

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes: FF MND MNDC MNSD

This application by the landlord for dispute resolution was scheduled to be heard this date at 9:00 a.m. On January 04, 2011 the tenant wrote to the Residential Tenancy Branch asking for an adjournment of the hearing. The reason for the request was that the tenant was unavailable to attend, due to a work related conference that she would be attending abroad. The tenant had booked this conference on November 10, 2010 and filed a copy of her booking. An information officer contacted the tenant and requested her to contact the landlord and obtain his consent in writing. The landlord did not consent to the re-scheduling of the hearing.

Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure, on April 11, 2011, the tenant submitted to the Residential Tenancy Branch a document, requesting that the dispute resolution proceeding be rescheduled. The document set out the circumstances that prevented her from attending the dispute resolution proceeding.

Having reviewed the tenant's request for an adjournment, I find that the tenant was unable to attend due to circumstances beyond her control. Pursuant to Section 6.4 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure, I find that the adjournment will contribute to the resolution of the matter in accordance with the objective of ensuring a consistent, efficient and just process and to provide a fair opportunity for the tenant to be heard.

Accordingly, this matter is adjourned. The re scheduled hearing will be conducted by conference call. The parties will be notified of the date of the hearing by the Residential Tenancy Office. Failure to attend the hearing at the scheduled time, with all relevant evidence and/or witnesses, will result in a decision being made on the basis of any information before the Dispute Resolution Officer and the testimony of the party in attendance at the 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: April 19, 2011.	
	Residential Tenancy Branch