



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding FORT ST. JOHN NATIVE BC HOUSING
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes **CNC-MT**

Introduction

This hearing was convened as a result of the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution, made on March 10, 2023 (the "Application"). The Tenant applied for more time to extend the time limit established by the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") to make an Application for dispute resolution to obtain an order cancelling a One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause.

The hearing was scheduled for 9:30 AM on June 26, 2023 as a teleconference hearing. The Landlord's Agent D.L. attended the hearing at the appointed date and time. No one appeared for the Tenant. The conference call line remained open and was monitored for 10 minutes before the call ended. 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 Landlord, the Landlord's Agent, and I were the only persons who had called into this teleconference.

Preliminary Matters

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure states that if a party does not attend the hearing, the hearing may proceed without that party or the application may be dismissed with or without leave to reapply. As no one attended the hearing for the Tenant, I dismiss the Tenant's application without leave to reapply.

I note that Section 55 of the *Act* requires that when a Tenant submits an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to cancel a notice to end tenancy issued by a Landlord I must consider if the Landlord is entitled to an order of possession if the Application is dismissed and the Landlord has issued a notice to end tenancy that is compliant with the *Act*.

At the beginning of the hearing, it was discovered that neither party submitted a copy of the One Month Notice that the Tenant was seeking to dispute, and that the Landlord was seeking an order of possession for.

Section 59 provides that an Application for Dispute Resolution must include the full particulars of the dispute that is to be the subject of the dispute resolution proceeding. Rules 2.5 and 3.1 require that a tenant disputing a notice to end tenancy must provide a copy of the notice to end tenancy they seek to dispute at the time of filing the Application for Dispute Resolution and serve it upon the respondent along with the proceeding package. These requirements are in keeping with the principles of natural justice and intended to ensure a fair proceeding.

Below, I have reproduced Rule 2.5 for the parties' reference:

2.5 Documents that must be submitted with an Application for Dispute Resolution

To the extent possible, the applicant should submit the following documents at the same time as the application is submitted:

- a detailed calculation of any monetary claim being made;
- a copy of the Notice to End Tenancy, if the applicant seeks an order of possession or to cancel a Notice to End Tenancy; and
- copies of all other documentary and digital evidence to be relied on in the proceeding, subject to Rule 3.17 [Consideration of new and relevant evidence].

When submitting applications using the Online Application for Dispute Resolution, the applicant must upload the required documents with the application or submit them to the Residential Tenancy Branch directly or through a Service BC Office within three days of submitting the Online Application for Dispute Resolution.

[My emphasis underlined]

In seeking to cancel a notice to end tenancy, I can think of no other document that is more relevant than the notice to end tenancy. The Landlord's Agent confirmed during the hearing that they did not submit a copy of the One Month Notice for my consideration.

In light of the above, I dismiss the Tenant's Application to dispute the One Month Notice. I do not provide the Landlord with an Order of Possession as provided under

section 55 of the Act, as I do not have a copy of the One Month Notice before me and I am unable to verify that the notice compiles with the form and content requirements of the Act.

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: June 26, 2023

Residential Tenancy Branch