

# **Calgary Assessment Review Board**

## **DECISION WITH REASONS AND DISSENTING OPINION**

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:

WR Equities Inc. (represented by Colliers International Realty Advisors, Inc.), COMPLAINANT

and

The City Of Calgary, RESPONDENT

#### before:

V. Higham, PRESIDING OFFICER
B. Jerchel, BOARD MEMBER
J. Pratt, BOARD MEMBER

This is a complaint to the Calgary Assessment Review Board (the Board) in respect of a property assessment prepared by the Assessor of The City of Calgary (the City) and entered in the 2013 Assessment Roll as follows:

**ROLL NUMBER:** 

068053008

**LOCATION ADDRESS:** 

505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW

Calgary, Alberta

**FILE NUMBER:** 

71831

ASSESSMENT:

\$62,770,000

This complaint was heard on 14th day of August, 2013 at the office of the Calgary Assessment Review Board located at Floor Number 4, 1212 – 31 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, Boardroom 6.

Appeared on behalf of the Complainants:

C. Hartley

Agent, Colliers International Realty Advisors, Inc.,

A. Farley

Agent, Colliers International Realty Advisors, Inc.,

Appeared on behalf of the Respondent:

H. Neumann

Assessor, City of Calgary

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

- [1] Neither party objected to the composition of the Board as introduced at the hearing.
- [2] All disclosure materials were received in a timely fashion, as legislated under the Act.
- [3] The Board noted a duly executed Agent Authorization Form on file.
- [4] No further preliminary matters were raised by either party.
- [5] A dissenting opinion by the Presiding Officer is attached.

# **Property Description:**

[6] The subject, known as the Canada Trust building, is a B quality office high rise built in 1979 and located at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street S.W. in the downtown commercial core of Calgary (DT1). It comprises a total of 135,101 square feet (sf) of assessable space over 18 floors. The subject is currently assessed at \$62,770,000, using an Income Approach to value, with an applied Rental Rate of \$22 per-square-foot (psf), and an applied Capitalization Rate (Cap Rate) of 5%.

#### Issues:

- [7] The Complainant identified one matter on the Complaint Form as under complaint, that being the assessment amount. During the hearing the Complainant indicated he was requesting a different assessment amount (\$46,280,000) than originally noted on the Complaint Form (\$37,660,000). The Complainant then raised the following issues for the Board's consideration:
  - 1) What is the correct Rental Rate to apply to the subject property: the assessed \$22 or the requested \$21 psf?
  - 2) What is the correct Cap Rate to apply against the subject property: the assessed 5.0% or the requested 6.5%.

## Complainants' Requested Value: \$46,280,000

<u>Board's Decision</u>: For the reasons outlined herein, the Board confirms the current assessment of the subject property at \$62,770,000.

# Legislative Authority, Requirements and Considerations:

- [8] A Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) derives its authority from the *MGA*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Section 460.1, which reads as follows:
  - (2) Subject to section 460(11), a composite assessment review board has jurisdiction to hear complaints about any matter referred to in section 460(5) that is shown on an assessment notice for property other than property described in subsection (1)(a).

#### Section 293 of the MGA requires that :

- (1) In preparing an assessment, the assessor must, in a fair and equitable manner,
  - (a) apply the valuation and other standards set out in the regulations, and
  - (b) follow the procedures set out in the regulations.

Section 2 of the Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulations (the MRAT) states:

- (2) An assessment of property based on market value
  - (a) must be prepared using mass appraisal,
  - (b) must be an estimate of the value of the fee simple estate in the property, and
  - (c) must reflect typical market conditions for properties similar to that property.
- 4(1) The valuation standard for a parcel of land is
  - (a) market value, or
  - (b) if the parcel is used for farming operations, agricultural use value.

#### **Position of the Parties**

Issue #1: What is the correct Rental Rate to apply to the subject property: the assessed \$22 or the requested \$21 psf?

## **Complainant's Position:**

- [9] The Complainant submitted a table of fourteen recent leases within the subject building [Exhibit C1, p.19] with commencement dates between July 1, 2011 and June 1, 2012, showing mean/median lease rates of \$22.29 and \$21.50 psf respectively.
- [10] The Complainant also submitted a table of fourteen lease comparables from five B quality buildings in the DT1 [Exhibit C1, p.25], comprising the entire inventory of B quality properties in that zone, showing mean/median lease rates of \$20.11 and \$19.50 psf respectively.
- [11] The Complainant also submitted exterior pictures of the subject property, as well as exterior pictures of all five comparable B buildings in DT1.
- [12] The Complainant argued that the market evidence submitted in these tables supported their request for a lower Rental Rate of \$21 psf.

