July 3, 2020 (update July 10, 2020 in red)

## **Circuit Courts Update**

The BC Provincial Court sits in many court locations in the province. Currently, we are working with government and in some cases, local communities, to have the consultant that government has retained view the circuit courts and make recommendations about what steps need to be taken to make those courts safe and accessible to members of the public.

Once the consultant has viewed those court locations, we will work with government to implement the recommended changes so that existing matters can be heard in those locations in a timely way. In some locations this work has been completed and in-person hearings are noted below.

In other locations when the circuit courts have been modified to address COVID related concerns, including ensuring that physical distancing can be maintained, they will be opened and scheduled matters will proceed. Until these circuit courts have been re-opened, matters on the circuit court list locations will be heard on the day they are scheduled by audioconference. Either the audioconference information or the contact information for the Registry to obtain call in details is listed beside each Court location.

Counsel are encouraged to use the <u>Consent Requisition</u> or <u>Consent Arraignment</u> forms to have files removed from the list prior to the scheduled court date if nothing substantial will occur on that date. We have attached a list below of the Judicial Case Managers and the circuit courts they are responsible for scheduling.

If you require legal assistance with your matter, you may contact Legal Aid at 1-866-577-2525.

## 1. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Matters currently scheduled in Creston, Fernie, Invermere and New Aiyansh for the dates in the table immediately below are adjourned until the "adjourned to" date without the parties having to attend Court. A party or counsel may contact the Judicial Case Manager at the applicable court location prior to the "adjourned to" date and arrange to have the Court determine, by telephone, whether the matter is urgent.

COURT LOCATION	IF YOUR MATTER WAS	YOUR MATTER IS ADJOURNED TO
	ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR	
Creston	July 9, 2020	August 7, 2020
Fernie	July 23, 2020	September 1, 2020
Invermere	July 7, 2020	July 27, 2020
New Aiyansh	July 6, 2020	September 14, 2020

## 2. MATTERS SCHEDULED

Matters currently scheduled on the dates and in the locations set out below will be heard on the day they were originally scheduled either in-person or, alternatively, by audioconference.

INTERIOR REGION COURT LOCATION	DATE MATTERS SCHEDULED	JUDICIAL CASE MANAGER CONTACT	YOUR MATTER WILL BE HEARD	IF YOUR MATTER WILL BE HEARD BY AUDIO CONFERENCE PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT REGISTRY FOR DIAL IN INFORMATION IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED DATE
Golden	July 14, 2020	EKootenays.Scheduli ng@provincialcourt. bc.ca	In-person	not applicable
Invermere	July 14, 15, and 16, 2020	EKootenays.Scheduli ng@provincialcourt. bc.ca	In-person	not applicable
Lillooet	July 14, 15, and 16, 2020	Kamloops.Schedulin g@provincialcourt.b c.ca	By audio conference	250-828-4344
Merritt	July 7, 8, 9, 10, 2020	Kamloops, Schedulin g@provincialcourt.b c.ca	By audio conference	250-828-4344
Princeton	July 16, 2020	Penticton.Schedulin g@provincialcourt.b c.ca	By audio conference	250-492-1231
Revelstoke	July 7, 8 and 9, 2020	Vernon.Scheduling @provincialcourt.bc. ca	By audio conference	250-832-1610

NORTHERN REGION COURT LOCATION	DATE MATTERS SCHEDULED	JUDICIAL CASE MANAGER CONTACT	YOUR MATTER WILL BE HEARD	IF YOUR MATTER WILL BE HEARD BY AUDIO CONFERENCE PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT REGISTRY FOR DIAL IN INFORMATION IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED DATE (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BELOW)
100 Mile House	July 7	Cariboo.Scheduling @provincialcourt.bc .ca	By audio conference	You do not need to call the registry, you can use the following link on the scheduled date:
		<b>*</b> • •		<u>+1 604-335-9540</u> Canada, Vancouver (Toll) (844) 884-5561 Canada (Toll-free)
				Conference ID: 957 944 071#
Burns Lake	July 14, 15, and 16	Smithers.Scheduling @provincialcourt.bc .ca	In-person	not applicable
Chetwynd	July 9	Peace.District.Sched uling@provincialcou rt.bc.ca	By audio conference	You do not need to call the registry, you can use the following link on the scheduled date:
				+1 604-335-9540 Canada, Vancouver (Toll) (844) 884-5561 Canada (Toll-free)
				Conference ID: 541 230 15#
Fort St. James	July 15 and 16	PG.Scheduling@pro vincialcourt.bc.ca	By audio conference	250-614-2700
Hazelton	July 7 to 9	Smithers.Scheduling @provincialcourt.bc .ca	By audio conference	250-847-7376

Houston	July 13	Smithers.Scheduling @provincialcourt.bc .ca	By audio conference	You do not need to call the registry, you can use the following link on the scheduled date:  +1 604-335-9540 Canada, Vancouver (Toll) (844) 884-5561 Canada (Toll-free)
				Conference ID: 213 678 161#
Kitimat	July 9	Terrace.Scheduling @provincialcourt.bc .ca	By audio conference	You do not need to call the registry, you can use the following link on the scheduled date:
		*		<u>+1 604-335-9540</u> Canada, Vancouver (Toll) (844) 884-5561 Canada (Toll-free)
				Conference ID: 731 218 300#
Vanderhoof	July 6, <sup>,</sup> 7	PG.Scheduling@pro vincialcourt.bc.ca	By audio conference	You do not need to call the registry, you can use the following link on the scheduled date:  +1 604-335-9540
				Canada, Vancouver (Toll) (844) 884-5561 Canada (Toll-free)  Conference ID: 903 810 115#

VANCOVER COURT LOCATION	DATE MATTERS SCHEDULED	JUDICIAL CASE MANAGER CONTACT	YOUR MATTER WILL BE HEARD	IF YOUR MATTER WILL BE HEARD BY AUDIO CONFERENCE PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT REGISTRY FOR DIAL IN INFORMATION IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED DATE
Pemberton	July 14	NVan.Scheduling@pr ovincialcourt.bc.ca	In-person	not applicable

VANCOVER ISLAND COURT LOCATION	DATE MATTERS SCHEDULED	JUDICIAL CASE MANAGER CONTACT	YOUR MATTER WILL BE HEARD	IF YOUR MATTER WILL BE HEARD BY AUDIO CONFERENCE PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT REGISTRY FOR DIAL IN INFORMATION IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED DATE
Ganges	July 17	dun.scheduling@prov incialcourt.bc.ca	By audio conference	250-746-1258
Tofino	July 6	PortAlberni.schedulin g@provincialcourt.bc. ca	By audio conference	250-720-2424

THE FOREGOING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND ANY UPDATED DIRECTIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE COURT'S WEBSITE.

