

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

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

#### <u>Introduction</u>

The Tenants seek the following relief under the Residential Tenancy Act (the "Act"):

- a monetary order pursuant to s. 67 for compensation or other money owed; and
- return of the filing fee pursuant to s. 72.

C.G. appeared as the Tenant and was joined by L.H. as her counsel. A.B. appeared as the Landlord and agent for D.B..

The parties affirmed to tell the truth during the hearing. I advised of Rule 6.11 of the Rules of Procedure, in which the participants are prohibited from recording the hearing. I further advised that the hearing was recorded automatically by the Residential Tenancy Branch.

### Parties' Settlement

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, I 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, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

The parties were advised that they were under no obligation to enter into a settlement agreement. Both parties agreed to the following settlement on all issues in dispute in this application:

1. The Landlords agrees to pay \$1,250.00 to the Tenants in compensation for their claim.

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2. The Landlords agrees to waive any claim they may have against the Tenants for unpaid rent for January 2022.

I confirmed that the Landlord and the Tenant entered into the settlement agreement voluntarily, free of any coercion or duress. I confirmed each detail of the settlement with the Landlord and the Tenant. Both parties confirmed having understood each term of the agreement and acknowledged it represented a full, final, and binding settlement of this dispute.

Since the parties were able to agree to settle their dispute, I find that neither party shall recover their filing fee from the other. The Tenants shall bear their own costs for their application and their claim for return of their filing fee is dismissed without leave to reapply.

Pursuant to the parties' settlement, I grant the Tenants a monetary order. The Landlords shall pay **\$1,250.00** to the Tenants.

It is the Tenants' obligation to serve the monetary order on the Landlords. If the Landlords do not comply with the monetary order, it may be filed by the Tenants with the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

I make no findings of fact or law with respect to this dispute. Nothing in this settlement agreement is to be construed as a limit on either parties' entitlement to compensation or other relief to which they may be entitled to under the *Act*.

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 10, 2023

Residential Tenancy Branch