

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding THE BLOOM GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNR

<u>Introduction</u>

This matter convened as a result of a Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution wherein he sought to cancel a Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities issued on February 11, 2016. The matter was set for hearing by telephone conference call at 10:30 a.m. on this date. The line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and the only participant who called into the hearing during this time was the Respondent Landlord.

Analysis and Conclusion

Rule 7.1 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

Commencement of Hearing:

The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator.

Rule 7.3 provides as follows:

Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

As the Tenant did not attend the hearing by 10:40 a.m., and the Landlord appeared and was ready to proceed, I dismiss the Tenant's claim without leave to reapply.

Section 55 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* provides as follows:

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- 55 (1) If a tenant makes an application for dispute resolution to dispute a landlord's notice to end a tenancy, the director must grant to the landlord an order of possession of the rental unit if
 - (a) the landlord's notice to end tenancy complies with section 52 [form and content of notice to end tenancy], and
 - (b) the director, during the dispute resolution proceeding, dismisses the tenant's application or upholds the landlord's notice.

Accordingly, the Landlord is granted an Order of Possession effective two (2) days after service. The Landlord must serve the Order of Possession on the Tenant and may file and enforce it in the B.C. Supreme Court.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, except as otherwise provided under the Act, and 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: April 05, 2016

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