

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNRL, MNDCL

<u>Introduction</u>

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

• a monetary order for unpaid rent and for compensation under the *Act, Residential Tenancy Regulation* or tenancy agreement, pursuant to section 67.

While the respondent tenant attended the hearing by way of conference call, the two applicant landlords did not, although I waited until 1:41 p.m. in order to enable the landlords to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

I monitored the teleconference line throughout this hearing. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes were provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the tenant and I were the only people who called into this teleconference.

The tenant was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses.

The tenant confirmed her name and provided her mailing address for me to send this decision to her after the hearing.

At the outset of this hearing, I informed the tenant that recording of this hearing was not permitted by anyone, as per Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch ("RTB") *Rules of Procedure ("Rules"*). The tenant affirmed, under oath, that she would not record this hearing.

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At the outset of this hearing, I explained the hearing process to the tenant. I informed the tenant that I could not provide legal advice to her. She had an opportunity to ask questions, which I answered. She did not make any adjournment or accommodation requests.

The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlords' application for dispute resolution hearing package. In accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was duly served with the landlords' application.

Rule 7.3 of the RTB *Rules* provides as follows:

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 reapply.

In the absence of any appearance by the landlords, I order the landlords' entire application dismissed without leave to reapply.

I informed the tenant of my decision during this hearing. The tenant confirmed her understanding of same.

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: February 24, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch