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Minutes of the 20th Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council (1/2023)

Date: 30 May 2023

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly (Chairman)

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, BBS, MH

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

In Attendance:

Mr AU Ka-shing, Billy, JP

District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr LEE Soeng-him, Sean

Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr NG Cheuk-hang, Almerick

District Commander (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr FUNG Chi-ho, Eric

Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)3, Social Welfare Department

Ms HO Mun-ye, Money

District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

Ms YEUNG Sien-ching, Susana

Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Acting), Lands Department

Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark

Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West, Transport Department

Mrs LAI CHAN Wai-fan, Clara

Chief Manager/Management (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan), Housing Department

Mr HUNG Sai-kit

District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr HO Kai-ho, Stanley

Chief Engineer/West 4, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia

Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms NG Kam-yim

District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr LIM Kuen (Secretary)

Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

Miss LEUNG Tsz-wai, Apple

Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

For discussion of item 1:

Miss LAW Shuk-pui, Rosanna, JP	Commissioner for Transport, Transport Department
Mr WONG Chi-kwong, Patrick	Assistant Commissioner/New Territories, Transport Department
Mr CHENG Kam-pong, Patrick	Chief Engineer/Traffic Survey & Support, Transport Department
Mr CHAN Wing-chow, Edwin	Senior Engineer/Tsuen Wan, Transport Department

For discussion of item 4:

Mr CHIU Chi-ho, Derek	Senior Engineer/8 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
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For discussion of item 6:

Miss LAU Wing-yan, Doreen	Chief Manager (Film & Cultural Exchange), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSANG Wai-lok, Rowena	Head (Film Archive), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr FONG Tin-chuen, Victor	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 34, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHEUNG Kin-kee, Michael	Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan, Planning Department

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I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 20th meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC), and introduced:

- (1) Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)³, Social Welfare Department, who attended this meeting on behalf of Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe; and
- (2) Ms YEUNG Sien-ching, Susana, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Acting) (AA/Lands (DLO) (Atg.)), Lands Department (LandsD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Mr YU Hok-chi, Raymond.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to sections 17(1) and 27 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”), any Member who wished to move a motion or ask any question at a meeting of the Council was required to give the Secretary a notice in writing ten clear working days before the meeting. Thus, he reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 25 July 2023 and the deadline for submission of papers was 10 July 2023. In addition, according to section 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members could only speak once on each agenda item at the meeting and each Member could speak up to 1.5 minutes. A maximum of five Members could speak on each agenda item. If more than five Members spoke on an agenda item, he would shorten the speaking time of each Member. The Member(s) who had submitted a paper would have 2 minutes to give an introduction and 1.5 minutes to draw a conclusion. The representatives of the departments would have up to 2 minutes to give a response.

II Item 1: Visit of Commissioner for Transport to Tsuen Wan District Council

3. The Chairman welcomed Miss LAW Shuk-pui, Rosanna, JP, Commissioner for Transport to the TWDC, who would brief Members on the work of the Transport Department (TD). Other representatives from the TD attending the meeting were:

- (1) Mr WONG Chi-kwong, Patrick, Assistant Commissioner/New Territories (AC/NT);
- (2) Mr CHENG Kam-pong, Patrick, Chief Engineer/Traffic Survey & Support (CE/TS&S);
- (3) Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark, Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West; and
- (4) Mr CHAN Wing-chow, Edwin, Senior Engineer/Tsuen Wan.

4. The Commissioner for Transport and AC/NT of the TD introduced the work of the TD to Members.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:47 p.m.)

5. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu said that some residents living near Tsuen Wan Road had relayed to him about the noise nuisance caused by the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road. He hoped that the TD would send staff to conduct an on-site inspection jointly with Members at the location concerned, and urged the TD to retrofit noise barriers. In addition, he had visited Hoi Hing Road and Hoi On Road with officers of the TD on the day before the meeting to inspect the walkway cover thereat. He pointed out that a section of the pedestrian walkway concerned (about 100 metres in length) had not been provided with cover, leading to the necessity of using umbrellas when citizens travelled to and from Tsuen Wan West Station on rainy days. He urged the TD to extend the existing cover for the pedestrian walkway to Tsuen Wan West Station as soon as possible so as to facilitate the access of the public. Besides, residents in the district had a greater demand for public transportation between Tsuen Wan West Station and Tsuen King Circuit. He would write to the Commissioner for Transport after the meeting and urge the TD to introduce bus or minibus services plying between the two places. Lastly, he said that an existing road section where vehicles turned left from Tai Chung Road into Sha Tsui Road was very narrow. Upon the completion of the reconstruction of the industrial building on Sha Tsui Road, the problem of traffic congestion would be aggravated owing to the further increase in the vehicular traffic flow. Therefore, he urged the TD to improve the road design at the location concerned.

6. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that he had proposed to the TD to construct a footbridge connecting City Point and Tsuen Wan West Station three years ago, but the proposal had not been accepted by the department. He expressed doubts about one of the rejection reasons being the pedestrian flow not meeting the requirement. He mentioned that the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) was conducting the Tsuen Wan District Study (TWDS), in which one of the key objectives was to further enhance the footbridge network in Tsuen Wan. He hoped that the TD could dovetail its work with the study of the URA and respond to the demands of the public by constructing the footbridge connecting City Point and Tsuen Wan West Station to bridge the final missing link of the footbridge network. Besides, he pointed out that there was an unnamed street near Tai Uk Street which had been

recognised by the TD. However, due to the extension of shop structures in the daytime and the unlawful occupation by illegal parked vehicles at night, vehicles had not been able to turn left from Tai Uk Street and travel eastward to Chuen Lung Street via this one-way road for a prolonged period of time. In addition, he said that operators of shops on Sha Tsui Road often washed miscellaneous articles on this unnamed street, which not only affected the hygiene of the surrounding environment but also obstructed the proper use of the road. He opined that the TD should coordinate with the relevant departments to solve the problem. If the TD believed that the unnamed street should not be used as a roadway after assessment, it should notify the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) and TWDC promptly for the consideration of turning the street concerned into a greening area. He also suggested the TD resume possession of the footpath connecting Yeung Uk Road and Tsuen Wan Park (via The Aurora and Citywalk 2) so as to facilitate the access to and from Tsuen Wan Park by the public. He said that he had made such appeal more than two years ago, but not all residents agreed with the relevant proposal at that time. Therefore, he believed that the TD should follow the established procedures to submit proposals to and consult the TWDC, and to conduct a district consultation through the TWDO. Decisions should be made as soon as possible after striking a fair balance between interests of different stakeholders. Lastly, he learnt that the TD had joined forces with law enforcement agencies in 2022 in upgrading the computer system for detecting vehicle speeding, which was expected to be completed in the first half of 2023. He noted that the average speed camera system (ASCS, also known as the “Interval-based Speed Enforcement System”) was adopted on Tsuen Wan Road at present, and said that residents living nearby believed that the problem of illegal road racing and excessive speeding on Tsuen Wan Road would be alleviated if the ASCS was upgraded to an automatic speed enforcement system. The noise nuisance suffered by the residents of The Aurora, Parc City, The Pavilia Bay, and City Point would therefore be reduced too. He urged the TD to implement the proposal of upgrading the ASCS expeditiously.

7. Mr CHAN Sung-ip expressed his gratitude to the TD for approving the inclusion of the residents’ service routes serving Park Island in the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the “\$2 Scheme”). Besides, he pointed out that the operating cost of the ferry service for Park Island was high. Although the Government had provided subsidies to the ferry operator, it was still operating at a loss. Hence, he proposed to the TD that the land transport network in Ma Wan should be developed as soon as possible so that residents would no longer need to rely on ferry services. In addition, the number of vehicles allowed to enter Ma Wan should also be increased after connecting the road network in the island to the Lantau Link.

8. Mr WONG Ka-wa thanked the TD for maintaining close liaison with him on district work. He pointed out that the red minibus (RMB) routes serving Lei Muk Shue Estate had not been covered by the \$2 Scheme, therefore he hoped that the TD would introduce a green minibus (GMB) route plying between Lei Muk Shue Estate and Tsuen Wan town centre which would be included in the \$2 Scheme. In addition, he urged the implementation of sectional fares for the franchised bus routes plying between Wo Yi Hop Road near Lei Muk Shue Estate and Tsuen Wan town centre, and praised the TD for rationalising the services of bus route nos. 36A and 36B operated by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB). Besides, he said that

although the TD had provided additional parking spaces for private cars and motorcycles on Lei Shu Road earlier, the number of parking spaces in Lei Muk Shue Estate still fell short at present. It was common to see about 40 illegally parked motorcycles in the estate. He hoped that the TD could provide more parking spaces for private cars and motorcycles on Lei Shu Road. He said that he had served as the Vice Chairman of the Traffic and Transport Committee in the past, and had initiated discussions on the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road. There were three major roads in Tsuen Wan (i.e. Yeung Uk Road, Sha Tsui Road and Castle Peak Road). He had proposed to the TD to connect Tsuen Wan Road to these major roads. He hoped that the TD would have a more holistic planning for the project so as to tackle the problem of traffic congestion in Tsuen Wan town centre. Lastly, he suggested that the TD should implement the arrangement similar to the one adopted at Shanghai Street and change Sha Tsui Road from a two-way road to a one-way road to improve the problem of traffic congestion.

9. The Chairman said that the use of environmentally-friendly new energy would become a global trend in the future. He learnt that the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited had introduced hydrogen energy. He hoped that the departments concerned would promote the application of hydrogen energy in public transport across the territory. In addition, he understood that the implementation of sectional fares would reduce the revenues of bus companies. Having said that, he hoped that the TD would advise the bus companies to implement sectional fares when they submitted fare increase applications, so that passengers who got off halfway would not have to pay the full fare. Besides, he requested the TD to urge bus companies to enhance the facilities at bus stops in Tsuen Wan district (such as the installation of real-time bus arrival information display panels and provision of roof covers), improve the accuracy of the real-time arrival information and monitor the issue of lost trips in bus services. Finally, he pointed out that he had requested the TWDO and TD to construct a footpath connecting Yau Ma Hom Road and Cheung Wing Road many years ago, but there had been no progress. He hoped that the TD would provide the proposed footpath as soon as practicable to facilitate the access of residents.

10. The Commissioner of Transport responded as follows:

- (1) she said that most of the bus stops in Tsuen Wan district were managed by the KMB. More than 100 and a few tens of bus stops in the district had been equipped with benches and real-time bus arrival information display panels respectively. Due to the large number of bus stops in Hong Kong, it took time for bus companies to install relevant facilities at bus stops in different districts in a gradual manner. The TD would continue to discuss the proposal of installing display panels at bus stops in the district with the bus companies and request their consideration be given to the proposal. However, for bus stops that had not been installed with display panels, the TD encouraged passengers to obtain the information on bus arrival time through the websites and mobile applications of bus companies, or the mobile application “HKeMobility” launched by the TD;
- (2) she said that since the elderly and eligible persons were able take most of the bus routes at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip, it had led to the problem of beneficiaries “taking long-haul routes for short journeys”.

The implementation of sectional fares could reduce the fare expenses of passengers as well as the Government's expenditure on subsidy for the \$2 Scheme. For example, if a passenger took a bus route from Tsuen Wan to Tai Po and got off halfway, charging the sectional fare would help reduce the Government's expenditure on reimbursement of differential fare to the bus company under the \$2 Scheme. On the other hand, it might encourage more passengers (including young passengers) to take long-haul routes for short journeys, affecting long-distance commuters who had a genuine need for the services. In this case, bus companies might need to allocate more resources to operate these routes. Therefore, the TD would prudently consider whether an individual route was suitable for the implementation of sectional fares when requesting the bus companies to do so;

- (3) as far as she knew, not all residents agreed to the construction of noise barriers under the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road or construction of a footbridge connecting City Point and Tsuen Wan West Station. Some residents opined that such additions would block views or cause poor ventilation. She said that the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road would provide an additional traffic lane between the two original traffic lanes. Upon completion of the works, the Tsuen Wan Road flyover could serve as a roof cover for the pedestrian walkway connecting City Point and Tsuen Wan West Station, saving pedestrians the need to use umbrellas in unstable weather conditions. She had inspected the walkway concerned about a week before the meeting and had found that many citizens travel to and from Tsuen Wan West Station via the walkway;
- (4) she said that the operations and fares of RMB routes were not under the TD's direct regulation. In order to prevent abuse of the \$2 Scheme, RMB operators who intended to participate in the \$2 Scheme were required to submit applications and other information to the TD by themselves for approval. Therefore, some RMB operators might not have applied to the TD for participation in the \$2 Scheme in view of the operational situations of their routes. As for the conversion of RMBs to GMBs, the TD had been encouraging RMB operators to provide GMB services which was better regulated and monitored. However, facing the changes in the regulatory and business environment, some RMB operators remained concerned on switching to GMB operations;
- (5) regarding the unnamed street near Tai Uk Street mentioned by Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio, double yellow lines were painted there to indicate no vehicles should be parked. If vehicles were found to be parked overnight, the TD would communicate with the Police to step up law enforcement actions on related issues. Concerning the unlawful occupation of streets by shops or restaurants, since such problem did not fall within the purview of the TD, she believed that the responsible department would follow up on the measures to improve environmental hygiene and cityscape;
- (6) many residents chose to live in Ma Wan because of its tranquil environment and remoteness from the urban area. Ferry services had been provided by the relevant developer when the residential

development project was taken forward in Ma Wan. At present, ferry was the major means of transportation for the residents of Park Island. Due to the exorbitant operating cost of the ferry routes, the Government had provided Special Helping Measures to the ferry operators for maintaining the ferry services. She also believed that some residents who had been using the ferry services to travel to and from the island would object to the proposal of replacing the water transport with land transport. There would be more residential and other development projects in Ma Wan in the future, and after the commissioning of the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, the Lantau Link was no longer the only road access to the airport. The TD would further review the overall traffic demand and transportation modes of Ma Wan with due consideration of the future development in Ma Wan; and

- (7) she understood that owing to the traffic congestion in the old areas around Tsuen Wan town centre, a great demand for the adoption of new energy public transport was envisaged in such areas so as to improve the air pollution situation therein. She said that the promotion of the use of new energy public transport was a territory-wide issue. The TD would continue to encourage and facilitate the trial and use of new energy (such as hydrogen fuel) in public transport.

11. CE/TS&S of the TD responded that various works had been carried out on Yau Ma Hom Road, including a transitional social housing project which had been implemented earlier, and the road in question was also currently the designated working area of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD). The TD would not be able to construct the walkway at Yau Ma Hom Road until the relevant works were completed. It was estimated that the construction works would commence in 2027 or 2028 at the earliest. In the meantime, the TD would review the design of the walkway concerned according to the traffic flow and demand of the location and the development at present, and maintain communication with the Chairman.

12. The Chairman thanked the Commissioner of Transport for responding on issues such as improving the traffic facilities and public transport services in Tsuen Wan district. He said that if Members wished to put forward other opinions, they could follow up with the departments concerned after the meeting.

III Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes of the 19th Meeting held on 28.3.2023

13. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received one proposed amendment from Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio prior to this meeting. The proposed amendment was set out as follows:

- (1) he proposed that in line 8 of paragraph 9 of the minutes of the 19th meeting held on 28 March 2023, “較為安靜” (was more quiet) should be amended as “時噪音水平略低” (the level of noise generated during operation was slightly lower), and in line 10 of paragraph 9, “(包括其他發泡膠盒)” (e.g. another styrofoam box) should be added after “物件” (objects).

14. The Chairman enquired whether Members would like to immediately put forth proposed amendments. No Member immediately put forth a proposed amendment.

15. The Chairman enquired whether Members endorsed the minutes and the relevant proposed amendment. Members unanimously endorsed the minutes and the relevant proposed amendment.

IV Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

16. The Chairman said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 3:33 p.m.)

V Item 4: Progress Report on Major Works in Tsuen Wan (as at 30 April 2023)
(TWDC Paper No. 1/2023)

17. The Chairman said that the CEDD regularly reported to Members on the progress of the major works in Tsuen Wan district. The representative from the CEDD responsible for giving responses was Mr CHIU Chi-ho, Derek, Senior Engineer/8 (West) (SE/8(W)).

18. SE/8(W) of the CEDD introduced the paper.

19. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu was concerned about Project No. 6100TX/D – Construction of Walkway Cover at Hoi Hing Road and Hoi On Road, Tsuen Wan (Project No. 6100TX/D), and said that the proposed construction of a walkway cover about 700 metres in length was a project recommended by the TWDC. The construction works had commenced in mid-2022 and were divided into three phases. With an estimated cost of \$47 million, the walkway cover was expected to be put into use after completion in mid-2024. This project was crucial and widely welcomed by local residents since it would provide shelter in times of rain for residents of Belvedere Garden and the industrial area in Tsuen Wan West when they commuted to and from Exit B of Tsuen Wan West Station. However, after inspecting the site with officers from the departments concerned, he found that the TD had not been able to install a roof cover at Exit B of Tsuen Wan West Station as it had been within the private area of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTR), resulting in a gap between the walkway cover and the MTR station. The residents would still need to travel through the gap (which was about 100 metres in length) with their umbrellas opened during rainy weather. He suggested that the TWDO should allocate funds from the District Minor Works Programme for the construction of a roof cover for connecting Exit B of Tsuen Wan West Station and the aforementioned pedestrian walkway, so as to prevent this user-friendly facility from ending up as a “white elephant project”.

20. Mr KOT Siu-yuen supported the projects relating to the footbridge network and barrier-free access, and raised concern over Project No. 6101TX/D – Provision of Universal Accessibility Facilities at Footbridges, Elevated Walkways and Subways Package 6 – Contract 2 (Project No. 6101TX/D). Since the photos shown in the relevant documents were not clear enough, he asked whether the project would include the retrofitting of two lifts at Discovery Park and Fuk Loi Estate respectively.

21. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio urged the departments concerned to take forward the works of Footbridge E in Project No. 196TB – Extension of Footbridge Network in Tsuen Wan (Project No. 196TB) as soon as possible.

22. SE/8(W) of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) regarding Project No. 6101TX/D, the CEDD would ask the departments concerned to provide photos in higher resolution and supplementary information to Members after the meeting; and
- (2) the CEDD would relay Members' concerns about Project No. 196TB and their expectations on early completion of the footbridge concerned to relevant departments.

23. District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO responded that although funding was provided to District Minor Works projects, Project No. 6100TX/D was a public works project. The TWDO would report to the TWDC in due course upon consulting the works departments for their views on the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the project, as well as gathering the opinions of residents.

VI Item 5: Enhancement of Park Facilities in Tsuen Wan District
(TWDC Paper No. 2/2023)

24. The Chairman said that as the paper of this agenda item was submitted by him, he asked the Vice Chairman to take over the chair temporarily.

25. The Acting Chairman stated that Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving responses was Ms NG Kam-yim, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

26. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said there were serious mosquito infestations at Shing Mun Valley Park and Tsuen Wan Park, and urged the department concerned to enhance the anti-mosquito work.

27. Mr MAN Yu-ming praised the landscape design and selection of flowers in Shing Mun Valley Park, and pointed out that many visitors of Shing Mun Valley Park were photography lovers. The ecological environment of the park also attracted migratory birds to stop and rest therein. He suggested that the department concerned should enhance the publicity efforts in promoting Shing Mun Valley Park in order to attract more visitors to the park. He said that there were more slopes in North Garden of Shing Mun Valley Park. He therefore advised the LCSD to pay attention to the tree species for planting on the slopes and refrain from planting shallow-rooted trees (e.g. *Acacia confusa*).

28. The Acting Chairman said that apart from mosquitos, biting midges were also more commonly found in the aforesaid parks. He enquired of the LCSD about its control work against mosquitos and biting midges.

29. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the works for Tsuen Wan Riviera Park had commenced in February 2023. The LCSD had confirmed that the progress of the works remained on schedule after communicating with the works department

and contractor concerned. The works for the football pitch in Tsuen Wan Riviera Park were expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2025. The LCSD would continue to closely follow up on the works together with the Architectural Services Department and contractor, and hoped that the works would be completed as soon as practicable;

- (2) the LCSD would review the tree species for planting and continue to refine the greening work in Shing Mun Valley Park. It would also deliberate over tree species suitable for planting, having regard to different environments. For example, small trees would be planted at the roadside where the space was fairly limited;
- (3) as far as publicity was concerned, the LCSD had installed well-designed plant labels in parks to provide information of different flowers. Also, the public were welcome to browse the LCSD's websites relating to, for example, the "Give the Flowers a New Home!" Flower Re-planting Scheme as well as the social media pages on flower appreciation such as the LCSD Pluss. The LCSD would disseminate the information on special flowers in the district through these channels;
- (4) the LCSD had set up elderly fitness corners in the parks in Tsuen Wan, offering multi-functional outdoor fitness facilities (e.g. pull-down machine) for the use of the general public and elderly people. The LCSD would install additional outdoor fitness facilities and replace old ones after taking into account the venue size and local residents' needs;
- (5) the LCSD had installed children's play equipment in the parks in Tsuen Wan, including play equipment suitable for children aged between two and five as well as those aged between five and twelve. The LCSD would continue to listen to local residents' views on play equipment. It would improve and add play equipment which was relatively popular among children, with a view to making such equipment more interactive and interesting. It would also incorporate inclusive elements into play equipment. When designing and renovating venues, the LCSD would consider installing various types of swings for children to play;
- (6) the LCSD thanked Members for their views on the park facilities. Currently, the LCSD was carrying out the Transformation of Public Play Spaces, including the transformation projects for the public play spaces of Pak Lam Road Garden, Ma Wan and Tsuen Wan Park. The LCSD would collect views on public play spaces from members of the communities (including playground users, students and parents, etc.) through community engagement activities with a view to bettering the relevant facilities and further meeting people's needs; and
- (7) the humid weather on recent days was favourable to the breeding of mosquitos and pests. The LCSD would continue to follow up on the problems of mosquitos and biting midges. It would step up the mosquito and pest control work in a timely manner, including the removal of stagnant water and fallen leaves, to prevent mass reproduction of mosquitos and pests arising from the presence of stagnant water during the rainy season.

30. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly said he hoped that the LCSD would promptly complete the works for the football pitch in Tsuen Wan Riviera Park for the use of the public and football enthusiasts. Moreover, he opined that the flowers and trees (e.g. lotus flowers in the lotus pond and cherry blossoms) in Shing Mun Valley Park were worthy of appreciation. He also suggested that the LCSD should draw reference from the floral corridor in Un Chau Estate and add landscape features with a similar design in local parks, providing more sitting-out spaces for the public to relax. Besides, he urged the department concerned to enhance the control work of mosquitos and biting midges, as well as to provide additional benches in parks and more leisure facilities for the use of elders and children at play. Finally, he requested that the LCSD should send a representative to conduct an on-site inspection at the parks in Tsuen Wan district together with Members.

31. The Acting Chairman asked the LCSD to consider the Members' views on enhancing park facilities in Tsuen Wan district.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD conducted an on-site inspection in Shing Mun Valley Park and Tsuen Wan Park together with Members on 11 July 2023.)

VII Item 6: Proposal for Constructing the City's Second Hong Kong Film Archive in Tsuen Wan
(TWDC Paper No. 3/2023)

32. The Chairman stated that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Miss LAU Wing-yan, Doreen, Chief Manager (Film & Cultural Exchange) (CM(F&CE)), LCSD;
- (2) Ms TSANG Wai-lok, Rowena, Head (Film Archive), LCSD;
- (3) Mr FONG Tin-chuen, Victor, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 34, LCSD;
- (4) Mr CHEUNG Kin-kee, Michael, Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan (STP/TW), Planning Department (PlanD);
- (5) Ms HO Mun-ye, Money, District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), LandsD; and
- (6) Ms YEUNG Sien-ching, Susana, AA/Lands (DLO) (Atg.), LandsD.

