# **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:

Merlin Alberta Realty Corporation, COMPLAINANT

and

The City Of Calgary, RESPONDENT

before:

W. Kipp, PRESIDING OFFICER J. Kerrison, MEMBER R. Roy, 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:** 

101032605

LOCATION ADDRESS: 616 – 58 Avenue SE, Calgary AB

**FILE NUMBER:** 

65280

ASSESSMENT:

\$5,370,000

This complaint was considered on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012 at the office of the Assessment Review Board located at Floor Number 4 1212 – 31 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, Boardroom 6.

Appeared on behalf of the Complainant:

No representation

Appeared on behalf of the Respondent:

George Bell

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

[1] This complaint was dismissed by the Board due to lack of compliance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and Regulation 310/2009 (MRAC).

AR 310/2009 Matters Relating To Assessment Complaints Regulation

### Disclosure of evidence

- **8**(1) In this section, "complainant" includes an assessed person who is affected by a complaint who wishes to be heard at the hearing.
- (2) If a complaint is to be heard by a composite assessment review board, the following rules apply with respect to the disclosure of evidence:
- (a) the complainant must, at least 42 days before the hearing date,
  - (i) disclose to the respondent and the composite assessment review board the documentary evidence, a summary of the testimonial evidence, including a signed witness report for each witness, and any written argument that the complainant intends to present at the hearing in sufficient detail to allow the respondent to respond to or rebut the evidence at the hearing, and
  - (ii) provide to the respondent and the composite assessment review board an estimate of the amount of time necessary to present the complainant's evidence;

#### Failure to disclose

- **9**(1) A composite assessment review board must not hear any matter in support of an issue that is not identified on the complaint form.
- (2) A composite assessment review board must not hear any evidence that has not been disclosed in accordance with section 8.

- [2] The Assessment Review Board Complaint form was submitted on February 10, 2012. In Section 5 of the form, the Complainant stated that it was the owner's position that the property had not changed nor had the income changed since the previous assessment was made and that prior assessment was \$3,410,000. An increase of 57% was therefore unjustified. The Complainant's requested assessment was \$3,410,000, the same as for the 2011 tax year.
- [3] The hearing notice mailed to the Complainant stated the due date for Complainant's Disclosure was July 4, 2012. No disclosure was received from the Complainant prior to the due date and as at the hearing date of August 16, 2012, there had still been no disclosure made by the Complainant.
- [4] The Complainant failed to comply with the requirements of MRAC Sections 8 and 9, therefore the complaint is dismissed.
- [5] The 2012 assessment is confirmed at \$5,370,000

DATED AT THE CITY OF CALGARY THIS DAY OF	Sept	2012.
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W. Kipp Presiding Officer	· .	

## **APPENDIX "A"**

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

NO. ITEM

1. Respondent Disclosure – comprising a copy of Regulation 310/2009 – not marked as an exhibit

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:

- (a) the complainant;
- (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 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.

## For Internal Use

Appeal Type	Property Type	Property Sub-Type	Issue	Sub-Issue
CARB	Procedural	Information Exchange	No exchange	