



COURT FILINGS & SCHEDULED MATTERS AT THE SYDNEY COURTHOUSE

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023

The building that houses the Sydney courthouse will remain closed to the public this week and next to facilitate ongoing cleanup and remediation work. Cold weather this past weekend caused pipes in the building to burst and flood the basement and first two floors.

In the meantime, the courts are continuing to operate and alternative arrangements have been made for filing documents in the Supreme Court (General and Family Divisions) and the Provincial Court.

A drop box is now available inside the front door of the courthouse at 136 Charlotte Street. Sheriff Services will be on site and court staff will check the filings throughout the day. Documents will be date-stamped the day that they are filed; however, counsel are advised they may not receive date-stamped copies until the following business day.

Until further notice, Provincial Court matters in the arraignment court in Sydney will be handled virtually from the courthouse in Wagmatcook First Nation. Most other Provincial Court matters, including trials, that were scheduled in Sydney over the next two weeks are in the process of being adjourned and rescheduled.

Supreme Court (General Division) matters scheduled for the rest of this week are being handled virtually from the courthouse in Port Hawkesbury, where possible. Matters in the Supreme Court (Family Division) are being handled primarily by telephone.

Court staff in Sydney will be in touch with counsel and self-represented litigants who have scheduled matters to provide further direction. If anyone is unsure of the status of their matter, they should contact court staff for assistance. Contact information for Sydney is available online [here](#).

Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

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