

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

#### DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

#### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for an order of possession and for a monetary order for unpaid rent and the filing fee. The landlord also applied to retain the security deposit in satisfaction of his monetary claim.

The notice of hearing was served on the tenant on November 14, 2011, by registered mail. The landlord filed a tracking number. Despite having been served the notice of hearing, the tenant did not attend the hearing. The landlord attended the hearing and was given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions.

## 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, the filing fee and to retain the security deposit?

## **Background and Evidence**

The tenancy started on February 01, 2011. The monthly rent is \$700.00 due in advance on the first of each month and does not include utilities. The tenant paid a security deposit of \$350.00.

The landlord testified that the tenant failed to pay full rent for September and October 2011. On October 20, 2011, the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy. On the date of this hearing the tenant owed the landlord \$130.00 for September, \$130.00 for October and \$700.00 for November 2011. The landlord also filed a bill for utilities in the amount of \$103.23. The landlord is applying for an order of possession and a monetary order in the amount of \$1,113.23 which consists of unpaid rent (\$960.00), unpaid utilities (\$103.23) plus the filing fee (\$50.00).

## <u>Analysis</u>

Based on the sworn undisputed 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 October 20, 2011 and did not pay full 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 find that the landlord is entitled to \$960.00 for unpaid rent plus \$103.23 for unpaid utilities. Since the landlord has proven his case, he is also entitled to the recovery of the filing fee of \$50.00 for a total entitlement of \$1,113.23. I order that the landlord retain the security deposit of \$350.00 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 \$763.23. 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 \$763.23.

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: November 29, 2011.

**Residential Tenancy Branch**