# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes CNL

### Introduction

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

 cancellation of the landlord's 2 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Landlord's Use of Property, dated November 22, 2018 ("2 Month Notice"), pursuant to section 49.

The landlord, the tenant and the tenant's advocate attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses. This hearing lasted approximately 62 minutes.

The landlord confirmed receipt of the tenant's application for dispute resolution hearing package and the tenant confirmed receipt of the landlord's written evidence package. In accordance with sections 88, 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord was duly served with the tenant's application and the tenant was duly served with the landlord's written evidence package.

The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlord's 2 Month Notice on November 22, 2018, by way of a copy left under his door. The landlord confirmed service on the above date and using the above method. In accordance with section 71(2)(c) of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was sufficiently served with the landlord's 2 Month Notice, even though this service method is not permitted under the *Act*. The tenant confirmed that he received the notice on that date, reviewed it and disputed it in this application.

### Settlement Terms

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 and orders. 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 that this tenancy will end by 1:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019, by which time the tenant and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;
- 2. Both parties agreed that this tenancy is ending pursuant to the landlord's 2 Month Notice, dated November 22, 2018;
- 3. The landlord agreed that the tenant is entitled to one month's free rent compensation pursuant to section 51 of the *Act* and the landlord's 2 Month Notice on the following term:
  - a. The tenant is not required to pay any rent to the landlord for the period from February 1 to 28, 2019;
- 4. The landlord agreed that she received a money order from the tenant for January 2019 rent and that she will cash or deposit the money order, as it is still in her possession;
- 5. The landlord agreed to provide an honest reference with respect to any inquiries regarding the tenant;
- 6. Both parties agreed that the tenant's security deposit will be dealt with at the end of this tenancy in accordance with section 38 of the *Act*;
- 7. The tenant agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of his application at this hearing.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties. Both parties affirmed at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties affirmed 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 advised to both parties during the hearing, I issue the attached Order of Possession to be used by the landlord **only** if the tenant and any other occupants fail to vacate the rental premises by 1:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019. The tenant must be served with this Order in the event that the tenant and any other occupants fail to vacate the rental premises by 1:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019. 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.

The tenant's security deposit will be dealt with at the end of this tenancy in accordance with section 38 of the *Act*.

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 14, 2019

Residential Tenancy Branch