

## **Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Eastern District Council**

Date: 3 September 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

### **Chairman**

Mr CHAN Sheung-man, Simon, JP District Officer (Eastern)

### **Present**

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

### **Absent with Apologies**

Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP (absent with consent)

### **Government Representatives in Attendance**

Ms CHIU Man-nga, Jasmine	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)1, Eastern District Office
Mr FU Yiu-nam, Daniel	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2, 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 CHAN Tin-chu, Andy	District Commander (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Ka-leong, Kieran	Police Community Relations Officer (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TO Chak-foo	Chief Manager/Management (Hong Kong Island and Islands), Housing Department
Ms YEUNG Min-jing, Anna	Chief Transport Officer/Hong Kong, Transport Department

Ms LEE Wai-ming, Karvie	District Leisure Manager (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHU Sui-yin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr WONG Chun-kin, Tommy	Chief Engineer/South 3, Civil Engineering and Development Department
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	
Ms NG Yan-mei, Monie	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office

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### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairman of the Eastern District Council (EDC) (the Chairman) welcomed all Members and government representatives to the meeting, particularly welcomed Mr Daniel FU who succeeded Mr Hong POON as the new Assistant District Officer (Eastern)<sup>2</sup> of the Eastern District Office (EDO) for attending the meeting for the first time.

2. The Secretariat had not received any declaration of interests from Members under sections 19 to 22 of the EDC Standing Orders. The Chairman reminded Members to declare their interests as necessary.

### **Handling Applications for Absence**

3. Ms CHAN Hang submitted notification of absence from meeting before the meeting on the ground of sickness. The EDC decided to give consent to her application for absence.

### **Agenda Item 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Eastern District Council**

4. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

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### **Agenda Item 2. Report on the 4th Meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee**

**(EDC Paper No. 29/2024)**

5. Mr HUNG Lin-cham, Chairman of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC), briefed Members on the captioned report.
6. Members noted the above report.

### **Agenda Item 3. Report on the 4th Meeting of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee**

**(EDC Paper No. 30/2024)**

7. Mr Kenny YUEN, Chairman of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee, briefed Members on the captioned report.
8. Members noted the above report.

### **Agenda Item 4. Report on the 4th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee**

**(EDC Paper No. 31/2024)**

9. Mr LIANG Li, Chairman of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee, briefed Members on the captioned report.
10. Members noted the above report.

### **Agenda Item 5. Report on the 4th Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee**

**(EDC Paper No. 32/2024)**

11. Mr Calvin KWOK, Chairman of the Traffic and Transport Committee, briefed Members on the captioned report.
12. Members noted the above report.

**Agenda Item 6. Report on the 4th Meeting of the Social Welfare Committee (EDC Paper No. 33/2024)**

13. Ms Zareenah HO, Chairlady of the Social Welfare Committee, briefed Members on the captioned report.
14. Members noted the above report.

**Agenda Item 7. Suggestion for Enhancement to Tourism Resources of Shau Kei Wan Main Street East to Develop a Quality and Highly Visited Tourist Attraction in Eastern District (EDC Paper No. 34/2024)**

15. Mr HUNG Lin-cham briefed Members on Paper No. 34/2024.
16. Members supported the Paper and their views were summarised as follows:
  - (a) Mr Eddie TING would like the government to consider organising a brainstorming session with various stakeholders in the Eastern District to exchange views on the promotion of the tourism economy in Main Street East, and looked forward to the replies from the departments concerned to the suggestions in the Paper.
  - (b) Ms NG Ching-ching suggested promoting other dining attractions in the Eastern District apart from Main Street East, such as Tai On Building. She also suggested referring the suggestions to the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (WGBLE) for follow-up to boost the economy of the Eastern District.
  - (c) Mr Stanley HO suggested considering the designation of a pedestrian precinct at the Shau Kei Wan Tram Terminus “check-in” spot for tourists and the public to “check-in” in a safe environment.
  - (d) Mr LAM Sum-lim viewed that the regeneration of Shau Kei Wan Main Street East could start with street beautification, for example, paving the pavement with blocks with special colours and retrofitting signs and railings with temple culture or local characteristics, to attract more tourists and promote Hong Kong’s tourism industry.

