IN THE MATTER between **NORTHERN PROPERTY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST**, Applicant, and **WILLIAM ALEEKUK**, Respondent;

AND IN THE MATTER of the **Residential Tenancies Act** R.S.N.W.T. 1988, Chapter R-5 (the "Act");

AND IN THE MATTER of a Hearing before, **HAL LOGSDON**, Rental Officer, regarding the rental premises at **INUVIK**, **NT**.

BETWEEN:

NORTHERN PROPERTY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

Applicant/Landlord

- and -

WILLIAM ALEEKUK

Respondent/Tenant

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Pursuant to section 41(4)(a) of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, the respondent shall pay the applicant rent arrears in the amount of four thousand four hundred seven dollars and seventy four cents (\$4407.74).
- 2. Pursuant to sections 41(4)(c) and 83(2) of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, the tenancy agreement between the parties for the premises known as Apartment 103, 20 Boot Lake Road, Inuvik, NT shall be terminated on August 28, 2007 and the respondent shall vacate the premises on that day, unless the rent arrears are paid in full.

3. Pursuant to section 41(4)(b) of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, the respondent shall pay future rent on time.

DATED at the City of Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories this 7th day of August, 2007.

Hal Logsdon Rental Officer IN THE MATTER between **NORTHERN PROPERTY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST**, Applicant, and **WILLIAM ALEEKUK**, Respondent.

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REASONS FOR DECISION

Date of the Hearing: August 7, 2007

<u>Place of the Hearing:</u> Inuvik, NT via teleconference

Appearances at Hearing: Darrin Holmes, representing the applicant

Date of Decision: August 7, 2007

REASONS FOR DECISION

The respondent was served with a Notice of Attendance sent by registered mail. The applicant testified that the respondent was still in possession of the premises. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing and the hearing was held in his absence.

The applicant alleged that the respondent had breached the tenancy agreement by failing to pay rent and sought an order requiring the respondent to pay the alleged rent arrears and terminating the tenancy agreement between the parties.

The applicant provided a statement of the rent account which indicated a balance of rent owing as at June 4, 2007 in the amount of \$2882.74. The applicant testified that since that date the July, 2007 rent of \$1100 and the August, 2007 rent of \$1100 had come due and no payments had been received. That brings the balance owing to \$5082.74 but the statement includes late fees of \$75 and a security deposit charge of \$600. As I have noted in numerous other matters involving this landlord, the \$25 monthly late fee is not in accordance with the *Residential Tenancies Act*. Subtracting these amounts from the balance, I find rent arrears in the amount of \$4407.74.

I find the respondent in breach of his obligation to pay rent and find rent arrears in the amount of \$4407.74. The evidence indicates that no rent has been paid since April, 2007. In my opinion, there are sufficient grounds to terminate the tenancy agreement unless the rent arrears are promptly paid.

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An order shall issue requiring the respondent to pay the applicant rent arrears in the amount of

\$4407.74 and terminating the tenancy agreement on August 28, 2007 unless the arrears are paid

in full. Should the tenancy agreement continue, the respondent is ordered to pay future rent on

time.

Hal Logsdon

Rental Officer