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Court Case Management April 2012

Court Case Management Comes to Wetaskiwin and Okotoks



*"That wasn't as hard as
I thought it would be!"*

*-Member of the public
to Okotoks staff*

One of the aims of the Court Case Management project has been to find new and innovative ways to deliver justice to the people of Alberta. The creation of the Case Management Office and the development of the Remote Courtroom Scheduling (RCS) system were seen as two ways to achieve that end. In an effort to introduce these innovations across the province, the Regional Roll-out project was undertaken. Wetaskiwin and Okotoks were chosen as the first locations outside of Edmonton and Calgary to implement Court Case Management and will be the template for other court locations in the province.

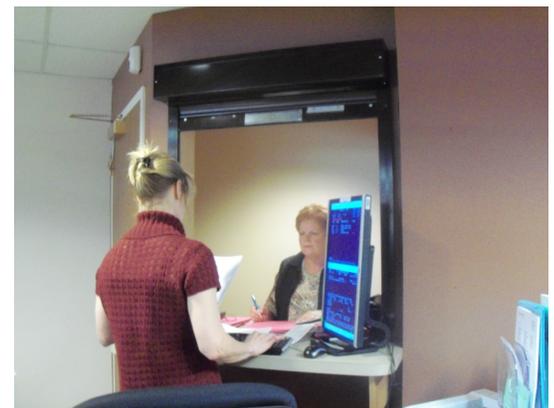
April 3, 2012 was the grand opening of the

CMO counters in Okotoks and Wetaskiwin Provincial Court. After months of hard work by an army of people from Court Services, the Crown's offices, Law Enforcement, Duty Counsel, Elizabeth Fry, Native Counseling and many others, the inaugural regional roll-outs were launched. With all the printers and computers set up, all of the wiring in and the training done, the CMO counters were ready to go. RCS was available to defence counsel on April 5th. As with any new implementation there were a few challenges but over all it was smooth sailing. Kudos go out to all of the people who worked so hard to get this project up and running.



Kathy Butts and Mary Brebner at the CMO counter in Okotoks

*"It will make things much easier
for lawyers in Okotoks."*
Mary Brebner



Reann Lindgren at CMO counter in Wetaskiwin

*"The clerks are still getting familiar
with how the system works but it will
be great in time."* Reann Lindgren



LEADERSHIP IN CCM



Lynne Blair-Kaye - Manager of Calgary Regional Courts

Lynne has been with the Government of Alberta for 11 years. She started her career as a Judicial Clerk with Provincial Court, becoming the Manager of Calgary Regional Courts in 2010. She has been involved with the Court Case Management program since 2005. Under Lynne's guidance the transition to CCM in Okotoks has been very successful. Seeing the impact that CCM has had on Calgary Provincial Court, Lynne is excited to see the changes for the regional areas as well. "I can only imagine the success we will have as we roll it out to more regions. We will have more time in the courtroom to deal with more serious matters as others matters are being dealt with at the CMO counter. The public will receive better access to justice with a more efficient method of service."



Edwina Segboer - Manager Wetaskiwin Court Services

Edwina has been with Court Services 30 years. She has spent all of her career in Wetaskiwin, a place near and dear to her heart. She became the Manager in 2006. Edwina has been a passionate supporter of CCM and has been instrumental in the implementation process in Wetaskiwin, taking the time to listen to what people need. It has been exciting for her to see it all come together. "Without the support of the staff and the stakeholders we couldn't do what we do. Everyone has worked together for the common goal of getting matters to trial. We have been focusing on what can be done and what we can do better."

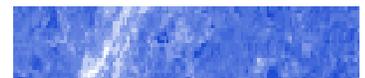
REMOTE BOOKING FOR FEDERAL MATTERS

Booking federal matters in Provincial Court may be easier than you think. Many defence counsel in Edmonton and Calgary may be unaware that they can book federal files through the Remote Courtroom Scheduling (RCS) system. A matter that is not assigned to a specific Crown can easily be pre-booked or booked through RCS. To determine if a matter has been assigned, Court Unit staff in Edmonton can be reached by calling **780-495-3553**. They will provide the name of the Crown and enter the availability to allow booking. The remote booking or pre-booking of dates can also be initiated through the use of the federal scheduling e-mail address: FedCrwnSchdEdm@ppsc-sppc.gc.ca

In Calgary, the federal scheduling phone number is **403-710-4097**. Defence counsel can obtain Crown schedules for either remote booking through RCS or pre-booking. The e-mail address in Calgary is FedCrwnSchdCal@ppsc-sppc.gc.ca

CCM GOING FORWARD

On Wednesday April 18th, Deputy Chief Judge Lefever hosted a meeting to discuss CCM2 and clarify the current state of the project. Attendees included members of the Judiciary, Court Services, Corporate Services, Criminal Justice, IT Services and the project team. An overview of the work that has been done on CCM to date was presented with a framework for the future of CCM2. The successful expansion of CCM to Okotoks and Wetaskwin was discussed as future locations are being considered. The energy in the room was high as everyone contributed their thoughts and ideas about the future of CCM in Alberta and we look forward to our next steps.



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