

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNR, FFT, MNDCT

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

- cancellation of the landlord's 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) pursuant to section 46;
- a monetary order for compensation for damage or loss under the Act, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover his filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

This matter was scheduled for a conference call at 9:30 a.m. on this date. Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present their sworn testimony, to make submissions, to call witnesses and to cross-examine one another. The parties acknowledged receipt of evidence submitted by the other. I have reviewed all evidence and testimony before me that met the requirements of the rules of procedure; however, I refer to only the relevant facts and issues in this decision.

Preliminary Issue

Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) Rule of Procedure 2.3 states that claims made in an Application for Dispute Resolution must be related to each other. Arbitrators may use their discretion to dismiss unrelated claims with or without leave to reapply.

It is my determination that the priority claim regarding the 10 Day Notice and the continuation of this tenancy are not sufficiently related to any of the tenant's other claims of monetary compensation to warrant that they be heard together. The parties were given a priority hearing date in order to address the question of the validity of the Notice to End Tenancy.

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The tenant's other claims are unrelated in that the basis for them rests largely on facts not germane to the question of whether there are facts which establish the grounds for ending this tenancy as set out in the Notice to End Tenancy. I exercise my discretion to dismiss all of the tenant's other claims with leave to reapply.

Both parties confirmed that the tenant moved out on February 29, 2020 and that the landlord has taken back possession of the suite. The landlord confirmed that they were not seeking an order of possession, accordingly; I dismiss this portion of the tenant's application seeking to cancel the notice without leave to reapply. The tenant must bear the cost of the filing fee for this application.

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: March 19, 2020

Residential Tenancy Branch