



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

**Dispute Codes:** *MNSD, DRI, MNDC, RR, FF*

### **Introduction**

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant, pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act*, for a monetary order for the return of double the security and pet deposits, the return of overpaid utilities and for the recovery of the filing fee. The tenant also applied for a rent reduction and to dispute a rent increase.

Both parties attended the hearing and were given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions.

The landlord acknowledged receipt of evidence submitted by the tenant but stated that the digital evidence was damaged upon receipt. Both parties gave affirmed testimony.

The tenancy ended on September 30, 2015 and therefore the tenant's application for a rent reduction and to dispute a rent increase is moot and accordingly dismissed.

### **Issues to be Decided**

Is the tenant entitled to the return of the double the security, the return of overpaid utilities and pet deposits and for the recovery of the filing fee?

### **Background and Evidence**

The tenancy started on February 01, 2015. Prior to moving in the tenant paid a security deposit of \$680.00 and a pet deposit of \$670.00. The tenancy ended on September 30, 2015. The landlord agreed that he received the tenant's forwarding address on October 02, 2015. The tenant made this application on October 22, 2015.

The tenant's monetary claim was discussed at length. During the hearing the parties engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

### **Analysis**

Pursuant to Section 63 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the hearing, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order.

During this hearing, the parties reached an agreement to settle these matters, on the following conditions:

1. The tenant agreed to accept \$2,000.00 in full and final settlement of all claims against the landlord. A monetary order will be issued to the tenant for this amount.
2. The landlord agreed to pay the tenant \$2,000.00 in full and final settlement of all claims against the tenant.
3. Both parties stated that they understood and agreed to the above terms of this agreement which comprise full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties.

### **Conclusion**

Pursuant to the above agreement, I grant the tenant a monetary order under section 67 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* for the amount of **\$2,000.00**. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

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: August 10, 2016

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