



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

5th INTERIM DECISION

Dispute Codes: MND, MNR, MNSD, MNDC, FF

This is the fifth interim decision issued for cross applications filed by both parties for monetary compensation against the other party. The previous interim decisions should be read in conjunction with this decision.

Both parties appeared at this reconvened hearing. At the outset, the tenants were given the opportunity to provide their final submissions with respect to the landlord's claims against them. The tenants largely pointed to their written submissions and evidence as their final submission. The majority of the allotted hearing time was spent hearing the tenants' claims against the landlord and the landlord's response to their claims.

As the hearing time was running out, I informed the parties that their final submissions with respect to the tenants' claims shall be made by written submission.

The parties were informed that final written submissions are not to include any new documentary or photographic evidence that has not already been served; however, evidence that has already been served may be referred to in making their final submissions. Each party is to serve their final written submissions upon the other party and me, as follows:

1. Within one week of June 7, 2016, the tenants must send their final written submissions to the landlords at their service address via registered mail.
2. Also within one week of this date, the tenants must send an identical copy of their written submissions to me, along with a copy of the registered mail receipt, including tracking number, used to send their final written submissions to the landlords.
3. Within one week of receiving the tenants' written submissions, the landlords are to provide their written submissions to the tenants via registered mail at their service address. The landlords will be deemed to be in receipt of the tenants' submissions five days after the tenants mail their submissions to the landlords.
4. The landlords are also required to submit an identical copy of their written submissions to me, along with a copy of the registered mail receipt, including

tracking number, used to send their final written submissions to the tenants within one week of receiving the tenants' submissions.

At the end of this hearing I confirmed that the service address for each party is still current and that each party has the service address of the other party. Those service addresses are to be used to send their submissions to the other party.

As for sending written submissions to me, I will accept their submissions by way of facsimile; mail; or, by personal delivery to a Service BC office. I gave the parties the fax number they are to use if they are going to fax their submissions to me. The parties are mark their submissions to my attention and quote the file number.

This proceeding is adjourned while awaiting the written submissions from the parties. As the hearing will not be reconvened to hear from the parties orally, this interim decision is not accompanied by a Notice of Hearing. Rather, as the parties were informed during the hearing, that a final decision shall be issued within 30 days of the deadline for receiving the landlords' final written submissions.

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 10, 2016

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