

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

Re: Transferring Matters between Judicial Court Centres

There is a general presumption, based on principles of access to justice, matters will be heard in the community in which the incident is alleged to have occurred. It is in the public interest to have matters heard in the community or the closest judicial centre so that members of the affected community can participate fully in the proceedings and see that justice is done.

There may be extenuating circumstances where the above principles should not apply. If that is the case and counsel are seeking to have any matter heard in a judicial centre other than the judicial centre closest to where the incident is alleged to have occurred, counsel shall bring an application before the presiding judge, in the originating judicial centre in which the incident is alleged to have occurred, requesting the matter be transferred to another judicial court centre.

This protocol applies to all jurisdictions and all matters and is effective immediately.

ISSUED BY:



**Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe
(Manitoba)**

DATE: July 25, 2019