



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective date: *01 November 2021*

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NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

CHILLIWACK PROVINCIAL COURT BAIL PILOT PROJECT

Purpose

The following steps are being taken to reduce interruptions to previously scheduled trials at the Chilliwack Provincial Court by judicial interim release (bail) hearings:

1. On Wednesdays, an additional virtual courtroom will be available at the Chilliwack Provincial Court for new and previously scheduled bail hearings.
2. On Thursdays and Fridays, bail hearings for newly arrested people that would ordinarily have been heard at the Chilliwack Provincial Court will now be heard at the Abbotsford Provincial Court.

Application

This Notice is effective November 1, 2021 until further notice and applies to new adult and youth bail hearings that would ordinarily have been heard in Chilliwack Provincial Court on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

Notice

1. On Wednesdays an additional virtual courtroom will be available at the Chilliwack Provincial Court for new bail hearings, and bail hearings previously scheduled by the Judicial Case Manager, as well as other criminal matters that can be heard virtually (such as virtual in custody sentencing proceedings) at the discretion of the Judicial Case Manager.
2. On Thursdays and Fridays all new bail hearings that would ordinarily have been heard at the Chilliwack Provincial Court will now be heard in courtroom 204 of the Abbotsford Provincial Court, located at 32375 Veterans Way, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 0K1. Counsel may attend remotely.

- a. There will be no change to where Crown counsel and defence counsel submit documents for Chilliwack matters that will be heard at the Abbotsford Provincial Court pursuant to this Notice. These documents will continue to be submitted to the Chilliwack Court Registry at 46085 Yale Road, Chilliwack, BC, V2P 2L8.
 - b. If a bail hearing is adjourned or concludes, the matter will return to the Chilliwack Provincial Court.
3. This process will be subject to review by the Court and this Notice may be modified as a result.

History of Notice to the Profession and Public

- Original Notice to the Profession and Public effective November 1, 2021.

Melissa Gillespie
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia