



**Order under Section 69  
Residential Tenancies Act, 2006**

**Citation:** DE RITA v DEGROAT, 2023 ONLTB 23908

**Date:** 2023-03-10

**File Number:** LTB-L-007758-22

**In the matter of:** 26, 220 ASHLAND AVE LONDON  
ONTARIO N5W4E4

**Between:** MICHAEL DE RITA Landlord

**And**

JASON DEGROAT and MELANIE WEBBER Tenant

MICHAEL DE RITA (the 'Landlord') applied for an order to terminate the tenancy and evict JASON DEGROAT and MELANIE WEBBER (the 'Tenant') because the Tenant did not pay the rent that the Tenant owes.

The Landlord also claimed charges related to NSF cheques.

This application was heard by videoconference on July 20, 2022.

The Landlord and the Tenant attended the hearing.

**Determinations:**

1. 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 \$895.00. It is due on the 1st day of each month.
4. Based on the Monthly rent, the daily rent/compensation is \$29.42. This amount is calculated as follows: \$895.00 x 12, divided by 365 days.

5. The Tenant has not made any payments since the application was filed.
6. The rent arrears owing to July 31, 2022 are \$15,170.00.
7. The Landlord is entitled to \$0.00 to reimburse the Landlord for administration charges and \$180.00 for bank fees the Landlord incurred as a result of 0 cheque given by or on behalf of the Tenant which was returned NSF.
8. The Landlord incurred costs of \$201.00 for filing the application and is entitled to reimbursement of those costs.
9. The Landlord collected a rent deposit of \$875.00 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.
10. Interest on the rent deposit, in the amount of \$61.25 is owing to the Tenant for the period from July 21, 2017 to July 20, 2022.
11. 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.
12. The Tenant did not dispute the rent arrears but submitted that he had financial difficulties paying the rent due to a motor vehicle accident on May 01, 2021, in which he sustained significant injuries to his lower back and could not work. The Tenants testified that he receives monthly benefits of \$1,000.00 from Ontario Works and \$1,300.00 from Child Tax benefits. The Tenant sought a monthly payment plan at the hearing.
13. The Landlord expressed doubt about the Tenant's ability to pay rent arrears because it is significant, and he had failed to contact him for any payment plans before the hearing. The Landlord asserts that any monthly payment plan seems unrealistic and may put the Tenant in further financial distress. The Landlord sought a standard eviction order.
14. On balance, an eviction delay will be prejudicial to the Landlord since the Tenant has had an extended time to pay the rent arrears. I do not find a further delay reasonable.

**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:**
  - \$22,711.00 if the payment is made on or before March 21, 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 March 21, 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 March 21, 2023**
5. If the Tenant does not void the order, the Tenant shall pay to the Landlord \$14,308.15. This amount includes rent arrears owing up to the date of the hearing and the cost of filing the application and unpaid NSF charges. 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 \$29.42 per day for the use of the unit starting July 21, 2022 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 March 21, 2023, the Tenant will start to owe interest. This will be simple interest calculated from March 22, 2023 at 5.00% annually on the balance outstanding.
8. The Landlord or the Tenant shall pay to the other any sum of money that is owed as a result of this order.
9. If the unit is not vacated on or before March 21, 2023, then starting March 22, 2023, the Landlord may file this order with the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) so that the eviction may be enforced.
10. 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 March 22, 2023.

**March 10, 2023**

**Date Issued**

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Percy Laryea

Member, Landlord and Tenant Board

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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 September 22, 2023 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.

\*Note: When the Board directs payment-out, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce will issue a cheque to the appropriate party named in this notice. The cheque will be in the amount directed plus any interest accrued up to the date of the notice

**Schedule 1  
SUMMARY OF CALCULATIONS**

**A. Amount the Tenant must pay to void the eviction order and continue the tenancy if the payment is made on or before March 21, 2023**

Rent Owing To March 31, 2023	\$22,330.00
Application Filing Fee	\$201.00
NSF Charges	\$180.00
<b>Less</b> the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed	- \$0.00
<b>Less</b> the amount the Tenant paid into the LTB since the application was filed	- \$0.00
<b>Less</b> the amount the Landlord owes the Tenant for an{abatement/rebate}	- \$0.00
<b>Less</b> the amount of the credit that the Tenant is entitled to	- \$0.00
<b>Total the Tenant must pay to continue the tenancy</b>	<b>\$22,711.00</b>

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

Rent Owing To Hearing Date	\$14,863.40
Application Filing Fee	\$201.00
NSF Charges	\$180.00
<b>Less</b> the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed	- \$0.00
<b>Less</b> the amount the Tenant paid into the LTB since the application was filed	- \$0.00
<b>Less</b> the amount of the last month's rent deposit	- \$875.00
<b>Less</b> the amount of the interest on the last month's rent deposit	- \$61.25
<b>Less</b> the amount the Landlord owes the Tenant for an {abatement/rebate}	- \$0.00
<b>Less</b> the amount of the credit that the Tenant is entitled to	- \$0.00
<b>Total amount owing to the Landlord</b>	<b>\$14,308.15</b>
Plus daily compensation owing for each day of occupation starting July 21, 2022	\$29.42 (per day)