

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Housing

A matter regarding Lookout Housing & Health Society and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

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

Introduction

The words tenant and landlord in this decision have the same meaning as in the *Residential Tenancy Act, (the "Act")* and the singular of these words includes the plural.

This hearing dealt with an application filed by the landlord pursuant the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*") for:

- A monetary order for damages caused by the tenant, their guests to the unit, site
 or property and authorization to withhold a security deposit pursuant to sections
 67 and 38; and
- Authorization to recover the filing fee from the other party pursuant to section 72.

Both tenants attended the hearing and the landlord was represented at the hearing by program coordinator CL and program manager, JS. The tenants acknowledged service of the landlord's Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceedings package and didn't have any concerns with timely service of documents.

The parties were informed at the start of the hearing that recording of the dispute resolution is prohibited under the Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure ("Rules") and that if any recording was made without my authorization, the offending party would be referred to the RTB Compliance Enforcement Unit for the purpose of an investigation and potential fine under the Act.

Each party was administered an oath to tell the truth and they both confirmed that they were not recording the hearing.

Settlement Reached

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the 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

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hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved the following resolution of their dispute.

- 1. The parties agree that the landlord may retain \$1,015.62 of the tenants' security deposit and pet damage deposit.
- 2. The landlord is to return the remaining \$584.38 to the tenants.

Both parties testified that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute. As the parties resolved matters by agreement, I make no findings of fact or law with respect to the application before me.

Conclusion

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them at the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the tenants' favour in the amount of \$584.38.

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: March 13, 2023

Residential Tenancy Branch