## NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

With the rapidly increasing COVID-19 infections in the Yukon, and the resultant inability of counsel and/or parties to appear in court in person for some proceedings due to exposure to COVID-19 or other COVID-related occupational requirements, the Territorial Court of Yukon will, in exigent circumstances, accept filing by e-mail at the following e-mail address: <u>courtfilings@yukon.ca</u>.

To be clear, email filing is only acceptable in circumstances where counsel or selfrepresented individuals are unable, due to exposure to COVID-19, to attend the Court Registry, or the court, in person, whether for the purpose of filing documents prior to a court appearance, or for filing documents during a court appearance.

Where counsel or self-represented individuals are not isolating as a result of exposure to COVID-19 or COVID-related occupational requirements, or due to being high-risk as a result of having a medical condition that makes exposure to COVID-19 untenable, documents are to be filed in person in the normal course.

If counsel or a self-represented individual are filing documents for a proceeding to take place on a day other than the day the matter is before the Court, the documents are to be filed by at least noon on the preceding day. In circumstances where the documents are to be filed on the day the matter is to be in court, they should be filed as soon as possible.

Where the documents to be filed are numerous, such as casebooks, every effort should be made to have sufficient copies of these provided to the Court Registry in advance of the proceeding, rather than expecting the Court Registry to print and/or copy these documents.

This is a temporary measure only, and is limited to where the filing of documents by e-mail is the only way to have the matter proceed as scheduled.

Please continue to monitor the Territorial Court website, www.yukoncourts.ca, for updates or follow us on twitter at @YukonCourts.

COZENS, M. CHIEF JUDGE OF THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON