

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDL-S, FFL (landlord); MNSDS-DR, FFT (tenant);

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for the following:

- A monetary order for unpaid rent and for compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, *Residential Tenancy Regulation ("Regulation")* or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*;
- Authorization to retain all or a portion of the tenant's security deposit in partial satisfaction of the monetary order requested pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*;
- Authorization to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72.

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for the following:

- An order for the landlord to return the security deposit pursuant to section 38;
- An order requiring the landlord to reimburse the tenant for the filing fee pursuant to section 72.

The parties attended and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, make submissions, and call witnesses. The hearing process was explained, and each party had the opportunity to ask questions. The hearing lasted 93 minutes.

Before the conclusion of this hearing, the parties discussed the issues between them, engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise, and achieved a resolution of their dispute. The parties agreed the tenancy ended on June 30, 2020.

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties do so during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a Decision or an Order.

Given the agreement reached between the parties during the proceedings, I find that the parties have settled their dispute and the following records this settlement as a Decision:

The parties agreed as follows:

- 1. The tenant acknowledged return of a portion of the security deposit in the amount of \$850.00 in full and final settlement of the tenant's claim;
- 2. The parties agreed the landlord would retain the balance of the security deposit in the amount of \$500.00 in full and final settlement of the landlord's claim.

This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the Act.

The parties are bound by the terms of this agreement, as well as by the terms of their tenancy agreement and the *Act*. Should either party violate the terms of this agreement, the tenancy agreement or the *Act*, it is open to the other party to take steps under the *Act* for an appropriate remedy.

Conclusion

The application and cross-application are settled on the above 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: November 06, 2020

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