

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE
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May 12, 2020

In accordance with Chief Justice Maisonneuve's direction of May 9th, 2020 the Ontario Court of Justice in Oshawa will begin dealing with resolutions of non-urgent matters on May 14th, 2020.

Eligible matters will be those cases, with counsel, that can be resolved through withdrawals, diversions, peace bonds, stays, pleas or sentencing that are expected to consume approximately 30 minutes of court time or less.

Hearings can be scheduled by contacting the appropriate Crown Attorney's office. In particular, for those matters that involve the Durham Provincial Crown Attorney's office please contact Julie O'Connor (julie.oconnor@ontario.ca). The Crown will then arrange with assistant trial coordinator Sharon Anderson to have the matter brought forward to an agreeable date. If difficulties arise with respect to scheduling they will be brought to the attention of the Local Administrative Judge.

Hearings will proceed with only remote attendance by counsel and affected parties. Given the limitations of audio conferencing, and the much higher demands it places on court staff, it will only be possible to schedule a small number of matters each day. As a result, these plea slots will be very valuable and it will be imperative that matters proceed when scheduled.

To ensure the smooth operation of this court we are also asking for your cooperation in bringing any lengthy materials (cases, reports, etc.) to the attention of the judge well in advance of the hearing by emailing them to the trial coordinator's office. Shorter materials (records, photos, etc.) should be emailed to the court clerks (Durham.ocj.courts@Ontario.ca) first thing on the morning of the hearing with the subject line clearly indicating the client and the courtroom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J.F. Adamson', written over a horizontal line.

Justice J.F. Adamson
Local Administrative Judge