



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective Date: 4 January 2016

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NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC
TERMINATION OF SMALL CLAIMS RULE 7.4 MEDIATIONS
ROBSON SQUARE REGISTRY

Purpose

To clarify the transition process for scheduling and conducting Small Claims Rule 7.4 mediations through to April 30, 2016, after which date Small Claims Rule 7.4 mediations are terminated pursuant to amendments to the *Small Claims Rules*, B.C. Reg. 261/93.

Notice

1. The *Small Claims Rules*, B.C. Reg. 261/93 are amended pursuant to [Order in Council 821/2015](#).
2. Commencing January 4, 2016, the Robson Square Small Claims Registry will no longer refer new cases to mediation under Small Claims Rule 7.4 (“SCR 7.4 Mediations”).
3. SCR 7.4 Mediations will be conducted through to April 30, 2016 for cases where the Registrar has, on or before February 1, 2016, served a notice of mediation session, unless otherwise cancelled, exempted, or transferred out of Robson Square.
4. Cases scheduled for SCR 7.4 Mediations through to April 30, 2016 that do not proceed will only be re-set for mediation where they can be accommodated.
5. Cases on a waiting list for SCR 7.4 Mediation dates after April 30, 2016 will be scheduled for settlement conferences in accordance with Small Claims Rule 7.
6. Cases that are heard at SCR 7.4 Mediations prior to May 1, 2016 and remain unresolved will be scheduled for trial conferences in accordance with Small Claims Rule 7.5.
7. Commencing January 4, 2016, new cases at the Robson Square Small Claims Registry will proceed to:
 - a. settlement conferences in accordance with Small Claims Rule 7;
 - b. simplified trials for claims up to \$5,000 in accordance with Small Claims Rule 9.1; or
 - c. summary trials for financial debt in accordance with Small Claims Rule 9.2.

History of Notice to the Profession and Public

- Original Notice to the Profession and Public dated January 4, 2016.

Thomas J. Crabtree
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia