

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

Date: 12 March 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
Ms CHENG Lai-yin, Daisy	Senior Liaison Officer (3), 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 TANG Wai-lap, Dino	Senior Town Planner/Hong Kong (2) (Ag), Planning Department
Ms LEE Ka-yee, Eva	Senior Housing Manager/Hong Kong Island and Islands 1, Housing Department
Mr LEE Kin-yee	Maintenance Surveyor/Hong Kong East, Housing Department

Mr MOK Chan, Charles	Chief Estate Officer/Hong Kong East, District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Mr WONG Po-kwong, Gary	Senior Estate Surveyor/Hong Kong East(3) (Ag.), District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Mr LAU Wing-hon	Building Surveyor/A5-3, Buildings 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 TING Chun-ming, Charles	Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
Ms DENG Shinuo, Snow	District Engineer/North Point, Highways Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Government and Organisations)

Mr LAM Chi-kuen, Leo	Senior Engineer/Projects 3, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr KONG Yuk-ki	Health Inspector (Cemeteries & Crematoria) Cape Collison Crematorium, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr KWOK Kin-keung	Project Coordinator/Design 21, Water Supplies Department
Ms HO Sen-gee, Cindy	Senior Resident Engineer, 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 departments and organisation to the meeting.

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

2. The DFWC confirmed the minutes without amendment.

Agenda Item 2. Suggestion for Providing Bottle Filling Dispensers and Water Dispensers at Landings of Hillside Escalators Connecting San Ha Street and Cape Collinson Road

(DFWC Paper No. 5/2024)

3. Members briefed the DFWC on Paper No. 5/2024.
4. Members noted the written reply from the department. Their views and enquires about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) Members suggested that site inspections be arranged for them.
 - (b) Members enquired about the timetable of the feasibility study.
 - (c) Members enquired about the commencement date of use of the water dispensers provided on the ground floor level at the Cape Collinson - San Ha Columbarium (Columbarium).
 - (d) Members opined that providing bottle filling dispensers and water dispensers at the landings of hillside escalators would be environmentally friendly and reduce the use of plastic bottles, and suggested that recycling facilities for plastic bottles be provided.
5. The representative from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:
 - (a) Since there was no drinking water source in all sections of the escalators, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) would have to study the feasibility of connecting the water source in the Columbarium to the hillside escalators.
 - (b) It was expected that there would be a large number of people using the escalators during the Ching Ming and Chung Yeung festivals every year. The FEHD would work together with the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to facilitate crowd flows. In cases of heavy crowd flows, the 12 hillside escalators might only operate in one direction from San Ha Street to Cape Collinson Road. If water dispensers were provided at

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the landings, the public would have to wade through crowds to reach them. Therefore, the FEHD would consider providing water dispensers at more spacious landings to minimise public impact.

- (c) The FEHD had already conducted a site inspection at the Columbarium and the hillside escalators on 7 March 2024 with four Members and they had selected the appropriate locations. The FEHD would continue to communicate with the ArchSD. The FEHD would notify Members of the findings of the feasibility study and hoped to provide water dispensers as soon as possible.
- (d) Once the water dispensers on the ground floor level of the Columbarium passed the water quality examination, the FEHD would notify Members of its commencement date of use, which was expected to be in late March.
- (e) The FEHD would provide recycling facilities for plastic bottles at the Columbarium in April 2024.

6. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

Agenda Item 3. Concern over Ageing of Water Mains and Water Supply in Eastern District **(DFWC Paper No. 6/2024)**

7. Members briefed the DFWC on Paper No. 6/2024.

8. Members thanked the Water Supplies Department (WSD) for their efforts in handling the issues relating to water mains, and Members' views and enquires about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members opined that there were still frequent burst of water mains that were yet to be replaced despite the active replacement works carried out by the WSD. Members hoped that the WSD could replace water mains as soon as possible to reduce water mains bursts, and expedite the rehabilitation of burst water mains to minimise the impacts on residents.

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- (b) Members would like the WSD to notify the affected residents in advance of the time of water supply suspension for their early preparations.
- (c) Members enquired whether the Water Intelligent Network (WIN) could detect the conditions of water mains so that the WSD could arrange early repairs before the bursts.
- (d) Members enquired about the progress and locations of the replacement works for water mains in the Eastern District.

9. The representative from the WSD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The WSD was concerned about the stability of the network of water mains and hence had implemented the "Risk-based Improvement Programme of Water Mains". The risks of the water mains would be assessed for improvement works taking into accounts various factors including ages and materials of the water mains, past records of bursts or leaks, surrounding environment and the consequences of bursts or leaks.
- (b) When handling water mains bursts or leaks, the WSD would immediately deploy staff to the scene for investigation, and maintain stable water supply and minimise the affected area as far as practicable by rearranging the water supply network. The WSD would consider replacing the entire sections of water mains in poor condition as far as practicable during emergency repairs for water mains to reduce the risk of future bursts.
- (c) The WSD would carry out regular leakage detection for water mains. If water mains leaks were detected, the WSD would immediately arrange for repairs works to prevent the water mains from bursting.
- (d) The WSD collected water distribution network data by establishing District Metering Areas (DMAs) in WIN to address the water loss in the water distribution network strategically. That enabled the WSD to detect any abnormal DMAs in the water distribution network at an early stage, and to take appropriate and effective network management

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measures, including leakage detection, pressure management to reduce leaks and repairs of water mains leaks.

