



REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services
SUBJECT: Amendment to Resolutions for 313 and 309 Alexander Street Lease

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council approve Atira Development Society, an affiliate of Atira Women's Resource Society (the originally approved lessee), as the selected non-profit partner to operate the 24-room Single Room Occupancy (SRO) located at 313 Alexander Street and legally described as PID: 015-818-535, Lot 2, Block 39, District Lot 196, Plan 196 (the "Ross-Aoki House") and the adjacent parking lot, located at 309 Alexander Street and legally described as PID: 015-818-551, Lot 3, Block 39, District Lot 196, Plan 196.
- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute a lease with Atira Development Society for the Ross-Aoki House consistent with the lease terms described in the Council Report regarding the Ross-Aoki House dated February 9, 2021.

REPORT SUMMARY

On February 9, 2021, through RTS No. 14266, Council approved Atira Women's Resource Society ("Atira") as the selected non-profit partner to operate the 24-room Single Room Occupancy (SRO) located at 313 Alexander Street ("Ross-Aoki House) and the adjacent parking lot, located at 309 Alexander Street, and authorized the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute a lease with Atira for the site.

Atira Development Society, not Atira Women's Resource Society, was the listed applicant on the proposal to the City of Vancouver to operate the site, and the titling in RTS 14266 was an administrative error on the part of staff.

This report is intended to correct the error by obtaining Council authority to enter into the lease for the property with Atira Development Society.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

At the In-Camera Council meeting on February 9, 2021, Council approved (RTS No. 14266) Atira Women's Resource Society ("Atira") as the selected non-profit partner to operate the 24-room Single Room Occupancy (SRO) located at 313 Alexander Street ("Ross-Aoki House) and the adjacent parking lot, located at 309 Alexander Street, and authorized the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute a lease with Atira for the site.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Acting City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

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Background/Context

At the In-Camera Council meeting on February 9, 2021, through RTS No. 14266, Council approved Atira Women's Resource Society ("Atira") as the selected non-profit partner to operate the City-owned 24-room Single Room Occupancy (SRO) located at 313 Alexander Street ("Ross-Aoki House) and the adjacent parking lot, located at 309 Alexander Street, and authorized the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute a lease with Atira for the site.

Atira Development Society, not Atira Women's Resource Society, was the listed applicant on the proposal to the City of Vancouver to operate the site, and the titling in RTS No. 14266 was an administrative error on the part of staff.

Strategic Analysis

The Atira group of companies includes Atira Women's Resource Society, Atira Development Society, and Atira Property Management Inc. Together, the group of companies manages a large and diverse portfolio of 3,654 non-profit housing units, including long-term, transitional and supportive housing for women (both cis and trans) and children, single room occupancy hotels, non-market housing owned by other non-profit organizations, cooperative housing, and private-sector rental housing.

Atira Women's Resource Society ("AWRS") has a mandate to develop housing for women only; as such, the application to operate Ross House, which will house a gender diverse population, was submitted by Atira Development Society.

Atira Development Society ("ADS") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the *Society Act of British Columbia*. The Society transitioned to the *British Columbia Societies Act* on March 7, 2018. AWRS controls ADS through common directors and management. ADS currently operates two housing programs: Olivia Skye, located at 41 East

Hastings Street in Vancouver and owned by the Society, and The Anjok, owned by the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation and located at 288 East Hastings Street.

This report is intended to correct the administrative titling error made in RTS No. 14266 by obtaining Council authority to enter into the lease for the property with Atira Development Society.

CONCLUSION

Through RTS No. 14266, Council approved Atira Women’s Resource Society, instead of Atira Development Society, as the selected operator of Ross-Aoki House and the adjacent parking lot. The titling was an administrative error on the part of staff, and this report is intended to correct the error by obtaining Council authority to enter into the lease for the property with Atira Development Society.

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