

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding VANCOUVER NATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPC, FFL

Introduction

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

- an order of possession for cause, pursuant to section 55; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

The landlord's agent ("landlord"), the tenant, and the tenant's advocate attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses. This hearing lasted approximately 23 minutes from 1:30 p.m. to 1:53 p.m.

The landlord confirmed that she was the supportive housing manager for the landlord company named in this application and that she had permission to speak on its behalf. She said that the landlord company was the authorized operator of the rental unit, on behalf of the provincial housing company owner. The tenant confirmed that his advocate had permission to speak on his behalf and assist him at this hearing.

At the outset of this hearing, I informed both parties that they were not permitted to record this hearing, as per Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch ("RTB") *Rules of Procedure*. The landlord, the tenant, and the tenant's advocate all separately affirmed, under oath, that they would not record this hearing.

I explained the hearing and settlement processes to both parties. Both parties had an opportunity to ask questions. Neither party made any adjournment or accommodation requests. Both parties confirmed that they were ready to proceed with the hearing, they wanted to settle this application, and they did not want me to make a decision.

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The tenant's advocate confirmed that the tenant received a copy of the landlord's application for dispute resolution hearing package. In accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was duly served with the landlord's application.

The tenant's advocate confirmed that the tenant did not submit documentary evidence for this hearing.

The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlord's One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause, dated April 25, 2021 ("1 Month Notice"). In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was duly served with the landlord's 1 Month Notice.

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 December 31, 2021, by which time the tenant and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;
- 2. The landlord agreed that the landlord's 1 Month Notice, dated April 25, 2021, was cancelled and of no force or effect;
- The landlord agreed to bear the cost of the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application;
- 4. The landlord agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of the landlord's application 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 at the hearing that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

During the hearing, I repeatedly confirmed the above settlement terms with the tenant. The tenant repeatedly affirmed, under oath, that he was agreeable to the above settlement terms and he understood they were legal, final, binding and enforceable. The tenant repeatedly affirmed, under oath, that he agreed and understood that he could not change the settlement terms after the hearing was over and he knew it was a full and final settlement of this application. The tenant was given ample time to discuss and review the terms of this settlement with his advocate privately during this hearing, and to ask questions about the above terms.

The terms and consequences of the above settlement were reviewed in detail, with both parties during this 23-minute hearing. Both parties had opportunities to ask questions and to negotiate and discuss the settlement terms in detail. Both parties affirmed under oath that they fully understood the above settlement terms and were agreeable to them.

Conclusion

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

The landlord's 1 Month Notice, dated April 25, 2021, 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 the attached Order of Possession effective at 1:00 p.m. on December 31, 2021, 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 a copy of 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 must bear the cost of the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

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: September 16, 2021

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