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WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

B.C. Provincial Court website now offers detailed information on court hours and email subscriptions to eNews

VANCOUVER, B.C. – The Provincial Court of British Columbia continues to improve its website www.provincialcourt.bc.ca by adding features useful to the public, the media, self-represented litigants and lawyers. New features include:

- Detailed tables showing court hours and court rooms scheduled for different types of Provincial Court proceedings in most courthouses around the province, with telephone numbers to facilitate enquiries in smaller court locations. <u>See an example.</u>
- An email subscription service for the Court's eNews information series providing informal articles of interest about the Court, its personnel and related resources. eNews is garnering positive feedback and interest from across Canada and the US. Recent topics have included:

The expectations of circuit court judges - <u>Wanted: judge, teacher, cook and long distance driver</u>

<u>How can judges balance</u> the need to understand current culture with the ethical challenges of social media?

Now you can use free WiFi in BC Courthouses – but not inside a courtroom, unless you are a lawyer, accredited journalist, or have the judge's permission

The website, eNews and an active Twitter presence @BCProvCourt are all part of the Provincial Court's efforts to be accessible, open and innovative. The Court is committed to engaging the public and helping people find the information they need. In 2015 the Court's website had 467,465 visitors and 1,206,910 page views — high traffic for a justice system website and up 12% over the previous year.

Find court locations and hours http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/locations-contacts

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