

Manitoba Department of Justice Prosecutions Guideline No. 2:TRA:1

Subject: Transfer of Charges

Date: April 2022

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is in the public interest to have matters heard in the community or the closest judicial centre to allow members of the affected community to participate fully in the proceedings. This is particularly true where the matter is sensitive, involves vulnerable victims or has had a broad community impact.

This principle extends to both transfer of charges from within Manitoba as well as transfer of charges from Manitoba to another province.

It is the responsibility of the Crown Attorney in the office where the offence originates to ensure that the charges are appropriate for transfer and that there is no compelling local interest that the matter remain where it arose.