

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNR

Introduction

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

• Cancellation of a 10 Day Notice for Unpaid Rent pursuant to section 46 of the *Act.*

Only the tenant and his advocate T.G. attended the way by way of conference call which lasted approximately ten minutes. The parties confirmed they were not recording the hearing pursuant to Rule of Procedure 6.11.

The tenant said he served the landlord with his application for dispute by way of Canada Post Registered Mail, though the tenant could not recall which date this package was sent nor could the tenant produce a copy of the Registered Mail receipt. The tenant's advocate reviewed her notes and stated they recorded the Registered Mail as being sent of February 14, 2022, however, she too did not have a receipt or a tracking number for the package.

A review of the evidence submitted by the tenant contains no copy of the Canada Post Registered Mail receipt or tracking number.

<u>Analysis</u>

While Canada Post Registered Mail is a recognized form of service pursuant to section 89 of the *Act*, it is imperative that a party retain a copy of all documents associated with proof of service.

*Residential Tenancy Policy Guideline #*12 states as follows, "Where the respondent does not appear at a dispute resolution hearing, the applicant must be prepared to

prove service of the notice of hearing package. Proof of service forms may be submitted in support of claims for dispute resolution in accordance with the Rules of Procedure...Proof of service by Registered Mail should include the original Canada Post Registered Mail receipt containing the date of service, the address of service, and that the address of service was the person's residence at the time of service, or the landlord's place of conducting business as a landlord at the time of service as well as a copy of the printed tracking report."

I find the tenant has failed to adequately demonstrate proof of service related to his documents sent by way of Registered Mail. For this reason, the tenant's application is dismissed with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

The tenant has not sufficiently demonstrated that he served the landlord with his application for dispute in a manner allowed and required by section 89(1) of the *Act*. The tenant's application is dismissed with 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: May 10, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch