



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDC, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution seeking a monetary order.

The hearing was conducted via teleconference and was attended by the tenant and the landlord.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the tenant is entitled to a monetary order for compensation for damage or loss and to recover the filing fee from the landlord for the cost of the Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to Sections 67, and 72 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*.

Background and Evidence

The tenant clarified at the start of the hearing that his Application seeks compensation for loss and damages that resulted from a water problem on the residential property and that these issues had been adjudicated in previous hearings. The tenant provided copies of these decisions.

The tenant clarified that for all of the items he was seeking compensation on including motel accommodation, food costs, fuel costs had been adjudicated but that due to an administrative error his evidence was not considered. The tenant confirmed that he did not submit an Application for Review Consideration seeking a new hearing based on the evidence that was not considered.

The tenant also confirmed the only difference between the previous two hearings and this one was that for this one he had submitted the receipts that were not accepted in the previous hearings.

Analysis

Res judicata is the doctrine that an issue has been definitively settled by a judicial decision. The three elements of this doctrine, according to Black's Law Dictionary, 7th Edition, are: an earlier decision has been made on the issue; a final judgement on the merits has been made; and the involvement of the same parties.

As per the testimony of the tenant I find these matters have been adjudicated in previous hearings and as such I find that doctrine of *res judicata* applies.

Conclusion

For the reasons noted above, I dismiss this Application in its entirety, without leave to reapply.

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: January 30, 2013



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Fact Sheet RTB-108: *Enforcing a Monetary Order*
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Fact Sheet RTB-111: *Correction of a Decision or Order*
- How and when to have a decision or order clarified:
Fact Sheet RTB-141: *Clarification of a Decision or Order*
- How and when to apply for the review of a decision:
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