

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPL MNR CNL

Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to cross-applications by the parties pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for Orders as follows:

The landlord requested:

- an Order of Possession for landlord's own use pursuant to section 55; and
- a monetary order for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67.

The tenants requested:

• cancellation of the landlord's 2 Month Notice to End Tenancy for landlord's own use (the 2 Month Notice) pursuant to section 46.

SM testified on behalf of the landlord in this hearing, and had full authority to do so. Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present their sworn testimony, to make submissions, to call witnesses and to cross-examine one another.

Both parties confirmed receipt of each other's applications for dispute resolution hearing package ("Applications") and evidence. In accordance with sections 88 and 89 of the *Act*, I find that both the landlord and tenants were duly served with the Applications 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.

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

- 1. Both parties entered into a mutual agreement that this tenancy will end on October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., by which time the tenant and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit.
- 2. 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end this tenancy and not on the basis of the landlord's 2 Month Notice, dated June 28, 2017 which the parties agreed is withdrawn.
- 3. The landlord agreed to pay the tenant a lump sum payment in the amount of \$1,600.00 by bank draft on or before 6:00 p.m. on October 10, 2017.
- 4. The tenant agreed that she will not seek any further monetary compensation from the landlord arising out of this tenancy, with the exception of the security deposit, which will be dealt with at the end of this tenancy and in accordance with the *Act*.
- 5. The landlord agreed that no further payments would be required from the tenant for the period of October 1, 2017 to October 10, 2017.
- 6. Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constituted a final and binding resolution of both applications at this hearing and all issues arising out of this tenancy, with the exception of the security deposit which will be dealt with at the end of this tenancy and in accordance with the Act and tenancy agreement

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 6:00 p.m. on October 10, 2017. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant must be served with this Order in the event that the tenant does not abide by condition #1 of the above settlement. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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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 tenant's favour in the amount of \$1,600.00. The tenant is provided with this Order in the above terms and the landlord must be served with a copy of this Order as soon as possible in the event that the landlord does not abide by condition #3 of the above agreement. 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.

The landlord's 2 Month Notice, dated June 28, 2017 is cancelled and is of no force or effect.

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: September 27, 2017

Residential Tenancy Branch