

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION
PILOT PROJECT - CALGARY REGIONAL COURTS

Effective date: *February 1, 2018*

Court Sittings: *Okotoks, Airdrie and Cochrane Regional Courts*

Purpose:

While lead times for preliminary inquiries and trials in most Regional courts have been decreasing, there is still considerable disparity between the various courts. Some courts are currently able to offer trial and preliminary inquiry dates within a reasonable period of time, while others face lead times that are considerably longer. While there are multiple reasons why such disparity exists, this Pilot Project is an attempt to allocate additional resources to those locations currently experiencing the greatest lead time pressures (Airdrie, Cochrane).

Procedure:

1. Effective February 1, 2018, the Wednesday trial dates currently allocated to Okotoks Provincial Court will be moved and shared between Airdrie Provincial Court and Cochrane Provincial Court.
2. The first and third Wednesdays of each month will be allocated for scheduled trials in Airdrie Provincial Court and the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month will be allocated for scheduled trials in Cochrane Provincial Court.
3. Any trials currently scheduled on Wednesdays in Okotoks Provincial Court after the commencement of this Pilot Project will not be impacted. They will be reflected as “Special Sittings.”
4. Although this Pilot Project will take effect on February 1, 2018, pursuant to this Notice, counsel may commence booking trials scheduled to be heard after that date immediately.
5. The effectiveness of this Pilot Project will be reassessed in 6 months’ time.

Per: Assistant Chief Judge M.J. Durant
Calgary Criminal and Regional Courts
Dated: November 27, 2017