

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Lila Divine-Dance Inc. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy] **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNRL-S, FFL

Introduction

Pursuant to section 58 of the Residential Tenancy Act (the Act), I was designated to hear an application regarding the above-noted tenancy. The landlord applied for:

- a monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to section 26;
- an authorization to retain a portion of the security deposit, under section 38; and
- an authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, under section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing. The landlord was represented by agent SR. The tenants were represented by EK. All were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses.

At the outset of the hearing the attending parties affirmed they understand it is prohibited to record this hearing.

Per section 95(3) of the Act, the parties may be fined up to \$5,000.00 if they record this hearing: "A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a decision or an order made by the director commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not more than \$5 000."

Settlement

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, an 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 or an order. During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, engaged in a conversation, 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 in this application for dispute resolution:

- 1. The landlord will pay the tenants the amount of \$6,500.00 by cheque on or before December 10, 2021.
- 2. The cheque will payable only to tenant LK.

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3. The landlord is authorized to retain the balance of the security and pet damage deposits in the amount of \$1,750.00.

Conclusion

As the parties have reached a settlement, I make no factual findings about the merits of this application.

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties, pursuant to section 63(2) of the Act, I grant the tenants a monetary order in the amount of \$6,500.00. The monetary order may be served if the landlord defaults the payment. If the landlord fails to comply with this order the tenants may file the order in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) to be enforced 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 *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: December 09, 2021	
	Residential Tenancy Branch