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## NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

RE: Criminal Pre-trials in the Judicial Centres of Prince Albert and Melfort

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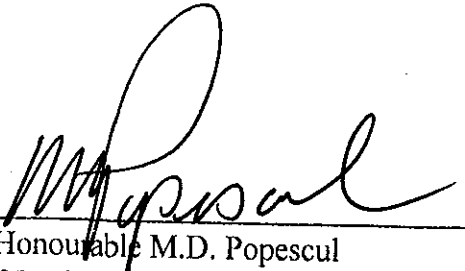
The Court of Queen's Bench is commencing a pilot project relating to criminal pre-trials in the Judicial Centres of Prince Albert and Melfort.

Commencing September 2012, criminal pre-trials for matters arising in the Judicial Centres of Prince Albert and Melfort will be held in Prince Albert on fixed dates throughout the next court year. Pre-trial dates will be scheduled approximately every six weeks. Criminal pre-trials for the upcoming year will be held on: September 7, October 26 and December 14, 2012; and February 8, April 5, May 24 and June 28, 2013.

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 that file. The accused is not required to be present. In appropriate circumstances counsel may appear by telephone.

May 29, 2012

  
The Honourable M.D. Popescu  
Chief Justice  
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