

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNC OLC MNDC FF

#### Introduction

This hearing dealt with the Tenant's application under several grounds. The participatory hearing was held, via teleconference, on January 18, 2018.

The Landlord and the Tenant both attended the hearing. All parties provided affirmed testimony and were provided the opportunity to present evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to make submissions to me. I have reviewed all oral and written evidence before me that met the requirements of the Rules of Procedure. However, only the evidence submitted in accordance with the rules of procedure, and evidence that is relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this Decision.

#### Preliminary and Procedural Matters

The Tenant applied for multiple remedies under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*"), a number of which were not sufficiently related to one another.

Section 2.3 of the Rules of Procedure states that claims made in an Application must be related to each other and that arbitrators may use their discretion to dismiss unrelated claims with or without leave to reapply.

After looking at the list of issues before me at the start of the hearing, I determined that the most pressing and related issues in this application deal with whether or not the tenancy is ending. As a result, I exercised my discretion to dismiss, with leave to reapply, all of the grounds on the Tenant's application with the exception of the following ground:

to cancel a 1-Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the "Notice").

### <u>Settlement Agreement</u>

During the hearing, a mutual agreement was discussed to settle issues surrounding the cancellation of the Notice.

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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.

Given the agreement reached between the parties during the proceedings, I find that the parties have settled their dispute and the following records this settlement as a decision:

- The Tenant will move out of the rental unit by March 31, 2018, at 1pm.
- The Tenant is at liberty to move out before this time.
- These terms comprise the full and final settlement regarding the Tenant's application to cancel the Notice.

The parties confirmed at the end of the hearing that this agreement was made on a voluntary basis.

To give effect to the settlement reached by the parties, I also grant the Landlord an Order of Possession effective March 31, 2018, at 1pm to reflect the end of tenancy.

#### Conclusion

In support of the agreement described above, the landlord is granted an order of possession effective March 31, 2018, at 1pm and after service on the tenant. The Landlord may serve and enforce this Order if the Tenant fails to move out as specified above.

This Order **must** be read in conjunction with the above settlement agreement and the Landlord **must not** seek to enforce this Order on the Tenant, unless the Tenant fails to meet the conditions of this agreement.

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 18, 2018

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