



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee held on 5 July 2018

(1) The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) the replies of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the Hong Kong Police Force to matters arising from the previous meeting;
- (ii) “Proposed facilities of Sports Centre at ‘Ma On Shan Area 103’” submitted by the LCSD, with the relevant provisional motion endorsed:

“ The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council urges that the Government, when writing the traffic assessment report, be required to consider the growth in the pedestrian and traffic flow upon the establishment of the sports centre. Hence, road-crossing facilities, including pedestrian crossings, neighbouring footbridges connected to the sports centre, elevators, etc., will have to be built for residents’ easy access and for the safety of road users.”

- (iii) the replies of the LCSD, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Fire Services Department and the Hong Kong Life Saving Society to the question on “Safety in Swimming Pools”, with the relevant provisional motion endorsed:

“ Background:

The duty of security guards is to protect residents’ property and it is currently clearly regulated by the Government. Security guards identified to have violated the Security and Guarding Services Ordinance, Cap. 460, may be liable to dismissal or criminal prosecution. However, when it is compared to the duty of lifeguards which is to safeguard the safety of swimmers, the regulation of the government is indeed lacking / unsatisfactory.

Undoubtedly, every second counts when it comes to the job of saving those drowning. As the saying of the Hong Kong Life Saving Society goes, “As if all those who are drowning were drown by me”, lifeguards should uphold the solemn attitude of “every life matters”. However, since it currently lacks a transparent report mechanism, the public have no way to find out the numbers of people drown and casualties so as to enhance their awareness. Consequently, the management quality of swimming pools and safety issues are questionable. I therefore vehemently request the Government to draft regulations for 44 public swimming pools, 41 beaches and 1 246 swimming pools in private housing estates in the whole territory in order to safeguard the safety of swimmers. The details are as follows:

Provisional motion:

The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council vehemently requests the Government to:

- (1) set up a report mechanism regarding the drown with updated information for public access online so as to improve the regulation at swimming pools and beaches. In particular, the 1 246 swimming pools in private housing estates are in dire need of a report mechanism.
- (2) set up a ‘management committee on lifeguard governance’ to impose swimming pool governing regulations and regulate the code of practice of lifeguards, with an ultimate aim to enforce the Lifeguard Code of Conduct so as to ensure the safety of swimmers in public swimming pools, beaches and swimming pools in private housing estates. Lifeguards proved to have breached their code of conduct or be guilty of negligence are liable to criminal prosecution.”

(2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) recommending to the Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC) the updated work plan and funding application totalling \$1,950,000 regarding the “Mid-Autumn Festival Evening Variety Show and Lanterns Display” submitted by the Working Group on Festive Celebrations under the Committee;
- (ii) the funding application of the “Balance Bike Fun Day and Competition in Sha Tin District 2018/19” totalling \$40,000 submitted by the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development under the Committee;
- (iii) recommending to the FGAC the funding application totalling \$570,000 regarding the “Sha Tin Festival – Huqin Music in Sha Tin” submitted by the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee;
- (iv) the funding applications totalling \$210,000 regarding the “Sha Tin Festival – Youth Dance Promotion Scheme and Showcase” submitted by the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee;
- (v) recommending to the FGAC the funding application submitted by the Planning Committee on Festive Lighting in Sha Tin, with the following details:

	<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Amount Applied for</u>
(a)	2018/2019 Sha Tin Festive Lighting – Installation and Dismantling of Christmas Festive Lighting	\$800,000

(b) 2018/2019 Sha Tin Festive Lighting – \$800,000
Installation and Dismantling of Chinese New
Year Festive Lighting

(c) 2018/2019 Sha Tin Festive Lighting \$800,000

(vi) recommending to the FGAC the funding applications totalling \$300,000 regarding the “2018 Sha Tin Festival – Environmental Protection Promotion Plan” submitted by the Sha Tin Festival Committee 2018; and

(vii) the funding applications submitted by the Sha Tin Festival Committee 2018, with the following details:

<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Amount Applied for</u>
(a) 2018 Sha Tin Festival – Publicity Plan	\$130,000
(b) 2018 Sha Tin Festival – Activities of the History and Heritage Series	\$202,300

(3) The Committee noted the following:

(i) the minutes submitted by the Working Group on Festive Celebrations and the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development;

(ii) the papers submitted by the LCSD, including “Report and Plan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2018)”, “Report and Plan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Recreation and Sports Activities and Management of Facilities in Sha Tin District (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2018)” and “Report and Plan on Public Libraries Promotion Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2018)”;

(iii) the progress report of the Sha Tin Arts Association; and

(iv) the progress report of the Sha Tin Sports Association.

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