

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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

## **DECISION AND REASONS**

Dispute Codes: OPR, OPL, MNR, MNSD, FF.

#### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for orders as follows:

- An order of possession, pursuant to Section 55;
- A monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to Section 67;
- An order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the monetary claim, pursuant to Section 38;
- An order to recover the cost of filing the Application for Arbitration pursuant to Section 72.

The notice to end tenancy for non payment of rent, dated December 15, 2008 was served on the Tenant on December 15, 2008, by posting it on the front door. The notice of hearing dated January 10, 2009 was served on the tenant on January 15, 2009, by posting it on the front door. Despite having been served the notice of hearing, the tenant did not show up for the hearing. The landlord attended the hearing and was given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions. On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at the hearing, a decision has been reached.

### Issues to be decided

- Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?
- Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order to recover unpaid rent, retain the security deposit and recover the filing fee?

### **Background and Evidence**

The landlord testified that the tenancy started on October 01, 2008 for a fixed term of six months. The monthly rent is \$885.00 due in advance on the first day of the month. The tenant paid a security deposit in the amount of \$430.00 on October 03, 2008. The tenant failed to pay rent for the months of November 2008 to February 2009. On December 15, the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy. The

tenant is currently in occupation of the rental suite and the landlord is applying for an order of possession and a monetary order for \$3540.00 in outstanding rent for four months, \$100.00 in late fees and the filing fee of \$50.00 for a total of \$3690.00.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

Based on the undisputed sworn testimony of the landlord, I accept the landlord's evidence in respect of the claim. The tenant received the notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent, on December 15, 2008 and did not pay rent within five days of receiving the notice to end tenancy nor did the tenant make application, pursuant to Section 46 to set aside the notice to end a residential tenancy and the time to do so has expired. In these situations, the *Residential Tenancy Act* provides that the tenant has been deemed to have accepted the end of the tenancy on the date set out in the Notice. Pursuant to section 55(2) I am issuing a formal order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant. The Order may be filed in the Supreme Court for enforcement.

I also find that the landlord is entitled to \$3690.00 for unpaid rent and the filing fee. I order that the landlord retain the security deposit and interest of \$431.59 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* for the balance due of \$3258.41. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

#### **Conclusion**

I grant the landlord an order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant and a monetary order in the amount of **\$3258.41**.

Dated February 06, 2009.

**Dispute Resolution Officer**