



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

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### Introduction

This matter proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act"), and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an Order of Possession based on a Notice to End Tenancy for unpaid rent.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on November 14, 2013, the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. Section 90 of the Act determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been served five days later.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenant has been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the Act?

### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on December 3, 2012, indicating a monthly rent of \$375.00 due on the first day of the month; and

- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on October 31, 2013, with a stated effective vacancy date of November 10, for \$750.00 in unpaid rent for September and October of 2013.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenant had failed to pay all rent owed for September and October and was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent by registered mail sent on October 31, 2013. Section 90 of the Act deems the tenant was served on November 5, 2013.

The Notice states that the tenant had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days from the date of service and the Landlord has stated in their Application that the rent remains unpaid.

### Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord.

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* and has not applied to cancel the Notice.

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. Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of possession for unpaid rent, effective **two days after service** on the tenant. This Order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, unless otherwise provided under the *Act*, and is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Act*.

Dated: November 19, 2013

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