Order under Section 69 Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

Citation: Lionston Holding Inc. v Bjork, 2022 ONLTB 10086

Date: 2022-10-28

File Number: LTB-L-019420-22

In the matter of: 2. 67 MAIN ST W

HUNTSVILLE ON P1H2L2

Between: Lionston Holding Inc. Landlord

And

Jim Bjork Tenant

Lionston Holding Inc. (the 'Landlord') applied for an order to terminate the tenancy and evict Jim Bjork (the 'Tenant') because the Tenant did not pay the rent that the Tenant owes.

This application was heard by videoconference on October 24, 2022.

The Landlord's agent L. Ross, Landlord's legal representative K. Draycott and the Tenant attended the hearing.

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 \$2,024.00. It is due on the 1st day of each month.
- 4. Based on the Monthly rent, the daily rent/compensation is \$66.54. This amount is calculated as follows: \$2,024.00 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 October 31, 2022 are \$18,016.00.
- 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 \$2,000.00 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 \$24.13 is owing to the Tenant for the period from October 23, 2020 to October 24, 2022.

- 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 provided conflicting details about his financial situation. He first testified that he lost his license to practice as an optometrist in November 2020 due to noncompliance of Covid-19 mandates. He also testified that he has no income and no ability to pay rent. He later testified that he is retired and has been living off of savings and investments since losing his license to practice but that his financial resources were depleted and he could no longer pay rent. He also testified that he has access to investments which he expects to be available to him within the next few days, sufficient to pay off the arrears and carry him financially for some additional time until he can find more affordable housing.
- 11. The Tenant has not paid any rent since the filing of the application in April 2022. Noting the Tenant's contradictions and admission that he does in fact have access to funds to void an order for termination, I find that there has been greater prejudice to the Landlord in this circumstance. Therefore, I find that a standard order is an appropriate order in this circumstance.

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:
 - \$18,202.00 if the payment is made on or before October 31, 2022. See Schedule 1 for the calculation of the amount owing.

OR

- \$20,226.00 if the payment is made on or before November 8, 2022. 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 8, 2022 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 8, 2022
- 5. If the Tenant does not void the order, the Tenant shall pay to the Landlord \$15,750.83. 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 \$66.54 per day for the use of the unit starting October 25, 2022 until the date the Tenant moves out of the unit.

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- 7. If the Tenant does not pay the Landlord the full amount owing on or before November 8, 2022, the Tenant will start to owe interest. This will be simple interest calculated from November 9, 2022 at 4.00% annually on the balance outstanding.
- 8. If the unit is not vacated on or before November 8, 2022, then starting November 9, 2022, 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 9, 2022.

October 28, 2022	
Date Issued	Donna Adams
	Member I andlord 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 9, 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 October 31, 2022

Rent Owing To October 31, 2022	\$18,016.00
Application Filing Fee	\$186.00
Total the Tenant must pay to continue the tenancy	\$18,202.00

B. Amount the Tenant must pay to void the eviction order and continue the tenancy if the payment is made on or before November 8, 2022

Rent Owing To November 30, 2022	\$20,040.00
Application Filing Fee	\$186.00
Total the Tenant must pay to continue the tenancy	\$20,226.00

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

Rent Owing To Hearing Date	\$17,588.96
Application Filing Fee	\$186.00
Less the amount of the last month's rent deposit	- \$2,000.00
Less the amount of the interest on the last month's rent deposit	- \$24.13
Total amount owing to the Landlord	\$15,750.83
Plus daily compensation owing for each day of occupation starting	\$66.54
October 25, 2022	(per day)