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Attachments: Registration Instructions .docx

Good afternoon,

Justice and Solicitor General is excited to be starting stakeholder engagement on how a Community Justice Centre (CJC) could improve access to justice and address the root causes of crime in your community. These conversations will occur between September 2022 and November 2022 and will be open to First Nations and Metis community leaders (elected and technicians) and community-based organizations that support Indigenous peoples as well as representatives from law enforcement, organizations representing municipalities, non-governmental organizations, social service agencies, legal groups, and community groups representing cultural and ethnic diversity.

CJCs are places where justice processes are integrated with health and social services to facilitate a coordinated approach that more effectively addresses the root causes of crime, breaks the cycle of offending, and improves public safety and community well-being. CJCs can take different forms, from a physical setting that brings together a courtroom and social services, to a virtual linking of different providers aligned with justice system processes.

The design of CJCs needs to be driven by communities, providing the ability to directly address the unique challenges they face, and being informed by their own priorities and cultural protocols.

The engagement sessions will explore the concepts of CJCs, gather feedback on these ideas as well as local Court perspectives that will be used to refine the CJC proposed model and inform federal government decision making. Your participation in this engagement would be highly valued and is an integral part of understanding how CJCs could be implemented in Metis and First Nation communities and will inform a report back to the federal government, who has funded this engagement initiative.

In the attachment, you will find a list of dates, times and locations for these engagement sessions along with a hyperlink to register for a session near you. There are 4 sessions geared specifically for representatives from indigenous organizations and communities. They are marked with an asterisk(*). Representatives of Indigenous organizations and communities are welcome to attend another session in the list if the location or dates marked with the asterisk do not work with your schedule.

I encourage you or a representative from your community or organization to attend an engagement session to discuss the proposed model for an Alberta CJC, and to discuss what this model could mean for your community. If you have questions about the engagement sessions or suggestions of stakeholders who should also be invited to the sessions, please contact the department by emailing JSG.Engagement@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

JSG Engagement Team

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