IN THE MATTER between **NTHC**, Applicant, and **GC**, 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 Adelle Guigon, Rental Officer,

BETWEEN:

NTHC

Applicant/Landlord

-and-

GC

Respondent/Tenant

REASONS FOR DECISION

Date of the Hearing:April 20, 2017Place of the Hearing:Fort Resolution, Northwest TerritoriesAppearances at Hearing:EAM, representing the applicantDate of Decision:April 20, 2017

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An application to a rental officer made by FRHA on behalf of the NTHC as the applicant/landlord against GC as the respondent/tenant was filed by the Rental Office February 22, 2017. The application was made regarding a subsidized public housing residential tenancy agreement for a rental premises located in Fort Resolution, Northwest Territories. The filed application was served on the respondent by registered mail signed for February 16, 2017.

The applicant alleged the respondent had repeatedly failed to pay rent and had accumulated rental arrears. An order was sought for payment of rental arrears, payment of future rent on time, termination of the tenancy agreement, and eviction.

A hearing was scheduled for April 20, 2017, in Fort Resolution. The Rental Officer appeared by telephone. EAM appeared representing the applicant. GC was sent notice of the hearing by registered mail deemed served April 6, 2017, pursuant to section 71(5) of the *Residential Tenancies Act* (the Act). The respondent did not appear at the hearing, nor did anyone appear on his behalf. The hearing proceeded in the respondent's absence pursuant to section 80(2) of the Act.

Tenancy agreement

The applicant's representative testified and provided evidence establishing a residential tenancy agreement between the parties for subsidized public housing commencing June 10, 2014. I am satisfied a valid tenancy agreement is in place in accordance with the Act.

Rental arrears

The lease balance statements entered into evidence represent the landlord's accounting of monthly assessed rents and payments received against the respondent's rent account. All rents have been subsidized and are currently assessed at \$75 per month. No payments or insufficient payments were received in six of the last 12 months.

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I am satisfied the lease balance statements accurately reflect the current status of the respondent's rent account. I find the respondent has repeatedly failed to pay his rent when due and has accumulated rental arrears in the amount of \$217. This amount represents approximately three months' subsidized rent.

The applicant's representative withdrew their request for termination of the tenancy agreement and eviction, seeking only an order for payment of rental arrears and payment of future rent on time.

Orders

An order will issue requiring the respondent to pay rental arrears in the amount of \$217 and requiring the respondent to pay his rent on time in the future.

Adelle Guigon Rental Officer