IN THE MATTER between NPRLP, Applicant, and SW, 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:** 

**NPRLP** 

Applicant/Landlord

-and-

SW

Respondent/Tenant

# **REASONS FOR DECISION**

Date of the Hearing: July 5, 2018

<u>Place of the Hearing</u>: Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

**Appearances at Hearing:** CDL, representing the applicant

Date of Decision: July 5, 2018

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

An application to a rental officer made by NPRLP as the applicant/landlord against SW as the respondent/tenant was filed by the Rental Office April 20, 2018. The application was made regarding a residential tenancy agreement for a rental premises located in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. The filed application was served on the respondent by email deemed received May 10, 2018, pursuant to subsection 4(4) of the *Residential Tenancies Regulations* (the Regulations).

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, termination of the tenancy agreement, and eviction.

A hearing was scheduled for July 5, 2018, in Yellowknife. CDL appeared representing the applicant. SW was served notice of the hearing by email deemed received May 10, 2018, pursuant to subsection 4(4) of the Regulations. The respondent did not appear at the hearing, nor did anyone appear on the respondent's behalf. The hearing proceeded in the respondent's absence pursuant to subsection 80(2) of the *Residential Tenancies Act* (the Act).

## Tenancy agreement

The applicant's representative testified and evidence was presented establishing a residential tenancy agreement between the parties commencing April 1, 2017. I am satisfied a valid tenancy agreement is in place in accordance with the Act.

#### Rental arrears

The resident ledgers entered into evidence represent the landlord's accounting of monthly rent, late payment penalties, and payments received against the respondent's rent account. The current rent was established at \$1,882 per month. The late payment penalties have been calculated in accordance with the Act and Regulations. No payments were received in seven of the last 12 months of the tenancy, with the last payment being received February 28, 2018, in the amount of \$2,000.

I am satisfied the resident ledgers accurately reflect the current status of the respondent's rent account. I find the respondent has repeatedly failed to pay rent and has accumulated rental arrears in the amount of \$11,191.12.

Termination of the tenancy agreement and eviction

In light of the respondent's repeated failure to pay rent and the substantial amount of rental arrears accumulated, I am satisfied termination of the tenancy agreement and eviction are justified.

### Orders

### An order will issue:

- requiring the respondent to pay rental arrears in the amount of \$11,191.12;
- terminating the tenancy agreement July 31, 2018;
- evicting the respondent from the rental premises August 1, 2018; and
- requiring the respondent to pay compensation for use and occupation of the rental premises at a rate of \$66.97 for each day the respondent remains in the rental premises after July 31, 2018, to a maximum of \$2,037 per month.

Adelle Guigon Rental Officer