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## Resumption of Traffic Court

In Part V of the Provincial Court’s [Notice to the Profession and Public 19: Resumption of Further Court Operations](#), all traffic matters with hearings previously scheduled for March 18, 2020 and thereafter were adjourned for rescheduling.

The Court is now ready to resume scheduling traffic hearings in some locations. A large number of people attend these hearings. In order to keep the public, court users, court staff, and judicial officers safe and physically distant while providing access to justice, the Court has worked together with Court Services Branch (including the Sheriff Service) and Corporate Management Services Branch to identify alternate hearing locations and/or alternate hearing times to accommodate people attending these hearings as follows:

Provincial Court Location Where Matter Originally Scheduled	Hearing Location	Date Hearings Commence	Hearing Dates	Hearing Times
Abbotsford Chilliwack	University of the Fraser Valley	July 13, 2020	Monday to Friday	9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Dawson Creek	Dawson Creek Provincial Court	August 17, 2020	Monday, August 17 Friday, August 21	9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Fort St. John	Fort St. John Provincial Court	August 18, 2020	Tuesday, August 18 to Thursday, August 20	5:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Kamloops	Kamloops Provincial Court	July 11, 2020	Saturday July 11, 18, and 25, 2020	9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Kelowna	Kelowna Provincial Court	July 13, 2020	Monday to Friday	5:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Prince George	Prince George Provincial Court	August 4, 2020	Tuesday, August 4 to Friday, August 7 Monday, August 10 to Friday, August 14	9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Richmond Robson Square	Kitsilano Secondary School	July 13, 2020	Monday to Friday	9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Surrey	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	July 13, 2020	Monday to Friday	9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

All of these locations were assessed by an experienced professional consultant to ensure they meet the health and safety requirements established by the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC. This work was done in consultation with the judiciary and stakeholders. The health and safety protocols put in place are available on the [Attorney General’s website](#). These locations will be configured to accommodate physical distancing, however, to assist with that distancing the Court asks that only counsel, parties, and witnesses involved in the hearings before the Court, as well as members of the accredited media, attend these hearings.

Parties will be sent a new notice of hearing that will include the date, time and location (including the address) of the hearing. Start times will be staggered so that all participants are not at the hearing location at the same time. Parties who receive a notice of hearing and require interpreter services for their hearing must contact the Violation Ticket Center at 1-877-661-8026 prior to their hearing date.

Anyone appearing for a hearing must be in full compliance with all of the Provincial Health Officer’s Orders or directions regarding COVID-19. The Court’s [Notice to the Profession and Public 22: Resuming In-Person Proceedings During COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols](#) applies to these hearings (with the exception that some parts of that Notice are specific to court locations such as the references to court registries). Participants should review [NP 22](#) and should be aware of the following:

- Those entering will be subject to a verbal screening process by the Sheriff Service.
- Participants in a proceeding are encouraged and permitted to wear a mask or protective face covering in the courtroom if they wish to do so, subject to direction from the Judicial Officer, if removal of a mask is necessary in order for the participant’s evidence or submissions to be heard and understood. Participants should be aware that the Judicial Officer and the sheriff may or may not wear a mask.

Please continue to check our [website](#) as we are continuing to identify other locations in the Lower Mainland and elsewhere in the Province to schedule traffic matters. Any further sites we locate will be subject to the same guidelines as set out in this Announcement.