



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes:

MNDCT, DRI

Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to an Application for Dispute Resolution, in which the Tenant applied to dispute a rent increase and for a monetary Order for money owed or compensation for damage or loss.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Has there been an unlawful rent increase?

Is the Tenant entitled to recover a rent and/or a security deposit overpayment?

Background and Evidence

Section 61 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)* states that upon accepting an application for dispute resolution, the director must set the matter down for a hearing and that the director must determine if the hearing is to be oral or in writing. In this case, the hearing was scheduled for a teleconference hearing.

Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that 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 decide or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

This hearing was scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. on May 26, 2020. I dialed into the teleconference at 9:31 a.m. and monitored the teleconference until 9:42 a.m. Neither the Applicant nor the Respondent 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 Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that I was the only person who had called into this teleconference.

Analysis

I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution has been abandoned.

Conclusion

I dismiss the Application with leave to reapply, as I have not made any findings of fact or law with respect to the application.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Act*.

Dated: May 27, 2020

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