## **Respondent's Position:**

[13] The Respondent submitted several equity charts showing mean/median/weighted mean assessment to sales ratios (ASR) for A, B, and B- quality properties in the downtown [Exhibit R1, pp.73-75], as well as a Cap Rate Summary using the Complainant's requested rental and cap rate values to show ASRs for the comparable B quality properties at 0.79, 0.83, 0.93

[Exhibit R1, p. 77].

- The Respondent provided a 2013 downtown office Rent Analysis chart for B quality properties in the DT1 showing 28 leases commencing between July 2011 and June 2012 [Exhibit R1, p. 84], with mean, median, and weighted mean lease rates at \$21.20, \$21.00, and \$21.05 psf for all leases, and \$23.50, \$24.00, and \$22.79 psf for 2012 leases.
- Additionally, the Respondent provided a 2012 downtown office Rent Analysis chart for B quality properties in DT1 showing 40 leases commencing between July 2010 and July 2011 [Exhibit R1, p.86], and used this as a comparison to the 2013 chart, noting steady increases in rental rates from 2010 to 2011 to 2012.
- The Respondent also submitted a chart showing leases in the subject property [16] commencing in 2012, taken from the Complainant's package [Exhibit R1, p.81], with median/mean/weighted mean rates of \$24.50, \$24.36, and \$23.43 psf respectively - asserting that the Complainant's own evidence supports the assessed Rental Rate of \$22 psf for the subject property.

# **Board's Findings and Reasons for Decision:**

- Having carefully considered the evidence and arguments presented by both parties at [17] the hearing, the Board finds no compelling reason to vary the assessed Rental Rate, which, based on a preponderance of evidence, reasonably supports the City's assessed rate of \$22 psf for the subject property. The Complainant's own evidence [Exhibit C1, p.19] likewise supports the assessed rate.
- [18] The Complainant made no attempt, either in submissions or by way of argument, to distinguish the subject property as unique, atypical, or in any way not similar to the other properties in the B quality category, to justify a site-specific reduction.
- [19] Thus, the Board confirms the Rental Rate at the assessed \$22 psf.

#### Issue #2: What is the correct Cap Rate to apply against the subject property: the assessed 5.0% or the requested 6.5%?

## Complainant's Position on Issue #2:

- The Complainant presented written submissions and verbal testimony arguing that the City erred in the development of its Cap Rate for the 2012 valuation year for the various classes of downtown office properties, arguing that Cap Rates for all classes were incorrectly derived at: Class A at 6%, Class B at 5%, and Class C at 5.5%.
- [21] The Complainant relied on MGB Board Order 140/01 in summarizing the proposition that "superior properties should have lower capitalization rates than inferior properties, as capitalization rates are, in part, a function of risk. Therefore, lower risk properties should have lower capitalization rates. This is clearly not the case in how the City of Calgary has assessed properties in 2013." [Exhibit C1, p.34]
- The Complainant advanced three basic arguments to support their request for the Board to increase the existing 5% cap rate in favour of their proposed 6.5% rate (no lower than 6%) for all B quality properties in the downtown core:

#### 1) Exclude All Portfolio Sales:

The first argument was a request to exclude all portfolio sales in the City's cap rate study. The Complainant submitted a number of Board and MGB decisions which grappled with the reliability of certain portfolio transactions – particularly those involving numerous properties sold across various cities and provinces throughout the country.

Noting that the Board has ruled both to exclude and at other times to accept portfolio sales, the Complainant left it to the Board's discretion whether or not to accept them in the subject complaint. However, the Complainant vehemently argued that the reason for the "irrational and counter-intuitive" hierarchy of Cap Rates across the three downtown office classes in this assessment year was because these portfolio sales were not truly reflective of *typical market value* for the transacted properties in their respective categories.

The Complainant also raised an argument in rebuttal that the AGT Telephone Building used in the City's Cap Rate study ought to be excluded for two reasons: it was a different classification (Class "I") historic property which would never compete in the same market as typical Class B buildings, and it was outside the base valuation period for the 2012 assessment year (sold on April 13, 2011).

