



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Ministry of Housing

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC, LRE

Introduction and Preliminary Matters

On April 27, 2023, the Tenants applied for a Dispute Resolution proceeding seeking to cancel a One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the “Notice”) pursuant to Section 47 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”) and seeking to restrict the Landlord’s right to enter pursuant to Section 70 of the *Act*.

Tenant A.O. attended the hearing, with D.B. attending the hearing as an advocate for the Tenants. A.O. advised of her correct legal name, and the Style of Cause on the first page of this Decision has been amended accordingly. The Landlord attended the hearing as well.

At the outset of the hearing, I explained to the parties that as the hearing was a teleconference, none of the parties could see each other, so to ensure an efficient, respectful hearing, this would rely on each party taking a turn to have their say. As such, when one party is talking, I asked that the other party not interrupt or respond unless prompted by myself. Furthermore, if a party had an issue with what had been said, they were advised to make a note of it and when it was their turn, they would have an opportunity to address these concerns. The parties were also informed that recording of the hearing was prohibited, and they were reminded to refrain from doing so. As well, all parties in attendance provided a solemn affirmation.

The parties were advised that as per Rule 2.3 of the Rules of Procedure, claims made in an Application must be related to each other, and I have the discretion to sever and dismiss unrelated claims. As such, this hearing primarily addressed submissions related to the Notice, and the Tenants’ other claims were dismissed. The Tenants are at liberty to apply for any other claims under a new and separate Application.

Service of the Notice of Hearing package and documentary evidence was discussed, and there were no real issues concerning service of documents. Regardless, the parties turned their minds to reaching a full and final settlement agreement. The parties were able to reach an agreement and I have recorded the terms of agreement by way of this Decision and the Order of Possession that accompanies it.

Settlement Agreement

The parties raised the possibility of settlement pursuant to Section 63(1) of the *Act* which allows an Arbitrator to assist the parties to settle the dispute. I explained to the parties that settlement discussions are voluntary, that if they chose not to discuss settlement I would make a final and binding Decision on the matter, and that if they chose to discuss settlement and did not come to an agreement, that I would make a final and binding Decision on the matter.

I advised the parties that if they did come to an agreement, I would write out this agreement in my written Decision and make any necessary Orders. I also explained that the written Decision would become a final and legally binding agreement. The parties did not have questions about discussing a settlement when asked.

The parties reached the following full and final settlement agreement during the hearing:

1. The Tenants will maintain possession of the rental unit until **September 30, 2023, at 1:00 PM.**
2. The Tenants must give up vacant possession of the rental unit on **September 30, 2023, at 1:00 PM.** An Order of Possession will be awarded to the Landlord for this date.
3. The Tenants will pay rent in full on September 1, 2023.
4. The One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause dated April 22, 2023, is cancelled and of no force or effect.
5. The parties agreed that fulfilment of these conditions would amount to full and complete satisfaction of the dispute over the Notice.
6. The parties are at liberty to make future Applications against each other with respect to this tenancy.

This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with Section 63 of the *Act*. The parties confirmed at the end of the hearing that this agreement was made on a voluntary basis and that they understood the binding nature of this full and final

settlement of this dispute.

Conclusion

The parties reached a full and final settlement agreement in resolution of this dispute. I have recorded the terms of settlement in this Decision, and in recognition of the settlement agreement, the Landlord is provided with a formal copy of an Order of Possession effective at **1:00 PM on September 30, 2023, after service of this Order** on the Tenants. Should the Tenants or any occupant on the premises fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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: August 15, 2023

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