



## **Calgary Assessment Review Board**

### **DECISION WITH REASONS**

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

**between:**

***SHAW CABLESYSTEMS LIMITED, (as represented by Colliers International Realty Advisors Inc.), COMPLAINANT***

**and**

***The City Of Calgary, RESPONDENT***

**before:**

***BOARD CHAIR, T. Hudson PRESIDING OFFICER  
BOARD MEMBER, I. Fraser  
BOARD MEMBER, G. Milne***

This is a complaint to the Calgary Assessment Review Board in respect of the property assessments prepared by the Assessor of The City of Calgary and entered in the 2014 Assessment Roll as follows:

**ROLL NUMBER: 048042303**

**LOCATION ADDRESS: 2001 27 AV NE**

**FILE NUMBERS: 76807**

**ASSESSMENTS: \$5,270,000**

The complaint was heard on the 28th day of July, 2014 at the office of the Assessment Review Board located at Floor Number 3, 1212 – 31 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, Board room 10.

Appeared on behalf of the Complainant:

- *Mr. T. Howell, Agent, Colliers International Realty Advisors Inc.*

Appeared on behalf of the Respondent:

- *Mr. N. Domenie, Assessor, City of Calgary*

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

[1] There were no procedural or jurisdictional matters in dispute between the Parties.

**Property Description:**

[2] The subject property is a 2.12 acre parcel of industrial land located at 2001 27 AV NE in the South Airways community. In 1979, the property was improved with a "C" quality class single tenant warehouse including assessable area of 35,589 square feet (sf.). Site coverage is 24.94% and office finish is 58%.

[3] The property is currently assessed based on the direct sales comparison approach at a unit rate of \$148.11 per square foot (psf.), to a total of \$5,271,215 or \$5,270,000 (rounded).

**Issue:**

**Assessment Amount**

[4] The Complainant contends that the assessment exceeds market value, and should be reduced using a unit rate of \$100 psf.

**Complainant Requested Value: \$3,560,000 (rounded)**

**Board's Decision:**

[5] **The assessment is confirmed at \$5,270,000**

**Legislative Authority, Requirements and Considerations:**

[6] The Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) derives its authority from Part 11 of the Act:

*Section 460.1(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).*

[7] For purposes of the hearing, the CARB will consider the Act Section 293(1):

*In preparing the 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.*

[8] The Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation (MRAT) is the regulation referred to in the Act section 293(1) (b). The CARB consideration will be guided by MRAT Part 1 Standards of Assessment, Mass appraisal section 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.*

### **Position of the Parties**

#### **Complainant**

[9] The Complainant initially submitted an analysis of five sales with a unit rate range of \$79.67 psf. to \$124.26 psf. with a mean of \$94.53 psf., in support of a requested unit rate of \$95.00 psf. for the subject property assessments, (Exhibit C1, page 21).

[10] The Complainant subsequently time adjusted the sale prices based on the Respondent's methodology, and calculated a revised mean of \$99.90 psf., (Exhibit C2, page 4).

[11] The Complainant then revised the requested unit rate to \$100 psf., for the subject property assessment.

[12] The Complainant observed that two of the four market sales submitted by the Respondent are much newer and therefore superior to the subject.

[13] The Complainant also argued that because one of the four market sales submitted by the Respondent was transacted in 2010, it is a dated sale and should be excluded from the analysis.

#### **Respondent**

[14] The Respondent submitted an analysis of four sales in support of the assessed value of the subject property, (Exhibit R1, page 15).

[15] The Respondent noted that the Complainant's sale located at 4826 11 ST NE, was reported by Real Net to be completely vacant at the time of the sale, (Exhibit C1, pages 29 and 30).

[16] The Respondent also noted that the Complainant's sale located at 3651 21 ST NE, was reported by Real Net to be in need of capital improvement at the time of sale, (Exhibit C1, pages 35 and 36).

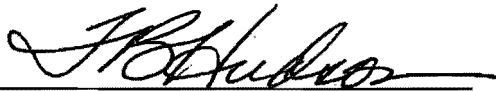
[21] The Respondent argued that the Complainant's sales generally represented properties with greater site coverage, and less office finish, characteristics which reduce their relative market value when compared to the subject.

**Board's Reasons for Decision:**

[20] The Board was not convinced by the Complainant that their evidence had produced an assessment estimate that reflects the 2014 market value of the subject property.

[21] The market sales submitted by the Complainant had greater site coverage and less office finish, and are not comparable without significant adjustment.

DATED AT THE CITY OF CALGARY THIS 21 DAY OF August 2014.



T. B. Hudson

Presiding Officer

**APPENDIX "A"****DOCUMENTS PRESENTED AT THE HEARING  
AND CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
1. C1	Complainant Disclosure
2. C2	Complainant Rebuttal
3. R1	Respondent 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.*

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Sub-Type</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Sub-Issue</u>
CARB	Warehouse	IWS	Market Value	Sales