

**NOTICE  
PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA  
(WINNIPEG CENTRE)**

**RE: COURTROOM CLOSURES**

Over the past number of months, the Provincial Court has encountered significant challenges arising from court staff shortages, which have impacted the proper functioning of the Court. These staff shortages, which include clerks, sheriffs, and frontline staff have regularly caused delays in the commencement of trials and forced adjournments of matters where sheriffs are required to transport people in custody into court. Despite efforts to maintain levels of service with a reduced staff complement, this approach is no longer sustainable. Regretfully, the only viable solution at this time is to temporarily cancel select courtrooms so as to ensure that scheduled trials and dispositions can proceed. While this is not an acceptable measure on many levels, we are forced to ensure that priority is given to those cases that will be compromised most by the current circumstances.

To that end, commencing Wednesday **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**:

1. Courtrooms 302 and 304 bails will be collapsed into courtroom 302 each day. Courtroom 304 MAY be reopened during the day based upon demand and availability of clerks.
2. The Court will reduce from running three disposition courtrooms to two on a daily basis.

**ISSUED BY:**

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**The Honourable Chief Judge Ryan Rolston  
Provincial Court of Manitoba**

**DATE: January 29, 2024**