

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC

Introduction

In this dispute, the applicant sought relief under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act"). The applicant applied for dispute resolution on February 10, 2020 and a dispute resolution hearing was scheduled for March 27, 2020.

Preliminary Issue: Non-Attendance of Parties

Rule 7.1 of the *Rules of Procedure*, under the *Act*, requires that a hearing start at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by an arbitrator. Further, Rule 7.3 permits an arbitrator to conduct a hearing in the absence of any party, and they may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

The hearing commenced by way of teleconference at 11:00 AM on March 27, 2020. I dialed into the teleconference at 11:00 AM and monitored the line until 11:10 AM. Neither party dialed into the teleconference during this time. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding. Given the above, and in the absence of any other information regarding this application, I find that the application has been abandoned.

Conclusion

I dismiss the applicant's application, with leave to reapply. However, this dismissal does not extend any applicable time limits under the Act. I have not made any findings of fact or law with respect to the application.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me under section 9.1(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 30, 2020	
	Residential Tenancy Branch