

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the
District Facilities and Works Committee
under Eastern District Council

Date: 16 July 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie, MH	Mr LAM Wing-shing	Mr KWOK Wing-kin
Mr TING Wong, Kacee	Mr LAM Wing-cheung	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph
Mr WONG Chi-chung	Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny	Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi
Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah	Ms LIN Cai-ying	Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine
Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny	Mr HUNG Chi-kit	Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH
Ms LI Lee (Vice-chairlady)	Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP (Chairman)	Ms LAU Suk-yin
Ms NG Ching-ching	Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan	Ms LAU Dana Sing-she
Ms LEE Ching-har	Mr LIANG Li	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	Mr LU Xiaofeng, Anthony

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr POON Cheuk-hong, Hong	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2, Eastern District Office
Ms NG Yan-mei, Monie	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office
Mr CHAO Ka-man, Stanley	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Eastern District Office
Mr LAU Chi-kan, Kenneth	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office
Mr CHEUNG Ki-lun, Alan	Executive Officer (District Management)2, Eastern District Office
Mr YEUNG Sze-cheung, Terence	Senior Engineer/6 (South), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LAW Ting-hin, Harvey	Town Planner/Hong Kong (1), Planning Department
Ms LEE Ka-yee, Eva	Senior Housing Manager/Hong Kong Island and Islands 1, Housing Department
Mr CHAN Chui-ying	Maintenance Surveyor/Hong Kong Island and Islands, Housing Department
Mr WONG Leung-yau, Jimmy	Senior Estate Surveyor/Hong Kong East(3), District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department

Mr MOK Chan, Charles	Chief Estate Officer/Hong Kong East, District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Mr HUNG Fan-chiu, Allen	Building Surveyor/B4-4, Buildings Department
Mr WONG Man-wong	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Wai-ming, Karvie	District Leisure Manager (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Sosanna	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Eastern, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Chi-weng, Lawrence	Engineer/Eastern 3, Drainage Services Department
Mr IU Chun-ho	Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
Ms DENG Shinuo, Snow	District Engineer/North Point, Highways Department
Mr LAI Ho-keung, Stanley	Engineer(1), Home Affairs Department
Mr LAU Wai-choi	Senior Inspector of Works (HK), Home Affairs Department
Mr LUI Man-kit	Inspector of Works (HK)2, Home Affairs Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Departments and Organisation)

Mr LAM Chi-kuen, Leo	Senior Engineer/Projects 3, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LEUNG Chun-hang	Geotechnical Engineer/Island 12, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr HUEN Ka-yu, Cyrus	Engineer/Slopes (HES), Highways Department
Mr POON Siu-fai	Chief Technical Officer/East, Highways Department
Mr LO Sai-cheong, Michael	Senior Engineer/DP3, Drainage Services Department
Ms CHAN Sze-fung, Sylvia	Deputy Project Manager, Binnies Hong Kong Limited

Secretary

Ms LEUNG Mun-chee, Charlie	Executive Officer I (District Council)2, Eastern District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members, representatives from the government and organisation to the meeting.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC)

2. The DFWC confirmed the minutes without amendment.

Agenda 2. Follow-up on Issues of Community Concern – Project Progress and Achievements of Scaling Up Capability in Coping with Extreme Weather in Eastern District

(DFWC Paper No. 15/2024)

3. The Chairman said that the agenda item and Nos. (3) and (6) under matters arising would be combined for discussion for their relevancy.
4. The representatives of the Eastern District Office (EDO), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), Highways Department (HyD) and Drainage Services Department (DSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 15/2024.
5. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

Strengthening Resilience to Wave Impacts at Heng Fa Chuen

- (a) Members enquired whether the departments would construct additional curved wave walls during non-typhoon seasons, and requested a works schedule.

Repairs to the Damaged Slope at Yiu Hing Road

- (b) Members thanked the departments and frontline staff for their efforts in repairing the damaged slope at Yiu Hing Road so that traffic could resume in full.
- (c) Members enquired whether the slope protection works could be completed at the end of August, and would like the departments to notify Members upon its completion.
- (d) Members estimated that the blockage of the temporary drainage system on the slope of Yiu Hing Road would cause water seepage and accumulation of water, which might lead to mosquito infestation or other hygiene problems. They would like the departments to improve the drainage system.
- (e) The earlier landslip on the slope of Yiu Hing Road caused the burst of a fresh water pipe and the location of the provisional fresh water pipe

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rendering residents unable to use the covered walkway leading to the main entrance of Yiu Hing House. Members enquired of the departments about the completion time of the fresh water pipe rehabilitation works.

