

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Sutton Advantage Property Management and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNRL-S, FFL

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the landlord's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for:

- a Monetary Order for unpaid rent, pursuant to sections 26 and 67;
- authorization to retain the tenants' security deposit, pursuant to section 38; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee from the tenants, pursuant to section 72.

The landlord did not attend this hearing, although I left the teleconference hearing connection open for 10 minutes in order to enable the landlord to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tenant E.O.C-R. attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. 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 tenant E.O.C-R and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

Rule 7.1 of the Residential Tenancy Rules of Procedure states that the dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator. Rule 7.3 states that 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.

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Conclusion

Based on the above, in the absence of any evidence or submissions from the applicant I order the application dismissed without liberty 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: August 10, 2021

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