

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Introduction</u>

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

- cancellation of a Four Month Notice to End Tenancy For Demolition, Renovation, Repair or Conversion of Rental Unit, pursuant to section 49 (the Four Month Notice);
- a monetary order for compensation for damage or loss under the Act, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67;
- an order requiring the landlord to comply with the Act, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 62;
- authorization to change the locks and/or to suspend or set conditions on the landlord's right to enter the rental unit pursuant to section 70;
- an order to allow the tenant(s) to reduce rent for repairs, services or facilities agreed upon but not provided, pursuant to section 65;
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

All named parties attended the hearing. During the hearing, the parties expressed an interest and were successful in resolving this dispute by mutual agreement.

Terms of Settlement

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, an 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.

The parties reached an agreement to settle their dispute under the following final and binding terms:

- The tenant and landlord reached a mutual agreement to end this tenancy no later than 1:00 p.m. on February 1, 2020, and, the landlord will be granted an Order of Possession effective this date.
- 2. The tenants are entitled to the equivalent of one month rent free under section 51(1) of the Act and the tenants shall be entitled to apply that to the month of January 2020.
- 3. In addition to the above and as settlement to the tenant's application pertaining to monetary compensation for loss and/or damage including a rent reduction for services or facilities not provided, the landlord agrees to provide the tenant with the equivalent of one additional month's rent free which the tenant may apply to the month of December 2019.
- 4. The landlord agrees to abide by section 29 of the Act by providing 24 hour written notice to enter the rental unit for any reasonable purpose.
- 5. The tenant retains the right under section 51(2) of the Act to claim against the landlord if:
 - a) steps have not been taken, within a reasonable period after the effective date of the notice, to accomplish the stated purpose for ending the tenancy, or
 - b) the rental unit is not used for that stated purpose for at least 6 months' duration, beginning within a reasonable period after the effective date of the notice.

Each party confirmed that this agreement was reached voluntarily and that they understood the terms of the agreement. The parties agreed that these particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute.

This Decision and Settlement Agreement is final and binding on both parties.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective 1:00 p.m. on February 1, 2020. 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.

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: November 25, 2019

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