

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNR, MNDCT

#### **Introduction**

I was designated to hear this matter pursuant to section 58 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*). The tenant applied for the following:

- cancellation of the landlord's 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) pursuant to section 46; and
- a monetary order for compensation for losses or other money owed under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67.

The Respondent called into this teleconference hearing at the date and time set for the hearing of this matter. The Applicant did not, although I waited until 11:16 a.m. to enable them to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. During the hearing, I also confirmed from the online teleconference system that the Respondent and I were the only persons who had called into this teleconference.

Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

**10.1 Commencement of the hearing** The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

Accordingly, in the absence of any evidence or submissions from the applicant I order the application dismissed without liberty to reapply.

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## Issues(s) to be Decided

Should the landlord's 10 Day Notice be cancelled? If not, is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession? Is the tenant entitled to a monetary award for losses and/or damages arising out of this tenancy?

# Background and Evidence

As part of their application, the tenant supplied a copy of the landlord's 10 Day Notice, which the landlord testified that they handed to the tenant on March 2, 2019. This Notice, which I find was served in accordance with section 88 of the *Act*, required the tenant to vacate the rental unit by March 11, 2019.

The landlord gave undisputed sworn testimony that the tenant has not paid anything further towards the \$750.00 amount of unpaid rent identified on the 10 Day Notice that was then owing. The landlord also testified that the tenant has not paid anything towards their April 2019 rent.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

Section 26(1) of the *Act* establishes that "a tenant must pay rent when it is due under the tenancy agreement, whether or not the landlord complies with this *Act*, the regulations or the tenancy agreement, unless the tenant has a right under this *Act* to deduct all or a portion of the rent." Section 46(1) of the *Act* establishes how a landlord may end a tenancy for unpaid rent "by giving notice to end the tenancy effective on a date that is not earlier than 10 days after the date the tenant receives the notice." Section 46(2) of the *Act* requires that "a notice under this section must comply with section 52 [form and content of notice to end tenancy].

I am satisfied that the landlord's 10 Day Notice entered into written evidence was on the proper RTB form and complied with the content requirements of section 52 of the *Act*. For these reasons, I find that the landlord is entitled to a 2 day Order of Possession. The landlord will be given a formal Order of Possession which must be served on the tenant. If the tenant does not vacate the rental unit within the 2 days required, the landlord may enforce this Order in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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## Conclusion

The tenant's application is dismissed without leave to reapply. I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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 16, 2019	
	Residential Tenancy Branch