

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT PROCEEDINGS- UPDATE MAY 19, 2020

Further to the Provincial Court of Manitoba Notices of March 16, 2020 and April 15, 2020, which advised, that the Court Office at 373 Broadway would be closed to the public until May 29, 2020, this Notice is to advise that the Court Office at 373 Broadway will remain closed to the public until July 6, 2020. However, there will be a limited resumption of services related to tickets under the Provincial Offences Act across the Province.

The Provincial Court of Manitoba will resume dealing with some provincial offence tickets remotely. As of May 19, 2020, the Provincial Offences Court will begin teleconference hearings for people throughout Manitoba to deal with their tickets in cases where they are choosing to admit the offence and seek a reduction. In addition, people will be able to set their matters down for a dispute hearing by teleconference or email, which would be heard at a later date.

New Response Options for Tickets

This process applies to all existing and outstanding tickets as well as any new tickets issued since March 17, 2020.

All new tickets issued will have the final response date extended for 60 days. You may choose to deal with your ticket as outlined below before the end of the extension date. A letter will be sent to you advising of the options you have to deal with your ticket(s).

Options available are:

1. Admit the offence and pay the ticket
2. Admit the offence and seek a reduction and/or time to pay
3. Dispute the offence and set the matter for a hearing, prior to setting your matter for a dispute hearing date please contact the Crown at 204-792-7261 for pre hearing discussions

If you choose to respond to your ticket using option 2 (two) or 3 (three), you will be required to e-mail POC@gov.mb.ca. Once your e-mail has been received, you will be contacted by a court representative who will provide further direction.

Admit the Offence/Seek Reduction and /or time to pay

If you choose Option 2, the matter will proceed as a formal hearing by teleconference. Once the Judicial Justice of the Peace (JJP) has completed the hearing you will be emailed/mailed your disposition and applicable fine and due date notice.

Dispute the Offence/Joint Recommendation

If you choose Option 3, you will be referred to a Crown attorney. If you do not reach a resolution, the matter will be set for a dispute hearing.

If you reach a resolution, the court staff will email the joint recommendation letter to you directly. Send the completed letter back to POC@gov.mb.ca where it will be sent to the JJP for final review

and consideration. If the joint recommendation is approved, the court staff will email your disposition and applicable fine and due date notice.

If you require the matter, be set for a Dispute Hearing the court staff will e-mail you the appropriate court form referred to as a Notice of Intention to Dispute and Request a Hearing. Once you have completed the form and returned it to POC@gov.mb.ca you will be emailed your Notice of Hearing form.

All previously scheduled matters with a Dispute Hearing date (prior to July 6) will be rescheduled for a later date and you will receive notification from the court.

If you do not respond by the final response date as indicated above your ticket(s) will be default convicted and a \$50.00 penalty will be assessed against your fine.

If you require any additional information or have questions, please call the switchboard at 204-945-3156 or toll free at 1-800-282-8069 extension 3156.

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