



COLUMBIA ST.

SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

September 17th, 2003

Anne Kloppenborg
Social Planner, City of Vancouver
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Dear Anne.

I am writing on behalf of Atira Women's Resource Society and the Inner-City Women's Initiatives Society, operators of Drug & Alcohol Meeting Support for Women (DAMS), to respectfully request the City of Vancouver enter into a lease agreement with our organizations for city- owned space located at 101 East Cordova Street.

We propose sharing the space to offer programming for women living in or accessing services in the Downtown Eastside. Specifically, DAMS will continue to offer outreach, group, and one-to-one support for women who are substance using and Atira will house its coop development/harm reduction pilot project (Enterprising Women Making Art). DAMS and EWMA will offer regular service out of the site from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. DAMS also provides evening outreach hours twice a week and bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings. Both DAMS and EWMA will offer periodic project specific evening and weekend groups.

Atira and DAMS have been working together for the past two and a half years to provide support to women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. (DAMS has been operating in the Downtown Eastside since 1989.) We have a good working relationship based on both our organizations' understanding of the obstacles faced by women in the Downtown Eastside, and our desire to support them. Herstorically, Bridge Housing for Women, currently operated by Atira, shared office space with DAMS and the two organizations found this to be a mutually beneficial relationship.

We request the space be leased at a nominal rent in recognition of the ongoing struggles faced by women's organizations in the current provincial political climate. Neither Atira nor DAMS currently receives City funding.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss our proposal in more detail. I can be reached at 604-538-1456 and Stephanie can be reached at 604-687-5454 ext. 2. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Atira Women's Resource Society

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Executive Director

Cc: Stephanie Kellington



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