

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding 634245 B.C. LTD and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC-MT, MNDCT, LRE, AS

Introduction

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

- more time to cancel a Notice to End Tenancy, pursuant to section 66;
- cancellation of the One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause, pursuant to section 47;
- a Monetary Order for damage or compensation under the *Act*, pursuant to section 67;
- an Order that the landlord's right to enter be suspended or restricted, pursuant to section 70; and
- an Order for the tenant to be allowed to sublet the subject rental property, pursuant to section 65.

The tenants did not attend this hearing, although I left the teleconference hearing connection open for 10 minutes in order to enable the tenants to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. The landlord's agent (the "agent") 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 the agent and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

The agent was advised that Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure prohibits the recording of dispute resolution hearings. The agent testified that he was not recording this dispute resolution hearing.

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."

The agent confirmed the landlord's email address for service of this Decision.

The agent testified that this tenancy has already ended, and that the landlord received an Order of Possession in a previous hearing. The file number for the previous file is located on the cover page of this decision.

As this tenancy has already ended, I find that I do not need to consider if the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession pursuant to section 55(1) of the *Act*.

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.

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: December 20, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch