



## SOUTH REGION LETHBRIDGE CIRCUIT

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**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](mailto:pc.lethbridge@just.gov.ab.ca), cc'ing the Crown proxy email address [JSG-ACPS.Lethbridge@gov.ab.ca](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.