

CRT USE ONLY

File: SC-2017-003751

Type: Small Claims

Civil Resolution Tribunal

#### **BETWEEN:**

- Please enter legal names of all applicants exactly as they appear on the Dispute Notice or on the most recent Amended Dispute Notice
- If the applicant is a strata, identify either the legal name of the strata corporation or the separate strata section as appropriate

**Brittney Hackett** 

Matthew Hackett

**APPLICANTS** 

#### AND:

- Please enter legal names of all respondents exactly as they appear on the Dispute Notice or on the most recent Amended Dispute Notice
- If the respondent is a strata, identify either the legal name of the strata corporation or the separate strata section as appropriate

Lucas Swaddling

**RESPONDENT** 

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**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER** 

Tribunal Member: Shelley Lopez

Date: January 10, 2018





#### **DISPUTE NUMBER & DECLARATION**

Enter the Dispute Number as it appears on the Dispute Notice.

Example: ST-2017-12345 or SC-2017-12345

#### SC-2017-003751



I confirm I have provided the Dispute Notice to all respondents. The CRT advised me that no respondent has submitted a Dispute Response Form.



You must provide evidence showing how you provided the Dispute Notice for each respondent and attach it separately to the email you send with this form. See the instruction sheet for what must be provided.

# REQUEST FOR DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER



#### A. MONETARY CLAIMS AND ORDERS

Liability is assumed in default orders. This means you do not need to prove the other party is at fault. If your claim is for a "debt", you do not have to provide evidence of the debt or the amount owing. The CRT does require that you provide evidence for non-debt claims. The differences between the two types of claims are discussed below.

#### **DFBT CLAIMS**

A debt claim is a claim for a specific amount of money that the other party has agreed to pay you. For example, the other party agreed in a contract to pay you for services or goods. Another example is a strata corporation claim for fees or fines owed by an owner or tenant. Only include claims that you included in your application for dispute resolution. Do not add new claims. Do not include CRT fees, dispute-related expenses, or interest - those amounts are entered in other sections of this form.

- Do not provide evidence for debt claims.
- Do not add additional principal amounts that were not owing as of the date of the Dispute Notice.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the amounts you are claiming are supported by your contract or agreement.
- You can't claim a contractual rate of interest in Section 4 if you did not request it in the Dispute Notice.

#### **NON-DEBT CLAIMS**

A non-debt claim is a claim where the exact amount owed has not been determined or agreed to. For example, the other party damaged your fence, and you are claiming the cost to repair it.

- Describe each claim and the amount of your non-debt claim..
- Describe evidence you have to support each claim in the section provided. You must provide a copy of
  evidence to support the amount or value of each claim. Please remember to attach an electronic copy of the
  evidence when you submit this form.
- For example, if the other party damaged your fence and you are claiming repair costs, you should provide receipts that show the amount of money needed to repair your fence. You don't need to provide evidence to show that the respondent caused the damage. The other party is assumed to be at fault because they did not respond to your Dispute Notice.



A. Monetary Claims and Orders (do not include interest)	Claim Amount (\$)	CRT USE ONLY Order (\$)
1. Describe claim "1":		
Wedding video by Van Visuals on August 6, 2016 not delivered.  CRT: see attached pages for order on this claim.  If claim 1 is a non-debt claim, describe evidence to support the amount of (see above for information on debt claims and non-debt claims)	\$1000.00 claim 1	\$0.00
2. Describe claim "2":	\$0.00	\$0.00
If claim 2 is a non-debt claim, describe evidence to support the amount of If claim 2 (see above for information on debt claims and non-debt claims)		
3. Describe claim "3":	\$0.00	\$0.00
If claim 3 is a non-debt claim, describe evidence to support the amount of If claim 3 (see above for information on debt claims and non-debt claims)	claim. 	
Total Orders on Monetary Claims		\$0.00

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#### **B. NON-MONETARY CLAIMS - OTHER ORDERS**

(For example, requests for a party to do or stop doing something)

If you would like the tribunal to order a party to do or stop doing something, include it below. Explain what you would like the tribunal to order, and why you would like the order. For example, an order that my neighbour stop spraying pesticide on my lawn because it is affecting my health. Or, you want another strata owner to stop using your parking spot.

Please note the CRT will not generally order parties to apologize, make donations, or stop serving on strata councils.

#### REQUESTS FOR A PARTY TO DO OR STOP DOING SOMETHING

Party name:	What would like them to do or stop doing?
Lucas Swaddling	I want Lucas Swaddling to provide the video package (as described in contract) and a full refund of the fees charged.
	Why?
Party name:	What would like them to do or stop doing?
	Why?
Party name:	What would like them to do or stop doing?
	Why?



#### C. CRT FEES AND DISPUTE-RELATED EXPENSES

You can claim CRT filing fees and reasonable expenses you paid to prepare for the CRT dispute resolution process. Generally, the CRT will not order the reimbursement of fees paid to a lawyer or other representative. If you are claiming more than \$50, please submit your receipts to the tribunal by email, along with this form. For expense claims for \$50 or less, retain your receipts in case the CRT requests them later.

