

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR MNR

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the landlord's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("Act") for an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to section 55, and a monetary order for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67.

Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present their sworn testimony, to call witnesses, and to make submissions.

The tenants confirmed receipt of the landlord's dispute resolution and evidence package. In accordance with sections 88 and 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants were duly served with copies of the landlord's Application and evidence.

Analysis

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, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute at this time

- 1. The tenants agreed to pay the landlord \$1,075.00 by way of etransfer, on or before 2 p.m. on January 30, 2017 in satisfaction of all outstanding rent for December 2016 and January 2017.
- 2. The landlord still holds the tenants' security deposit in the amount \$625.00. The security deposit will be dealt with according to the *Act* at the end of the tenancy.
- Both parties entered into a mutual agreement that this tenancy will end on February 28, 2017 at 1 pm, by which date the tenants and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit.
- 4. The landlord withdrew the 10 Day Notice.
- 5. The parties agreed that this tenancy ends by way of their mutual agreement to end this tenancy and not on the basis of the landlord's 10 Day Notice, dated December 2, 2016.
- 6. The rent for February 2017 will be dealt with in accordance with the *Act* and the tenancy agreement.

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7. Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constituted a final and binding resolution of the landlord's application.

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

Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue an Order of Possession to the landlord, which is to take effect by 1:00 p.m. on February 28, 2017. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenants must be served with this Order in the event that the tenants do not abide by condition #3 of the above settlement. Should the tenants fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

The landlord's 10 Day Notice, dated December 2, 2016, is cancelled and is of no force or effect.

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties, and as advised to both parties during the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the landlord's favour in the amount of \$1,075.00. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenants must be served with a copy of this Order as soon as possible in the event that the tenants do not abide by condition #1 of the above agreement. Should the tenants 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: January 30, 2017

Residential Tenancy Branch