

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDC, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing convened as a result of a Tenants' Application for Dispute Resolution filed on September 27, 2017 wherein the Tenants sought monetary compensation from the Landlord in the amount of \$6,700.00 in addition to recovery of the filing fee.

The hearing was scheduled for teleconference at 1:30 p.m. on April 24, 2018. The telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and the only participant who called into the hearing was the Respondent Landlord.

I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the Landlord and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

Analysis and Conclusion

Rules 7.1 and 7.3 of the *Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure* provide as follows:

Commencement of Hearing:

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

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.

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As the Tenants did not call into the hearing by 1:40 a.m., and the Respondent Landlord appeared and was ready to proceed, I dismiss the Tenants' claim without leave to reapply.

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 24, 2018

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