

# Atira Property Management Inc.

ATIRA Property Management Inc. is an extremely successful social property management enterprise firm in the Lower Mainland. ATIRA offers a unique opportunity for developers, strata corporations, building owners, housing cooperatives and nonprofit societies to access the best possible property management services while at the same time giving back to their communities.

Launched in 2002, ATIRA Property Management Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Atira Women's Resource Society, a single mandate organization that supports women and their children who have been impacted by violence and abuse. The profits earned by the property management company are donated to Atira Women's Resource Society.



The society opened its first transition house in 1987 and has gone on to pilot an assortment of support programs throughout the Lower Mainland including a transition house for women struggling with substance use, a specialized transition house for elder women, a wraparound program for at-risk pregnant women and a co-op development program for multi-barriered women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. A network of ten facilities handles more than 8,000 cases a year.

The society continues to be contracted by the provincial government to provide services, but over the years the gap between income and operating costs has been constantly growing. The management took advantage of the skills and assets they had developed managing the society's properties to start the property management company, which now looks after more than 2,500 residential and commercial units. It is anticipated the property management company will reach its goal of supporting the society's administration of \$350,000 annually, by 2008.

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