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- (e) Mr LAM Wing-cheung suggested the government consider designating Main Street East as a pedestrian precinct at designated timeslots and organising festivals with different themes, such as music or beer festivals, on a regular basis or during different festivals, to attract more young people and tourists. In addition, he also suggested the government negotiate with the operators of private car parks in the vicinity of Main Street East to offer parking concessions to consumers there.
- (f) Mr LIANG Li remarked that Main Street East was a popular cultural attraction. He believed that more tourists could be attracted upon further enhancement of street walkability, for example, through traffic control and diversion during holidays or festivals, etc. Regarding a Member's suggestion of designating a pedestrian precinct, he suggested extending the precinct to the Eastern District Cultural Square and promenade, as well as organising various kinds of performances there, to offer a range of experiences for the public and tourists.
- (g) Mr KWOK Wing-kin viewed that the suggestions in the captioned Paper were highly feasible and sustainable, which could boost the economy of the Eastern District in a more sustainable manner than a one-off stimulus package.
- (h) Mr Joseph CHAN opined that the suggestions in the captioned Paper could be used to enhance the publicity of the Eastern District Tourist Trail, which was set up in 2002, to attract more members of the public and tourists to visit various attractions in the Eastern District. In addition, he suggested starting with walkability enhancement, which would be beneficial to the walking experience of tourists and the future organisation of different activities in Main Street East. Lastly, he would like the government to explore the feasibility of setting up a visitor centre on Main Street East and suggested selling famous souvenirs of the Eastern District, Tam Kung fortune cakes, and souvenirs of the mascot "Tung Tung" at the centre apart from providing tourist information on the Eastern District.
- (i) Ms Elaine CHIK remarked that Main Street East was well-placed to become a tourist attraction, where various large-scale activities had been

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held in the past, as well as with its combination of cultural and historical characteristics, promenade and delicacies. Therefore, she suggested coupling with the historical and cultural characteristics of the Eastern District and the mascot, as well as enhancing the walkability first to shape Main Street East into the first quality and highly visited tourist attraction in the Eastern District with cultural and creative characteristics, hence to boost neighbouring local economy.

- (j) Mr HUNG Lin-cham thanked Members for supporting the captioned Paper and remarked that he had earlier collected views from various stakeholders in the Eastern District on the suggestions in the Paper and had gained their support. He looked forward to further exploring the suggestions in the Paper with the government departments and various local stakeholders, with a view to reinvigorating the vibrancy of the Eastern District and boosting the local economy.

17. The Chairman gave a consolidated response to Members' views as follows:

- (a) He thanked all Members for their concerted efforts in offering suggestions for promoting tourism and economy of the Eastern District and the Paper was very rich in content. Kick-starting the promotion of the tourism and economy of the Eastern District with Shau Kei Wan Main Street East would be easier to achieve results as it was already a dining and sightseeing attraction.
- (b) Apart from promoting the delicacies of Main Street East and staging different performances to attract tourists, Main Street East and other popular tourist attractions, such as the North Point Ferry Pier, Sai Wan Ho Harbour Park and Tai On Building, could be considered to be linked up to develop the Eastern District into a cultural and creative tourism zone to boost the economy of the Eastern District.
- (c) In response to the government's Hospitality Campaign, the EDO would organise the "Eastern District Courtesy Day" on 29 September at the North Point Ferry Pier promenade. The EDO would invite all Members to act as "Courtesy Ambassadors" with the mascot of the Eastern District, "Tung Tung", to distribute promotional leaflets of the popular tourist attractions in the Eastern District and souvenirs to visitors so as to encourage shops and tourists to act courteously and demonstrate

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good hospitality.

- (d) Regarding the suggestions for ancillary transport facilities, for example, the provision of parking spaces and designation of a pedestrian precinct, as well as the enhancement of street facilities such as the use of distinctive street paving blocks and signs, and the provision of a visitor centre, further focused studies and discussions on their feasibility with the departments and various stakeholders concerned were required.

18. The Chairman concluded by saying that the captioned Paper was supported by Members and remarked that the agenda item would be referred to the DFWC and WGBLE for in-depth discussion and follow-up with the departments concerned as it involved facilities works and local economy.

### **Agenda Item 8. Any Other Business**

19. There was no other discussion item for the current meeting.

### **Agenda Item 9. Date of Next Meeting**

20. The sixth meeting of the EDC would be held at 2:30 pm on 5 November 2024 (Tuesday).

21. The meeting ended at 3:10 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat  
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