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Greater Golden Horseshoe Area Fact Sheet.

Hamilton

Superior Court of Justice

Hamilton is outside the acceptable range for scheduling conferences and is reporting serious delays in scheduling civil pre-trials. There have been recent changes made within the Superior Court in Hamilton and it is still too early to determine if the changes will help the situation.

Haldimand

Ontario Court of Justice

Haldimand is outside the acceptable range for scheduling of conferences and has motions Court, less frequently than once per week. This jurisdiction of 43,000 relies on a judge to regularly travel from Brantford.

Superior Court of Justice

Haldimand is outside the acceptable range for family trials and has both civil and family motions less frequently than once per week. In 2007, there were 13 motions courts scheduled for the entire year. This area also reports that because criminal matters take priority, family and civil trials are backlogged. There is one judge for the population, supplemented by one supernumary* judge

Welland

Ontario Court of Justice

Welland is outside the acceptable range for the scheduling of conferences. The jurisdiction has one family judge and three criminal judges for a population base of 215,500. One of its judges is bilingual and is often assigned to other matters in the area without being replaced while away.

Waterloo

Ontario Court of Justice

This jurisdiction appears to be functioning within the acceptable time frames in all categories. Respondents report that judges are working long hours to keep up with the demand.

Superior Court of Justice

Waterloo is outside the acceptable time frame for scheduling conferences and completing short civil trials. There are also delays being reported in securing civil pre-trial dates. There are six judges for a population of 507,000. Trial 'blitzes' are used to deal with the backlog but the blitzes are not addressing the long term problem.

Elgin

Ontario Court of Justice

There are difficulties and delays in six of the nine categories. There is one family court judge and one criminal court judge to meet the needs of this area with a population of 81,000.

Superior Court of Justice

Elgin is outside the acceptable range for scheduling conferences and completion of family trials. Civil and family motions are held less frequently than once a week. There is one judge.

Lincoln

Lincoln is outside the acceptable range for scheduling conferences and for completing judge alone criminal trials. There are three judges for 300,000 people, assisted by one supernumary judge.

** A supernumary judge is a judge who has the option to retire but chooses to sit half the time of a full-time judge.*