

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC, MNDCT, PSF, LRE

Introduction

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

- cancellation of the landlord's 1 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the 1 Month Notice) pursuant to section 47;
- an order to the landlord to provide services or facilities required by law pursuant to section 65;
- a monetary order for compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67; and
- an order to suspend or set conditions on the landlord's right to enter the rental unit pursuant to section 70.

At the outset of the hearing, I explained to the parties that as these hearings were teleconferences, the parties could not see each other, so to ensure an efficient, respectful hearing, this would rely on each party taking a turn to have their say. As such, when one party is talking, I asked that the other party not interrupt or respond unless prompted by myself. Furthermore, if a party had an issue with what had been said, they were advised to make a note of it and when it was their turn, they would have an opportunity to address these concerns. The parties were also informed that recording of the hearing was prohibited and they were reminded to refrain from doing so.

All parties acknowledged these terms. As well, all parties in attendance provided a solemn affirmation. All parties acknowledged the evidence submitted and were given an opportunity to be heard, to present sworn testimony, and to make submissions. I explained the hearing and settlement processes to both parties. Both parties had an opportunity to ask questions. Both parties confirmed that they were ready to proceed

with the hearing, they did not want to settle this application, and they wanted me to make a decision regarding this application. Neither party made any adjournment or accommodation requests. I have reviewed all oral and written submissions before me; however, only the evidence relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this Decision.

Preliminary Issue- Severance

Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) Rule of Procedure 2.3 states that claims made in an Application for Dispute Resolution must be related to each other. Arbitrators may use their discretion to dismiss unrelated claims with or without leave to reapply.

It is my determination that the priority claims regarding the One Month Notice and the and the continuation of this tenancy are not sufficiently related to the tenants monetary claim to warrant that they be heard together. The parties were given a priority hearing date in order to address the question of the validity of the Notice to End Tenancy.

The tenant's monetary claim is unrelated in that the basis for them rests largely on facts not germane to the question of whether there are facts which establish the grounds for ending this tenancy as set out in the Notice to End Tenancy. I exercise my discretion to dismiss the tenant's monetary claim with leave to reapply.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Should the One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause be cancelled? If not, is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?

Should an order be made to compel the landlord to provide services or facilities? Should an order be made to set limits or suspend the landlords right to enter the suite?

Background and Evidence

LC gave the following testimony. The tenancy began on February 1, 2021 with the monthly rent of \$1550.00 due on the first day of the month. LC testified that she received an order of possession through the Direct Request process through the Branch on September 27, 2022. LC testified that bailiffs attended the unit on October 13, 2022 and returned possession of the unit back to her on that date.

CM gave the following testimony. CM testified that he no longer is living in the unit but feels it was a wrongful eviction. CM testified that he will be pursuing a separate application for his monetary claim.

<u>Analysis</u>

Both parties confirmed that the landlord obtained possession of the unit on October 13, 2022 and that the tenancy has ended. Both parties referred to possible monetary claims against the other. I provided general information about the process and explained today's result to both parties. Both parties indicated that they understood.

Conclusion

The tenants monetary claim is dismissed with leave to reapply. The remainder of the tenant's application is dismissed without leave to reapply.

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 15, 2022

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