



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Lu'ma native Housing Society
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, MNDC, FF

Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”) for Orders as follows:

1. An Order of Possession - Section 55;
2. A Monetary Order for unpaid rent - Section 67;
3. An Order to retain the security deposit - Section 38; and
4. An Order to recover the filing fee for this application - Section 72.

I accept the Landlord’s evidence that the Tenant was served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by registered mail in accordance with Section 89 of the Act. The Tenant did not participate in the conference call hearing. The Landlord was given full opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to make submissions.

Preliminary Matter

At the onset of the Hearing, the Arbitrator’s past involvement with the Landlord’s agency was disclosed and the Landlord was provided with an opportunity to raise concerns it may have with the Arbitrator making a final and binding decision in this dispute. The Landlord stated that they had no concerns in relation to fairness and impartiality of this Arbitrator and indicated that they were prepared to continue without provision of alternate arbitrator. The Hearing proceeded.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the notice to end tenancy valid?

Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession?

Is the Landlord entitled to the monetary amounts claimed?

Is the Landlord entitled to recovery of the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on October 1, 2011. Rent of \$325.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy, the Landlord collected a security deposit from the Tenant in the amount of \$163.00. The Tenant owed rental arrears for February and March 2013 rent and failed to pay April 2013 rent. On April 8, 2013 the Landlord personally served the Tenant with a 10 notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent (the "Notice"). The Tenant has not filed an Application for Dispute Resolution to dispute the Notice, has not paid the arrears and has not moved out of the unit. The Tenant has not paid May 2013 rent. The quantum of the Landlord's claim is \$1,300.00.

Analysis

Section 46 of the Act requires that upon receipt of a Notice to End Tenancy for non-payment of rent the tenant must, within five days, either pay the full amount of the arrears indicated on the Notice or dispute the notice by filing an Application for Dispute Resolution with the Residential Tenancy Branch. If the tenant does neither of these two things, the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

Based on the Landlord's evidence I find that the Tenant was served with the Notice and I find the Notice to be valid. The Tenant has not filed an application to dispute the Notice and has not paid the outstanding rent. Given these facts, I find that the Landlord is entitled to an **Order of Possession**. I also find that the Landlord has established a monetary claim for **\$1,300.00** in unpaid rent. The Landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee for a total monetary amount of **\$1,350.00**. Setting the security

deposit of **\$163.00** plus zero interest off the entitlement leaves **\$1,187.00** owed by the Tenant to the Landlord.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the Landlord. The Tenant must be served with this **Order of Possession**. Should the Tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that Court.

I order that the Landlord retain the **deposit** and interest of \$163.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the Landlord an order under Section 67 of the Act for the balance due of **\$1,187.00**. If necessary, this order may be filed in the Small Claims Court 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: May 29, 2013

Residential Tenancy Branch

