

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Promontory Ridge Estate and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

**DECISION** 

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNC

## Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenants' application pursuant to section 47 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for cancellation of the landlord's 1 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the "1 Month Notice").

This matter was set for hearing by telephone conference call at 9:30 am on this date. The line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and the only participant who called into the hearing during this time was the agent for the corporate respondent. The phone lines were confirmed to be functioning normally and the Notice of Hearing provided the correct hearing information.

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 reapply.

Therefore, as the applicant did not attend the hearing by 9:40 am, and the respondent appeared and was ready to proceed, I dismiss the tenants' claim without leave to reapply.

Section 55 of the Act provides that:

If a tenant makes an application for dispute resolution to dispute a landlord's notice to end a tenancy, the director **must** grant to the landlord an order of possession of the rental unit if

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- (a) the landlord's notice to end tenancy complies with section 52 [form and content of notice to end tenancy], and
- (b) the director, during the dispute resolution proceeding, dismisses the tenant's application or upholds the landlord's notice.

However, as the landlord testified that the tenancy has ended and an Order of Possession is not necessary I decline to issue an Order.

## Conclusion

The tenants' application is dismissed in its entirety without leave to reapply.

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 27, 2020

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