



SOUTH REGION LETHBRIDGE CIRCUIT

Effective: August 20, 2020

Setting Circuit Trials/Preliminary Inquiries and Hearings At Circuit Points in Lethbridge Area

As a result of issues encountered with scheduling circuit trials pursuant to the Notice to Profession dated July 6, 2020, effective Monday, August 24, 2020, circuit trials will be scheduled in the docket courtroom on the docket day they are scheduled for as follows:

Trials One Day or Less:

1. Counsel will send an email to Lethbridge Provincial Court proxy email address pc.lethbridge@just.gov.ab.ca, cc'ing the Crown proxy email address JSG-ACPS.Lethbridge@gov.ab.ca at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled docket appearance. The email will contain the following information:
 - Name of accused
 - Docket number
 - Circuit location
 - Amount of time trial/preliminary/hearing expected to take
 - Counsel's availability based on the scheduled trial dates between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 as noted at the end of this document.
2. Upon the Crown Office receiving these emails, they will obtain officer availability for the matter based on Defence Counsel's availability and provide to the Tech Clerk prior to the start of court as Counsel are signing into Webex, or by Webex message to the Tech Clerk in the courtroom.
3. Upon the matter being called in court, the trial date, if agreed upon between Crown and Defence, will be confirmed on the record or in the absence of agreement as to trial date, the Court may specify the date of the trial.

Pre-Trials:

In the event the matter is likely to take more than one day and the pre-trial protocol comes into play, counsel shall follow the pre-COVID procedure in that regard:

1. Contact the Trial Coordinator to confirm that all pre-pretrial steps have been taken.
2. If so, the Trial Coordinator will advise the Pre-trial Scheduler who will provide a date suitable to Defence and Crown.
3. If possible, a date for the trial or preliminary will be selected at the pre-trial and confirmed thereafter in the usual course on the court record.
4. Counsel will adjourn the matter pending completion of the pre-trial.

Expedited Hearings:

1. If circumstances are such that counsel believes that an expedited trial is necessary, the matter should be spoken to on the next scheduled docket appearance or brought forward in docket court to be spoken to.

J.N. LeGrandeur
A/Assistant Chief Judge

Pincher Creek Adult Trial Dates

October 5
October 19
October 26
November 2
November 9
November 16
November 23
November 30
December 7
December 14
December 21

Cardston Adult Trial Dates

October 21
October 28
November 4
November 12
November 18
November 25
December 2
December 9
December 10
December 16
December 23

Fort Macleod Adult Trial Dates

October 23 (p.m. only)
October 27
November 6
November 12
December 10
December 22 (p.m. only)

Fort Macleod Traffic Trials

October 19
November 16
December 21

Pincher Creek, Cardston, Fort Macleod Youth Trial Dates

October 23 (a.m. only)
December 22 (a.m. only)

Taber Adult Trial Dates

October 22
November 26
December 16

Taber Youth Trial Dates

To be held in Lethbridge in Courtroom #7 on the 3rd Monday of each month.