

## Together we are a community of hope in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

We now know that the men and women who live in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, like all of us, need **3** simple things.



**Something** to be involved in, for what we do with others creates meaning in our lives.

**Somewhere** to call home. Having a home provides stability and a safe secure place to grow.

**Somebody** who cares. We all need people who we can share life with...

In June of 2009 **Mission Possible Transformational Community Co-op** was launched.

Members of this Co-op unite to help each other. We believe most of the resources necessary to a healthy community exist here in the neighbourhood. While some people see only deficiencies, this Co-op chooses to see the assets, capacities, abilities, and gifts of every individual. People use their various strengths in solving their own problems.

This community now has over 150 members. Participants actively endeavour to invest in themselves and in others, together seeking what we call the Posh LLLL's : **P**ace, **O**der, **S**tability, and **H**ope in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. We **L**ive, **L**ove, **L**augh, and **L**earn as a community.

The membership cost is commitment, not money. Members commit to respecting themselves and others, as well as the community and property. They also commit to invest in themselves and fellow members, volunteer at least 2 hrs a month, and to resolve conflicts peacefully.

Our community extends beyond those who call Vancouver's Downtown Eastside their home to the many who join us, who walk alongside our members as they work hard in supporting each other in the difficult work of change and growth.

### Together providing:

- Community Meals
- Crisis Counselling
- Housing Referrals
- Goal Setting Programs
- 12-step Meetings
- Employment Assistance
- Clothing and toiletries.





**mp** ENTERPRISES

## **Soup kitchens solve hunger, shelter solves sleep, but who is solving the problem?**

Mission Possible believes that working works; that the human work ethic is stronger than poverty, drugs or bad luck. Give somebody a job; they feel better about themselves, they feel better about their day and they want to have another good day the next day.

**MP Enterprises**, the enterprising arm of Mission Possible, is a property maintenance and restoration business. It is an on-ramp to employment success through dignifying work. Our menu of services includes graffiti removal and abatement, pressure washing, awning cleaning, window cleaning, and exterior painting.



Metro Vancouver's *Three Ways to Home* plan calls for three intertwined strategies; affordable housing, supportive services, and adequate income. Our community partners are doing an excellent job of developing supportive housing. However, without accessible employment, many will continue to fall through the cracks. We believe that given a chance to work, people change. We believe that working works.

Community Impact runs parallel to our social goals. Our mission is to be conscious of our environment and follow industry standards for best practice. All of our cleaning and removal products are eco-friendly. Our crews are being trained in all aspects of graffiti management, exterior building maintenance, and paint restoration services including our high standard of health and safety practices. Our crews are also being prepared and trained to properly dispose of biohazards.

People want to feel a sense of pride in their city. Graffiti and litter is directly related to a lowering of pride. Vancouver is a beautiful place to live and work and we want to do our part to keep it that way. All of MP Enterprise's services are geared towards making Metro Vancouver a more livable and sustainable place for all.

## **We believe that working works!**

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