

DECISION

Dispute Codes – OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the Act, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order due to unpaid rent.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on May 30, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. the landlord served the tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. Section 90 of the *Act* states a document sent by mail is deemed served on the 5th day after it is mailed.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenants have been served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents.

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; for all or part of the security deposit and to recover the filing fee from the tenants for the cost of the Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to sections 38, 46, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*.

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the tenants;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on June 13, 2009 for a 1 year fixed term tenancy beginning on July 1, 2009 for the monthly rent of \$1,500.00 due on the 1st of the month and a security deposit of \$750.00 was paid; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was issued on May 15, 2010 with an effective vacancy date of May 31, 2010 due to \$3,000.00 in unpaid rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenants failed to pay the full rent owed for the months of April and May 2010 and that the tenants were served a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent when it was posted to the rental unit door on May 15, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. The landlord provided written confirmation that this service was witnessed by a third party.

The Notice states that the tenants had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days.

The landlord states in his Application that the tenants did pay \$500.00 towards April 2010 rent on May 22, 2010. The landlord goes on to say that the tenants' cheques for January 1, 2010; February 1, 2010 and March 1, 2010 have also all been returned as insufficient funds.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenants have been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord. The notice is deemed to have been received by the tenants on May 18, 2010 and the effective date of the notice is May 31, 2010. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act*.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

From the statements on the landlord's application I find the tenants owe the landlord as much as \$7,000.00 for rent for the months of January 2010 to May 2010 inclusive, less \$500.00 paid on May 22, 2010 but the landlord has claimed only \$3,000.00.

Conclusion

I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession effective **two days after service on the tenants**. This order must be served on the tenants and may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

I find that the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation pursuant to Section 67 in the amount of **\$3,050.00** comprised of \$3,000.00 rent owed and the \$50.00 fee paid by the landlord for this application.

I order the landlord may deduct the security deposit and interest held in the amount of \$750.00 in partial satisfaction of this claim. I grant a monetary order in the amount of **\$2,300.00**. This order must be served on the tenants and may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an order of that Court.

This 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: June 08, 2010.

Dispute Resolution Officer