



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Code          ERP

### Introduction

Pursuant to section 58 of the Residential Tenancy Act (the Act), I was designated to hear an application regarding the above-noted tenancy. The tenant applied for an order for emergency repairs, pursuant to section 33.

I left the teleconference connection open until 9:40 A.M. to enable the tenant to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 9:30 A.M. The tenant did not attend the hearing. The landlord attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. The landlord was assisted by KP. 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 the landlord, his assistant and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

At the outset of the hearing all the parties were clearly informed of the Rules of Procedure, including Rule 6.10 about interruptions and inappropriate behaviour, and Rule 6.11, which prohibits the recording of a dispute resolution hearing. All the parties confirmed they understood the Rules of Procedure.

Per section 95(3) of the Act, the parties may be fined up to \$5,000.00 if they record this hearing: "A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a decision or an order made by the director commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00."

The landlord affirmed he did not receive the notice of hearing from the tenant. The landlord called the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) and received the notice of hearing from the RTB.

Rules 7.1 and 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provide as follows:

#### **Rule 7 – During the hearing**

##### **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.

Accordingly, in the absence of any attendance at this hearing by the tenant, I order the tenant's application dismissed without leave to reapply.

Conclusion

I dismiss the tenant's application without leave 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: December 07, 2022

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