



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Ministry of Housing and Social Development

## **INTERIM DECISION**

Dispute Codes      MNSD, FF

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution made by the Tenant seeking an order for return of double the security deposit paid and to recover the filing fee for the Application.

Both parties appeared, gave affirmed testimony and were provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to cross-examine the other party, and make submissions to me.

During the course of the hearing, the Agent for the respondent Landlord testified that the property where the rental unit is located was purchased from a prior landlord and gave testimony about the dates of the property conveyance. The Agent testified he felt that the prior landlord was responsible to return the security deposit to the Tenant.

I have adjourned this hearing and I grant the respondent Landlord leave to add a third party, the prior landlord, to these proceedings, pursuant to section 13 of the rules of procedure. The respondent Landlord may contact an information officer at the branch for further information.

The respondent Landlord must serve the prior landlord with a copy of the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution and any evidence the respondent Landlord intends to rely on at the hearing, including such documents as the statement of adjustments for the property conveyance. The evidence must also be served on the Tenant and a copy provided to the Branch. The respondent Landlord must adhere to the rules for serving the prior landlord, the Tenant and the Branch.

The hearing is adjourned to the time and date indicated in the attached Notice of Hearing.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: August 27, 2010.

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Dispute Resolution Officer