

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding SUTTON GROUP - PROACT REALTY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR

<u>Introduction</u>

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 for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent and a Monetary Order.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on March 30, 2017, the landlord personally served the tenant the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding. The landlord had a witness sign the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to confirm this mailing. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant has been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on March 30, 2017.

Issue(s) 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*?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

 A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenant;

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- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenant on September 13, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$650.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on September 1, 2014;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet and ledger showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated June 6, 2017, and personally served to the tenant on March 6, 2017, with a stated effective vacancy date of March 16, 2017, for \$13,650.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally served to the tenant at 5:45 (a.m. or p.m. not indicated) on March 6, 2017. The 10 Day Notice states that the tenant had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with section 88 of the *Act,* I find that the tenant was duly served with the 10 Day Notice on March 6, 2017.

Section 68 of the *Act* allows for the 10 Day Notice to be amended when it is reasonable to do so. I find that the date of the 10 Day Notice is for a date in the future that had not occurred at the time that the 10 Day Notice was issued to the tenant, although the Notice was given to the tenant for rent owing in the month that it was received. For this reason, I have amended the date of the 10 Day Notice to reflect the day it was witnessed being given to the tenant, March 6, 2017.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$650.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that 5 day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, March 16, 2017.

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Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order in the amount of \$13,650.00, the amount claimed by the landlord, for unpaid rent owing for the period of July 2015 to March 2017 as of March 29, 2017.

Conclusion

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.

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a Monetary Order in the amount of \$13,650.00 for rent owed for the period of July 2015 to March 2017. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

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: March 31, 2017

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