



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDCT, FFT

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 tenants applied for:

- an order for the landlord to return the security deposit (the deposit), pursuant to section 38; and
- an authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, under section 72.

Tenant BB (the tenant) and landlord DR (the landlord) attended the hearing. The tenant represented tenant AB and the landlord represented landlord SR. 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 all the parties were clearly informed of the Rules of Procedure, including Rule 6.10 about interruptions and inappropriate behaviour, and Rule 6.11, which prohibits the recording of a dispute resolution hearing. All the parties confirmed they understood the Rules of Procedure.

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 \$5,000.00."

Preliminary Issue – Correction of the parties' names

At the outset of the hearing the tenant and the landlord corrected their first name.

Pursuant to section 64(3)(a) of the Act, I have amended the application.

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 listed in this application for dispute resolution:

- The landlords will pay the tenants the amount of \$1,500.00 by electronic transfer on January 12, 2023. The tenants' email address is recorded on the cover page of this decision.

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 and as discussed with them during the hearing, pursuant to section 63(2) of the Act, I grant the tenants a monetary order in the amount of \$1,500.00. The monetary order for January 12, 2023 payment may be served if the landlords default on the January 12, 2023 payment. If the landlords fail 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: January 12, 2023

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