

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes MT, CNR, OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

# <u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was convened in response to applications by the landlord and the tenants.

The landlord's application is seeking orders as follows:

- 1. For an order of possession for unpaid rent;
- 2. For a monetary order for unpaid rent;
- 3. To keep all or part of the security deposit; and
- 4. To recover the cost of filing the application.

The tenants' application is seeking an order as follows:

1. To cancel a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities.

Both parties appeared gave affirmed testimony and were provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to cross-examine the other party, and make submissions at the hearing.

#### Issues to be Decided

Should the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent be cancelled? Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent? Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order? Is the landlord entitled to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim?

#### Background and Evidence

Based on the testimony of the parties, I find that the tenants were served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent on February 4, 2017. The notice informed the tenants that the notice would be cancelled if the rent was paid within five days. The notice also explains the tenants had five days to dispute the notice.

The parties agreed the tenants did not pay the full amount of rent due within 5 days. The parties agreed the tenants currently owe outstanding rent in the amount of \$750.00.

#### Analysis

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Based on the above, the testimony, and evidence, and on a balance of probabilities, I find as follows:

The tenants did not pay the outstanding rent within five days. Although the tenants disputed the notice, I find their application had no merit as they admitted rent was not paid.

I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession, pursuant to section 55 of the Act, effective **two days** after service on the tenants. This order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

I find that the landlord has established a total monetary claim of **\$850.00** comprised of unpaid rent for March 2017 and the \$100.00 fee paid by the landlord for this application.

I order that the landlord retain the security deposit of \$450.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order pursuant to section 67 of the Act, for the balance due of **\$400.00**. This order may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an order of that court.

## Conclusion

The tenants failed to pay rent. The landlord is granted an order of possession, and may keep the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim. I grant a monetary order for the balance due.

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: March 09, 2017

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