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Practice Direction
Pursuant to Section 11 of the *Provincial Court Act*
Hearing of Bail Applications

This Practice Direction replaces the March 4, 2005 Practice Direction titled "Hearing of Bail Applications by the Justice Centre".

Bail applications occurring within court sitting hours are assigned to be heard by judges in locations where judges are sitting (regardless of the nature of the sitting) and where the bail hearing may reasonably be heard within court hours. In addition, bail applications during court sitting hours can (and bail applications outside court sitting hours, shall) be referred to the Justice Centre for a bail hearing in which the accused will be present before the Judicial Justice of the Peace ("JJP") by means of any suitable telecommunication device, including telephone or closed circuit television, that is satisfactory to the JJP. Any referrals to the Justice Centre for bail applications during court sitting hours will be made through a Judicial Case Manager and will be subject to the Justice Centre being able to schedule the application.

Initial contact with the Justice Centre for bail applications outside court sitting hours will occur at 604.660.3263.

Hugh C. Stansfield
Chief Judge

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