



Notice to the Public and the Profession

As you all know, COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and Canadians will not be immune to its effects.

The Tax Court of Canada (TCC) is an itinerant court that sits in 57 cities across the country, in various facilities of which 44 are not under the TCC or the Courts Administration Service's control. The judges and staff members of the TCC travel weekly to these cities. They interact in person daily with legal counsel, parties, witnesses and the public in a close environment.

The possible exposure to the virus by the public, TCC staff and judges cannot be understated. The seriousness of the situation requires a decisive preventive action in the interest of all, especially the public.

For these reasons, I have cancelled all TCC sittings scheduled for the weeks of March 16th and March 23rd, 2020. Non in-person events such as conference calls will proceed as scheduled.

As this situation is evolving rapidly, I will monitor it closely and reassess on March 25th whether additional sittings will need to be cancelled. Parties affected by these cancellations will be contacted directly by the Registry staff in the coming days.

Updates will be posted on the TCC's website. Any questions may be directed to Sophie Matte, Executive Legal Counsel by email at Sophie.Matte@cas-satj.gc.ca or by phone at (613) 996-2700.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2020.

(Original signed by)

Eugene P. Rossiter
Chief Justice