

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

## DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the Landlord for an order of possession, a monetary order and to recover the filing fee.

Although served with the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing by registered mail on March 4, 2011, the Tenant did not appear.

The Landlord's Agent appeared, gave affirmed testimony and was provided the opportunity to present his evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and make submissions to me.

At the outset of the hearing, the Landlord stated that the Tenant had not vacated the rental unit and requested to amend the application to include a request for the March 2011 rent. As a result, I have amended the Landlord's claim to include the March 2011 rent.

#### Preliminary matter:

When asking for attendance at the hearing, the Landlord's Agent responded, but the Tenant did not announce his presence. However, another unannounced party was present during the hearing.

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

Has the Tenant breached the Residential Tenancy Act (the "Act") or tenancy agreement, entitling the Landlord to an Order of Possession and monetary relief?

#### Background and Evidence

This six month fixed term tenancy began on November 9, 2010, monthly rent is \$850.00 and a security deposit of \$425.00 was paid on November 9, 2010.

The Landlord's Agent gave affirmed testimony and supplied evidence that the Tenant was served with a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "Notice") on February 3, 2011, personally. The Notice stated the amount of unpaid rent was \$1,840.00.

The Notice informed the Tenant that the Notice would be cancelled if the rent was paid within five days. The Notice also explained the Tenant had five days to dispute the Notice.

I have no evidence before me that the Tenant applied to dispute the Notice. The Landlord provided evidence and gave affirmed testimony that the Tenant has made no payments since the issuance of the Notice and currently owes the amount of \$2,690.00 in unpaid rent.

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

Based on the above testimony and evidence, and on a balance of probabilities, I find as follows:

The Tenant has not paid the outstanding rent and did not apply to dispute the Notice and is therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

I find that the Landlord is entitled to an order of possession effective **two days** after service on the Tenant. This order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

I find that the Landlord has established a total monetary claim of **\$2,740.00** comprised of outstanding rent of **\$2,690.00** and the **\$50.00** fee paid by the Landlord for this application.

I allow the Landlord to retain the deposit of \$425.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the Landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of **\$2,315.00**.

This order may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an order of that Court.

### **Conclusion**

The Tenant failed to pay rent and did not file to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy. The Tenant is presumed under the law to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice to End Tenancy.

The Landlord is granted an Order of Possession, may keep the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim and is granted a monetary order for the balance due of **\$2,315.00**.

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: March 17, 2011.

Residential Tenancy Branch