

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Tit'q'et Administration and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDC MNSD FF

Introduction

This hearing convened pursuant to the tenant's application for recovery of his security deposit. The tenant called in to the teleconference hearing but the landlord did not.

Issue - No Jurisdiction on Indian Land

The tenant confirmed in the hearing that the rental unit was located on Indian Land and the landlord is an Indian band. I informed the tenant that as per the BC Court of Appeal decision in Sechelt Indian Band v. British Columbia (Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act, Dispute Resolution Officer), 2013 BCCA 262, the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act and the Residential Tenancy Act do not apply to tenancy agreements on Indian land where the landlord is an Indian or an Indian Band.

Conclusion

I have declined jurisdiction to hear this matter.

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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