Improvement to Drainage System

- (f) Members thanked the DSD for its work, and welcomed the implementation of the project to improve the stormwater drainage system. Though there were several heavy rains from the rainstorm in September 2023 to July the current year, the flooding situation had improved.
- (g) Members enquired about the timetable for phases 1 and 2 of the drainage improvement works in Eastern District.
- (h) Members enquired about the additional flow capacity upon the completion of the project and the flow capacity during the rainstorm in September 2023.
- (i) Members enquired whether the department would give prior notification to motorists as some traffic lanes would be closed during the works.
- (j) Members would like the department to complete the pipe works in Fei Tsui Road as soon as possible.
- (k) Members would like to discuss with the department about the reinforcing works of the slopes in Chai Wan that were at risk of recurrent landslips.
- (l) Members enquired about the effectiveness of the noise insulating fabric used in the project.
- (m) Members opined that the cement from the site of Ming Wah Dai Ha redevelopment project was washed away by rainwater to Wang Wa Street that morning, resulting in drain blockage and the flooding of Shau Kei Wan Main Street East. Members would like the department to prevent cement from being washed away by rainwater and pay attention to blockage of drains there.
- (n) Members enquired whether the works on Tin Hau Temple Road and

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Kam Ping Street (Contract No. DC/2020/09) were part of the drainage improvement works. They were also concerned about whether the working hours would affect residents' rest.

- (o) Members suggested that the department consider constructing a flood storage pond in the Eastern District, and enquired about the functional differences between the flood storage pond and the stormwater drainage tunnel.
- (p) Members were concerned about the flooding situation outside the Quarry Bay Municipal Services Building. The flooding situation was not resolved completely although it had improved after the works completion. Members enquired whether the departments had any plan to carry out the second phase of the project.

6. The representatives of the CEDD, HyD and DSD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

Strengthening Resilience to Wave Impacts at Heng Fa Chuen

CEDD

- (a) The works would be taken forward by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), targeting to commence in 2025 and be completed in 2026. The contractors engaged by the MTRCL would conduct appropriate risk assessments and formulate contingency measures regarding the works schedule and construction methods.
- (b) The CEDD would discuss with the MTRCL on the arrangements for promulgating the works progress.

Repairs to the Damaged Slope at Yiu Hing Road

Water Services Department (WSD)

- (c) The WSD would coordinate and discuss with the departments concerned about the fresh water pipe rehabilitation works and would submit supplementary information to the DFWC after the meeting.

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HyD

- (d) The HyD was carrying out the remaining slope protection works. The installation of metal protection nets was expected to be completed at the end of August subject to weather conditions. The Geotechnical Engineering Office would review the situation upon works completion to ascertain whether there was still a need to close Yiu Hing Road under inclement weather. The HyD would notify Members of any changes to the works schedule.
- (e) The stormwater drains on the slope of Yiu Hing Road were damaged due to the earlier landslide. Therefore, the HyD was constructing a temporary drainage system to collect the rainwater washed off from the slope surface into the DSD's box culverts to improve the drainage situation. In addition, the HyD would continue to remind contractors to pay attention to mosquito infestations and keep the construction sites clean and tidy as far as practicable.

Improvement to Drainage System

DSD

- (f) The drainage improvement works in Eastern District were divided into two phases. The first phase of project was expected to commence in the third quarter of the current year. The DSD was planning the detailed layout plan for the second phase of the project and would provide detailed information to Members upon its completion.
- (g) The drainage works at Fei Tsui Road were expected to be completed in 2024.
- (h) The DSD had updated the Stormwater Drainage Manual in March 2024 since the rainstorm in September 2023. Currently the latest design of the drainage system could already withstand the rainfall of the rainstorm in September 2023.
- (i) The second phase of the drainage improvement works in Eastern District

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would construct an underground stormwater drainage tunnel to intercept stormwater from the upstream (i.e. the hill behind Salesian English School to Yiu Hing Road) during rainstorms and discharge it to the sea through the proposed underground stormwater drainage tunnel, so as to reduce the burden in the discharge capacity in Shau Kei Wan.

- (j) The main cause of flooding on Wang Wa Street was that a large amount of silt gushed out from the adjacent construction site during heavy rains and blocked the roadside gully. The DSD would discuss with the Buildings Department and the contractor of the construction site about the improvement plans to avoid the recurrence of flooding.
 - (k) The working hours for the works were generally from 7 am to 7pm.
 - (l) In terms of reducing the noise of the works, the contractor would install noise insulating fabric as well as use quiet machinery for construction to reduce the impact on nearby residents.
 - (m) The DSD would consider constructing flood storage ponds or underground stormwater drainage tunnels based on the environmental and space constraints of different areas in drainage improvement plans. However, it was rather difficult to find a suitable open space to construct a flood storage pond in an urban environment with high development density as the catchment area of Shau Kei Wan was relatively large. Since underground stormwater drainage tunnels could also achieve the same improvement effect on the stormwater drainage system, the DSD had chosen to construct a flood storage pond in Shau Kei Wan to reduce the burden of the discharge capacity in Shau Kei Wan.
- (Post-meeting note: (i) The Secretariat had forwarded the supplementary information provided by the WSD to Members on 30 July 2024.
- (ii) The Secretariat had forwarded the works site locations in the district that required attention as raised by Members to the departments concerned for follow-up on 9 August 2024.)

Agenda 3. Suggesting the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Expand the Pet Sharing Area in Quarry Bay Park and Convert Sai Wan Ho Harbour Park and Aldrich Bay Promenade into “Inclusive Parks for Pets” (DFWC Paper No. 16/2024)

7. A Member briefed the DFWC on Paper No. 16/2024.
8. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) Members opined that it was necessary to conduct public consultations and studies on the sufficiency of space in the road section to accommodate pets and members of the public to share the same venue for different activities without conflict before the department opened more pet sharing areas for public use. It was also deemed necessary to ensure the hygiene conditions of the shared space and the proper control of their pets by the users.
 - (b) Members enquired about the number of pet gardens in the Eastern District at present.
9. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:
 - (a) There were seven pet gardens and seven “inclusive parks for pets” in the Eastern District at present.
 - (b) The LCSD had clearly displayed Users’ Code at existing pet gardens and “inclusive parks for pets” to remind users of the need to keep the environment clean and hygienic, and to keep pets on a leash. The LCSD had also arranged for personnel to step up patrols of the venues.
 - (c) Regarding Members’ suggestions on the full opening of the Quarry Bay Promenade and the Quarry Bay Park promenade as “inclusive parks for pets”, the LCSD had no plans to open fully the above-mentioned promenades as “inclusive parks for pets” at present due to the large number of visitors and limited space in the areas.

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- (d) Regarding the suggestion on designating Sai Wan Ho Harbour Park and Aldrich Bay Promenade for use as “inclusive parks for pets”, the LCSD noted Members’ suggestions and had to consult with the local community first to understand the public’s views on providing additional “inclusive parks for pets”.

10. The DFWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item upon further progress.

Agenda 4. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous DFWC Meetings under Eastern District Council **(DFWC Paper No. 17/2024)**

- (i) ***“Request to Follow Up the Matters Concerning the Noise Barriers for Blocks 16 and 17 of Heng Fa Chuen Immediately
Suggestion on Substituting Existing Noise Barrier Superstructures on Highways with Solar Panels Progress
Progress on Retrofitting Additional Noise Barriers on Road in Eastern District
Request for Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Chai Wan Road from Road Section of Neptune Terrace
Proposal for Retrofitting Noise Barriers on Existing Roads in the Eastern District”***

Environmental
Protection
Department
(EPD)/HyD

11. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (ii) ***“Request to Review the Use of Shau Kei Wan Market to Provide Residents with Appropriate District Facilities
Future Development of Shau Kei Wan Market
Requesting a Change in Use of Shau Kei Wan Market”***

Planning
Department
(PlanD)

12. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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- (iii) ***“Urging the Government to Give an Account of the Severe Floods caused by Heavy Rain in Shau Kei Wan
Request to Fully Review the Floods in Eastern District of Hong Kong Island
Review of Anti-flooding Preventive Measures and their Effectiveness in Eastern District
Drainage Improvement Works at Fei Tsui Road, Chai Wan”***

DSD/WSD

13. The agenda items had been combined for discussion with Agenda 2 and would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (iv) ***“Concern over the Development Plan for the Site Next to Quarry Bay Promenade at Hoi Yu Street
Follow Up on the Proposed Construction of a 25-storey Industrial Building at the Quarry Bay Promenade near the Exit of the Pet Garden at Hoi Yu Street
Proposal on Enhanced Harbourfront Development at Hoi Yu Street, Quarry Bay”***

Development Bureau
(DEVB)/District
Lands Office, Hong
Kong
East/PlanD/Buildings
Department/Transport
Department (TD)

14. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (v) ***“Strong Request to Install a Lift for Connecting Hing Man Estate Footbridge at Chai Wan Road and Tai Man Street
Follow-up on the Provision of the Escalator at Staircases by Block 2 of Neptune Terrace”***

TD/HyD

15. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (vi) ***“Request to Study and Implement Preventive Measures along the Coast of Heng Fa Chuen
Strong Request for the Installation of Temporary Floating Breakwater at***

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Waters off Heng Fa Chuen Follow-up on the Construction Progress of Offshore Breakwaters along Heng Fa Chuen

DEVB/CEDD/
DSD/EDO 16. The agenda items had been combined for discussion with Agenda 2 and would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(vii) "Scope of Development for the Proposed Works of the Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay"

LCSD/TD/PlanD 17. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(viii) "Concern over the Facilities and Services Provided by the District Library in the Joint User Complex at Lei King Road"

LCSD 18. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(ix) "Concern over the Impact of the Development of Tseung Kwan O Area 132 and 137 on Residents of Heng Fa Chuen and Siu Sai Wan"

DEVB/PlanD/
CEDD/EPD 19. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(x) "Request for Provision of Rain Shelters at Bus Stops on Tin Hau Temple Road near Pak Fuk Road"

EDO 20. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(xi) "Suggestion for Providing Bottle Filling Dispensers and Water Dispensers at Landings of Hillside Escalators Connecting San Ha Street and Cape Collinson Road"

Food and
Environmental
Hygiene
Department 21. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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(xii) “Suggestion for Provision of Escalator beside the Staircases from Bus Stop at Yiu Wah House on Yiu Hing Road to Sai Wan Ho Street”

TD 22. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

Agenda 5. Any Other Business

23. There was no other discussion item for the DFWC.

Agenda 6. Date of Next Meeting

24. The fifth DFWC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 10 September 2024 (Tuesday).

25. The meeting ended at 4:00 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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