- (e) The WSD would study the cause of every water mains burst after handling the burst. The information would facilitate the priority setting for the improvement works based on factors such as the age of the water mains, water pressure and the surrounding environment.
- (f) The progress of water mains improvement works in urban areas would be affected by various factors. For example, replacement of aged water mains underneath the carriageway would inevitably affect nearby traffic and residents. Prior to works commencement, the WSD would have to assess in detail the impacts of various works options on the environment and traffic before negotiating with various stakeholders (including the HKPF and Transport Department) for the most feasible works option in order to reduce the impacts on traffic and the public. If it proved impossible to replace the aged water mains underneath the carriageways by means of road opening due to traffic issues or congested underground utilities, the WSD would consider adopting the water main rehabilitation methods by inserting a new pipe into the aged one. However, it would be more expensive as the method involved more complicated procedures and technology. In addition, the working hours would be greatly restricted to avoid causing nuisance to residents. For example, the contractor could only carry out the works between 10 am to 4 pm every day or between 10 pm to 6 am the next day normally. The relevant road sector had to be open to the public for the rest of the time.
- (g) The current three-year long “Term Contract for Risk-Based Improvement of Water Mains - Hong Kong & Islands” project (2/WSD/21) had been commenced in the second quarter of 2022. The extent of the works area in the Eastern District covered Fort Street to Tai Cheong Street in North Point. The length of the water mains involved in the improvement project, that had been or would be commenced in the current year, was about 8 kilometres. About 4.3 kilometres had already been completed as at the end of 2023.

10. The DFWC agreed that there was no need to follow up on the agenda item.

Agenda Item 4. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous DFWC Meetings under Eastern District Council
(DFWC Paper No. 7/2024)

- (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 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”*

11. The views of Members about the agenda items were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members said that residents of Heng Fa Chuen were very concerned about the retrofitting of noise barriers in the Island Eastern Corridor near Heng Fa Chuen and Chai Wan Road. The departments had gazetted the two projects on 22 December 2023, which was more than four months ago. As the departments had conducted a briefing session in Heng Fa Chuen prior to the gazettal, Members would like the Departments to provide a timetable for the works.

12. The representative from the Highways Department (HyD) responded that the gazettal objection period for the two public works projects had expired on 20 February 2024. The works team was dealing with public views at present. The HyD noted Members’ concerns about the projects and would submit a written reply shortly after.

Environmental
Protection
Department
(EPD)/HyD

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

(Post-meeting note: The HyD had submitted the supplementary information to the DFWC on 25 April 2024.)

- (ii) *“Request to Review the Use of Shau Kei Wan Market to Provide Residents with Appropriate District Facilities*

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Future Development of Shau Kei Wan Market Requesting a Change in Use of Shau Kei Wan Market”

Planning
Department
(PlanD)

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

***(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”***

Drainage
Services
Department
(DSD)/WSD

15. The agenda items 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)

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

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- (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

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

18. The representative from the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) briefed Members on the “Coastal Hazards Study” and the plans proposed by the government.

19. Members thanked the department for the preparation works carried out to enhance the protective measures along the coast of Heng Fa Chuen and the continued communication with stakeholders. In addition, Members were supportive of the proposed works, and their views and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- (a) The wave wall did not cover the area from Blocks 23 to 29. Members enquired whether the height for the wave wall as suggested in the study would suffice in cases of extreme weather. Members would like the department to extend the wave wall to the uncovered area to ensure the safety of coastal residents and to commence the works as soon as possible.
- (b) Members enquired about the effectiveness of the curved wave walls in Peng Chau and Stanley for reference.
- (c) Members thanked the government for responding to social concerns by providing special assistance to private housing estates affected by extreme weather to construct wave walls. Members also thanked the Eastern District Office (EDO) for its assistance.

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- (d) In addition to the concern for coastal residences, Members would like the government to concern for housing estates affected by the water flow from the slope due to heavy rainfall as well.
- (e) Members enquired the department about measures in place to drain away seawater when the waves climbed over the wave walls.
- (f) Members enquired about the contingency plans for extreme weather during construction.

