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Commission de la location immobilière

Order under Section 69 Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

Citation: Nnabuchi v Gibson, 2023 ONLTB 19427

Date: 2023-02-13

File Number: LTB-L-032582-22

In the matter of: 4 HEMLOCK CRT

BARRIE ON L4N9N5

Between: Chinwe Oguine Landlords

Okwudili Nnabuchi

And

Tracie Ruth Gibson

Tenant

Chinwe Oguine and Okwudili Nnabuchi (the 'Landlords') applied for an order to terminate the tenancy and evict Tracie Ruth Gibson (the 'Tenant') because the Tenant did not pay the rent that the Tenant owes.

This application was heard by videoconference on January 31, 2023.

The Landlord Okwudili Nnabuchi and the Tenant attended the hearing. The Landlords' Legal Representative K. Brock was also present.

Determinations:

Preliminary Issue: The Board's Monetary Jurisdiction

- 1. The Landlord's application claims the total amount of \$37,036.00, which represents the arrears of rent for the period ending January 31, 2023 (\$36,850.00), plus the application filing fee (\$186.00).
- 2. The amount claimed by the Landlord exceeds the monetary jurisdiction of the Board. Subsection 207(1) of the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 17, limits the monetary jurisdiction of the Board to that of the Small Claims Court; that amount is \$35,000.00.

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3. The Landlord was advised of the limitation and agreed to waive any amount that exceeds the Boards monetary jurisdiction. The Landlord was also advised of section 207(3) of the Act which states if the party proceeds to obtain a Board order at the maximum amount, that party extinguishes the right in excess of the Board's monetary jurisdiction. The Landlord acknowledged this and agreed that the amount owing is limited to \$35,000.00, which is the monetary jurisdiction of the Board.

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- 4. 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.
- 5. As of the hearing date, the Tenant was still in possession of the rental unit.
- 6. The lawful rent is \$3,350.00. It is due on the 1st day of each month.
- 7. Based on the Monthly rent, the daily rent/compensation is \$110.14. This amount is calculated as follows: \$3,350.00 x 12, divided by 365 days.
- 8. The Tenant has not made any payments since the application was filed.
- 9. The rent arrears owing to January 31, 2023 are \$36,850.00.
- 10. The Landlord incurred costs of \$186.00 for filing the application and is entitled to reimbursement of those costs.
- 11. The Landlord collected a rent deposit of \$3,350.00 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.
- 12. Interest on the rent deposit, in the amount of \$47.32 is owing to the Tenant for the period from April 1, 2021 to January 31, 2023.

Section 83 considerations:

- 13. I have considered all of the disclosed circumstances in accordance with subsection 83(2) of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* (the 'Act'), and find that it would not be unfair to postpone the eviction until February 28, 2023 pursuant to subsection 83(1)(b) of the Act.
- 14. The Tenant testified that when she moved into the rental unit she had moved out of an abusive relationship and that took a toll on her. She went into depression and lost her job unable to sustain her tenancy. She has been relying on her parents for support to sustain herself. The Tenant also added that she may get money from the sale of her matrimonial home but it was not finalised when or how much.

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15. The Landlord on the other hand was struggling financially because of high rent arrears but was willing to give the Tenant time till the February 28, 2023 to find suitable accommodation.

16. Based on the evidence before me and the Tenant's circumstances, I find that the Tenant is unable to sustain the tenancy currently. I agree with the Landlord's representative to extend the termination date to February 28, 2022.

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:

- \$35,186.00 if the payment is made on or before February 28, 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 February 28, 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 February 28, 2023
- 5. If the Tenant does not void the order, the Tenant shall pay to the Landlord \$33,575.59. 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 \$110.14 per day for the use of the unit starting February 1, 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 February 28, 2023, the Tenant will start to owe interest. This will be simple interest calculated from March 1, 2023 at 5.00% annually on the balance outstanding.
- 8. If the unit is not vacated on or before February 28, 2023, then starting March 1, 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 March 1, 2023.

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February 13, 2023

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Sheena Brar

Member, Landlord and Tenant Board

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In accordance with section 81 of the Act, the part of this order relating to the eviction expires on August 28, 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.

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 February 28, 2023

Rent Owing To February 28, 2023	\$40,200.00
Application Filing Fee	\$186.00
NSF Charges	\$0.00
Less the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed	- \$0.00
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	\$40,386.00
Total amount the Tenant must pay to continue the tenancy as per Board's jurisdictional limit	\$35,186.00

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

Rent Owing To Hearing Date	\$36,850.00
Application Filing Fee	\$186.00
NSF Charges	\$0.00
Less the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed	- \$0.00
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	- \$3,350.00
Less the amount of the interest on the last month's rent deposit	- \$110.41

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Less the amount the Landlord owes the Tenant for an	- \$0.00
{abatement/rebate}	
Less the amount of the credit that the Tenant is entitled to	- \$0.00
Total amount owing to the Landlord	\$33,575.59
Plus daily compensation owing for each day of occupation starting	\$110.14
February 1, 2023	(per day)

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