

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

INTERIM DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> FFT, MNDCT

Introduction

This hearing convened as a result of a Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution, filed on August 20, 2019, in which the Tenants requested monetary compensation from the Landlords in the amount of \$42,000.00 pursuant to section 51(2) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*, and to recover the filing fee.

The hearing was conducted by teleconference on December 16, 2019, February 21, 2020 and May 8, 2020. Both parties called into the hearings and were provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in written and documentary form and to make submissions to me.

Hearings before the Residential Tenancy Branch are governed by the *Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure. Rule 1.1* which provides that Arbitrators must ensure a fair, efficient and consistent process for resolving disputes for landlords and tenants.

Hearings are also only scheduled for an hour and at times this is insufficient to hear the parties' testimony and submissions. Rules 7.8 and 7.9 provide me the authority to adjourn these proceedings.

This hearing did not conclude within the scheduled hour and I find that an adjournment is required to provide a fair opportunity for the parties to be heard. I therefore adjourn this matter to the date and time set out in the attached Notice of Adjourned Hearing.

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Pursuant to section 64 of the *Act*, I order that neither party submit any further evidence in respect of this adjourned application.

This Interim 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: May 8, 2020

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