



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH FOR
SASKATCHEWAN

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

Criminal Pre-Trials – Judicial Centre of Prince Albert and Melfort **Criminal Pre-trials – Judicial Centre of Battleford**

As the pilot project relating to criminal pre-trials in the Judicial Centres of Prince Albert and Melfort was a success it will be continued this year. As well, the Court of Queen's Bench is commencing a pilot project relating to the criminal pre-trials in the Judicial Centre of Battleford.

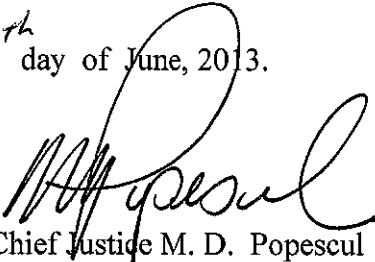
Commencing August 2013 criminal pre-trials for matters arising in the Judicial Centres of Prince Albert and Melfort will be held in Prince Albert on the following fixed dates throughout the next court year: August 9, September 6, October 25 and December 20, 2013; and February 7, March 21, May 9, and June 20, 2014.

Commencing September 2013 criminal pre-trials for matters arising in the Judicial Centre of Battleford will be held in Battleford on the following fixed dates throughout the next court year: September 13, October 11 and November 22, 2013; and January 31, April 4, and May 30, 2014.

The process will be that once the Provincial court sends a criminal file to the Court of Queen's Bench, a Queen's Bench file will be opened. The Crown should forthwith file the Indictment. If there has been a consent committal, the matter will be set for the next scheduled pre-trial date. In the case where a preliminary inquiry has occurred, once the transcript arrives at the Court, that matter will be set for the next available pre-trial date.

The Registrar will prepare and forward a list showing the time for each pre-trial at each sitting. Pre-trials will commence at 8:30 a.m., and each pre-trial will be assigned 20 minutes. More time will be set aside, where necessary. Crown and Defence counsel are expected to personally attend and be prepared to discuss all aspects of the file. Parties in attendance will be expected to have the knowledge and authority to make relevant decisions respecting the file. The accused is not required to be present. In appropriate circumstances counsel may appear by telephone.

This Administrative Notice is issued this 20th day of June, 2013.


Chief Justice M. D. Popescul
Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan