

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDCT, RR, FFT

## Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the tenant for compensation for monetary loss or other money owed, for a rent reduction and to recover the cost of the filing fee.

Both parties appeared.

At the outset of the hearing the landlord's agent stated that they did not receive any evidence from the tenant. The tenant could not confirm that they did serve their evidence upon the landlord. Therefore, I find I must exclude the tenant's evidence from the hearing.

At the outset of the hearing the tenant requested this matter be adjourned as they would like to have an advocate assist them and they have had medical issues. The landlord objected to this matter being adjourned because the tenant has had nearly 5 months to obtain an advocate and this matter can be resolved at today's hearing as they have a settlement offer to propose.

I did not grant the tenant's request to adjourn this matter as I agree with the landlord that the tenant had more than sufficient time to obtain an advocate, as they could have done so before they chose to file their application and had sufficient time to do so after it was filed.

During the hearing the parties agreed to settle these matters, on the following conditions:

- 1. The landlord agreed that they would pay the tenant compensation as claimed by the tenant in their application the amount of **\$348.93**;
- 2. The parties agreed that the landlord will give the tenant a onetime rent reduction in the amount of **\$200.00**;
- 3. The landlord agreed that once they receive the monetary order that the head office will issue the tenant a cheque in approximately 14 days; and

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4. The parties agreed this is a <u>full and final settlement agreement</u> relating to these issues.

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

As a result of the above settlement, the tenant is granted a monetary order in the total amount of **\$548.93**, should the landlord fail to comply with the settlement agreement.

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 10, 2022

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