



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding HUME INVESTMENTS LTD
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

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 and a monetary order for unpaid rent.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on November 17, 2014, the landlord served one of the tenants 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. However, by only serving one of the tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding, the landlord may only claim for a monetary order against the one tenant served. In this case this appears to be the male tenant. Nevertheless, as described below, the documents provided by the landlord are sufficient to award an order of possession effective against both tenants. Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the male tenant have been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents.

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 and 67 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 tenants, although only one was served;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on September 15, 2009, indicating a monthly rent of \$695.00 due on the first day of the month;
- Copies of notices to increase rent to the present day amount of \$764.00 per month; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on November 2, 2014, with a stated effective vacancy date of November 12, for \$764.00 in unpaid rent.

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 by posting on the door which was witnessed on November 2, 2014. Section 90 of the Act deems the tenants were served on November 5, 2014.

The Notice states that the tenants 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 tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days from the date of service.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenants have been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have 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 tenants are 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 and a monetary Order for unpaid rent.

Conclusion

I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession effective **two days after service** on the tenants and the Order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I find that the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation pursuant section 67 in the amount of **\$764.00** comprised of rent owed. This Order must be served on the male tenant and may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) 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 *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: November 24, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch

