



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPUM-DR, FFL

Introduction

This hearing was scheduled in response to the landlords' application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for:

- an order of possession for unpaid utilities and rent with a monetary order, pursuant to sections 55 and 67; and
- an authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

Although I waited 12 minutes, neither party attended at the appointed time set for the hearing, 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 system that I was the only person who had called into this teleconference.

Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

7.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution hearing

The dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator.

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 re-apply.

Conclusion

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

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 25, 2020

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