



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding PHS Community Services Society PHS Community Services Society
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPT

Introduction

This expedited hearing was scheduled to deal with an application filed by the tenant for an Order of Possession for the tenant pursuant to section 54 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("Act").

Neither party attended at the appointed time set for the hearing, although I waited until 9:40 a.m. to enable them to participate in this hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference monitoring system that I was the only person who had called into this teleconference.

The Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure state:

7.3 Commencement of the hearing: *The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.*

7.4 Evidence must be presented: *Evidence must be presented by the party who submitted it, or by the party's agent. If a party or their agent does not attend the hearing to present evidence, any written submissions supplied may or may not be considered.*

Accordingly, **in the absence of any evidence or submissions I order the application dismissed with leave to reapply.** I make no findings on the merits of the matter. Leave to reapply is not an extension of any applicable limitation period.

Conclusion

As noted above, this Application for Dispute Resolution is dismissed with 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: April 02, 2020

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