

NEWMARKET PROTOCOL

Resolutions in P202

The following are proposed changes for Resolutions in P202 Court. This procedure will apply to out-of-custody matters such as guilty pleas, sentencings, and peace bonds expected to take 30 minutes or less. Guilty pleas, sentencings or any other matter anticipated to take longer than 30 minutes shall be scheduled by the trial coordinator.

1. Commencing December 14, 2020, P202 will operate as a virtual ZOOM court. Court will start at 9:00 a.m. Cases ready for resolution may be adjourned directly from the case management courts, 101 and 106, to a future date in P202 at 9:01 a.m. Resolutions anticipated to take more than 30 minutes shall be scheduled through the trial coordinator's office. The Zoom information for P202 is:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/66299098778?pwd=Z1hkcE0zZGQzWHdSL1R3SjlNMlJaUT09>

Meeting ID: 662 9909 8778 Passcode: 465234

And if dialling in: 1-855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free Meeting ID: 662 9909 8778

2. P202 will accommodate same day traversals from the Virtual Case Management Court ('VCMC'). Same day traversals must be ready to resolve. If cases are not ready to resolve, they should not be sent to P202. If a case is brought into P202 but is not ready for resolution, it will be sent back to the VCMC.
3. Court services staff will transfer Informations from the VCMC to P202.
4. The Zoom splash pages in the VCMC will include the P202 Zoom link so that Counsel and Defendants can identify the virtual P202 location.
5. Duty Counsel will be available to assist self-represented defendants who wish to resolve their matters in P202. It is understood that Duty Counsel assistance is governed by Legal Aid Ontario rules and guidelines. Contact information for the P202 Duty Counsel will be posted on the ZOOM splash page in the VCMC.

6. Self-Represented cases which require a Judicial Pre-Trial to resolve any issue should be set for an unrepresented Judicial Pre-Trial and should not be traversed to P202.
7. Depending on the volume of matters in P202, efforts will be made to accommodate same day resolutions in P202 following a Judicial Pre-Trial. The crown will be responsible for completing a 'Bring Forward' form and ensuring the Information is brought into P202.
8. Courtroom P202 will be staffed with a minimum of 2 clerks.
9. At the commencement of court, a Court Clerk will open court and admit all individuals into the P202 Zoom Court. The Crown will call the list. Cases will be accommodated on a first come first serve basis as much as possible. A sign-up list will be available.