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**Present:**

Chairperson – Mayor McCallum  
Councillor Annis  
Councillor Elford  
Councillor Guerra  
Councillor Hundial  
Councillor Locke  
Councillor Nagra  
Councillor Patton  
Councillor Pettigrew

**Absent:****Staff Present:**

City Manager  
City Clerk  
General Manager, Corporate Services  
General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Finance  
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
General Manager, Planning & Development  
City Solicitor

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**A. DELEGATIONS****1. Daniel Fontaine, Deputy Minister, and Bailey Mumford, Ministry of Housing and Homelessness  
Métis Nation BC**

The delegation provided a presentation regarding the new headquarters of the Métis Nation BC (MNBC). The following information was highlighted:

- Métis have lived in BC for hundreds of years, with approximately 90,000 individuals identifying as Métis currently living in BC, many in Surrey. The MNBC was founded in 1996, with a constitution implemented in 2003 establishing the right to self-governance. The MNBC has an elected Board of Directors consisting of seven Regional Directors and four Provincially elected at-large positions. The MNBC consists of 19 Ministries and provides employment and skills training, early childhood education and housing and homelessness programs.
- Challenges specific to the Métis include:
  - Culture, heritage and language: the Michif language is currently endangered and there are no opportunities for Métis to study it or engage with their culture and it is difficult with the diversity and geography of the Métis community.
  - Lack of Métis recognition: as Métis are not a land-based nation, they are not included in land acknowledgements.
  - Lack of Métis representation: Métis are not adequately represented on Boards or in museums or landmarks.

- The MNBC recently moved to its new headquarters located at Gateway SkyTrain station. The MNBC runs its operations for programming across the province through this office space, including childcare and homeless programs. As the lease for the current headquarters is for a five-year period, the MNBC is seeking a site for a potential new development that would provide a more permanent solution and provide affordable housing, childcare, a culture and language institute, a skills training centre and a gathering space. The MNBC is currently seeking a suitable location for this development with the proper zoning for a multi-use phased development over a ten-year period and exploring a potential partnership with the City to ensure the development meets and exceeds the requirements of the Official Community Plan.

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra

Seconded by Councillor Patton

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

adjourned.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

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Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson