



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes      MNSD, FF

### Introduction

This hearing dealt with a tenant's application for return of double the security deposit. Both parties appeared or were represented at the hearing and were provided the opportunity to make relevant submissions, in writing and orally pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, and to respond to the submissions of the other party.

At the outset of the hearing I confirmed service of hearing documents upon each other and the Residential Tenancy Branch. I determined that both parties had served their respective evidence packages after the time limits provided under the Rules of Procedure. The tenant served his evidence very late but it was before me. The landlord served evidence shortly after receiving the tenant's evidence package but it was submitted so recently that I did not have a copy of it in front of me for the hearing. I informed the parties that I would hear from each of them orally and then if I considered it imperative to view documents or evidence I would consider admitting late evidence as necessary and appropriate.

After both parties had an opportunity to be heard, I reviewed some of the obligations under the Act with the parties. The parties expressed a willingness to resolve their dispute by way of a mutual agreement. A mutual agreement was reached during the hearing and I have recorded it by way of this decision and the Order that accompanies it.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

What are the terms of settlement?

### Background and Evidence

The parties reached a full and final settlement agreement during the hearing, as follows:

1. The landlord will pay to the tenant the sum of \$600.00 without delay.
2. Neither party will make any other claim against the other party with respect to this tenancy.

### Analysis

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, I have the authority to assist parties in reaching a settlement agreement during the hearing and to record a settlement agreement in the form of a decision or order.

I have accepted and recorded the settlement agreement reached by the parties during this hearing and I make the terms an Order to be binding upon both parties.

In recognition of the settlement agreement I provide the tenant with a Monetary Order in the amount of \$600.00 to serve and enforce if necessary.

### Conclusion

The parties reached a full and final settlement agreement during the hearing that I have recorded by way of this decision. In recognition of the settlement agreement I have provided the tenant with a Monetary Order in the sum of \$600.00 to serve and enforce if necessary.

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: March 14, 2017

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