

ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

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NOTICE OF DECISION NO. 0098 390/10

Altus Group Ltd 17327 - 106A Avenue Edmonton AB T5S 1M7 The City of Edmonton Assessment and Taxation Branch 600 Chancery Hall 3 Sir Winston Churchill Square Edmonton AB T5J 2C3

This is a decision of the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) from a hearing held between August 23 and October 21, 2010 respecting a complaint for:

Roll Number	Municipal Address	Legal Description
4806121	12135 Fort Road NW	Plan: 5370KS Block: E Lot: 1A
Assessed Value	Assessment Type	Assessment Notice for:
\$1,289,000	Annual – New	2010

Before: Board Officer:

Tom Robert, Presiding Officer Dale Doan, Board Member Mary Sheldon, Board Member Segun Kaffo

Persons Appearing: Complainant

Walid Melhem

Persons Appearing: Respondent Mary-Alice Lesyk, Assessor Steve Lutes, Law Branch

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Upon questioning by the Presiding Officer, the parties indicated no objection to the composition of the Board. In addition, the Board members indicated no bias with respect to the file.

All parties giving evidence during the proceedings were sworn by the Board Officer.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The parties agreed that all evidence, submissions and argument on Roll # 8480097 would be carried forward to this file to the extent that matters were relevant to this file. In particular, the Complainant chose not to pursue arguments with respect to the evidence he had provided regarding the income approach to value.

The Complainant and the Respondent presented to the Board differing time adjustment figures for industrial warehouses based on the Complainant's submission that some data used in the preparation of the Respondent's time adjustment model was faulty. The Board reviewed the data from the Complainant used in the preparation of his time adjustment figures and was of the opinion that the data used was somewhat questionable (Exhibit C-2). In any event, the differences between the time adjustment charts used by the parties for industrial warehouses were small and in many cases of little significance. Therefore, the Board has accepted the time adjustment figures used by the Respondent.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is a medium warehouse built in 1962 and located in the Yellowhead Corridor subdivision of Edmonton. The property has a total building area of 12,404 square feet with site coverage of 37%.

ISSUES

The Complainant had attached a schedule listing numerous issues to the complaint form. However, most of those issues had been abandoned and the issues left to be decided were as follows:

- What is the typical market value of the subject property?
- When compared to comparable property assessments, is the subject property's assessment equitable?

LEGISLATION

The Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26;

s.467(1) An assessment review board may, with respect to any matter referred to in section 460(5), make a change to an assessment roll or tax roll or decide that no change is required.

s.467(3) An assessment review board must not alter any assessment that is fair and equitable, taking into consideration

- a) the valuation and other standards set out in the regulations,
- b) the procedures set out in the regulations, and
- c) the assessments of similar property or businesses in the same municipality.

POSITION OF THE COMPLAINANT

The Complainant agrees that the best indicator of value is the sale of the subject. The Complainant further agrees that after time adjusting the sale, the indicated value supports the

current assessment.

POSITION OF THE RESPONDENT

The Respondent agrees that the best indicator of value is the sale of the subject. The Respondent further agrees that after time adjusting the sale, the indicated value supports the current

assessment.

DECISION

The decision of the Board is to confirm the current assessment at \$1,289,000.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Board confirms the assessment based on both parties' agreement that the current assessment

is supported by the indicated value of the subject after time adjustment.

DISSENTING OPINION AND REASONS

There was no dissenting opinion.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2010, at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta.

Presiding Officer

This Decision may be appealed to the Court of Queen's Bench on a question of law or

jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 470(1) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26.

CC: Municipal Government Board

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