
Condominium Dispute Resolution Tribunal

Adjudication

About adjudication

The Condominium Dispute Resolution Tribunal (CDRT) offers Albertans accessible and timely dispute resolution services for condominium owners and condominium corporations.

Adjudication is the final dispute resolution step.

Adjudication hearings are similar to a court hearing but are more informal. All parties have a chance to share information, make submissions and present evidence about the dispute to the panel. After the hearing is over, the adjudication panel will provide a written decision that everyone must follow.

Fees

The fee for adjudication is \$350 and must be paid in advance.

User fees may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the Tribunal Chair, and based on financial hardship, following a case-by-case review. Should an applicant wish to apply for a waiver of a user fee, they will need to complete and submit the required form.

Hearings and how they work

Sometimes Guided Negotiation and Mediation do not result in a resolution.

An adjudication hearing provides another way to settle the dispute. The hearing process is fair and does not take sides. It is also less formal, less expensive, and faster than going to court.

CDRT staff will be assigned to assist and guide parties through the adjudication process.

To ensure adjudication hearings are accessible, and to minimize costs for the parties, the CDRT conducts hearings virtually using available technology. In some circumstances, the CDRT may hold hearings in-person or through written submissions.

At a hearing, a panel comprised of up to three CDRT members will consider the parties' presentations and make a decision. Each party will have an opportunity to present their evidence, explain their views, and ask questions. The panel may also ask questions of the parties.

After the hearing

Following a hearing, the panel has up to 90 days to issue their decision. This decision is final and must be followed by the parties.

If either party disagrees with the decision, they may either appeal or request a Judicial Review at the Court of King's Bench within 30 days of receiving their decision.

For more information

To learn more about the Tribunal and its processes, please visit www.alberta.ca/CondoTribunal.