

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR-DR

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was convened by way of conference call in response to an Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the Landlord November 13, 2019 (the "Application"). The Landlord applied for an Order of Possession based on a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities dated May 18, 2019 (the "Notice").

The Landlord and Tenant appeared at the hearing. I explained the hearing process to the parties who did not have questions when asked. The parties provided affirmed testimony.

The Landlord submitted evidence prior to the hearing. The Tenant did not. I addressed service of the hearing package and Landlord's evidence and no issues arose.

There was no issue that there is a tenancy agreement between the parties in relation to the rental unit.

During the hearing, I raised the possibility of settlement with the parties pursuant to section 63(1) of the *Act* which allows an arbitrator to assist the parties to settle the dispute.

I explained the following to the parties. Settlement discussions are voluntary. If they chose not to discuss settlement that was fine, I would hear the matter and make a final and binding decision in the matter. If they chose to discuss settlement and did not come to an agreement that was fine, I would hear the matter and make a final and binding decision in the matter. If they did come to an agreement, I would write out the agreement in my written decision and issue an Order of Possession if applicable. The

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written decision would become a final and legally binding agreement and the parties could not change their mind about it later.

The parties did not have questions about the above and agreed to discuss settlement.

Prior to ending the hearing, I confirmed the terms of the settlement agreement with the parties. I confirmed all issues had been covered. I told the parties I would issue an Order of Possession. The parties confirmed they were agreeing to the settlement voluntarily and without pressure.

<u>Settlement Agreement</u>

The Landlord and Tenant agree as follows:

- 1. The Notice is cancelled.
- 2. The tenancy will end and the Tenant will vacate the rental unit no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2020.
- 3. All rights and obligations of the parties will continue until the tenancy ends at 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2020.

This agreement is fully binding on the parties and is in full and final satisfaction of this dispute.

The Landlord is issued an Order of Possession for the rental unit which is effective at 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2020. If the Tenant fails to vacate the rental unit in accordance with the settlement agreement set out above, the Landlord can serve the Tenant with this Order. If the Tenant fails to vacate the rental unit in accordance with the Order, the Order may be enforced in the Supreme Court as an order of that Court.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Act*.

Dated: January 24, 2020

Residential Tenancy Branch