

ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

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NOTICE OF DECISION NO. 0098 317/11

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This is a decision of the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) from a hearing held on November 7, 2011, respecting a complaint for:

Roll	Municipal	Legal	Assessed	Assessment	Assessment
Number	Address	Description	Value	Type	Notice for:
4259974	10012 101A Avenue NW	Plan: F Lot: 35	\$1,445,000	Annual New	2011

Before:

Steven Kashuba, Presiding Officer Francis Ng, Board Member John Braim, Board Member

Board Officer:

Annet Adetunji

Persons Appearing on behalf of Complainant:

Peter Smith, Canadian Valuation Group

Persons Appearing on behalf of Respondent:

Abdi Abubakar, Assessor, City of Edmonton Ken Eliuk, Assessor, City of Edmonton

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

At the outset of the hearing, both parties indicated that they had met earlier in the day for the purpose of examining the issues with a view of seeking a compromise. To this end, both parties agreed that a recommendation is forthcoming.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is a commercial retail property located at 10012 - 101A Avenue NW in the Downtown neighborhood. The main floor area is 2,345.5 square feet and the upper floor area is 2,079 square feet. The current assessment is \$1,445,000.

ISSUE

Is the area of the upper floor is incorrectly calculated and the assessment over-stated?

LEGISLATION

Municipal Government Act, RSA 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

It is the position of the Complainant that the upper floor area currently assessed at 2,079 square feet is incorrect and should be reduced to 1,655 square feet. By applying the accepted rate of \$12.75 per square foot to the revised area of 1,655 square feet a reduced assessment would be the result.

POSITION OF THE RESPONDENT

The Respondent submitted that they had visited the subject property known as Sherlock Holmes Pub with the Complainant and concluded that the Pro-forma (Exhibit R-1, page 19) incorrectly states the area of the upper floor. The correct measurement of the upper floor is 1,655 square feet as opposed to 2,079 square feet.

DECISION

It is the decision of the Board to reduce the assessment of the subject property for 2011 from \$1,445,000 to \$1,105,000.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Board accepts the position of both parties that the area of the subject property is incorrectly stated at 2,079 square feet and should be reduced to 1,655 square feet. By applying a rate of \$12.75 per square foot to the corrected floor area of 1,655 square feet, an assessment amount of \$1,105,000 is the result.

DISSENTING OPINION AND REASONS

There was no dissenting opinion.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2011, at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta.

Steven Kashuba, 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, RSA 2000, c M-26.

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