

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding BENCHMARK RENOVATIONS LTD. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPR

<u>Introduction</u>

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.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on May 12, 2014, the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via personal service. Section 90 of the Act determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been served that same day.

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

Issues to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is 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 August 16, 2013, indicating a monthly rent of \$750.00 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 April 23, 2014 with a stated effective vacancy date of May 03, 2014, for \$1,455.00 in unpaid rent.

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Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenants had failed to pay all rent owed and were served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent in person on April 23, 2014. Section 90 of the Act deems the tenants were served that same day.

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

<u>Analysis</u>

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*.

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.

Conclusion

I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession effective two days after service on the tenant and this Order may be filed in the Supreme 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 21, 2014

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