

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes: MNDCT, MNRT

<u>Introduction</u>

The Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the Tenant seeks a monetary order in the sum of \$870 for reimbursement of one month rent and the security deposit

The tenant(s) failed to appear at the scheduled start of the hearing which was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on September 24, 2018. A representative of the landlord was present and ready to proceed. I left the teleconference hearing connection open and did not start the hearing until 10 minutes after the schedule start time in order to enable the tenant to call in. The tenant failed to appear. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I then proceeded with the hearing. The representative of the landlord was given a full opportunity to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses.

On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at the hearing a decision has been reached. All of the evidence was carefully considered.

The applicant has the burden of proof.

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

## 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 re-apply.

The applicant failed to appear and the respondent was present and ready to proceed. I ordered that the application be dismissed without liberty to re-apply.

Further, the respondent testified that the rent for April was reimbursed and that the tenancy agreement indicates that the Tenant did not pay a security deposit to them.

## This decision is final and binding on the parties.

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: September 24, 2018

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