

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

Re: Young Person Custody Transport Protocol

Video conferencing technology has now been added at the Manitoba Youth Center. There is a video room in the residential portion of the correctional center that can connect with any courtroom that has video conferencing. The courtroom at the Manitoba Youth Center also has video conferencing equipment added, which can connect with Agassiz Youth Center and all adult correctional centers except Dauphin Correctional Center. This Protocol is intended to provide certainty to those responsible for prisoner transport in advance of a court appearance as to whether the appearance of the young person is required.

PROTOCOL

Individuals who are in custody will not be transported for court unless the individual is self represented or something meaningful, as set out by this protocol, will happen at that court appearance. Counsel must address with the Court whether the in-person appearance of a young person will be required.

Counsel must notify the general mailbox of the Sheriffs SheriffsService@gov.mb.ca well in advance of the appearance when the appearance of the accused is not required.

The Court will require an individual who is in custody to be transported for a court appearance when:

- a trial or preliminary hearing will proceed
- a guilty plea will be entered, unless otherwise ordered by the court
- the accused will be sentenced, unless otherwise ordered by the court
- ordered by a judge, or a person with authority as delegated by the Court, for a specified reason other than the above.

LAWYER/CLIENT VIDEO INTERVIEW SERVICE

Lawyer / Client Video Interview Service (LVI) is available at Winnipeg Remand Centre, Headingley Correctional Centre, Women's Correctional Centre, Milner Ridge Correctional Centre, Brandon Correctional Centre, The Pas Correctional Centre, Manitoba Youth Centre and Agassiz Youth Centre. LVI allows lawyers to meet face to face with clients over video from a computer, iOS or Android device. This service enables meaningful discussions about the cases and the evidence in preparation for court appearances. To obtain access to this service, please contact LVI@gov.mb.ca.

ISSUED BY:



for **Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe
(Manitoba)**

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