

Docket LR17015 Order LR17-10

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal filed under Section 25 of the Rental of Residential Property Act by Shelley Nicholson against Order LD17-194 dated August 9, 2017 issued by the Office of the Director of Residential Rental Property.

# **BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

on Friday, the 8th day of September, 2017.

John Broderick, Commissioner M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair Jean Tingley, Commissioner



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(Sgd.) Susan Jefferson

Commission Administrator Corporate Services and Appeals **IN THE MATTER** of an appeal filed under Section 25 of the Rental of Residential Property Act by Shelley Nicholson against Order LD17-194 dated August 9, 2017 issued by the Office of the Director of Residential Rental Property.

# Order

# BACKGROUND

On August 31, 2017 the Commission received a Notice of Appeal from a lessee, Shelley Nicholson (the "Appellant"), requesting an appeal of Order LD17-194 dated August 9, 2017 issued by the Director of Residential Rental Property (the "Director").

By way of background, on July 26, 2017, a lessor, A & M Rentals (the "Respondent") filed with the Director a Form 2 – Application for Enforcement of Statutory or Other Conditions of Rental Agreement seeking remedy by way of an Order that possession of the residential premises be surrendered to the lessor and directing the Sheriff to put the lessor in possession. Attached to the Form 2 was a Form 4 – Notice of Termination by Lessor of Rental Agreement dated July 5, 2017

The matter was heard by the Director on August 9, 2017 and in Order LD17-194 the Director ordered:

#### "IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT

1. Possession of the residential premises be surrendered to the lessor and the Sheriff is directed to put the lessor in possession of the residential premises at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 17, 2017."

The Commission heard the appeal on September 8, 2017. The Appellant was not present. The Respondent was represented by Joe Gallant ("Mr. Gallant").

#### EVIDENCE

As the Appellant was not present at the hearing, the Commission Administrator noted on the hearing record the efforts of Commission staff to contact the Appellant in order to inform her of the date, time and location of the hearing, as well as provide her with all associated documentation.

### DECISION

The Commission is satisfied that all reasonable efforts to contact the Appellant had been made. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the Appellant has abandoned her appeal and thus Director's Order LD17-194 remains in full force and effect.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the *Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission Act* and the *Rental of Residential Property Act* 

# IT IS ORDERED THAT

- 1. The Appeal has been abandoned by the Appellant.
- 2. Director's Order LD17-194 remains in full force and effect.

**DATED** at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this **8th** day of **September**, **2017**.

BY THE COMMISSION:

(sgd. John Broderick) John Broderick, Commissioner

(sgd. M. Douglas Clow) M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair

(sgd. Jean Tingley) Jean Tingley, Commissioner

# NOTICE

Sections 26.(2), 26.(3), 26.(4) and 26.(5) of the **Rental of Residential Property Act** provide as follows:

26.(2) A lessor or lessee may, within fifteen days of the decision of the Commission, appeal to the court on a question of law only.

(3) The rules of court governing appeals apply to an appeal under subsection (2).

(4) Where the Commission has confirmed, reversed or varied an order of the Director and no appeal has been taken within the time specified in subsection (2), the lessor or lessee may file the order in the court.

(5) Where an order is filed pursuant to subsection (4), it may be enforced as if it were an order of the court.

# **NOTICE: IRAC File Retention**

In accordance with the Commission's Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, the material contained in the official file regarding this matter will be retained by the Commission for a period of 2 years.

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