



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes      MNSD, MNDC, OLC, FF, O

### Introduction

This matter dealt with an application by the Tenant for the return of a security deposit, compensation for loss or damage under the Act, regulations or tenancy agreement, for the landlord to comply with the Act, regulations or tenancy agreement, to recover the filing fee and for other considerations.

At the start of the conference call the Tenant said she had submitted a request for an adjournment of the hearing because she was working and could not get the time off to participate in the hearing. The Tenant continued to say that she had got time off from her regular job but she was working for Elections Canada and she could not get any time off to participate in the conference call beyond phoning in to request the adjournment. The Tenant submitted two letters to the Residential Tenancy Branch on October 9, 2015 and October 4, 2015 requesting the adjournment. There was no supporting documentation with the letters. Neither letter indicated that the Tenant was working for Elections Canada and there was no confirmation of employment from Elections Canada. The letters just indicated the Tenant could not get the time off work.

The Landlords said they did not receive these letters from the Tenant requesting an adjournment of the hearing. The Landlords continued to say they strongly object to any adjournment as all three of them had taken time off work to participate in the conference call. After some discussion the Tenant said she had to go back to work and left the conference call.

It is the responsibility of any participant involved the hearing process to make arrangements to participate and to be prepared for the hearing. The Tenant's application was made May 9, 2015 and the hearing was October 19, 2015; therefore there was ample time to make arrangement to participate or have an agent participate in the hearing. Further the Tenant has not provided any corroborative evidence other than her testimony that she was working for Elections Canada and that she was unable to continue the conference call for reasons beyond her control. I find the Tenant has not established grounds for an adjournment of the hearing. I dismiss the Tenant's request for an adjournment of the hearing due to lack of evidence.

As the Tenant/Applicant left the hearing at approximately the 10 to 15 minute mark without giving any testimony supporting her application; I find the Tenant has not established grounds to be successful in her application. I dismiss the Tenant's application without leave to reapply.

### Conclusion

The Tenant's application is dismissed 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: October 19, 2015

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