

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes CNR RP

## Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution filed on June 2, 2014, by the Tenant to cancel a Notice to end tenancy issued for unpaid rent and to obtain an Order to have the Landlord make repairs to the unit, site, or property.

The applicant Tenant did not appear at the scheduled teleconference hearing; however, the respondent Landlord appeared.

## Issues(s) to be Decided

Should the Tenant's application be dismissed with or without leave to reapply?

## Background and Evidence

There was no additional testimony submitted to prove the merits of the Tenant's claim, as the Tenant did not appear at the scheduled teleconference hearing.

The Landlord appeared and submitted that the Tenant had entered into a written tenancy agreement that began on May 1, 2014. The Tenant was allowed to occupy the rental unit early on April 23, 2014, and was required to pay rent of \$400.00 per month. The Tenant paid \$200.00 as the security deposit.

The Landlord stated that on approximately June 16, 2014, the Tenant was paid \$200.00 to vacate the property, which he did after he entered into a written agreement acknowledging receipt of the \$200.00 security deposit refund.

## <u>Analysis</u>

Section 61 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* states that upon accepting an application for dispute resolution, the director must set the matter down for a hearing and that the

Director must determine if the hearing is to be oral or in writing. In this case, the hearing was scheduled for an oral teleconference hearing.

Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

**10.1 Commencement of the hearing** The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

In the absence of the applicant Tenant, the telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and no one on behalf of the Tenant called into the hearing during this time. Based on the aforementioned the Tenant has not presented the merits of his position and the application is hereby dismissed, without leave to reapply.

**Conclusion** 

**I HEREBY DISMISS** the Tenant's application 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: July 22, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch