

Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of  
the Traffic and Transport Committee (2016-2017) of  
the Tuen Mun District Council

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Date : 19 January 2016 (Tuesday)

Time : 10:18 a.m.

Venue : Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Mr SO Shiu-shing (Chairman)	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YIP Man-pan (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	10:35 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TO Sheck-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, MH, JP	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LUNG Shui-hing	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	10:41 a.m.
Mr HO Kwan-yiu	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YEUNG Chi-hang	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	10:18 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr. LAU Chun Fai, Lawrence	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) , Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

In Attendance

Mr AU Chi-yuen	TMDC Member
Mr LAU Kam-kuen, David	District Officer (Tuen Mun), Home Affairs Department
Ms FUNG Ngar-wai, Aubrey	District Officer (Tuen Mun) Designate, Home Affairs Department
Mr LO Chun-hang, Simpson	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEUNG Wai-shing, William	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)2, Home Affairs Department
Ms KOO Kit-ye, Angie	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHAU Ka-nin, Eric	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms HO Ka-man, Carmen (Assistant Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council)1, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department

## **Opening Remarks**

Mr LEUNG Kin-man, the Chairman of the TMDC, welcomed Members of the Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) to the first meeting of the TTC.

2. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that according to the TMDC Standing Orders, a committee should elect its chairman and vice-chairman at the first meeting of the committee in each term, and the TMDC Chairman or Vice-chairman should preside over the meeting for the election of the committee’s chairman and vice-chairman. Therefore, he stated that he would be presiding over this meeting until the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the TTC were elected.

### **I. Election of TTC Chairman**

3. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that Section 71(3) of the District Councils Ordinance provided that a committee of a District Council (“DC”) was to elect a member of the committee who was also a member of the DC as the chairman of the committee. On 6 January 2016, the Secretariat had sent the membership lists of the committees and the nomination forms for the committees’ chairmen and vice-chairmen to all Members. The nomination period had closed at 5:00 p.m. on 12 January and the Secretariat had sent the list of the validly-nominated candidates to all Members on the same day.

4. Mr LEUNG Kin-man further said that the Secretariat had received two nominations for TTC Chairman by the end of the nomination period. He read out the details of the two nominations, which were arranged in order of the candidates’ identity card numbers, as follows:

#### First Nomination

Nominee: Mr SO Shiu-shing  
Nominated by: Mr KAM Man-fung  
Subscribed by: Ms CHING Chi-hung and Ms SO Ka-man

#### Second Nomination

Nominee: Mr YAN Siu-nam  
Nominated by: Ms Catherine WONG  
Subscribed by: Ms KONG Fung-yi and Ms HO Hang-mui

5. Candidate Mr YAN Siu-nam indicated that he stood for the election with an aspiration to restore the dignity of the TMDC and strive for breakthroughs. Bypassing the TMDC, the Transport Department (“TD”) and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited significantly cut the services of bus route no. 59A as well as other bus services in December 2015, which was unfair to the public and the TMDC. If he was elected, he would certainly endeavour to rectify this problem; even if he was not elected, he would still hope the elected candidate would further strive for traffic improvement.

6. Mr LEUNG Kin-man invited the other candidate to talk about his aspiration. Candidate Mr SO Shiu-shing indicated that before the suspension of the operation of the last-term TMDC, Members had expressed their objection to the TD altering bus routes without notification to the TMDC. Over the past many years, he and other Members had been devoted to working for the benefit of Tuen Mun residents on various issues, such as the Tuen Mun Road Bus-Bus Interchange (“BBI”), the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor, bus-only lanes and the arrangements on the widening of Castle Peak Road. Therefore, he did not think that the TTC had lost its dignity. Moreover, he opined that to uphold the TTC’s dignity, it required not only the leadership of its Chairman but also its

Members' accountability for the council's work. He hoped Members would give him an opportunity to join them in maintaining the dignity of the TTC.

7. A Member said she believed that the loss of dignity mentioned by Mr YAN Siu-nam was associated with the TD's reduction of bus services in various districts regardless of DCs' views. She further said that the TTC's Chairman and Members played an important role in improving the overall traffic condition of Tuen Mun. Besides, she would submit papers to put forward suggestions in a hope to make the traffic condition of the district as good as possible and minimise congestion.

8. A Member opined that the vote should start.

9. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that a vote on the two candidates would be conducted in accordance with Appendix 9 of the TMDC Standing Orders. He asked Members to note the following points:

- (a) The staff of the Secretariat would soon distribute to each TTC Member a ballot paper printed with the names of the validly-nominated candidates. Affixed at the back of each ballot paper was the stamp of the Tuen Mun District Office;
- (b) The names shown on the ballot papers were arranged in order of candidates' identity card numbers;
- (c) No proxy vote would be accepted in the election, and the vote would be conducted by secret ballot;
- (d) A Member should use a black ball pan provided on the table to put a "✓" sign in the box on the right-hand side of the name of the candidate of the Member's choice. A ballot paper would be considered void if it was found marked with other signs or words;
- (e) During the vote, if necessary, a Member might request a new ballot paper in replacement of a mistakenly marked ballot paper. The staff of the Secretariat would mark the word "cancelled" on the mistakenly marked ballot paper;
- (f) The candidate who received an absolute majority of votes would be elected as the chairman of the committee; and
- (g) An absolute majority of votes meant that the candidate received more than half of the valid votes cast excluding abstentions.

10. The Secretariat then distributed a ballot paper to each Member and showed Members that there were no ballot papers in the ballot box.

11. Mr LEUNG Kin-man asked Members to fold the marked ballot papers and put them into the ballot box when the staff of the Secretariat came to them with the ballot box.

12. The voting time ended and Mr LEUNG Kin-man announced the close of the vote in which 26 ballot papers were distributed. He said that interested Members might come forward to observe the counting of votes but were not allowed to touch the ballot papers.

13. Mr LEUNG Kin-man announced the voting result after counting of votes. Candidate Mr SO Shiu-shing received 17 votes whereas candidate Mr YAN Siu-nam received 9 votes, and there were neither invalid votes nor blank votes. Mr LEUNG Kin-man formally announced that Mr SO Shiu-shing was elected as the TTC Chairman for the term starting from the day of this meeting until 31 December 2017.

## **II. Election of TTC Vice-chairman**

14. Mr LEUNG Kin-man stated that pursuant to Order 33(3) of the TMDC Standing

Orders, a committee might elect a member who was also a TMDC Member as the vice-chairman of the committee.

15. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that the Secretariat had received two nominations for TTC Vice-chairman by the end of the nomination period. He read out the details of the two nominations, which were arranged in order of the candidates' identity card numbers, as follows:

First Nomination

Nominee: Mr YIP Man-pan  
Nominated by: Ms LUNG Shui-hing  
Subscribed by: Mr Lothar LEE and Mr TSANG Hin-hong

Second Nomination

Nominee: Mr YAN Siu-nam  
Nominated by: Ms Catherine WONG  
Subscribed by: Ms KONG Fung-yi and Ms HO Hang-mui

16. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that a vote on the two candidates would be conducted in accordance with Appendix 9 of the TMDC Standing Orders. The following important points to note on the voting procedure had just been explained and would thus not be repeated.

17. The Secretariat then distributed a ballot paper to each Member and showed Members that there were no ballot papers in the ballot box.

18. Mr LEUNG Kin-man asked Members to fold the marked ballot papers and put them into the ballot box when the staff of the Secretariat came to them with the ballot box.

19. The voting time ended and Mr LEUNG Kin-man announced the close of the vote in which 27 ballot papers were distributed. He said that interested Members might come forward to observe the counting of votes but were not allowed to touch the ballot papers.

20. Mr LEUNG Kin-man announced the voting result after counting of votes. Candidate Mr YIP Man-pan received 19 votes whereas candidate Mr YAN Siu-nam received 8 votes, and there were neither invalid votes nor blank votes. Mr LEUNG Kin-man formally announced that Mr YIP Man-pan was elected as the TTC Vice-chairman for the term starting from the day of this meeting until 31 December 2017.

21. As the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the TTC had been elected, Mr LEUNG Kin-man turned the meeting over to the TTC Chairman.

[The TTC Chairman started to preside over the meeting at this point.]

**III. Other Business**

22. The Chairman thanked Members for supporting him so that he could be elected as the TTC Chairman. He believed that in the new term of the TMDC, there were a number of issues like sectional fares for buses at the BBI, bus-only lanes on Tuen Mun Road and the widening of Castle Peak Road that required Members to contribute ideas.

23. A Member hoped that efforts could be made under the leadership of the Chairman so that bus resources could be distributed more evenly and serve the needs of Tuen Mun

residents more comprehensively. For instance, some bus routes heading for urban areas had to take the route via Tai Lam Tunnel after passing rural areas in Tuen Mun (such as the areas between Lam Tei and Tin Ha Road). As Siu Hong was already accessible by the West Rail Line and bus, the Member suggested that the bus routes departing from there (such as 67M and 67X) be re-routed to operate via the rural areas, so as to meet the needs of residents.

24. The Chairman said that Members were welcome to put forward suggestions for rectifying traffic problems in their constituencies. He suggested the Member further express opinions to representatives of the TD at future meetings.

25. Another Member expressed the hope that the Chairman elected would safeguard the rights and benefits of Tuen Mun residents and uphold the dignity of the council, restraining bus companies from acting indiscriminately. The Chairman responded that all Members should do their parts as well.

#### **IV. Date of the Next Meeting**

26. The Chairman said that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m., 11 March 2016 (Friday). Subject to the TMDC's official endorsement of the schedule of meetings, the Secretariat would write to Members informing them of the confirmed dates of meetings. Members who wished to submit papers might provide the papers for the Secretariat 10 clear working days before the next meeting, i.e. on or before 25 February tentatively.

[Post-meeting note: The said schedule of meetings was endorsed at the second meeting of the TMDC held on 19 January 2016]

27. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

Date: 27 January 2016

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