



T 604 681 4437

F 604 688 1799

E info@atira.bc.ca

201, 190 Alexander Street
Vancouver, BC V6A 1B5

CALL FOR DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD

Atira Women's Resource Society is a not-for-profit organization committed to the work of ending all forms of gendered violence. The Board is leading a period of renewal and re-focus, working in partnership with interim CEO Catherine Roome and an interim executive team. Our immediate focus has been on ensuring operational excellence and a strong financial position to maintain our funders' confidence in the work we are leading. We are now moving ahead to lay the foundations for Atira's future evolution, and in that context, we are seeking new faces and skillsets to join our board to complement our current composition.

As our city and sector face overlapping crises including a lack of safe, supportive housing, a toxic drug supply, the lingering effects of the pandemic and compounding effects of inflation and a possible recession, Atira's mission – to end all forms of gendered violence – is more critical than ever. Our recent steps have moved us towards a stronger, more transparent, and accountable way of delivering the programs and services thousands of women, children and gender diverse individuals rely on with key focus on risk and the health and safety of our front-line employees. We are now developing a multi-year strategic plan to be the sector leader in supportive housing and programs in British Columbia.

The Atira group of entities is comprised of the Atira Women's Resource Society (governance board; women-focused not-for-profit), Atira Property Management Inc. (operations board; all-gender social-profit), Atira Development Society (operations board; real estate development focus), Atira Women's Arts Society (operations board; social-profit including oversight of East Van Roasters) and we are looking to fill board seats across all entities. Recruitment will be ongoing over the coming months as Atira's new strategic direction takes shape.

We are excited for what the future holds, and are seeking board leaders with expertise across governance, finance, audit, risk, strategy, people & culture, safety, technology, policy, and advocacy to join us on that journey. We seek to centre the voices of lived experience and ensure our representation at the Board table is as diverse as the community we serve. We encourage applications from people who identify as women as well as Indigenous people, BIPOC and racialized individuals, people of minority sexual orientation or gender identity and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities. Atira works closely with BC Housing, local and provincial governments, various stakeholders and community and Indigenous leaders to advance our mission.

Board members are expected to attend quarterly board meetings and, if assigned, quarterly committee meetings, an annual strategic planning session, ad-hoc board meetings as required (infrequent), as well as fundraising and awareness raising events during the year. Board members also sometimes provide guidance to groups within the organization such as marketing and communications, depending on the issue and the Board member's particular experience. New members can expect to step into an organization committed to ensuring best in class governance, backstopped by strong policies and practices.

Please submit your expression of interest to our Corporate Secretary, Sherrie Turchyn (sherrie_turchyn@atira.bc.ca). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.