INTRODUCTION

- [1] On May 8, 2024 the Landlord filed a *Landlord Application to Determine Dispute (Form 2(B))* (the "Application") with the Residential Tenancy Office (the "Rental Office") pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act"). The Application included a claim for rent and fees owing, which is the subject of this decision.
- [2] The Application also seeks vacant possession of the Unit and an order for the Sheriff to put the Landlord in possession, which is the subject of Order LD24-177.
- [3] Attached to the Application was an *Eviction Notice (Form 4(A))* served by the Landlord to the Tenants on March 8, 2024, effective March 28, 2024 (the "Notice"), for the following reason:

You have not paid your rent in the amount of \$2,275.01.

Particulars of termination: Rent payment not received yet.

- [4] On May 15, 2024 the Rental Office mailed and emailed the parties notice of a teleconference hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on May 30, 2024 (the "Notice of Hearing"), along with a copy of the Application.
- [5] On May 23, 2024 the Rental Office emailed the parties an evidence package (the "Evidence Package").
- [6] At 11:00 a.m. on May 30, 2024 the Residential Tenancy Officer (the "Officer"), a representative of the Landlord (the "Representative"), and the three Tenants participated in a teleconference hearing.

ISSUE

i. Do the Tenants owe rent and fees to the Landlord?

SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

- [7] The Unit is a three-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment located in a 12-unit building that the Landlord has operated since 2019 or 2020.
- [8] The Landlord and the Tenants entered into a first written, fixed term tenancy agreement for the period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. The parties entered into a second written, fixed term tenancy agreement for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024. Rent in the amount \$2,175.00 is due on the first day of the month and a security deposit of \$2,175.00 was paid. Internet is not an included service in the tenancy agreement and there is an additional \$100.00 internet fee agreed to by the parties (see clause 20(2)(e) of the *Act*).
- [9] The Representatives' evidence is summarized as follows. The Representative submitted into evidence a financial statement generated on May 17, 2024 (the "Statement") showing the payments and expenses of the Tenants, with a balance owing of \$3,033.36. The Representative stated that no further payments have been made by the Tenants since the Statement was generated.
- [10] The Representative stated that the Tenants' payment dates in the Statement may vary by a small amount of time from the actual payment date. After the Notice was served on March 8, 2024, the Landlord received only the following four payments:
 - (1) \$1,516.66 on March 29, 2024 (Statement date April 2, 2024);
 - (2) \$758.33 on April 3, 2024 (same as Statement);
 - (3) \$758.33 on April 30, 2024 (Statement date May 1, 2024); and

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- (4) \$758.33 on May 3, 2024 (Statement date May 1, 2024).
- [11] The Tenants' evidence is summarized as follows. The Tenants do not dispute the payment details provided in the Representative's evidence or the current total balance outstanding of \$3,033.36.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

- [12] Based upon the testimony provided, which is corroborated by the documentary evidence, the Officer finds that the Tenants currently owe the Landlord rent and fees totaling \$3,033.36.
- [13] In Order LD24-177, the Officer found that the Tenants must vacate the Unit by 5:00 p.m. on June 7, 2024. Therefore, the Tenants must pay pro-rated rent and fees in the amount of \$530.83 (7 days divided by 30 days multiplied by \$2,275.00).
- [14] The Application is valid. The Tenants must pay the Landlord the rent and fees totaling \$3,564.19 by the timeline below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT

1. The Tenants must pay the Landlord the amount of \$3,564.19 by June 20, 2024.

DATED at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 31st day of May, 2024.

(sgd.) Andrew Cudmore
Andrew Cudmore
Residential Tenancy Officer

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NOTICE

Right to Appeal

This Order can be appealed to the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the "Commission") by serving a Notice of Appeal with the Commission and every party to this Order within **20 days of this Order**. If a document is sent electronically after 5:00 p.m., it is considered received the next day that is not a holiday. If a document is sent by mail, it is considered served on the third day after mailing.

Filing with the Court

If no appeal has been made within the noted timelines, this Order can be filed with the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island and enforced as if it were an order of the Court.

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