

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC

Introduction

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

• cancellation of the landlord's 1 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause, dated January 4, 2017 ("1 Month Notice"), pursuant to section 47.

The two tenants and the landlord attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses.

The landlord confirmed receipt of the tenants' application for dispute resolution package. In accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord was duly served with the tenants' application.

The tenants confirmed receipt of the landlord's 1 Month Notice. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that both tenants were duly served with the landlord's 1 Month Notice.

<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, 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. Both parties agreed this tenancy will end by 3:00 p.m. on February 28, 2017, by which time the tenants and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;

- Both parties agreed that the landlord will retain the tenants' security deposit of \$800.00 and pet damage deposit of \$800.00 in full satisfaction of unpaid rent for the month of February 2017 in the amount of \$1,600.00;
- 3. Both parties agreed that the landlord's 1 Month Notice, dated January 4, 2017, is cancelled and of no force or effect.
- 4. Both parties agreed that the tenants are required to pay for hydro and gas utilities at the rental unit until the end of their tenancy;
- 5. The tenants agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of their application at this hearing.

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

Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as advised to both parties during the hearing, I issue the attached Order of Possession to be used by the landlord **only** if the tenant(s) and any other occupants fail to vacate the rental premises by 3:00 p.m. on February 28, 2017. The tenant(s) must be served with this Order in the event that the tenant(s) and any other occupants fail to vacate the rental premises by 3:00 p.m. on February 28, 2017. Should the tenant(s) 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 1 Month Notice, dated January 4, 2017, is cancelled and of no force or effect. I order the landlord to retain the tenants' security deposit of \$800.00 and pet damage deposit of \$800.00 in full satisfaction of unpaid rent for the month of February 2017 in the amount of \$1,600.00.

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: February 07, 2017

Residential Tenancy Branch