

Order under Section 69 Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

Citation: Rai v Bianco, 2023 ONLTB 70172

Date: 2023-10-27

File Number: LTB-L-061010-23

In the matter of: 92 BOLOGNA RD

WOODBRIDGE ON L4H2M8

Between: Sarvesh Rai and Seema Rai

And

true copy of an Order dated

OCT 27 2023

I hereby certify this is a

Landlord

Landlord and Tenant Board

Lilliana Bianco and Mario Strazzella

Tenant

Sarvesh Rai and Seema Rai (the 'Landlord') applied for an order to terminate the tenancy and evict Lilliana Bianco and Mario Strazzella (the 'Tenant') because the Tenant did not pay the rent that the Tenant owes.

This application was heard by videoconference on October 12, 2023.

Only the Landlord attended the hearing.

As of 10:10 a.m., the Tenant was not present or represented at the hearing although properly served with notice of this hearing by the LTB. There was no record of a request to adjourn the hearing. As a result, the hearing proceeded with only the Landlord's evidence.

Determinations:

- The Landlord served the Tenant with a valid Notice to End Tenancy Early for Non-payment of Rent (N4 Notice). The Tenant did not void the notice by paying the amount of rent arrears owing by the termination date in the N4 Notice or before the date the application was filed.
- 2. As of the hearing date, the Tenant was still in possession of the rental unit.
- 3. The lawful rent is \$2,210.00. It is due on the 20th day of each month.
- 4. Based on the Monthly rent, the daily rent/compensation is \$72.66. This amount is calculated as follows: \$2,210.00 x 12, divided by 365 days.
- 5. The Tenant has paid \$2,210.00 to the Landlord since the application was filed.
- 6. The rent arrears owing to October 19, 2023 are \$8,840.00.
- 7. The Landlord incurred costs of \$186.00 for filing the application and is entitled to reimbursement of those costs.

8. The Landlord collected a rent deposit of \$2,050.00 from the Tenant and this deposit is still being held by the Landlord. The rent deposit can only be applied to the last rental period of the tenancy if the tenancy is terminated.

- 9. Interest on the rent deposit, in the amount of \$224.52 is owing to the Tenant for the period from October 20, 2016 to October 12, 2023.
- 10.I have considered all of the disclosed circumstances in accordance with subsection 83(2) of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, 2006 (the 'Act'), including the impact of COVID-19 on the parties and whether the Landlord attempted to negotiate a repayment agreement with the Tenant and find that it would be unfair to grant relief from eviction pursuant to subsection 83(1) of the Act. The Tenant did not attend the hearing to provide submissions regarding their personal circumstances or to contest the Landlord's application.

Costs

- 11. The Landlord's Legal Representative requested costs in the amount \$350.00 representing the Landlord's legal fees.
- 12. Guideline 3 provides insight regarding when a party's legal fees will be ordered against another party. Costs are generally awarded when a party's conduct is unreasonable:

A Member has the discretion to require a party, a party's agent or a party's legal representative to pay, as costs, any representation or preparation expenses of another party where the conduct of the party, a party's agent or a party's legal representative was unreasonable. Conduct is unreasonable if it causes undue expense or delay and includes the following:

- 1. Bringing a frivolous or vexatious application or motion;
- 2. Initiating an application or any procedure in bad faith;
- 3. Taking unnecessary steps in a proceeding;
- 4. Failing to take necessary steps, such as those required by the RTA or Rules;
- 5. Any misconduct at the hearing or in the proceeding;
- 6. Raising an issue which is irrelevant to the proceedings and continuing to pursue that issue after the Member has pointed out that it is irrelevant;
- 7. Asking for adjournments or delays without justification;
- 8. Failing to prepare adequately for the hearing;
- 9. Acting contemptuously toward the Member or showing a lack of respect for the process or the Board;
- 10. Failing to follow the directions of the Member or upsetting the orderly conduct of the hearing; and
- 11. Maligning another party or unreasonably slurring the character of the other party.

13. In the application before me, the Tenants did not attend. I can not conclude that this alone amounts to unreasonable conduct. I do not find that the submissions made by the Landlord's legal representative are persuasive of a cost award, therefore, the request for costs is denied.

It is ordered that:

- 1. The tenancy between the Landlord and the Tenant is terminated unless the Tenant voids this order.
- 2. The Tenant may void this order and continue the tenancy by paying to the Landlord or to the LTB in trust:
 - \$11,236.00 if the payment is made on or before November 7, 2023. See Schedule 1 for the calculation of the amount owing.
- 3. The Tenant may also make a motion at the LTB to void this order under section 74(11) of the Act, if the Tenant has paid the full amount owing as ordered plus any additional rent that became due after November 7, 2023 but before the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) enforces the eviction. The Tenant may only make this motion once during the tenancy.
- 4. If the Tenant does not pay the amount required to void this order the Tenant must move out of the rental unit on or before November 7, 2023
- 5. If the Tenant does not void the order, the Tenant shall pay to the Landlord \$6,212.66. This amount includes rent arrears owing up to the date of the hearing and the cost of filing the application. The rent deposit and interest the Landlord owes on the rent deposit are deducted from the amount owing by the Tenant. See Schedule 1 for the calculation of the amount owing.
- 6. The Tenant shall also pay the Landlord compensation of \$72.66 per day for the use of the unit starting October 13, 2023 until the date the Tenant moves out of the unit.
- 7. If the Tenant does not pay the Landlord the full amount owing on or before November 7, 2023, the Tenant will start to owe interest. This will be simple interest calculated from November 8, 2023 at 7.00% annually on the balance outstanding.
- 8. If the unit is not vacated on or before November 7, 2023, then starting November 8, 2023, the Landlord may file this order with the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) so that the eviction may be enforced.
- 9. Upon receipt of this order, the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) is directed to give vacant possession of the unit to the Landlord on or after November 8, 2023.

October 27, 2023 Date Issued Emily Robb
Member, Landlord and Tenant Board

15 Grosvenor Street, Ground Floor

Toronto ON M7A 2G6

If you have any questions about this order, call 416-645-8080 or toll free at 1-888-332-3234.

In accordance with section 81 of the Act, the part of this order relating to the eviction expires on May 8, 2024 if the order has not been filed on or before this date with the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) that has territorial jurisdiction where the rental unit is located.

Schedule 1 SUMMARY OF CALCULATIONS

A. <u>Amount the Tenant must pay to void the eviction order and continue the tenancy if the payment is made on or before November 7, 2023</u>

| Rent Owing To November 19, 2023 | \$13,260.00 |
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| Application Filing Fee | \$186.00 |
| NSF Charges | \$0.00 |
| Less the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed | - \$2,210.00 |
| Less the amount the Tenant paid into the LTB since the application was filed | - \$0.00 |
| Less the amount the Landlord owes the Tenant for an{abatement/rebate} | - \$0.00 |
| Less the amount of the credit that the Tenant is entitled to | - \$0.00 |
| Total the Tenant must pay to continue the tenancy | \$11,236.00 |

B. Amount the Tenant must pay if the tenancy is terminated

| Rent Owing To Hearing Date | \$10,511.18 |
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| Application Filing Fee | \$186.00 |
| NSF Charges | \$0.00 |
| Less the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed | - \$2,210.00 |
| Less the amount the Tenant paid into the LTB since the application was filed | - \$0.00 |
| Less the amount of the last month's rent deposit | - \$2,050.00 |
| Less the amount of the interest on the last month's rent deposit | - \$224.52 |
| Less the amount the Landlord owes the Tenant for an {abatement/rebate} | - \$0.00 |
| Less the amount of the credit that the Tenant is entitled to | - \$0.00 |
| Total amount owing to the Landlord | \$6,212.66 |
| Plus daily compensation owing for each day of occupation starting | \$72.66 |
| October 13, 2023 | (per day) |