



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding FIRST UNITED CHURCH SOCIAL HOUSING  
SOCIETY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

**Dispute Codes**      **OPR-DR-PP, MNR-DR, FFL**

### **Introduction**

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*), and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the Landlord to obtain an order of possession based on unpaid rent, to obtain monetary compensation for unpaid rent, and to recover the filing fee paid for the application.

This decision is written based on the Application for Dispute Resolution, evidence, and submissions provided by the Landlord on September 1, 2021.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding form which declares that on September 16, 2021, the Landlord sent the Tenant the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request by registered mail to an address that is not the rental unit. The Landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the tracking number to confirm this mailing.

### **Issues to be Decided**

Is the Landlord entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Is the Landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?

Is the Landlord entitled to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*?

### **Analysis**

In this type of matter, the Landlord must prove they served the Tenant with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding – Direct Request and all documents in support of the application in accordance with section 89 of the *Act* which permits service by sending a copy by registered mail to the address at which the person resides or, by sending a copy by registered mail to a forwarding address provided by the Tenant.

I find that the address indicated on the Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding form is not the rental address established in the tenancy agreement. There is also no indication as to whether the Tenant resides at this alternative address or whether they have provided the Landlord this address for service of documents.

As I am not able to confirm service of the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request to the Tenant, which is a requirement of the Direct Request process, the Landlord's application for an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent is dismissed with leave to reapply.

As the Landlord was not successful in this application, I find that the Landlord is not entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

### Conclusion

I dismiss the Landlord's application for an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent with leave to reapply.

I dismiss the Landlord's application to recover the filing fee paid for this application without leave to reapply.

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: October 07, 2021

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