

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Lakeshore Realty Ltd. and Uppal Holdings and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNC, MNDCT, RP, RR, LRE, PSF, AAT, MNRT, DRI, FFT

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for:

- cancellation of the landlord's 1 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the 1 Month Notice) pursuant to section 47;
- a monetary order for money owed, or compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67;
- an order to the landlord to make repairs to the rental unit pursuant to section 33;
- an order to allow the tenant to reduce rent for repairs, services or facilities agreed upon but not provided, pursuant to section 65;
- a determination regarding their dispute of an additional rent increase by the landlord pursuant to section 43;
- an order to the landlord to provide services or facilities required by law pursuant to section 65;
- an order to suspend or set conditions on the landlord's right to enter the rental unit pursuant to section 70;
- an order to allow access to or from the rental unit or site for the tenant or the tenant's guests pursuant to section 70; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord, pursuant to section 72 of the Act.

While the landlord's agent, MD ("landlord"), attended the hearing by way of conference call, the tenant did not. I waited until 11:10 a.m. to enable the tenant to participate in this scheduled hearing for 11:00 am. The landlord was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. 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 landlord's agent and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

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The landlord confirmed receipt of the tenant's application for dispute resolution hearing package ("Application") and evidence. In accordance with sections 88 and 89 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord was duly served copies of the tenant's application and evidentiary materials. The landlord testified that the tenant was personally served with the landlord's evidentiary materials on December 1, 2020. In accordance with section 88 of the *Act*, I find the tenant duly served with the landlord's evidentiary materials.

The landlord testified that the 1 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause dated September 18, 2020, ('the 1 Month Notice") was posted on the tenant's door on September 18, 2020. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find the tenant deemed served with the 1 Month Notice on September 21, 2020, 3 days after posting.

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply

Section 55(1) of the Act reads as follows:

- 55 (1) If a tenant makes an application for dispute resolution to dispute a landlord's notice to end a tenancy, the director must grant to the landlord an order of possession of the rental unit if
 - (a) the landlord's notice to end tenancy complies with section 52 [form and content of notice to end tenancy], and
 - (b) the director, during the dispute resolution proceeding, dismisses the tenant's application or upholds the landlord's notice.

In the absence of any evidence or submissions from the applicant in the hearing, I order the tenant's entire application dismissed without liberty to reapply.

A copy of the 1 Month Notice was submitted by the tenant for this hearing, and I find that the landlord's 1 Month Notice complies with section 52 of the *Act*, which states that the Notice must: be in writing and must: (a) be signed and dated by the landlord or tenant giving the notice, (b) give the address of the rental unit, (c) state the effective date of the notice, (d) except for a notice under section 45 (1) or (2) [tenant's notice], state the

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grounds for ending the tenancy, and (e) when given by a landlord, be in the approved form.

Based on my decision to dismiss the tenant's application for dispute resolution and pursuant to section 55(1) of the *Act*, I find that this tenancy ended on the corrected, effective date of the 1 Month Notice, October 31, 2020. As the tenant has not moved out, 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.

Conclusion

I dismiss the tenant's entire application without leave to reapply. I find that the landlord's 1 Month Notice is valid and effective as of October 31, 2020.

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: December 7, 2020

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