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Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “*Act*”) by the tenant to dispute an additional rent increase, and to recover the filing fee.

The tenant and the landlords appeared at the hearing, gave affirmed testimony and were provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to cross-examine the other party, and make submissions to me.

Settlement Agreement

During the hearing, the parties agreed to settle this matter, on the following conditions:

1. The parties agree that the tenant shall not pay rent for the month of February 2013 as compensation for issues related to earlier rent increases that may not have been in accordance with the *Act*. This compensation is the equivalent of \$1,280.38.
2. The parties agree that all matters related to previous rent increases are resolved as part of this settled agreement.
3. The parties agree that effective March 1, 2013, the new monthly rent will be **\$1,280.38** which is due on the first day of each month.
4. The tenant withdraws her application in full as part of this settled agreement.
5. The parties acknowledged that the tenant’s filing fee has been incorporated into the compensation described in #1 above.
6. Any other outstanding matters related to the over in the rental unit or the access door to the rental property will be addressed by the landlords as soon as possible after March 17, 2013 when the landlords return to the country.

This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Conclusion

The parties agree have agreed to the above terms. The parties are reminded to sign a written tenancy agreement as a verbal tenancy agreement has been in effect since 2002.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, unless otherwise provided under the Act, and 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 24, 2013