Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillor L. Ferguson (Chair)
Councillor M. Pearson (Vice Chair)
Councillor T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillor C. Collins – Illness

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
G. Davis, A/General Manager, Public Works
J. Mater, Director, Energy, Fleet and Facilities
J. Warner, Project Manager, Facilities
S. Dickson, Solicitor
C. Biggs, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION:

(a) Call to Order/Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ferguson called the meeting to order and requested if there were any declarations of interest, of which there were none.

(b) Changes to the Agenda (Item 2)

None

(Pearson/Eisenberger)
That the agenda be approved, as presented. CARRIED
(c) Approval of Previous Minutes – January 19, 2009 (Item 3)

(Eisenberger/Pearson)
That the Minutes of the January 19, 2009 meeting of the City Hall Renovations Steering Committee, be approved, as presented. CARRIED

(d) Updates:

(i) Southwest Corner Update (Item 4.1)

In response to concerns raised at the January 19, 2009 meeting of the Sub-Committee, Gerry Davis provided an update with respect to the southwest corner of the City Hall property (corner of Hunter and Bay Streets) and the steps which have been undertaken to provide the neighbourhood residents with green space during the renovation of City Hall.

Meetings have taken place with staff from Open Space Development and Parks Operations. Plans for this corner include placing a number of picnic tables and benches, as well as trees to be planted in the Spring. It is also anticipated that the Peace Garden will be placed at this location; plaques and memorials will be incorporated into the Peace Garden.

Similarly, picnic tables and benches will be placed on the former St. Mark’s Church site for the use of the neighbourhood residents and community.

The Committee was shown a diagram of the proposed layout.

(ii) Schedule (Item 4.2)

(iii) Budget (Item 4.3)

Samir Raza, Senior Project Manager, Black & McDonald, gave a power point presentation and provided updates on the following:

- Project status: progress update; schedule status; budget status and procurement update
- Design development: design status and key permit status
- Concurrent sub-projects
- Progress photos.

The Committee was advised that drawings of the high profile areas e.g., Council Chamber, forecourt, audio-visual design, etc. are in the preliminary design stage and will be brought to the Sub-Committee for review.
The Committee was also advised that the project is on schedule and the budget is on target.

Copies of the presentation were distributed to the Committee and has also been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

Staff advised that site visits will be conducted on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and that notification will be extended to all members of Council, should they wish to have a tour.

Kieran Hawe, Project Executive, and Walter Woloshyn, Senior Vice President, A.B.E., were in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

(e) Other Business (Item 6)

(i) Date of Next Meeting – Monday, April 6, 2009

(f) Adjournment (Item 7)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor L. Ferguson
Chair
City Hall Renovations Steering Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
March 2, 2009