

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNRL-S, FFL; MT, CNR, MNDCT, OLC, RR, 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;
- authorization to retain the tenants' security deposit, pursuant to section 38; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for his application, pursuant to section 72.

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

- more time to make an application to cancel the landlord's 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities, dated January 22, 2020 ("10 Day Notice"), pursuant to section 66;
- cancellation of the landlord's 10 Day Notice, pursuant to section 46;
- a monetary order for compensation for damage or loss under the *Act, Residential Tenancy Regulation ("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;
- an order to allow the tenants to reduce rent for repairs, services or facilities agreed upon but not provided, pursuant to section 65; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for their application, pursuant to section 72.

The landlord's two agents and the two tenants attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses. Both of the landlord's agents confirmed that they had permission to represent the landlord named in both applications at this hearing. This hearing lasted approximately 53 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.

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

Pursuant to section 64(3)(c) of the *Act*, I amend the landlord's application to correct the spelling of the female tenant's first name and to correct the city of the rental unit. Both parties agreed to both amendments during this hearing.

## 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 June 1, 2020, by which time the tenants and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;
- 2. The tenants agreed to pay the landlord \$8,400.00, which the landlord agreed to accept towards all outstanding rent from December 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020;
- 3. Both parties agreed to bear their own costs for the \$100.00 filing fees paid for their applications;
- 4. 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.

## **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 June 1, 2020, to be used by the landlord **only** if the tenant(s) do not abide by condition #1 of the above settlement. The tenant(s) must be served with this Order. Should the tenant(s) 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 January 22, 2020, 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 \$8,400.00. I deliver this Order to the landlord in support of the above agreement for use **only** in the event that the tenant(s) fail to pay the landlord \$8,400.00 as per condition #2 of the above agreement. The tenant(s) must be served with this Order. Should the tenant(s) 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.

The landlord's application to retain the tenants' security deposit is dismissed with leave to reapply. The security deposit is to be dealt with at the end of the 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: April 07, 2020

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