



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding WILLIAM PARK (PRESIDENT - CATHEDRAL VENTURES)  
[name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

### Introduction

The Landlord has made a request for a court reporter to transcribe the proceedings of a Residential Tenancy Branch hearing being heard on December 17, 2019. The Landlord made the request in a letter dated October 31, 2019. The request is as follows:

*Request to permit the Respondent to use a court reporter to transcribe the proceedings*

“We also write to request that the Dispute Resolution Hearing be permitted to be transcribed by an accredited Court Report pursuant to Rule 6.12 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure. As a matter related to the present application for dispute resolution is currently the subject of judicial review proceedings before the B.C. Supreme Court, a transcript of the Dispute Resolution Hearing will likely provide valuable evidence in resolution of those related issues. Furthermore, the Respondent confirms that it will bear the cost of the transcription and abide by the procedures outlined under Rule 6.12 of the Rules of Procedure.”

### Analysis

Recording of hearings:

#### 6.11 Recording prohibited

Persons are prohibited from recording dispute resolution hearings, except as allowed by Rule 6.12. Prohibited recording includes any audio, photographic, video or digital recording.

#### 6.12 Official transcript

A party requesting an official transcript by an accredited Court Reporter must make a written request stating the reasons for the request to the other party and to the Residential Tenancy Branch directly or through a Service BC Office not less than seven days before the hearing.

An arbitrator will determine whether to grant the request and will provide written reasons

to all parties and issue any necessary orders.

If permission is granted, the party making the request must:

- a) prior to the hearing, provide the Residential Tenancy Branch with proof of the Court Reporter's accreditation;
- b) make all necessary arrangements for attendance by the accredited Court Reporter and their necessary equipment;
- c) pay the cost of the accredited Court Reporter's attendance at the dispute resolution hearing;
- d) pay the cost of the Court Reporter's services and the cost of transcripts; and
- e) provide all parties and the Residential Tenancy Branch with official copies of the transcript.

#### 6.13 Restricted use of recordings

Transcripts may not be used for any purpose other than the proceeding, a review or **any court proceeding**.

I find the Landlord's request for an accredited court reporter to make an official transcript of the hearing scheduled for December 17, 2019 is in compliance with rule 6.13. Rule 6.13 says an official transcript may be used for any court proceeding. The Landlord has requested the official transcript for a Supreme Court proceeding. I grant the Landlord's request to use an accredited court reporter for an official transcript of the December 17, 2019 Residential Tenancy Branch hearing. Further the Landlord must comply with all the clauses of section 6.12 of the Residential Tenancy Branch's Rules of Procedures.

#### Conclusion

I grant the Landlord their request to have an accredited court reporter make an official transcript of the December 17, 2019 Residential Tenancy Branch hearing involving the above participants.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*.

Dated: December 02, 2019

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Residential Tenancy Branch