20. The representative from the CEDD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) In terms of project design, it was an effective method to construct wave walls at a height of 1.5 metres above ground level to withstand half of the waves.
- (b) The consultant had analysed the situation of Hong Kong during the hit by typhoons including Hato and Mangkhut and pointed out that the main cause of flooding in Heng Fa Chuen was the huge overtopping waves from the southeast that poured over the existing stone seawall and into the Heng Fa Chuen promenade. In addition, the ground level of the inland was lower than that of the promenade, causing seawater to further flow into Heng Fa Chuen. The promenade opposite Blocks 23 to 29 was parallel to the direction of the main waves, so the waves pouring in from that location would go around the corner of Block 23 before overtopping the seawall. The waves after the detour were relatively weak, and as the opposite promenade had no concrete walls, the seawater could quickly flow back into the sea. In addition, Blocks 49 to 50 were adjacent to existing seaside construction, including the salt water pumping station of Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital and the Sinopec Chai Wan Oil Terminal Pier. If the sloping seawall was further extended, it might affect the navigation of ships and would require the consultation of relevant stakeholders. As maritime engineering works such as reclamation and dredging were designated projects under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance, environmental impact assessment would be required if the works were to be carried out,. The CEDD considered that the multi-layered enhancement measures recommended by the consultant were more desirable after taking into

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account the site environment, technical feasibility and cost-effectiveness. Therefore, it was an appropriate proposal to construct a wave wall along the promenade between Blocks 23 to 48 to cope with the southeasterly waves.

- (c) The CEDD carried out regular examination and inspection on the curved wave walls at Peng Chau and Stanley. The CEDD considered that the effects of the curved wave walls were satisfactory after consulting local residents. The curved wave wall was also the same design adopted overseas in the face of giant waves.
- (d) The design of the existing seawall at Heng Fa Chuen complied with the standards of the latest “Port Works Design Manual” to cope with extreme weather. The design life of the seawall was 50 years and its service life could exceed 50 years if maintained properly.
- (e) The CEDD would carefully handle works arrangements during typhoon seasons, to the point where works were only carried out during dry seasons.
- (f) The DSD would carried out regular inspection on the drains and use existing drainage systems to drain away seawater.

21. The Chairman added that the construction works received a one-off subsidy from the government. Residents were also aware that future maintenance would have to be borne by the housing estate since the facilities involved private ownership.

DEVB/CEDD/
DSD/EDO

22. The agenda item 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”

23. The representative from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) reported on the latest works progress.

24. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

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- (a) Members enquired if the relevant sports associations were consulted on the design drawings of sports facilities for their compliance with international standards. Members stated that there were different international standards for different sports venues. If the department continued to provide multi-purpose main arenas at the sports centre, it might fail to comply with international standards and be a waste of manpower to deal with line marking.
- (b) Members enquired of the positions and ancillary facilities for displaying the national flag and the regional flag.
- (c) Members suggested not providing multi-purpose venues in the future but rather plan designated venues for each type of ball game as the government had formulated the “10-Year Development Blueprint for Sports and Recreation Facilities”.
- (d) As there were no MTR stations or other public transportation available near the project site, Members enquired about the ancillary facilities and arrangements to facilitate crowd flows after events and the sufficiency of parking spaces in the car parks to meet the demand.
- (e) Members would like to have a comprehensive sports and recreational facilities (S&R facilities) plan formulated for the Eastern District and to provide new facilities while upgrading old ones, so that facilities that met international standards would be available for use by different types of clubs.

25. The representative from the LCSD noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) Currently most sports centres and outdoors S&R facilities adopted multi-purpose designs due to the limited supply of land in Hong Kong. Newly constructed S&R facilities generally complied with international standards and adopted the “single site, multiple use” principle. In addition, the LCSD noted the suggestion of planning an arena for only one single purpose at the sports centre.
- (b) The LCSD would consult the relevant sports associations when

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designing sports facilities. Therefore, the venue design at the Aldrich Bay Sports Centre complied with international standards.

- (c) There would be an apparatus for displaying the national and regional flags for different events in the Aldrich Bay Sports Centre.
- (d) The LCSD would discuss with the organisers and the police about the arrangements for maintaining order and facilitating crowd flows prior to any major sports competition or programme.
- (e) The project would include a car park with 340 parking spaces for private vehicles, heavy goods vehicles, medium goods vehicles, coaches and motorcycles.

LCSD/TD/
PlanD

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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

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

Agenda Item 5. Any Other Business

(i) Nomination for Youth Square Management Advisory Committee (YSMAC)

30. The Chairman stated that the Secretariat had received an email from the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) inviting the Eastern District Council (EDC) to nominate one Member to serve on the YSMAC on behalf of the EDC. The terms of reference of the YSMAC could be found in the tabled Paper and the term of office would expire on 31 December 2027. With the consent of the Chairmen of the EDC and the DFWC, Mr LAM Wing-shing was nominated to serve on the YSMAC on behalf of the EDC. The Chairman asked the Secretary to submit the above nomination to the HYAB.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat submitted the nomination for the YSMAC to the HYAB on 12 March 2024 for consideration.)

(ii) Anticipated Completion Date for the Construction Works of the Boardwalk Opposite Tong Shui Road Footbridge and Harbour North

31. Members requested the CEDD to indicate clearly the anticipated completion date for the construction works of the Boardwalk opposite the former Tong Shui Road footbridge and Harbour North to keep the public informed.

32. The representative from the CEDD noted Members' views and suggestions.

Agenda Item 6. Date of Next Meeting

33. The third DFWC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 14 May 2024 (Tuesday).

34. The meeting ended at 4:10 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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