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New Aboriginal Court Party – Provincial Court

On December 1, 2006, Saskatchewan's second Aboriginal Court Party will commence circuit court sittings from Meadow Lake.

The court will provide service in both the Cree and Dene languages via the assistance of translators. Judge Donald J. Bird, who was appointed earlier this year and assigned special responsibility for establishing this court, will preside.

“Providing court services in these languages and in remote locations enhances the public’s access to justice. Like the Prince Albert based Cree Court, this Court will also adopt a restorative justice approach”, said Judge Bird.

The Aboriginal Court Party will travel to English River, Buffalo River, Canoe Lake and Big Island Lake. Judge Bird will also take over sittings at the Loon Lake circuit court. The Meadow Lake Provincial Court Office is the registry office for these points and inquiries about cases should be directed to this office at (306) 236-7575.

The Provincial Court of Saskatchewan deals with civil (small claims) matters and criminal matters set out in the Criminal Code and other Federal and Provincial Statutes. Court is conducted throughout the Province from 13 permanent court offices in major locales such as Meadow Lake, North Battleford and Prince Albert. In addition, Provincial Court judges travel to over 75 other communities to hold court in what are known as circuit points. For more circuit sittings or Provincial Court information, visit the Courts of Saskatchewan website at: www.sasklawcourts.ca.

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