

Sha Tin District Council

Report on the Meeting of the Development and Housing Committee
held on 5 January 2009

- (1) Members discussed the consultation paper on “Sewer duplications across Siu Lek Yuen Nullah and Fo Tan Nullah in Sha Tin” submitted by Drainage Services Department (DSD) and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“The Development and Housing Committee (DHC) of Sha Tin District Council (STDC) supports DSD on sewer duplications across Siu Lek Yuen Nullah and Fo Tan Nullah in Sha Tin and urges DSD to carry out possibility study on the coverage of the nullah in Fo Tan area and submit report to STDC as soon as possible.”

- (2) Members endorsed unanimously the implementation of administrative arrangement on District Minor Works Programme, including district improvement works proposed by STDC members or government departments to STDC, preliminary assessment on works proposals and consultation with local organizations by Sha Tin District Office (STDO) for the reference of Working Group on District Improvement Works.
- (3) Regarding the construction of walkway cover at Sha Tin Lucky Plaza, members endorsed unanimously the implementation of the works and future arrangement on management. STDO would represent STDC in monitoring the works during construction period as well as responsible for the maintenance, repair and large-scale regular cleansing work after the completion of the cover. While the daily cleansing work of the cover would be taken up by the Owners Corporation of Sha Tin Lucky Plaza. Besides, STDO would also represent STDC in handling complaints, claims and legal proceedings arising from accidents caused by the cover and works during the construction period and when the cover came into use.
- (4) Members noted the replies from Housing Department (HD) and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) to the question on lift safety and

passed the following provisional motion with a vote of 23 in favour and 2 abstentions:

“DHC of STDC concerns about the recent lift plunging incident and requests HD and EMSD to reinforce the monitoring of the performance of lift maintenance and repair contractors of housing estates by increasing resources for inspection and consider introducing a licensing system for frontline repair workers in order to enhance lift safety.”

- (5) Members noted the reply of HD to the question on the installation of metal gates for public housing flats and endorsed the following provisional motion with a vote of 29 in favour and 1 abstention:

“DHC of STDC requests HD to install metal gates for all newly built housing estates in order to strengthen the security, encourage energy saving, enhance the living quality of public housing residents and protect the life and property of public housing residents.”

- (6) Members noted the reply from HD to the question on the handling of repair works and compensation on public housing flats by Housing Authority.
- (7) Members noted the replies from Planning Department, Highways Department, HD and Transport Department to the question on the development of Ma On Shan Area 86B and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“DHC of STDC strongly requests the Mass Transit Railway Corporation to take up corporate social responsibility by opening the reserved area under the flyover between Area 77 and Area 86B in Ma On Shan for the construction of footbridge for the betterment of district planning and the convenience of residents.”

- (8) Members noted the replies from Tourism Commission, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and EPD to the question on tourism activities on Shing Mun River.
- (9) Members noted the minutes of meeting of Working Group on Housing Affairs, and Working Group on Economic Development and Labour Affairs.
- (10) Members noted the information paper on the population of Sha Tin District

Public Housings and Private Sector Participation Scheme Housings and the financial status of Expenditure Head 2 (District Improvement Works).

(11) Owing to the absence of quorum, the chairman adjourned the meeting in accordance with STDC Standing Order and decided to circulate the following papers for members' consideration and endorsement:

- (a) updated member list of the Working Group on Housing Affairs; and
- (b) updated member list of the Working Group on Economic Development and Labour Affairs.

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