

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> FF, MNR, MND, MNSD, MNDC

<u>Introduction</u>

This is an application for a Monetary Order in the amount of \$5864.36 however no hearing was held because the applicant has been unable to locate the respondent to serve the Notice of Hearing.

The respondent did not give a forwarding address and therefore the hearing documents were sent to the last known address; however they been returned as undeliverable.

Section 89 of the Residential Tenancy Act states:

- **89** (1) An application for dispute resolution or a decision of the director to proceed with a review under Division 2 of Part 5, when required to be given to one party by another, must be given in one of the following ways:
 - (a) by leaving a copy with the person;
 - (b) if the person is a landlord, by leaving a copy with an agent of the landlord;
 - (c) by sending a copy by registered mail to the address at which the person resides or, if the person is a landlord, to the address at which the person carries on business as a landlord;
 - (d) if the person is a tenant, by sending a copy by registered mail to a forwarding address provided by the tenant;
 - (e) as ordered by the director under section 71 (1) [director's orders: delivery and service of documents].

Sending the documents to the last known address is not considered proper service, unless the applicant can prove that the respondent received the documents, and in this case there is no such proof.

Conclusion

This application is dismissed with leave to reapply.

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 06, 2014

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