



## NORTHERN REGION COURT RESUMPTION PROTOCOL – PART 3

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**Effective: August 26, 2020**

### **Circuit Point Re-opening:**

This applies to Criminal and Youth, Family and Child Protection, Civil Claims, and Traffic matters.

Circuit points in the Northern Region, with the exception of Ft. Vermilion, are expected to re-open September 8th for docket and trials. Trials are expected to be presumptively running as previously scheduled at all northern circuit points except Ft. Vermilion. Dockets will run at circuit points, but participants are encouraged to appear remotely with the assistance of duty counsel whenever possible, using the existing [Out of Custody Remote Docket Protocol](#).

Ft. Vermilion will remain closed until further notice, pending flood damage repair. Ft. Vermilion dockets will continue to be run from High Level, as has been the recent practice. However, trials scheduled in Ft. Vermilion after September 8<sup>th</sup>, whether on a docket day or a dedicated trial day, will be presumptively running in High Level on the date appointed. The exceptions to this will be October 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, for which dates the High Level courtroom is currently booked for other matters.

All participants, including counsel, witnesses, and accused persons, are encouraged to contact the base point associated with their circuit point in advance of their scheduled appearance date to confirm that the circuit point is open and operational as intended. Contacts are set out below.

Grande Prairie (for circuit appearances in Valleyview and Fox Creek): (780) 538-5360 [grpp@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca](mailto:grpp@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca)

Peace River (for circuit appearances in Peace River, Falher, Fairview): (780) 624-6256  
[peap@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca](mailto:peap@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca)

High Level (for circuit appearances in High Level, Chateh, Ft. Vermilion): (780) 926-3715  
[hilp@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca](mailto:hilp@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca)

High Prairie (for circuit appearances in High Prairie, Red Earth Creek, Slave Lake and WabascaDesmarais): (780) 523-6600 [hipp@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca](mailto:hipp@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca)