

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

This matter was reconvened to today's date following an adjournment by consent of both Parties at the previous Hearing. The Tenant did not appear at the Hearing. The Landlord states that the Landlord's application was amended to include damages to the unit however the amended application, evidence package and Notice of Hearing letter was not served on the Tenant as the Landlord does not have the Tenant's forwarding address.

The Act provides the following requirements for service of the Application

- **89** (1) An application for dispute resolution or a decision of the director to proceed with a review under Division 2 of Part 5, when required to be given to one party by another, must be given in one of the following ways:
 - (a) by leaving a copy with the person;
 - (b) if the person is a landlord, by leaving a copy with an agent of the landlord;
 - (c) by sending a copy by registered mail to the address at which the person resides or, if the person is a landlord, to the address at which the person carries on business as a landlord;
 - (d) if the person is a tenant, by sending a copy by registered mail to a forwarding address provided by the tenant;
 - (e) as ordered by the director under section 71 (1) [director's orders: delivery and service of documents].

As the Landlord did not serve the Tenant, I cannot find that service has been accomplished in accordance with Section 89 of the Act and I therefore dismiss the application with leave to reapply.

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: January 26, 2012.	
	Residential Tenancy Branch