

# ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

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#### NOTICE OF DECISION NO. 0098 73/11

Shepherd's Care Foundation 6620 - 28 Avenue NW Edmonton, AB T6K 2R1 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 on August 8, 2011, respecting a complaint for:

Roll	Municipal	Legal	Assessed	Assessment	Assessment
Number	Address	Description	Value	Type	Notice for:
10169838	6608 - 28 Ave. NW	Plan: 0926016 Unit: 121	\$53,439,000	Annual New	

#### **Before:**

Robert Mowbrey, Presiding Officer Brian Hetherington, Board Member Howard Worrell, Board Member

**Board Officer**: Kristen Hagg

## Persons Appearing on behalf of Complainant:

Carol Zukiwski, Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP Melissa Fleck, Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP

## Persons Appearing on behalf of Respondent:

Moreen Skarsen, City of Edmonton, Assessor Steve Lutes, City of Edmonton Law Branch

## PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- 1) Upon questioning by the Presiding Officer, the parties indicated no objection to the composition of the Board.
- 2) In addition, the Board advised the parties that the Board was not aware of any circumstances that would raise an apprehension of bias with respect to the file.
- 3) The Respondent and Complainant provided a recommendation at the onset of the hearing to increase the exemption to 100% under Section 362(1)(n)(iv) of the Municipal Government Act.
- 4) The Respondent made a recommendation to reduce the 2011 Annual Assessment of \$53,439,000 to \$12,292,000 due to an incorrect assessment based upon one unit and not individual units.
- 5) The Board recessed, deliberated and rendered a decision to both parties that accepted both the joint recommendation and the recommendation of the Respondent.

#### **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.
- s. 362(1) The following are exempt from taxation under this Division:
  - (n)(iv) property that is held by a non-profit organization and used to provide senior citizens with lodge accommodation as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act*.

#### **DECISION**

The Board accepts the joint recommendation of the Respondent and Complainant and hereby increases the 2011 exemption from 0 to 100%.

Further the Board accepts the recommendation of the Respondent to reduce the 2011 Annual Assessment from \$53,439,000 to \$12,292,000.

#### **DISSENTING OPINION AND REASONS**

There was no dissenting opinion.

Dated this 8 <sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta.					
Robert Mowbrey, 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.