

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

# DECISION

Dispute Codes OPC FF OPR MNR MNSD MNDC FF

# Introduction

This hearing dealt with two Applications for Dispute Resolution filed by the Landlord. One application was filed on May 04, 2015 to obtain an Order of Possession for cause and to recover the cost of the filing fee from the Tenant for this application. The Landlord's section application was filed on May 13, 2015 seeking to obtain an Order of Possession for unpaid rent or utilities and a Monetary Order for: unpaid rent or utilities; to keep all or part of the security and or pet deposit; for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the Act, regulation, or tenancy agreement; and to recover the cost of the filing fee from the Tenant for this application.

The hearing was conducted via teleconference and was attended by two Landlords and both Tenants. Each party gave affirmed testimony and confirmed receipt of evidence served by the Landlords. The application was filed listing one corporate landlord. Therefore, as there were submissions from two Landlords, for the remainder of this decision, terms or references to the Landlords importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, except where the context indicates otherwise

At the outset of the hearing I explained how the hearing would proceed and the expectations for conduct during the hearing, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. Each party was provided an opportunity to ask questions about the process however, each declined and acknowledged that they understood how the conference would proceed.

During the hearing each party was given the opportunity to provide their evidence orally, respond to each other's testimony, and to provide closing remarks. Following is a summary of the submissions and includes only that which is relevant to the matters before me.

No one was in attendance for either the Landlord or the Tenant.

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

Should this application be dismissed with or without leave to reapply?

## Background and Evidence

There was no additional evidence or testimony provided as there was no one in attendance at the scheduled hearing.

## <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 Landlord and respondent Tenant, the telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and no one on behalf of either party called into the hearing during this time. Based on the aforementioned the parties have not had an opportunity to present their position; therefore, the application is hereby dismissed with leave to reapply.

#### **Conclusion**

**I HEREBY DISMISS** the Landlord's application with leave to reapply. This dismissal does not extend any applicable time limits set out under the Act.

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: June 17, 2015

Residential Tenancy Branch