# 2) De-stratify and Apply Historic Hierarchy Spreads:

In the alternative of excluding all portfolio sales (which would exclude all B quality properties from the study), the Complainant argued that the Board ought to "destratify" the A and B properties altogether, evaluating them as one category for the purpose of the current assessment year.

The Complainant then proposed assigning to each classification the appropriate "historic hierarchy spread" between the two quality ratings, and presented a graph depicting that historic spread – which until the current assessment year ranged from 0.5% to 1.5%, with the mode being 0.5%. [Exhibit C1, p. 37].

Based on this analysis, and given the 6% Cap Rate assigned to the Class A properties, the Complainant's requested a cap rate for the subject of 6.5%.

#### 3) Inconsistent Valuation Parameters:

The final argument advanced by the Complainant to support a higher requested Cap Rate for B quality properties was the inconsistent and therefore incorrect NOI parameters used by the City to derive the overall Cap Rate for that class of properties. The Complainant submitted that for sales which transacted in 2011, the City's accepted practice is to calculate typical parameters based on a "retrospective" July 1, 2011 valuation date, using data collected from July 1, 2010 through to June 30, 2011. Yet, for sales which transacted in 2012, the City's practice is to calculate typical parameters based on a "forward-looking" July 1, 2012 valuation date, using data collected from July 1, 2011 through to June 30, 2012.

The Complainant objected to the City's use of two different valuation standards (one for 2011 sales and another for 2012 sales), arguing that this inconsistent application of valuation parameters produced significantly different NOIs and Cap Rates for several 2011 sales [Exhibit C1, p.36 versus Exhibit R1, p.89 – note Gulf

Canada Square, Rocky Mountain Place, and Five Ten Fifth].

The Complainant objected to this retrospective methodology for two reasons:

- (1) <u>Dated Lease Data</u>: the Complainant submitted that for the three above-noted 2011 sales, the City calculated typical NOIs using dated lease data that was in some cases 18 and up to 24 months old (relative to the standard July 1, 2012 valuation date).
- (2) Inconsistency: applying one standard (with certain value inputs) for 2012 sales and another standard (with different value inputs) for 2011 sales results in an inaccurate overall Cap Rate being applied to the subject property, whose assessment is being estimated as of the July 1, 2012 valuation standard mandated by legislation (not the July 1, 2011 valuation date used by the City for certain sales).

This means that the value inputs used to develop the NOIs in deriving a typical Cap Rate for Class B properties ought to be the identical value inputs used when applying that Cap Rate against the subject assessment as of July 1, 2012. In this case, the Complainant argued that the value inputs were different, inconsistently applied, and therefore flawed.

- [23] The Complainant submitted CARB Decisions 70517/P-2013 and 71535P-2013 in support of their argument in favour of consistently applying the same forward-looking July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 base valuation period to all aspects of the Cap Rate analysis.
- [24] The Complainant also submitted evidence [Exhibit C2, pp.71-79] that the Respondent itself has in past years employed the forward-looking methodology to derive typical Cap Rates for identified retail properties in the city, and that the decision to use a retrospective methodology for the 2011 sales in the subject complaint was incongruent with their own previous policy, and inconsistent with sound appraisal principles.
- [25] The Complainant submitted their own Cap Rate analysis [Exhibit C1, p.36], including all the same sale transactions as the City's study, excepting two sales: the AGT Telephone Building (Class B), and the Northland Building (Class C) which the City included but the Complainant did not.
- [26] Based on using one consistent valuation period for all NOI parameters and inputs (being that of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), the Complainant's Cap Rate study resulted in a mean Cap Rate value of 5.60% and a median value of 5.39%.
- [27] The Complainant submitted a new pro-forma analysis [Exhibit C1, p.17] utilizing their requested \$21 psf Rental Rate and 6.5% Cap Rate to generate a proposed assessment value of \$46,281,179 truncated to \$46,280,000.

# Respondent's Position on Issue #2:

- [28] The Respondent submitted the City's Cap Rate study [Exhibit R1, p.89], which examined 16 downtown properties with mean/median values of 4.65% and 4.82% respectively for the base valuation period, and mean/median values of 5.07% and 5.02% respectively for 2012 comparables only (truncated six month period).
- [29] In response to the Complainant's first and second arguments, to exclude all portfolio sales as being unreliable indicators of typical market value, the Respondent asserted that there was categorically no evidence proffered by the Complainant to prove that these portfolio sales

were anything but valid market transactions, reflecting typical market activity in the downtown office Class B properties for the 2012 assessment year.

- [30] The Respondent submitted into evidence the following documents in support of each of the portfolio sales relied upon: a RealNet Transaction Summary, a Commercial Edge Transaction Summary, a Land Titles Transfer of Land document, a sworn Affidavit of Value document, and a Corporate Registration Search summary.
- [31] The Respondent further submitted numerous CARB and MGB decisions (including a number of recent 2013 decisions) in support of their argument to include the portfolio sales.
- [32] In response to the Complainant's third argument, inconsistent valuation parameters, the Respondent indicated that the City's policy is to use NOI inputs and parameters closest to the transaction dates of the sales used in their Cap Rate study. Thus, sales occurring between July 1 and December 31 of 2011 would be analysed using input parameters developed for the July 1, 2011 valuation date.
- [33] Similarly, sales occurring between January 1 and July 1 of 2012 would be analysed using input parameters developed for the July 1, 2012 valuation date. The Respondent asserted that the input data utilized in each case was typical data merely applied to the valuation period closest to the transaction date of each respective sale, which in the City's estimation produces more accurate valuation outcomes than merely applying one standard valuation period to all sales.
- [34] When asked why the City chose to use a retrospective methodology for their Capitalization Rate study, the Respondent stated that the City believes this method "produces more accurate" results.
- [35] In response to the Complainant's evidence noted in paragraph 23 above, the Respondent asserted that those assessments were from 2011 for retail properties in a different economic zone than the downtown office property under complaint in the subject hearing.

## Board's Findings and Reasons for Decision on Issue #2:

- [36] The Board thoroughly reviewed each of the arguments presented by the Complainant to vary the existing Capitalization Rate. Given the fact that the entire inventory of sales transacted in the B quality category were *all* portfolio sales, it would be a weighty matter to exclude every sale in the entire class, without substantive reason to warrant such a move.
- [37] In the subject hearing, the Board finds a lack of clear, compelling evidence to justify excluding these sales. While the Complainant raised some question in the minds of the Board as to how "typical" these sales actually were (given the uncharacteristic hierarchical spread between the classes), sufficient compelling evidence was lacking to justify varying the Cap Rate based on this argument alone.
- [38] The Board notes that in CARB 72030P-2013 (one of the portfolio sales, 521 3 Av. SW) the purchaser's representative did not raise the issue that this transaction was in any way an atypical sale, but rather confirmed it to be a valid market transaction.
- [39] With respect to the Complainant's second argument, to de-stratify the two classes, the Board finds the merit of this proposition unsupportable, since there were sales to analyse in the Class B category, which differs dramatically from the Class A category.
- [40] With respect to the Complainant's third argument, inconsistent valuation parameters, restricting its comments to the cap rates for "A" and "B" quality buildings, as the C's were only

mentioned in passing and not really part of the argument, the Board finds the following:

- [41] Excluding the two sales the Complainant objected to [par. 24], since the C's are not a part of this complaint and the City did not include the AGT Telephone Building in their final analysis, both parties used the same 11 sales to derive their cap rates [C-1, p.36 and R-1, p. 89]. The only difference is the NOI used to determine the cap rate for three of the sales; Rocky Mountain Plaza, Five Ten Fifth and Gulf Canada Square, all three of which occurred in the later part of 2011. On p. 56 of C-1 the Complainant states that "Properly prepared, the assessed income would be the assessed income for the year of the transaction. So, for sales within one year of the base year (July 1, 2011 June 30, 2012 the appropriate income parameters would be those utilized in the calculation of the 2013 assessments".
- [42] This is where the Board perceives some difficulty. The Assessment Year is regulated; it is the year prior to the Taxation Year. The Valuation Date and the Condition Date are also regulated, July 1 and December 31 of the Assessment Year. There is no regulated "base year". July 1 to June 30 are merely the timelines most commonly employed to collect the data used to determine "typical" values as of July 1st. The Complainant is advocating using 2011 and 2012 typicals for sales that occurred in 2011, depending on whether they occurred before or after July 1st. On the other hand, all property values for the 2011 Assessment Year are determined using the typical parameters for 2011, derived from data collected up to June 30 2011. The same holds true for 2012. The Complainant is not objecting to this methodology as it pertains to the Assessments in the valuation year or the sales for capitalization rate analysis that occurred in the first half of 2011.
- [43] All typical parameters are developed from data gathered over two calendar years whether they be rents, vacancy, operating costs, etc. Why would capitalization rates be any different? The capitalization rate is merely part of a mathematical formula expressing a relationship between income (NOI) and value (Sale Price). For Assessment purposes (Mass Appraisal) the income in question is that which the property can be typically expected to attain in the year that the sale took place. This is the same process used to determine the value of the property in that year. That is consistent, unlike the Complainant's approach of using the current year's income for valuation but the following year's income to develop a capitalization rate.
- [44] Even were the Board to accept the Complainants argument, the resulting changes still do not support the requested capitalization rate of 6.5%.

#### Board's Decision:

[45] For the reasons outlined herein, the Board confirms the current assessment of \$62,770,000.

DATED AT THE C	ITY OF CALGARY	THIS 17 <sup>th</sup> DAY OF	Ochober	2013.
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B. Jerchel Board Member

# **DISSENTING OPINION**

# Presiding Officer V. Higham:

#### [46] **Legislative Authority, Requirements and Considerations:**

#### **Supreme Court of British Columbia**

Westcoast Transmission Co. v. Vancouver Assessor, Area No. 9 [1987] B.C.J. No. 1273 [Westcoast]

#### The Assessment Process

It is common ground that the income approach is an appropriate and, except in unusual circumstances, the most appropriate method of assessing the actual value of commercial property such as that under consideration here. ...

For this process to work, it is evident that the appraiser must make some choices about the concepts to be used, and then to use them consistently. ... I stated above that the concepts used, in developing capitalisation rates for application to the subject, should be used consistently [emphasis added].

- I respectfully submit that while I concur with my colleagues relative to the first issue herein, as well as the first two arguments of the second issue, I am committed to different conclusions relative to the third argument advanced by the Complainant in their cap rate submissions, being the "Inconsistent Valuation Parameters" argument as it appears in the majority decision at p.5 herein.
- Firstly, I respectfully differ with my colleagues as to the nature of the argument submitted by the Complainant on this issue. My view of the Complainant's objections to the "retrospective" valuation methodology is not that the parameters were *inconsistently* applied, but rather that the retrospective parameter applied by the City to certain 2011 sales used dated lease values, resulting in an incorrect typical cap rate applied to the subject.
- The Complainant repeatedly argued at the hearing, in his own words: "A fundamental flaw exists. The City is using lease data (July 2010 to July 2011) to derive NOIs which all precede the sale dates. The City's NOIs are not reflective of market value because it's all data preceding the sales." [Personal hearing notes, at p.2]
- Thus, I would title that portion of the Complainant's argument, "Dated Valuation Parameter" and proffer the following dissent in respect of that argument.

#### **Dated Valuation Parameter:**

- Having carefully considered the evidence and arguments advanced by both parties, I find that the City erred in using an incorrect, dated valuation parameter to calculate the NOIs of certain sales comparables in its cap rate study, which produced an incorrect overall cap rate applied to all B quality office buildings in the downtown, including the subject property.
- The sales in question transacted between July 1 and December 31, 2011, and the issue before the Board is whether these sales should have been analysed using the forward-looking July 1, 2012 valuation parameter advocated by the Complainant, or the retrospective July 1. 2011 parameter utilized by the City.

