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City Council,

I found the Structural and Use Study of City Hall East very informative. However, it includes numerous recommendations that aren't reflected in the preliminary designs included in the packet. For example, the historic aspects of the building should be maintained and restored where past projects have impacted the overall integrity. This includes uncovering the existing/past windows that were covered over. Please see the following from page 17 of the report:

"Secondary elements are less critical in defining a building's importance within its period of historic significance but which still help define its significance and character. Secondary elements might include the gymnasium (if not considered a primary element), and other parts of the building which remain from the original construction and have not been modified. As such, maintaining the original gymnasium use is preferred and as with the pool, it would be desirable, to bring back the original look of this space including, for example, restoring the existing windows which have been covered. Further investigation and possibly a historic structure report (HSR) would be useful in identifying the extent of these secondary elements."

Hopefully, the City will hire an appropriate architect that has specific expertise on restoration and remodelling of historic structures. This is a very specialized area requiring specialized expertise that does not exist among current City staff and might not even be available locally. The details of this project will matter in order to satisfy applicable requirements due to this project involving an historic structure of significant local importance.

Regards,

--Jacob