

NOTICE
PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

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

By Notice issued October 22, 2020, a pilot project was announced 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 to determine if an individual can be released by consent or remanded into custody by consent.

Effective November 2, 2020, the Provincial Court of Manitoba added an additional Judicial Justice of the Peace court sitting Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m. to deal specifically with these matters. This additional court sitting has been assessed after a three month period to determine whether it is having the desired outcome. We will continue to evaluate this project until April 2, 2021.

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:

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

DATE: February 5, 2021