



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

Introduction

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* 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 based on unpaid rent and utilities and a Monetary Order.

The landlord submitted two signed Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding which declare that on August 31, 2015, the landlord sent the tenants the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on September 5, 2015, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent and utilities pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenants;

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on August 7, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$975.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on August 6, 2014;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated August 2, 2015, and personally served to the tenants on August 2, 2015, with a stated effective vacancy date of August 12, 2015, for \$975.00 in unpaid rent and \$168.45 in unpaid utilities; and
- A copy of a utility bill from the City of Enderby for the rental unit dated May 27, 2015 for \$198.78. This amount includes a refuse disposal fee of \$30.33;
- A note from the landlord indicating that the refuse disposal portion of the utilities is included in the rental; and
- A copy of a demand letter from the landlord to the tenants, dated June 11, 2015, requesting payment of utilities.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally served to the tenants at 7:00 (a.m. or p.m. not indicated) on August 2, 2015. The 10 Day 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.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with section 88 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants were duly served with the 10 Day Notice on August 2, 2015.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the water utilities and the monthly rent in the amount of \$975.00 as per the tenancy agreement.

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* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that 5 day period.

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 10 Day Notice, August 12, 2015.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order in the amount of \$1,143.45, the amount claimed by the landlord, for unpaid utilities and rent owing for August 2015 as of August 31, 2015.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenants. Should the tenants fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a Monetary Order in the amount of \$1,143.45 for utilities and rent owed for August 2015. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenants must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenants fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial 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: September 8, 2015

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