

PROVINCIAL COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN

NOTICE

Update re: La Ronge and Meadow Lake Provincial Court

La Ronge

Despite recent rainfall, forest fires continue to affect the delivery of court services from the La Ronge Provincial Court Office and it is anticipated that La Ronge will be subject to a mandatory evacuation order **Thursday**, **July 16**, **and Friday**, **July 17**. Accordingly, further **adjustments have been made to the La Ronge Provincial Court schedule**:

- 1. **La Ronge trials on Thursday, July 16**: Court <u>will not</u> convene at the La Ronge Provincial Court House. However, a La Ronge judge will hold court at the Prince Albert Provincial Court House to deal with custodial cases and counsel matters that would ordinarily be dealt with in La Ronge. Lawyers having matters set for Thursday, July 16, can appear on their matters either in person or by phone. Any lawyer appearing by phone should fax a contact number to the Prince Albert Provincial Court House at (306) 953-3342.
- 2. **La Ronge custodial docket on Friday, July 17**: Court will not convene at the La Ronge Provincial Court House. However, a La Ronge judge will hold court at the Prince Albert Provincial Court House to deal with custodial cases that would ordinarily be dealt with in La Ronge. Lawyers having matters set for Friday, July 17, can appear on their matters either in person or by phone. Any lawyer appearing by phone should fax a contact number to the Prince Albert Provincial Court House at (306) 953-3342.

Provincial Court judges and Justices of the Peace will be remanding any new arrests from the La Ronge region to Prince Albert instead of La Ronge for the July 16 and July 17 dates. RCMP Provost will be directed to transport any such prisoners to the Prince Albert Provincial Court House for their court appearances.

Requests for more information can be directed to a La Ronge Court Clerk at the Prince Albert Provincial Court House at (306) 953-2640.

Meadow Lake

It is anticipated that the Meadow Lake court party will travel and hold court at its circuit court locations as scheduled July 16, 2015, through the week of July 20, 2015. If Meadow Lake Provincial Court is advised prior to the scheduled court date that the situation has changed due to fire or heavy smoke, efforts will be made to contact concerned parties. The judge sitting at Meadow Lake will then deal with Buffalo Narrows, Ile-a-la-Crosse and/or La Loche matters by video conferencing link and Buffalo River court would be dealt with by teleconference.

Inquiries with respect to Meadow Lake Provincial Court or the Meadow Lake circuit locations can be directed to: (306) 236-7575.

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