

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes:

CNC, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was convened in response to the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution, in which the Tenant applied to set aside a Notice to End Tenancy for Cause and to recover the fee for filing this Application for Dispute Resolution.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Should the Notice to End Tenancy for Cause, served pursuant to section 47 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*, be set aside?

Background and Evidence

The Tenant did not attend in support of the Application for Dispute Resolution.

Analysis

Section 61 of the *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 make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

This hearing commenced at the scheduled start time of 1:00 p.m. and the conference was monitored until 1:11 p.m. The Respondent attended the hearing but the Applicant did not.

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I find that the Tenant failed to diligently pursue the application and I therefore dismiss the application without leave to reapply. The Landlord did not request an Order of Possession at the hearing, although she was provided with the opportunity to do so.

Conclusion

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 26, 2013

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