

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Housing

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDL-S, FFL / MNSDB-DR, FFT

Introduction

This hearing dealt with two applications pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the Act). The landlord's application for:

- authorization to retain all or a portion of the security deposit and pet damage deposit in partial satisfaction of the monetary order requested pursuant to section 38:
- a monetary order for damage to the rental unit in the amount of \$1,800 pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

And the tenants' application for:

- authorization to obtain a return of all or a portion of the security deposit and pet damage deposit pursuant to section 38; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

The landlord attended this hearing. Tenant PL attended the hearing on behalf of both tenants.

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 currently under dispute:

- 1. The landlord will pay the tenants \$600 by August 1, 2023 via e-transfer (email address on cover of decision).
- 2. The landlord may retain the balance of the security and pet damage deposits.

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These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute. The parties gave verbal affirmation at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms as legal, final, and binding, which settle all aspects of this dispute between them.

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 at the hearing, I issue the attached monetary order ordering the landlord to pay the tenants \$600 by August 1, 2023.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 25, 2023

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