Edmonton Composite Assessment Review Board

Citation: Altus Group v The City of Edmonton, 2013 ECARB 00802

Assessment Roll Number: 9971413 Municipal Address: 10203 184 Street NW Assessment Year: 2013 Assessment Type: Annual New

Between:

Altus Group

Complainant

and

The City of Edmonton, Assessment and Taxation Branch

Respondent

POSTPONEMENT DECISION OF Harold Williams, Presiding Officer Mary Sheldon, Board Member Martha Miller, Board Member

Issue

[1] Should a postponement of the 2013 Annual New Realty Assessment hearing scheduled for June 25, 2013 be granted as requested by the Respondent?

Legislation

[2] The *Matters Relating to Assessment Complaints Regulation*, AR 310/2009, reads:

15(1) Except in exceptional circumstances as determined by an assessment review board, an assessment review board may not grant a postponement or adjournment of a hearing.

(2) A request for a postponement or an adjournment must be in writing and contain reasons for the postponement or adjournment, as the case may be.

(3) Subject to the timelines specified in section 468 of the Act, if an assessment review board grants a postponement of adjournment of a hearing, the assessment review board must schedule the date, time and location for the hearing at the time the postponement or adjournment is granted.

Position Of The Respondent

[3] At the commencement of the hearing of the merits of this appeal, the Respondent provided a written request that this matter be postponed to September 19, 2013. The Respondent submitted that this would allow the matter to be heard consecutively with roll number 9971414

which shares an appraisal. The Respondent was of the view that postponing the matter would provide a more efficient means of hearing this appeal and other similar appeals.

Position Of The Complainant

[4] The Complainant agreed with the Respondent's request and echoed the submission that postponing the matter would be more efficient for all involved.

Decision

[5] The Board grants the postponement request.

[6] The hearing is rescheduled to:

Date: September 19, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Edmonton Assessment Review Board Offices

[7] No new notice of the postponed hearing will be sent.

[8] The Board directs that no further evidence be submitted in regard to this matter.

Reasons For The Decision

[9] The Board finds that postponing this matter will result in a more effective and efficient hearing process for the above noted matters which contain similar evidence.

[10] The Board notes that the parties are in agreement in relation to this postponement request.

[11] The Board sets a new hearing date as noted above.

Heard Commencing June 25, 2013. Dated this 26th day of June, 2013, at the City of Edmonton, Alberta.

Thee

Harold Williams, 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.