

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding 0704575 B.C. Ltd. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

## Dispute Codes:

OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

#### Introduction:

This hearing was convened in response to the Landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution, in which the Landlord applied for an Order of Possession for Unpaid Rent, a monetary Order for unpaid rent, to retain all or part of the security deposit, and to recover the fee for filing an Application for Dispute Resolution. At the outset of the hearing the Landlord withdrew the application for an Order of Possession, as the rental unit was vacated on, or about, August 30, 2013.

The Agent for the Landlord stated that copies of the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing were sent to the Tenant at the rental unit, via registered mail, on August 14, 2013. The Agent for the Landlord cited a Canada Post tracking number that corroborates this statement. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that these documents have been served in accordance with section 89 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*, however the Tenant did not appear at the hearing.

#### Issue(s) to be Decided:

Is the Landlord entitled to a monetary Order for unpaid rent and to keep all or part of the security deposit?

#### Background and Evidence:

The Agent for the Landlord stated that this tenancy began on March 01, 2013; that the Tenant was required to pay monthly rent of \$625.00 by the first day of each month; that the Tenant paid a security deposit of \$312.50 and that the Tenant has not paid rent for August of 2013.

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

Based on the undisputed evidence, I find that the Tenant entered into a tenancy agreement with the Landlord that requires the Tenant to pay monthly rent of \$625.00 by the first day of each month and that the Tenant did not pay the rent that was due on

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August 01, 2013. As the Tenant is required to pay rent pursuant to section 26(1) of the *Act*, I find that the Tenant must pay \$625.00 in outstanding rent to the Landlord.

I find that the Landlord's application has merit and that the Landlord is entitled to recover the filing fee from the Tenant for the cost of this Application for Dispute Resolution.

### Conclusion

The Landlord has established a monetary claim, in the amount of \$675.00, which is comprised of \$625.00 in unpaid rent and \$50.00 in compensation for the filing fee paid by the Landlord for this Application for Dispute Resolution. I authorize the Landlord to keep the Tenant's security deposit of \$312.50 in partial satisfaction of the monetary claim.

Based on these determinations I grant the Landlord a monetary Order for the balance of \$362.50. In the event that the Tenant does not comply with this Order, it may be served on the Tenant, filed with the Province of British Columbia 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: September 19, 2013

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