

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding CML PROPERTIES and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDC, MNSD

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("*Act*") for:

- a monetary order for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the Act, Residential Tenancy Regulation ("Regulation") or tenancy agreement, pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to obtain a return of a portion of the security deposit, pursuant to section 38.

The landlord's two agents, "MW' and "SG" (collectively "landlord") and the tenant attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. MW confirmed that he is the licensed property manager and SG is the on-site caretaker for the landlord company named in this application. Both agents confirmed that they had authority to speak on behalf of the landlord company at this hearing.

The landlord confirmed receipt of the tenant's application for dispute resolution hearing package ("Application") and the tenant confirmed receipt of the landlord's written evidence package. In accordance with sections 88, 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord was duly served with the tenant's Application and the tenant was duly served with the landlord's written evidence.

<u>Analysis</u>

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

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Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues with respect to this entire tenancy:

- Both parties agreed that the landlord will retain the tenant's entire security deposit of \$550.00;
- 2. Both parties agreed that the landlord will not pursue any future claims against the tenant arising out of this tenancy, including a claim for \$252.00 which the tenant agreed to on the move-out condition inspection report;
- 3. Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of the tenant's Application at this hearing and any issues arising out of this tenancy;
- 4. Both parties agreed that they will not initiate any further claims or applications against each other at the Residential Tenancy Branch, with respect to any issues arising out of this tenancy.

These particulars comprise a full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute and arising out of this tenancy. Both parties testified at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above settlement terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties testified that they understood that the settlement terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, settling all aspects of this dispute and arising out of this tenancy.

Conclusion

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties and as advised to both parties during the hearing, I order the landlord to retain the tenant's entire security deposit of \$550.00.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: July 06, 2016

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