THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. City of Hamilton Agreement with ABE (A Joint Venture) for the Reconstruction of Hamilton City Hall (Item 6)

   (Whitehead/Pearson)
   (a) That the City Hall Project Budget (3540441442) be increased by $5,400,000, from $68,500,000 to $73,900,000;
(b) That the City of Hamilton enter into an ITA Agreement (Integrated Team Approach) with ABE (A Joint Venture) consortium for the reconstruction of Hamilton City Hall in the gross amount of $59,920,000, and the net amount of $55,505,000, consisting of:

(i) $4,520,000 ($2,805,000 net) in design and launch fees;
(ii) $55,400,000 ($52,700,000 net) in construction fees;

(c) That the City Solicitor and General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to issue a Letter of Intent to the ABE (A Joint Venture) consortium authorizing the reconstruction of City Hall commencing on October 31, 2008;

(d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the ITA Agreement, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.  CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 1)

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

(b) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3)

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

That the following Minutes of the City Hall Renovations Steering Committee, be approved:

(I) August 11, 2008 Minutes
(ii) October 24, 2008 (Special Meeting)  CARRIED

(c) PRESENTATION – PROFESSOR RICHARD PRESTON, CULTURE OF PEACE NETWORK, RESPECTING A PEACE GARDEN AS PART OF THE LANDSCAPING AT THE RENOVATED CITY HALL (No Copy) (Item 4)

Professor Richard Preston appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Hamilton Culture of Peace Network and a joint committee which includes representation from the Mundialization Committee and Interfaith and United Nations Association, to request that as part of the renovation of City Hall, consideration be given to designate the whole area outside City Hall as a Hamilton Peace Garden.  The Garden would include a small interfaith culture garden.  He requested staff to work in collaboration with a delegate of the Hamilton Culture of Peace Network to develop some practical and mutually-beneficial options to achieve this goal.
Beverly Sheppard also addressed the Committee with respect the concept of an Interfaith Sculpture Garden, which has been incorporated in Peace Gardens around the world. In her comments, she stated that designating the grounds as a Peace Garden does not involve any costs, other than the plaque. The portion that would involve cost is the Interfaith Sculpture Garden, which would include the faith symbols of the various religions around the world. The sculpture would be a circular shape overall, symbolic of unity and co-operation.

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

(a) That the presentation from Professor Richard Preston and Beverly Sheppard respecting the incorporation of a Peace Garden as part of the landscaping at the renovated City Hall, be received;

(b) That staff be directed to meet with Professor Preston and Ms. Sheppard to review the concept and report back to the City Hall Renovations Steering Committee.

CARRIED

(d) UPDATES (Item 5)

(i) Councillors’ Floor Plan (No Copy)

The Committee was distributed with a copy of the proposed floor plan for the Councillors’ area at City Hall. Councillor Whitehead requested staff to explore the possibility of creating more privacy for the Councillors and their Administrative Assistants as the open environment presents challenges for total privacy issues.

(ii) Doors in Councillors’ Offices (No Copy)

The Committee directed staff to install solid doors on all Councillors’ offices.

(e) PRESENTATION: A.B.E. TARGET COST (Item 6)

Councillor Whitehead distributed correspondence from John Wood expressing his belief “that it would not be wise to remove the marble from City Hall” for a number of reasons as outlined. In conclusion, Mr. Wood states that based on his knowledge and experience, “at least 85% of the existing marble cladding is safe and secure for 40 plus years”.

The Steering Committee referred Mr. Woods’ correspondence to staff for review.

Gerry Davis introduced Kieran Hawe and Walter Woloshyn, Executives in Charge, and Samir Raza, Project Director, members of the A.B.E. consortium.

Mr. Davis provided a power point presentation to the Committee, outlining the following items:
➢ Design and Schedule Status
➢ Target Cost Summary
  o Comparative Analysis
  o Target Cost with Wish List
➢ ITA Agreement
  o Pain Gain Sharing
  o Facilities Management Agreement
  o Rental Savings Sharing
➢ Risks

As part of the power point presentation, Samir Raza provided the Committee with renderings of the site plan with wishbone and ancillary building, landscape (basic and inclusion of an ice rink), front elevation and enclosure under the Council Chamber, enclosure interiors, the second floor open ceiling space and the Council Chamber interiors.

Mr. Davis advised the Committee that a decision on the outstanding item respecting the heritage permit relative to the exterior cladding is required by October 31, 2008.

A copy of the presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

Councillor Ferguson relinquished the Chair to speak to this item.

Following discussion of this issue, Item 1 reflects the recommendation of the City Hall Renovations Steering Committee.

The Committee also requested the following:

(i) Staff to report to the Committee on a monthly basis on the costs/progress of the project over the next eighteen months;

(ii) Staff to provide a list of valued-engineering items by way of an Information Report

The Committee directed that the appropriate staff convene special meetings of:

(i) Committee of the Whole to discuss the cladding issue (Item 16 of Economic Development and Planning Committee Report 08-018 tabled by Council on October 15, 2008);

(ii) Public Works Committee to consider the recommendation of the City Hall Renovations Steering Committee.
(f) SERVICE CANADA PARTNERSHIP IN CITY HALL (FCS08085) (City Wide) (Item 7)

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

(g) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 8)

Closed Session Minutes – October 14, 2008

(Eisenberger/Whitehead)

(a) That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the City Hall Renovations Committee meeting of October 14, 2008, be received:

(b) That the Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. CARRIED

(h) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 9)

None

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor L. Ferguson
Chair
City Hall Renovations Steering Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
October 14, 2008