

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

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Introduction

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

- authorization to obtain a return of all or a portion of the security deposit, including double the amount, pursuant to section 38;
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

All named parties attended the hearing. During the hearing, the parties expressed an interest and were successful in resolving this dispute by mutual agreement. I agreed to assist the parties in settling their dispute in accordance with section 63 of the *Act*.

<u>Analysis</u>

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, an 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.

The parties reached an agreement to settle their dispute under the following final and binding terms:

- 1. The parties agree that the tenant will be granted a **Monetary Order** for **\$550.00** which represents the \$450.00 security deposit and the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.
- 2. The Landlord agrees to pay the above amount to the tenant by cheque to be deposited in the mail on or before August 17, 2016 addressed to the tenant's forwarding address (as previously provided to the landlord). The enforceable

portion of the **Monetary Order** will be reduced in accordance with any payments made to the tenant.

3. The tenant and landlord agree that no further claims will arise out of this tenancy.

Each party confirmed that they understood the terms of the agreement. The parties agreed that these particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute. This Decision and Settlement Agreement is final and binding on both parties.

Conclusion

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I grant the tenant a Monetary Order in the amount of **\$550.00**. Should the landlord fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial 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 15, 2016

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