

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to Section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order due to unpaid rent. A participatory hearing was not convened.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on May 21, 2014 the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding either by leaving it with an occupant at the address or by posting it at the rental unit.

Direct Request proceedings are conducted when a landlord issues a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities and the tenant(s) has not filed an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to cancel the Notice within 5 days of receiving the Notice. The proceeding is conducted *ex parte* and based solely on the paperwork provided by the applicant landlord.

Because the hearing is conducted without the benefit of having a participatory hearing in which I might question either of the parties if something is unclear in the paperwork all documents submitted must be complete and clear. Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find it is unclear how the landlord served the tenant with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents. Therefore, I find I cannot determine that the landlord has served the tenant sufficiently with notice of this proceeding.

## Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent and to a monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to Sections 46, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Act.* 

## **Conclusion**

As I cannot determine if the tenant was sufficiently served with notice of this proceeding I dismiss the landlord's Application with leave to reapply either through a participatory

hearing or through the Direct Request process and provide sufficient evidence to confirm service of proceeding documents to the tenant.

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: June 04, 2014

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