

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding ROYAL LEPAGE CASCADE REALTY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNRL-S, MNDL-S, MNDCL-S, FFL

Introduction

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

- a monetary order for unpaid rent, for damage to the rental unit and for compensation for damage or loss under the *Act, Residential Tenancy Regulation* (*"Regulation"*) or tenancy agreement, pursuant to section 67;
- authorization to retain the tenant's security deposit, pursuant to section 38; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for his application, pursuant to section 72.

The landlord's agent ("landlord") and the tenant 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 that she was the property manager and that she had permission to represent the landlord named in this application, as an agent at this hearing. This hearing lasted approximately 64 minutes.

The hearing began at 1:30 p.m. with only me and the landlord present. The tenant called in late at 1:38 p.m., stating that she could not find the phone number to call in. I informed the tenant about what occurred in her absence. The hearing ended at 2:34 p.m.

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

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 and arising out of this tenancy.

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

- 1. Both parties agreed that the landlord will retain \$412.10 from the tenant's security and pet damage deposits of \$875.00;
- 2. The landlord agreed to return the remaining \$225.40 from the tenant's security and pet damage deposits to the tenant by way of a cheque to be mailed to the tenant at her P.O. Box address confirmed during this hearing, by April 5, 2019;
- 3. Both parties agreed that the landlord previously returned \$237.50 from the tenant's security and pet damage deposits, to the tenant;
- 4. The landlord agreed to bear its own cost for the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application;
- 5. The landlord agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of the landlord's application at this hearing and any issues arising out of this tenancy;
- 6. Both parties agreed that they will not initiate any future claims or applications against each other at the Residential Tenancy Branch, with respect to any issues arising out of this tenancy.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute and arising out of this tenancy. 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 and arising out of this tenancy.

Conclusion

I order the landlord to retain \$412.10 from the tenant's security and pet damage deposits of \$875.00.

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 \$225.40. I deliver this Order to the tenant in support of the above agreement for use **only** in the event that the landlord fails to pay the tenant \$225.40 as per condition #2 of the above agreement. The landlord must be served with a copy of this Order. 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 must bear the cost of the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

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 29, 2019

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