelines in the Pre-Trial Coordination Protocol will be strictly enforced in the PTC courts. Once a matter has reached the timeline, it will be remanded to the in-custody date-setting court where a disposition or hearing date must be set. This court will sit every Friday at 9:30 a.m. in courtroom 401. Counsel will continue to have the option of seeking to have a case management conference set before a judge **in advance of the matter reaching timeline**, if a judge's assistance is required to resolve outstanding issues. "Consent remands" by email will no longer be allowed. Please also note criminal harassment has been removed from the designated offence list located in Appendix "C" in the Pre-Trial Coordination Protocol meaning it now has an 8 week, not a 16 week timeline.

The amended Pre-Trial Coordination Protocol is available on the Court's website at www.manitoba.courts.mb.ca.

ISSUED BY:



Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe
(Manitoba)

DATE: August 22, 2018