CRT Fees and Expenses Description	Expense Amount (\$)	CRT USE ONLY Order (\$)
a. Service fees (For example, courier or registered mail)  (receipts required, if total of a. service fees, b. cost of expert reports, and c. other expenses is more than \$50)	\$9.00	\$9.00
b. Cost of expert reports to support CRT claim (receipts required, if total of a. service fees, b. cost of expert reports, and c. other expenses is more than \$50)	\$0.00	\$0.00
c. Other expenses (receipts required if more than \$50) expense description:	\$0.00	\$0.00
d. CRT Application and other CRT fees		\$100.00
Total fees and dispute-related expenses		\$109.00



#### **D. INTEREST**

Please enter the interest rate that applies to your claim. Note that interest applies only to monetary orders (debt and non-debt) and doesn't apply to non-monetary awards. The interest rate must be specified in your contract or strata bylaws and claimed in your Dispute notice. If it is not, please refer to the Court Order Interest Act to identify the applicable interest rate. Do not submit your contract. The CRT will calculate interest from the date of the Dispute Notice to the date of the Default Order. For more information on Court Order Interest please see:

http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/supreme court/about the supreme court/Court Order Interest Rates.aspx

NOTE: If you don't calculate your interest claim correctly, or tick the box below to waive your claim, the CRT will return your form. There will be a delay in getting your default decision and order from the CRT.

Interest Item	Applicant Submission	CRT USE ONLY Order (\$)
1. Principal amount owing as of date of the dispute notice:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Contractual rate of interest (if any, specified as an annual rate) Leave this blank if you didn't claim a contractual rate of interest in the Dispute Notice. You will be entitled to interest under the Court Order Interest Act.	0.00%	%
3. Interest on principal amount owing up to the date of the dispute notice calculated according to the contractual rate (above, if applicable) or the <b>Court Order Interest Act</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Interest from the Dispute Notice date to the Default Order date FOR CRT USE ONLY		\$0.00
Total Interest Order:		\$0.00

I am waiving my claim for interest (Untick this box only after you have entered details of your interest claim above)

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The applicant is also entitled to post-judgment interest.

TOTAL MONETARY ORDER: \$109.00 - orders following





# **CRT Default Decision and Order**

The applicant(s) applied for small claims dispute resolution with the Civil Resolution Tribunal (CRT or tribunal) and requested a default decision and order of the tribunal. The following is the tribunal's default Decision and Order.

#### **CRT DECISION**

#### **Proof of Notice:**

- A respondent must respond to a Dispute Notice within 14 days of receiving the Dispute Notice, as indicated on the Dispute Response Form or as permitted by the tribunal.
- 2. Having reviewed the evidence, I am satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the respondent(s) received the Dispute Notice and did not respond to it by the deadline set out in the tribunal's rules.

## Jurisdiction:

- 3. The tribunal's jurisdiction is set out under sections 3.1 and 3.6 of the *Civil Resolution Tribunal Act* (Act). The applicable tribunal rules are those in place at the time the Dispute Notice is issued.
- The tribunal will make a binding decision without the participation of the respondent(s). The tribunal will send the parties a copy of the final decision and order.
- 5. Under the Act and the tribunal's rules, in resolving this dispute the tribunal may order a party to do or stop doing something, pay money or make an order that includes any terms or conditions the tribunal considers appropriate.



## **Decision:**

- 6. In accordance with the Act and the tribunal's rules, I find the respondent(s) must pay the applicant(s) the monetary amounts as set out in the preceding pages. This amount is payable immediately.
- 7. I find the applicant(s) is entitled to any applicable post-judgment interest, which is not included as part of the "total order" amount.
- 8. While liability is assumed in default decisions, I must still assess the value of the claims. Here, the applicants seek both a refund of the \$1,000 fee paid to the respondent and delivery of the wedding video package that is the subject of that fee.
- 9. I do not consider it reasonable for the applicants to obtain double recovery, which would essentially be the result if they received the requested refund and the video. That said, in this case I accept that a monetary order may not necessarily be sufficient. There is sentimental value in the wedding video package, given that it captured moments from a special occasion. On the other hand, it may be that the respondent for some reason no longer has the applicants' wedding video package and in that event the \$1,000 fee refund would be appropriate. My orders reflecting these circumstances are set out below.

### CRT ORDER

- 10. The following tribunal order is made subject to the following conditions being met:
  - (a) the deadline for making a Notice of Objection under section 56.1 (2) of the Act has expired (that deadline is 28 days after the party receives the decision), and
  - (b) the tribunal has advised the applicant(s) in writing that no Notice of Objection has been made.



- 11. In accordance with the Act and the tribunal's rules, further to the decision set out above, I order the respondent to immediately pay the applicants the monetary orders set out in the preceding pages.
- 12. In addition to the \$109.00 ordered in the preceding pages, I order the following:
  - a. Within 7 days, the respondent must deliver to the applicants the wedding video package, in accordance with the terms of the parties' contract.
  - b. If the respondent fails to comply with my order directly above, the respondent must immediately refund the applicants \$1,000.00.
- 13. The applicant is also entitled to post-judgment interest.
- 14. Orders for financial compensation or the return of personal property can be enforced through the Provincial Court of British Columbia, so long as the principal value is within its jurisdiction under the *Small Claims Act* (currently \$35,000). The applicant(s) can enforce this final decision by filing in the Provincial Court of British Columbia a validated copy of this Order. Once filed, a tribunal order has the same force and effect as an order of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Tribunal Member:	Shelley Lopez, Vice Chair
Tribunal Member Signature:	