# CALGARY ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD DECISION WITH REASONS

In the matter of the complaint against the property assessment as provided by the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, Section 460, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 (the Act).

#### between:

#### Safeway Holdings (Alberta) LTD. (as represented by MNP LLP), COMPLAINANT

and

#### The City Of Calgary, RESPONDENT

#### before:

## Tom Golden, PRESIDING OFFICER B Jerchel, MEMBER J Lam, MEMBER

This is a complaint to the Calgary Assessment Review Board in respect of a property assessment prepared by the Assessor of The City of Calgary and entered in the 2012 Assessment Roll as follows:

**ROLL NUMBER:** 032027401

LOCATION ADDRESS: 3939 19 ST NE

FILE NUMBER: 66514

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ASSESSMENT: \$3,430,000.00

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This complaint was heard on 30 day of July, 2012 at the office of the Assessment Review Board located at Floor Number 4 1212 – 31 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, Boardroom 5.

Appeared on behalf of the Complainant:

• M. Uhryn

Appeared on behalf of the Respondent:

K Gardiner
L. Cheng

### Board's Decision in Respect of Procedural or Jurisdictional Matters:

[1] There were not procedural issue to consider.

#### **Property Description:**

The subject property built in 1977 is a multi tenanted warehouse. It has a footprint of 30,318 square feet (sq ft) and an assessable area of 32,573 per sq ft on 2.05 acres. The assessment was determined using the direct sales approach, at \$105.00 per sq ft.

### Issues:

[2] Is the subject property equitably assessed when compared to similar properties?

## Complainant's Requested Value: \$3,257,000

#### Board's Decision in Respect of the Equity issue:

[3] The property is equitably assessed.

The Complainant presented the Board with an equity chart with 4 properties. Each property in the opinion of the Complainant is similar to the subject. The properties are all in the NE area, all are the same C quality and of similar size. These comparables had assessments between \$97.00 per sq ft and \$101.00 per sq ft. The median value was \$100.00 per sq ft which is the basis of the requested value.

[5] The Respondent questioned the applicability of the Complainant's sales comparables pointing to the fact that all of the equity comparables were older structures and each had greatersite coverage.

[6] The Board agreed with the Respondent that all of the comparables presented by the Complainant were inferior to the subject with respect to age and site coverage. The Complainant's evidence is insufficient to change the assessment. It is noted that the Complainant is requesting a 5.08% change in the assessment. The evidence does not support such a minor change in assessment.

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# **Board's Decision:**

The assessment is confirmed at \$3,430,000.00. [7]

DATED AT THE CITY OF CALGARY THIS 16 DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2012. **Presiding Officer** 

# **APPENDIX "A"**

# **DOCUMENTS PRESENTED AT THE HEARING** AND CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

NO.	ITEM	
1. C1	Complainant Disclosure	
2. C-2	Complainant Rebuttal	
2. R2	Respondent Disclosure	
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An appeal may be made to the Court of Queen's Bench on a question of law or jurisdiction with respect to a decision of an assessment review board.

Any of the following may appeal the decision of an assessment review board:

- the complainant; (a)
- (b) an assessed person, other than the complainant, who is affected by the decision;
- (C) the municipality, if the decision being appealed relates to property that is within

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the boundaries of that municipality;

(d) the assessor for a municipality referred to in clause (c).

An application for leave to appeal must be filed with the Court of Queen's Bench within 30 days after the persons notified of the hearing receive the decision, and notice of the application for leave to appeal must be given to

- (a) the assessment review board, and
- (b) any other persons as the judge directs.

		Property Sub-		
Appeal Type	Property Type	Туре	Issue	Sub-Issue
CARB	Industrial	warehouse	Sales Approach	equity