

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MT, CNR, RP, LRE, AAT, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenants' application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("*Act*") for:

- more time to make an application to cancel the landlords' 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities, dated September 15, 2017 ("10 Day Notice"), pursuant to section 66;
- cancellation of the landlords' 10 Day Notice, pursuant to section 46;
- an order requiring the landlords to make repairs to the rental unit, pursuant to section 33;
- an order to suspend or set conditions on the landlords' right to enter the rental unit, pursuant to section 70;
- an order to allow access to or from the rental unit or site for the tenants or the tenants' guests, pursuant to section 70; and
- authorization to recover their filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

While the respondent landlord ZZ ("landlord") and his agent attended the hearing by way of conference call, the two applicant tenants did not, although I waited until 11:18 a.m. in order to enable the tenants to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

The landlord confirmed receipt of the tenants' application for dispute resolution hearing package. In accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that both landlords were duly served with the tenants' application.

Rule 7.3 of the Residential Tenancy Branch *Rules of Procedure* provides as follows:

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7.3 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 reapply.

In the absence of any appearance by the tenants, I order the tenants' entire application dismissed without leave to reapply.

Pursuant to section 55 of the *Act*, if I dismiss the tenants' application to cancel a 10 Day Notice, the landlords are entitled to an order of possession if the notice meets the requirements of section 52 of the *Act*.

The landlord testified that he did not require an order of possession against the tenants because the tenants had vacated the rental unit and he had taken back possession.

For the above reasons, I do not issue an order of possession to the landlords.

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: February 05, 2018

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