

NOTICE
PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

**RE: COVID-19 - UPDATE TO JUDICIAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
WEEKDAY BAIL DOCKETS**

To address the timely release of individuals who have been arrested overnight and held in custody at police facilities anywhere in Manitoba, the Provincial Crown and Legal Aid Manitoba have implemented an overnight bail program. The objective of the overnight bail program will be for counsel to determine if an individual can be released by consent or remanded into custody by consent. The Court will then facilitate the timely appearance of these matters.

Effective November 2, 2020, the Provincial Court of Manitoba has added an additional Judicial Justice of the Peace court sitting Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m. This additional court sitting will be a pilot project and will be assessed after a three month period to determine whether it is having the desired outcome.

This court sitting will deal exclusively with matters where the following conditions have been met; counsel has confirmed in advance there will be a consent release or consent remand into custody; the police agency has prepared and provided the necessary paperwork to the court and the appropriate forms have been filed by counsel or counsel are available to appear by telephone.

ISSUED BY:

“Original signed by:”

**The Honourable Chief Judge
Margaret Wiebe**

DATE: October 22, 2020