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 asked if there were any declarations of interest, of which there were none.

(b) Changes to the Agenda

None.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the agenda be approved, as presented. CARRIED
(c) Approval of Previous Minutes – March 17, 2008

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the Minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting of the City Hall Renovation Steering Committee be adopted as presented. CARRIED

(d) Updates:

Prime Consultant

Gerry Davis provided the Committee with a presentation outlining the prime consultant process and status to date. At the direction of the Committee, staff met with the architect for the City Hall project in an attempt to negotiate a price reduction. The most recent bid submitted is in the amount of $4.2 million; however, this amount represents significant changes/adjustments to the original proposal.

The Committee was presented with three alternatives to consider, including:

- Accept the budget of $4.908 million to deliver the project ($1 million variance)
- Accept budget of $4.182 million ($200,000 over budget and does not deliver the project without significant further costs and negotiations)
- Revise ITA process to provide for consultant as part of consortium.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the selection of the consultant be part of the ITA process. CARRIED

Asbestos Abatement

Gerry Davis reported that the contractor is proceeding with the asbestos abatement and the anticipated completion is July/August. A sub-contractor has been assigned to oversee the work.

ITA

Gerry Davis provided an update advising that an addendum will have to be sent out requesting that a prime consultant be included in the ITA consortium.

Project Budget

No update

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the Information Update on the above-noted matters, be received. CARRIED

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.
(e) Other Business

Councillor Whitehead asked if there has been any determination of additional cost due to lost time. Staff responded that an escalation clause was built in to the budget when it was approved in 2007, together with contingencies. Assuming that occupation of the new City Hall occurs by December 2010, the budget is $68.9 million; the construction budget is approximately $42 million plus contingencies.

(f) Private and Confidential

Approval of Minutes of Closed Session Meeting held on March 17, 2008

(Whitehead/Pearson)

(a) That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the City Hall Renovations Committee meeting of March 17, 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

(g) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor L. Ferguson
Chair

C. Biggs
Legislative Assistant
April 14, 2008