



EDMONTON INDIGENOUS COURT PRACTICE NOTE

Effective: April 24, 2023

The following is a brief summary of “[A Call to Action: A Guide to Edmonton Indigenous Court](#)” (the Guide). Counsel and participants should familiarize themselves with the Guide before appearing in the EIC. The Guide sets out the mandate, protocols and practice of the EIC.

- WHO:** The EIC is for any offender who is Indigenous or who self-identifies as Indigenous.
- WHERE:** The EIC sits every Thursday in Courtroom 266.
- WHEN:** The EIC will sit at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with a scheduled break for lunch. Bail, adjournments and probation reviews will be heard in the morning; resolutions in the afternoon.
- WHAT:** The EIC will hear all Criminal Code (CC) and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) charges for offences which have occurred in the City of Edmonton, except section 469 CC offences. Domestic violence offences can be dealt with in EIC. Traffic Safety Act and City of Edmonton Bylaw offences will not be heard unless they are related to a CC or CDSA offence before the EIC. Criminal offences from other jurisdictions involving Indigenous offenders may be waived to EIC for bail revocation or for resolution with active Edmonton files.
- HOW:** All matters (bail, sentencing, probation reviews) except EIC docket are to be booked by counsel through the Case Management Office (CMO) at: PC-Crim.CMOEdmonton@just.gov.ab.ca. Unrepresented EIC participants will be assisted by Duty Counsel or an Indigenous Court Worker.

Prior to a client’s first appearance in Edmonton Indigenous Court, counsel or the accused’s agent must complete an Edmonton Indigenous Court Referral form found at <https://forms.office.com/r/R8c1V8wsua>

The day before the court appearance, legal counsel are required to appear at a pre-court meeting in courtroom 266 at 10:00 a.m. Legal counsel may appear in person, remotely, or through an agent. Legal Aid duty counsel attends all pre-court meetings and can assist with agency requests. Native Counselling Services of Alberta will send an email with a video link, should legal counsel choose to appear remotely.