

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNSD

<u>Introduction</u>

I was designated to hear the tenants' application seeking a monetary order for the return of the security deposit under section 38 of the *Act*.

Neither party attended at the appointed time set for the hearing, although I waited until 1:42 P.M. to enable them to call into this hearing scheduled for 1:30 P.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 system that I was the only person who had called into this teleconference hearing.

Rule 7.1 and 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

- **7.1 Commencement of the hearing:** The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator.
- **7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing:** 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.

Accordingly, in the absence of any evidence or submissions, I order the application to be dismissed without leave to reapply. I make no findings on the merits of the matter.

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: May 1, 2020