

May 4, 2023

Ms. Elva Kim  
Board Chair - Atira

Dear Ms. Elva Kim:

Further to our recent telephone conversation, it is BC Housing's expectation that you will take urgent and substantive action to address the issues identified in the Ernst and Young Forensic Investigation.

In our view, given the investigation's findings, the current leadership is not able to make the necessary and significant changes required. I reiterate our view that leadership renewal is required to ensure Atira works with BC Housing in a manner consistent with its operating agreements, as well as government financial policies and requirements which are designed to ensure accountability over public funds, and reliable service delivery to those in need of housing across the province. In addition, we strongly request that Atira create a board position for a government appointed observer to ensure greater transparency and communication.

As I explained in our conversation, while we expect these actions will be taken urgently, we will also be taking several measures, effective immediately, to ensure appropriate and closely monitored oversight of BC Housing's operating agreements with Atira, and we expect the full cooperation and support of your leadership team.

BC Housing will be exercising its full audit rights under the Operator and Operating Agreements with Atira including:

- Reviewing Atira Women's Resources Society (AWRS) and Atira Development Society (ADS) and its financial transactions with related entities, pursuant to applicable BC Housing operating and operator agreements;
- Restricting any new funding to AWRS and ADS until the operational review is completed and concerns are addressed;
- Suspending the renewal of all AWRS operating and operator agreements until the review is complete; and
- Physically inspecting all Atira operated buildings, beginning May 5, 2023.

As you are aware, BC Housing has not considered Atira for new funding calls or to manage new buildings for some time. This policy will continue until BC Housing's operational review or Atira is complete.



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Following the financial review of Atira for FY'20 and FY'21 BC Housing has determined Atira's surplus to be \$1,908,172. We require the surplus be returned immediately.

Atira is an important housing provider to some of the most vulnerable residents in British Columbia, and we will take all measures necessary to ensure that Atira clients under operating agreements with BC Housing are protected.

Given the urgency of these issues, we request a response no later than Friday, May 5, 2023. We look forward to working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allan Seckel".

Allan Seckel  
Board Chair, BC Housing