



## NORTHERN REGION COURT RESUMPTION PROTOCOL

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**Effective: June 14th, 2021**

This applies to Criminal and Youth, Family and Child Protection, Civil Claims, and Traffic matters.

Court participants are directed to the most recent Province-wide informational postings referencing Court operations throughout the province, and are to be guided by them, bearing in mind the following:

While circuit points have been re-opened in the Northern Region, the Province-wide Court posting has specified that circuit point dockets will continue to be run remotely from base points. Participants are to appear remotely with the assistance of duty counsel whenever possible, using the existing [Out of Custody Remote Docket Protocol](#) posted on the Court's website, subject only to the discretion of the presiding judge.

*However*, northern circuit points commonly include mixed docket/trial proceedings. Because hearings of all varieties will run at the circuit point for which they are scheduled, a circuit docket/trial day on which hearings are running will occur at the *circuit point*, including the docket proceedings. All participants are advised to contact the Clerk of the Court *promptly* at the relevant base point to determine the method for their remote appearance; participants whose circuit point hearings may be proceeding are likewise advised to contact the Clerk of the Court *promptly* at the relevant base point to confirm that their attendance at the circuit point is required. Only participants who are counsel or parties to a hearing that is proceeding will be permitted entry to the Courthouses, whether base point or circuit point, subject to the discretion of the presiding judge.

Counsel on hearings of all varieties are directed to communicate *promptly* with one another, and to advise the Clerk of the Court, regarding whether their hearing is proceeding; this is particularly important in relation to circuit point hearings, so that travel arrangement for Court staff and participants can be confirmed.

Contacts are set out below.

Grande Prairie (for circuit appearances in Valleyview and Fox Creek): (780) 538-5360  
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Peace River (for circuit appearances in Peace River, Falher, Fairview): (780) 624-6256  
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High Level (for circuit appearances in High Level, Chateh, Ft. Vermilion): (780) 926-3715  
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High Prairie (for circuit appearances in High Prairie, Red Earth Creek, Slave Lake and WabascaDesmarais):  
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