

## **Notice to the Profession and the Public – Resumption of In-Person Criminal Hearings at Guelph (36 Wyndham Street South) (Published October 30, 2020)**

**In-person criminal hearings of the Ontario Court of Justice at the Guelph courthouse (36 Wyndham Street South), which had been temporarily suspended, will resume on November 2, 2020**

### Background

On October 21, 2020, the Ministry of the Attorney General advised that the Guelph courthouse located at 36 Wyndham Street South would be closed effective October 21, 2020 until further notice for an HVAC assessment and remediation. As a result, in-person criminal hearings of the Ontario Court of Justice at the Guelph courthouse (36 Wyndham Street South) were suspended until further notice. Remote proceedings, including bail, plea court, judicial pre-trials, and criminal case management court, continued to proceed as scheduled.

The Ministry has now advised that the HVAC remediation and assessments have been completed and that the Guelph courthouse can safely accommodate in-person hearings. As a result, the Ontario Court of Justice will resume hearing in-person criminal hearings, including trials and preliminary inquiries, at the Guelph courthouse on Monday November 2, 2020.

Criminal proceedings other than criminal trials and preliminary inquiries will continue to be conducted by audioconference and/or videoconference, unless otherwise directed by a judicial official. This includes bail proceedings, resolutions (including guilty pleas) involving accused persons who are in and out of custody and case management (set date) appearances for accused persons who are in custody or out of custody.

For further information, see the previous notice issued by the Ontario Court of Justice, Notice to the Profession and the Public – In-Person Criminal Hearings Temporarily Suspended at Guelph (36 Wyndham Street South), published October 21, 2020