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 – May 4, 2009 (Item 3)

(Eisenberger/Pearson)
That the Minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting of the City Hall Renovations Steering Committee, be approved, as presented. CARRIED

(d) Updates:

(i) Budget (Item 4.1)
(ii) Schedule (Item 4.2)
(iii) Scope of Work: Audio/Visual
     Forecourt Plan (Item 4.3)

The Committee was provided with an update from Scott Hunter with respect to the project status and design development, and progress photos, including the exterior demolition, marble removal, ancillary building roof removals, typical floor mechanical and electrical hanger installation, tree protection installed. The presentation also included renderings of the enhanced Councillors’ seating layout and ground floor layout (Information Desk, Public Service Counters, Ground Floor East Counters).

Councillor Whitehead expressed concern with respect to the Councillors’ seating layout in terms of the proximity of the wheelchair accessible seating to the Councillors’ seating from a safety issue perspective. Councillor Whitehead suggested placing a one-foot space between the barrier and wheelchair placement; however, staff responded that the space allotted in the wheelchair accessible area is set to the standards required under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Any less area would obstruct the manoeuvrability of the wheelchairs. Councillor Pearson suggested that rather than have the wheelchairs set at the barrier, that they be backed up to the “wall”, which would create a greater space in terms of proximity to the Councillors, and also would be easier for the wheelchairs to exit the Council Chamber. Staff responded that they would investigate this issue further and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee was also provided with the landscape plan, both existing/removals and new. Councillor Whitehead raised the issue of replacing the existing fountains in the forecourt with waterfalls. Gerry Davis responded that the tender for the forecourt has closed; however, staff can look at installing waterfalls, but this would affect the
schedule. Councillor Whitehead indicated that the funds for waterfall installation can be raised privately.

Councillor Ferguson inquired as to whether there will be capability for projection on the west side of the Council Chamber wall. Staff responded that although a sound system will be part of the building, a projection unit is not part of the current design. Staff will explore this concept and provide further information at the next meeting.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the presentation be received. CARRIED

(e) Other Business (Item 6)

(i) Date of Next Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2009
2:00 p.m.
Webster Room, Hamilton Convention Centre

(f) Adjournment (Item 7)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor L. Ferguson
Chair
City Hall Renovations Steering Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
June 1, 2009