- [53] I am persuaded that the City erred in using a retrospective valuation parameter, analysing the affected sales using data gathered between *July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011*. This dated valuation analysis produced incorrect NOI values, and artificially low typical cap rates for those individual sales, which led to an incorrect overall cap rate for the entire category of B quality properties for the current assessment year.
- [54] This factor also contributed to the intuitively illogical outcome for downtown office buildings this year wherein B quality properties reflect a lower cap rate at 5% than A quality buildings at 6%. Even C quality buildings in the downtown have a lower cap rate this year at 5.5% than the A's, owing arguably at least in part to the City's use of a retrospective valuation parameter which skewed the results. There were four affected sales used by the City in its cap rate study (one A, two Bs, and one C), affecting typical cap rates across all three quality classifications.
- [55] Examining the evidence submitted by both parties (Exhibits C1, p.36 and R1, p.89), I note that for the two B quality properties which sold in the last six months of 2011, the forward-looking parameter produced cap rates of 6.21% and 6.60%, while the retrospective parameter resulted in cap rates of 3.84% and 4.83% respectively—for the same two sales. I am satisfied that these rates are artificially low, owing to the retrospective valuation parameter.
- [56] The difference lies in the City's use of *dated lease data* (going as far back as mid-2010 notwithstanding the legislated valuation date of July 1, 2012), which produced incorrect cap rates for these affected sales, resulting in an unfair assessment of the subject property.
- [57] I further note in Exhibit R1 at pages 84-85, that the City itself used the standard "base valuation period" of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 to analyse typical rental rates for B quality properties in the downtown, but elected to rely **only upon the 2012 lease data** results to derive its typical rental rate of \$22 psf for that category of buildings.
- [58] This typical rental rate, based on data gathered over the immediate *six months prior to* the valuation date July 1, 2012, was applied to the subject; a typical cap rate of 5% was also applied to the subject, derived using the affected sales described in par. 54 above, analysed from data gathered over a period commencing **24 months prior to** the valuation date.
- [59] Thus, I find the City's use of different and dated valuation parameters for the typical inputs applied to the subject (in this case, rental and cap rates) to be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the *Westcoast* decision, which stands firmly for the proposition that all valuation parameters and inputs used in the derivation of typical factors must be *consistently derived* and applied in like manner to the subject property.
- [60] The Justice in Westcoast was eminently clear:
  - For this process to work, it is evident that the appraiser must make some choices about the concepts to be used, and then to use them consistently. ... I stated above that the concepts used, in developing capitalisation rates for application to the subject, should be used consistently [emphasis added].
- [61] The City's methodology is also in direct conflict with two recent CARB decisions (CARB 70517/P-2013 and Revised CARB 71535P-2013), which harmonize with *Westcoast* in support of the Complainant's requested forward-looking methodology.
- [62] Thus, I am persuaded that all sales transacted in the base valuation period for the 2012 assessment year ought to be analysed using consistent valuation inputs and parameters namely analysing data *closest to* the legislated valuation date to better reflect typical market activity at that snapshot in time.

- [62] To quote from Revised CARB decision 71535P-2013:
  - 4) "A sale in November 2011 (being in the 2012 analysis period) should use typical NOI data for the 2012 analysis period;
  - 5) A sale in August, 2011 (being in the 2012 analysis period) should use typical NOI data for the 2012 analysis period;
  - 6) A sale in May 2011 (being in the 2011 analysis period) should use typical NOI data for the 2011 analysis period; and
  - 7) A sale in November 2011 (being the 2012 analysis period) should *not* use typical NOI data for the 2011 analysis period, because the typical NOI data [for the 2011 analysis period] includes dated leases, in this case from 2010." (Revised CARB 71535P-2013, at par. 41)
- [63] Therefore, I find that the correct valuation parameter to use for those affected sales challenged by the Complainant is a forward-looking one, using the standard base valuation period (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) to gather and analyse comparable data used in the derivation of typical cap rates.
- [64] There certainly may be exceptions to this practice where insufficient data exists, or where a Board finds reasonable grounds upon which to accept dated or post-facto data, but for the purpose of the subject complaint, the base valuation period should have been used in the City's cap rate analysis for those affected sales.
- [65] I therefore accept the Complainant's cap rate calculations (Exhibit C1, p.58), which generated median/mean values of 5.39% and 5.60% respectively for B quality comparables transacted in the base year, and find that a reasonable rounding of these figures justifies an overall typical cap rate for B quality properties of 5.5%.

# **Dissenting Decision:**

For the reasons outlined herein, I would reduce the current assessment of the subject property from \$62,770,000 down to **\$57,000,000**.

DATED AT THE CITY OF CALGARY THIS 17th DAY OF October 2013.

V. Higham

Presiding Officer

#### **APPENDIX "A"**

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

NO.	ITEM		
1. C1	Complainant's Disclosure		
2. R1	Respondent's Disclosure		
3. C2	Complainant's Disclosure		
3. C3	Complainant's Disclosure		

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 Administrative Use Only

Municipal Government Board Use Only: Decision Identifier Codes							
AppealType	Property Type	Property Sub-Type	Issue	Sub-Issue			
CARB	Office	High Rise	Income Approach	Net Market Rent/Lease Rates			
				Capitalization Rates			