

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding COTTYN CONSTRUCTION LTD and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPRM-DR, FFL; CNR, MNDCT, FFT

Introduction

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

- an order of possession for unpaid rent, pursuant to section 55;
- a monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

This hearing also dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the Act for:

- cancellation of the landlord's 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities, dated November 5, 2019 ("10 Day Notice"), pursuant to section 46;
- a monetary order for compensation for damage or loss under the Act, Residential Tenancy Regulation or tenancy agreement, pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

The landlord's two agents, landlord ADC ("landlord") and landlord ANC ("landlord's agent"), 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 he had permission to represent the landlord company named in this application and that his agent had permission to represent him and the landlord company at this hearing. This hearing lasted approximately 45 minutes.

Both parties confirmed receipt of the other party's application for dispute resolution hearing package. In accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that both parties were duly served with the other party's application.

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Both parties confirmed that they were ready to proceed with the hearing and settle this application and they had no objections.

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:

- Both parties agreed that this tenancy will end by 1:00 p.m. on January 31, 2020, by which time the tenant and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;
 - a. The tenant agreed to return the rental unit keys to the landlord's agent in person at the rental unit at 1:00 p.m. on January 31, 2020;
- 2. The landlord agreed that the landlord's 10 Day Notice, dated November 5, 2019, was cancelled and of no force or effect:
- 3. The tenant agreed to pay the landlord \$2,500.00 at 1:00 p.m. on January 31, 2020 by way of providing a personal cheque to the landlord's agent in person at the rental unit, and the landlord agreed to accept this towards all outstanding rent due for this tenancy;
- 4. The tenant agreed that he will not reside at the property listed on the front page of this decision, as he is living and paying rent at another property;
- Both parties agreed to bear their own costs for the \$100.00 filing fees paid for their applications;
- 6. Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of both parties' applications 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.

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Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue the attached Order of Possession effective at 1:00 p,m, on January 31, 2020, to be used by the landlord **only** if the tenant does not abide by condition #1 of the above settlement. The tenant must be served with this Order. 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 landlord's 10 Day Notice, dated November 5, 2019, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the landlord's favour in the amount of \$2,500.00. I deliver this Order to the landlord in support of the above agreement for use **only** in the event that the tenant fails to pay the landlord \$2,500.00 as per condition #3 of the above agreement. The tenant must be served with this Order. Should the tenant 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.

Both parties must bear their own costs for the \$100.00 filing fees paid for their applications.

I order both parties to comply with all of the above settlement terms.

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 10, 2020

Residential Tenancy Branch