

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding VICTORIA COOL AID SOCIETY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

# **DECISION**

Dispute Codes OPC

## Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord filed under the Residential Tenancy Act, (the "Act"), for an order of possession, based on a One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause, issued on October 21, 2019.

The landlord's agent attended the hearing. As the tenant did not attend the hearing, service of the Notice of Dispute Resolution Hearing was considered.

The Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure states that the respondent must be served with a copy of the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing.

The landlord's agent testified the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing were served in person on December 13, 2019. I find that the tenant has been duly served in accordance with the Act.

The landlord's agent appeared gave testimony and was provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to make submissions to me.

#### Issues to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?

## Background and Evidence

Based on the testimony of the landlord's agent, I find that the tenant was served with a One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the "Notice"), issued on October 21,

2019, by posting the Notice to the door on October 23, 2019, which was witnessed. I find the tenant was deemed served on October 26, 2019, three days after the Notice was posted.

The Notice explains the tenant had ten days to dispute the Notice. The Notice further explains if the Notice is not disputed within the ten days that the tenant is presumed to accept the Notice and must move out of the rental unit by the date specified in the Notice.

The landlord's agent testified that the tenant did not dispute the Notice and is still living in the rental premise. The agent stated that rent that was sent from the Ministry for January 2020, was returned.

### Analysis

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

I accept the evidence of the landlord that the Notice was completed in accordance with Part 4 of the Act - How to End a Tenancy, pursuant to section 47 of the Act. A copy of the Notice was filed in evidence for my review and consideration.

I find the Notice was completed in the approved form and the contents meets the statutory requirements under section 52 of the Act.

Further, I accept the evidence of the landlord's agent that the tenant was served with the Notice in compliance with the service provisions under section 88 of the Act.

I am satisfied based on the landlord's agent evidence that the landlord has met the statutory requirements under the Act to end a tenancy.

The tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice and therefore conclusively presumed under section 47(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice. I find the tenancy legally ended on November 30, 2019, and the tenant is now overholding the premise.

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 tenant. This order may be filed in the

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Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court. The **tenant is cautioned** that

costs of such enforcement are recoverable from the tenant.

Conclusion

The tenant failed to dispute the Notice. The tenant is presumed under the law to have

accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice to end tenancy.

The landlord is granted an order of possession.

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: January 03, 2020

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