



**Tribunals Ontario**

Landlord and Tenant Board

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Commission de la location immobilière

**Schedule D**

**Member Endorsement Form**

I, EGYA SANGMUAH, Vice Chair of the Landlord and Tenant Board, make the following endorsement with respect to application file number: File LTB-L-076488-23

The Tenant L.D. Blake requested a change in hearing format. The application is expected to proceed to a virtual Case Management Hearing. The Tenant requested an in-person hearing in St. Catharines, Ontario.

The request for an in-person hearing is denied.

In the request the Tenant states that many of the Tenants are elderly or have special needs therefore their participation in the proceeding may be limited by a virtual hearing or a hearing outside St. Catharines. The Tenants in question do not own computers or other devices needed for an electronic hearing and would find it difficult to attend an in-person hearing out of town.

The Board ordinarily would not hold an in-person hearing outside the city or municipality in which the residential complex is located.

The Board is currently holding in-person hearings only in exceptional circumstances. The Board has adopted a Digital First approach to hearings (See Tribunals Ontario, *Updated Practice Direction on Hearing Formats*). The circumstances of this case are not exceptional.

Tenants may participate by telephone if they cannot access or use a computer. Tenants may also team up with other tenants who have computer/Zoom skills. Tenants can share a computer. Tenants are not required to use separate computers.

Finally, the Tenants may retain a legal representative or designate another Tenant to represent them.

Date: November 27, 2024 Signature of Member: