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Hello Mayor and Council,

As you know, over the past year and a half, staff have been working with BC Housing and VCH to develop a Vancouver-appropriate Navigation Centre model for implementation here in Vancouver, informed by San Francisco, but customized for Vancouver's local context. After significant planning in 2019, BC Housing was provided operating funding from the Province earlier this year to implement two Navigation Centres in the Province – one here in Vancouver and one elsewhere in the province, likely the Island. The City has identified funds from the EHT revenue to lease the site for this purpose in Vancouver.

Over the past year, staff have been looking for sites for the Navigation Centre and continue to look in partnership with BC Housing, the only interruption in this work being the delay in the work as a result of the 3 months of intense COVID response. Once a site is selected, there will need to be renovations which could take up to 6 months.

Confidentially, [tomorrow morning](#), BC Housing will be releasing a news release about their RFP for the operator for the Vancouver Navigation Centre. While we do not have a location yet, getting the operator selected is an important sign of the ongoing commitment to fund its operations. As well, having the operator selected ensures that the operator can input into the space design process.

Also, [tomorrow at 10:00](#), Reaching Home's Community Entity will be releasing the BCNPHA authored preliminary data report for the 2020 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count. Staff will send a memo at the same time that provides a summary of the Vancouver data for Council.

Best,

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