



# Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards  
Ministry of Housing and Social Development

## Decision

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

### Introduction

The Agent for the Landlord stated that copies of the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing were personally served on the Tenant's son, who is an adult and apparently resides at the rental unit, on August 27, 2008. These documents are deemed to have been served in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, however the Tenant did not appear at the hearing.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent; to a monetary Order for unpaid rent; to keep all or part of the security deposit; and to recover the filing fee from the Tenant for the cost of the Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to sections 38, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*.

### Background and Evidence

The Agent for the Landlord stated that the tenancy agreement requires the Tenant to pay monthly rent of \$975.00, plus utilities. The Tenant paid a security deposit of \$487.50 on March 27, 2008.

The Agent for the Landlord stated that a ten (10) day Notice to End Tenancy for non-payment of rent, which had an effective date of August 24 2008, was personally served on the Tenant's son, who apparently resides at the rental unit and appears to be over the age of 19 years, on August 11, 2008. The Notice indicated that the Notice would be automatically cancelled if the Landlord received \$325.00 within five days after the Tenant is assumed to have received the Notice. The Notice also indicated that the Tenant is presumed to have accepted that the tenancy is ending and that the Tenant must move out of the rental by the date set out in the Notice unless the Tenant files an Application for Dispute Resolution within five days.

The Agent for the Landlord stated that the Tenant paid the outstanding rent on September 01, 2008, and that she still owes \$650.00 in rent from September of 2008.

The Agent for the Landlord also stated that the Tenant owes a water bill in the amount of \$108.78.

### Analysis

Section 46 of the Act stipulates that a tenant has five (5) days from the date of receiving the Notice to End Tenancy to either pay the outstanding rent or to file an Application for Dispute Resolution to dispute the Notice. In the circumstances before me I have no evidence that the Tenant exercised either of these rights and, pursuant to section 46(5) of the Act, I find that the Tenant accepted that the tenancy has ended. On this basis I find that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession.

In the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the Tenant has not paid rent in the amount of \$650.00 from September of 2008 and \$108.78 for a water bill.

I find that the Landlords application has merit, and I find that the Landlord is entitled to recover the filing fee from the Tenant for the cost of this Application for Dispute Resolution.

I find that the Landlord is entitled to retain the Tenant's security deposit plus interest, in the amount of \$491.12 in partial satisfaction of the monetary claim.

### Conclusion

I hereby grant the Landlord an Order of Possession that is effective on September 30, 2008. This Order may be served on the Tenant, filed with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I find that the Landlord has established a monetary claim, in the amount of \$808.78, which is comprised on \$650.00 in unpaid rent, 108.78 in unpaid utilities, and \$50.00 in compensation for the filing fee paid by the Landlord for this Application for Dispute Resolution. The Landlord will be retaining the Tenant's security deposit plus interest, in the amount of \$491.12, in partial satisfaction of the monetary claim.

Based on these determinations I grant the Landlord a monetary Order for the balance of \$317.66. In the event that the Tenant does not comply with this Order, it may be served on the Tenant, filed with the Province of British Columbia Small Claims Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

Date of Decision: September 23, 2008

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