

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding NORTH ISLAND PROPERTIES LTD and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR & MNR

## <u>Introduction</u>

This matter was conducted 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 due to unpaid rent.

The Direct Request process is a mechanism that allows the landlord to apply for an expedited decision without a participatory hearing. As a result, the landlord must follow and submit documentation **exactly** as the *Act* prescribes and there can be no omissions or deficiencies within the written submissions that are left open to interpretation or inference.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on December 30, 2014 the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by posting the documents to the tenant's door. Section 90 of the *Act* determines that a document is deemed to have been served on the third day after was posted; however, with regard to the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent; sections 88 and 89 of the *Act* determine the method of service for documents. The Landlords have applied for a Monetary Order which requires that the landlord serve the tenant as set out under Section 89(1). As the landlord posted the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to the tenant's door, this method of service is not acceptable under section 89(1) of the *Act* when applying for a

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Monetary Order. The Direct Request application form provides this information to applicants and informs the landlords not to use this method of service if requesting a Monetary Order. Consequently, this section of the landlord's application is dismissed with leave to reapply. The proceeding continued regarding the landlord's application for an Order of Possession.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenant has been served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents regarding an Order of Possession.

## Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding for the tenant:
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord on November 29, 2011 and by the tenant on November 25, 2011 for a tenancy beginning December 01, 2011 for the monthly rent of \$750.00 due on the 1st of the month;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on,
   December 04, 2014 with an effective vacancy date of December 14, 2014 due to
   \$ 750.00 in unpaid rent; and
- A rent receipt showing the tenant paid \$100.00 towards the outstanding rent leaving an unpaid balance of \$650.00.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenant had failed to pay the full rent owed for the month of December. The landlord has provided documentary evidence that indicates the tenant was served a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was served in person to the tenant on December 04. 2014.

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The Notice states that the tenant had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute

Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice to

End Tenancy within five days.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been served

with Notice to End Tenancy as declared by the landlord. The Notice is deemed to have

been received by the tenant on December 04, 2014. I accept the evidence before me

that the tenant has failed to pay all the rent owed for December, 2014 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 will end on the effective date of the

Notice.

Conclusion

I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession, pursuant to section 55 of

the Act, effective two days after service upon the tenant. This Order must be served

on the tenant and may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that

Court.

The landlord's claim for a Monetary Order to recover unpaid rent 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: January 07, 2015

Residential Tenancy Branch