

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding SOL53AINVESTMENT CORP. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, MNDC, MNSD, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing concerns the landlord's application for an order of possession / a monetary order as compensation for unpaid rent / compensation for damage or loss under the Act, Regulation or tenancy agreement / retention of the security deposit / and recovery of the filing fee. The landlord's agent attended and gave affirmed testimony.

Despite service of the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing (the "hearing package") by way of registered mail, the tenant did not appear. Evidence provided by the landlord includes the Canada Post tracking number for the registered mail, and the Canada Post website informs that the item was "unclaimed by recipient."

Issue(s) to be Decided

Whether the landlord is entitled to the above under the Act, Regulation or tenancy agreement.

Background and Evidence

There is no written tenancy agreement in evidence for this tenancy which is understood to have begun approximately 10 or more years ago. Monthly rent of \$1,100.00 is due and payable in advance on the first day of each month. The landlord's agent was unable to confirm whether a security deposit was ever collected or, if so, how much.

Arising from rent which remained unpaid when due on February 01, 2014, the landlord issued a 10 day notice to end tenancy dated February 04, 2014. The notice was personally served on the tenant on that same date. A copy of the notice was submitted in evidence. The date shown on the notice by when the tenant must vacate the unit is February 15, 2014. Subsequently, the tenant has made limited installment payments toward rent and he continues to reside in the unit. Presently, the landlord's agent testified that rent of \$700.00 remains overdue for the period ending April 30, 2014.

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<u>Analysis</u>

Based on the documentary evidence and the affirmed / undisputed testimony of the landlord's agent, I find that the tenant was served with a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent dated February 04, 2014. The tenant did not pay the full amount of outstanding rent within 5 days of receiving the notice, and did not apply to dispute the notice. The tenant is therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Accordingly, I find that the landlord has established entitlement to an **order of possession**.

As for compensation, I find that the landlord has established entitlement to a claim of \$700.00 for unpaid April rent, in addition to the \$50.00 filing fee [total: \$750.00].

In the absence of any conclusive information concerning a security deposit, that aspect of the landlord's application is hereby dismissed with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

I hereby issue an **order of possession** in favour of the landlord effective not later than **two (2) days** after service on the tenant. This order must be served on the tenant. 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.

Pursuant to section 67 of the Act, I hereby issue a **monetary order** in favour of the landlord in the amount of **\$750.00** (\$700.00 + \$50.00). This order may be served on the tenant, 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: April 02, 2014

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