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Vancouver -- The B.C. Provincial Court has released the *Report on Backlog in Vancouver Adult Criminal Court, January 2005*, Chief Judge Carol Baird Ellan announced today.

The Report follows a February 2004 joint initiative of B.C. and the Provincial Court to get criminal cases to trial faster at Vancouver's Provincial Criminal Court, 222 Main Street. Baird Ellan chaired the initiative's Main Street Criminal Procedure Committee, which looked at ways to increase court efficiency. As a result of the steps taken by the Committee, backlogs were reduced from 11 to 7 months by December 2004.

The Committee makes recommendations in its Report for ways to continue to address backlogs and maintain trial delays at an acceptable level.

The Report is posted on the Court's website at <http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/newsandreferences/reports.html>.

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