

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR MNR

Introduction

This hearing proceeded 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 for unpaid rent and a Monetary Order for unpaid rent.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on January 11, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. the Landlord served each Tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail. Canada Post receipts were provided in the Landlord's evidence. Based on the written submissions of the Landlord, I find that each Tenant has been sufficiently served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order pursuant to section 55 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*?

Background and Evidence

I have carefully reviewed the following evidentiary material submitted by the Landlord:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for each Tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the Landlord and Tenant B.L. for a fixed term tenancy agreement that began on December 1, 2012 and is set to end on April 30, 2013, for the monthly rent of \$700.00 due in the 1st of the month and a security deposit of \$325.00 was paid; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on, January 4, 2013, with an effective vacancy date listed as January 1, 2013, due to \$300.00 in unpaid rent that was due on January 1, 2013.

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Documentary evidence filed by the Landlord indicates that the Tenants were served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent on January 4, 2013, when it was personally served to Tenant B.L. in the presence of a witness.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and note that Tenant E.W. did not sign the tenancy agreement, however Tenant B.L. did. Therefore, as this application has been filed under the Direct Request process I find it can only proceed against Tenant B.L., who is a signatory to the tenancy agreement. Therefore, I dismiss the claim against Tenant E.W., without leave to reapply.

Order of Possession - I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the Tenant has been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the Landlord. The notice was received by the Tenant on January 4, 2013, and the effective date of the notice is January 14, 2013, pursuant to section 90 of the *Act*. I accept the evidence before me that the Tenant has 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 Tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice and I hereby grant the Landlord an Order of Possession.

Monetary Order – The evidence supports that the Tenant has failed to pay the January 1, 2013 rent in full, in violation of section 26 of the Act which provides that a tenant must pay rent when it is due under the tenancy agreement. As per the aforementioned I approve the Landlord's request for a Monetary Order for **\$300.00**.

Any deposits currently held in trust by the Landlord are to be administered in accordance with Section 38 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Conclusion

I HEREBY FIND that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession effective **two** days after service on the Tenant. This Order is legally binding and must be served upon the Tenant.

The Landlord's decision will be accompanied by a Monetary Order for **\$300.00**. This Order is legally binding and must be served upon the Tenant.

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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 17, 2013

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