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Office of the Chief Judge, Vancouver, BC -- Attorney General Geoff Plant and Provincial Court Chief Judge Carol Baird Ellan have today entered into a protocol setting out a framework within which the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Provincial Court Judiciary will work together to fulfill their respective roles and responsibilities for the administration of justice in British Columbia. In addition, the Ministry and the Judiciary have agreed upon a process of ongoing consultation in respect of the closure of courthouses. The text of the applicable agreements may be found on the Provincial Court website, at www.provincialcourt.bc.ca <<http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca>>.

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