



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF, MNDC

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for an order of possession, a monetary order and an order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim. The landlord participated in the conference call hearing but the tenant(s) did not. The landlord presented evidence that the tenants were served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by registered mail on March 11, 2016. I found that the tenants had been properly served with notice of the landlord's claim and the date and time of the hearing and the hearing proceeded in their absence.

Issues to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?

Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent and loss of income?

Background and Evidence

The landlords' agent gave the following testimony:

The tenancy began on or about July 1, 2014. Rent in the amount of \$1800.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy the landlord collected from the tenant a security deposit in the amount of \$900.00. The tenant failed to pay rent in the month(s) of February and on February 24, 2016 the landlord served the tenant with a notice to end tenancy. The tenant further failed to pay

rent in the month(s) of March and April. The agent stated that the amount of unpaid rent is \$5400.00 as of today's date. The agent stated that the landlord is also seeking unpaid utilities in the amount of \$956.79.

Analysis

I accept the landlord's undisputed testimony and I find that the tenant was served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant did not pay the outstanding rent within 5 days of receiving the notice and did not apply for dispute resolution to dispute the notice and is therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Based on the above facts I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession. The tenant must be served with the order of possession. Should the tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that Court.

As for the monetary order, I find that the landlord has established a claim for \$5400.00 in unpaid rent. The landlords' agent stated that the parties had a verbal tenancy and that there isn't any documentation that addresses the agreement about utilities. Based on the insufficient evidence before me I dismiss the unpaid utilities portion of the landlords' application. The landlord is entitled to recovery of the \$100.00 filing fee. I order that the landlord retain the \$900.00 security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$4500.00. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

Conclusion

The landlord is granted an order of possession and a monetary order for \$4500.00. The landlord may retain the security deposit.

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: April 21, 2016

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