Besides, the consolidated written reply of the Development Bureau (DEVB) and PlanD as well as the written reply of the LandsD were tabled at the meeting.

33. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio introduced the paper.

34. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that the DEVB would adopt the "single site, multiple use" model to develop a community complex at the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar. He proposed that the department concerned should construct a second Hong Kong Film Archive there. He advised the URA to consider relocating Kwu Hang Road next to the site eastwards in the ongoing TWDS. This suggestion served to iron out the unresolved problem of the site being in a triangular shape so that the development planning of the site could be carried out more effectively. Besides, a private developer might acquire Nos. 127-135 Yeung Uk Road next to the site in the future. He proposed that the developer should be

required to introduce building setback to expand the lot for development. Also, he suggested converting part of Kwu Hang Road into a pick-up/drop-off point for small coaches carrying visitors to the Yuen Yuen Institute on the hill or Tsing Shan Monastery, Tuen Mun to enjoy vegetarian dishes later on. As the said site would be used for the development of transitional housing, some parking meters on Kwu Hang Road had been removed for the construction of an exit/entrance. Moreover, regarding the establishment of permanent thematic galleries, he suggested setting up a Comedy Film Gallery displaying information on iconic Hong Kong comedies and a Bruce Lee Gallery. He gave recognition to Bruce Lee: Kung Fu • Art • Life, a temporary exhibition currently held at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum. The remaking of some scenes from Enter the Dragon in the exhibition had left him with a deep impression. He considered the establishment of a Bruce Lee Gallery meaningful as this year marked the 50th anniversary of the passing of the superstar. He had initially consulted the Chairman of Bruce Lee Club on the said proposal and he did not oppose it. The department concerned should have a detailed discussion on the proposal with Bruce Lee Club and the widow of Bruce LEE in the future.

35. The Chairman agreed to the construction of a second Hong Kong Film Archive in Tsuen Wan. The proposal could not only promote the organisation of a greater variety of art activities, but it could also attract more visitors to Tsuen Wan and boost commercial activities in the district.

36. CM(F&CE) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the Hong Kong Film Archive's mission was to collect and conserve Hong Kong films and related materials, promote Hong Kong film history and culture, and to support the researches on Hong Kong films. The Hong Kong Film Archive would organise different activities every year, including thematic screenings, exhibitions of artefacts from the Archive's collections as well as seminars, in order to enhance the public's interest in film appreciation. To further promote Hong Kong film culture and history, the Hong Kong Film Archive would organise a diversity of educational, promotional and outreach events such as school screenings as well as activities to which elders and primary school students were invited to watch old films together. The Hong Kong Film Archive was also attempting to collaborate with different charities and organise screenings through the charities' networks with a view to bridging the gap between the public and early Hong Kong films. Also, the Hong Kong Film Archive partnered with multiple cultural organisations such as the Film Programmes Office under the LCSD, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and Tai Kwun for cross-boundary collaboration to tour different districts with precious film materials collected by the Hong Kong Film Archive over the years, providing an opportunity for local audiences to learn about old Hong Kong films. On top of that, in order to introduce Hong Kong films to different communities, the Hong Kong Film Archive was exploring the feasibility of screening its archival titles in other venues (e.g. commercial cinemas) as well as showing 100 must-see Hong Kong films and other archival titles in universities; and
- (2) a Hong Kong Film Archive had already been set up in the city. The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) and LCSD should take

into account a basket of factors (e.g. overall planning) when giving consideration to the provision of a new facility. The CSTB and LCSD had no plan to construct a second Hong Kong Film Archive at the current stage.

37. STP/TW of the PlanD responded that the URA was currently conducting the TWDS which also covered the construction site on Luen Yan Street under the “single site, multiple use” model. He said that the Member could put forth the aforesaid proposal for reshaping the construction site by road alteration to the URA for its consideration.

38. AA/Lands (DLO) (Atg.) of the LandsD responded as follows:

- (1) the government land on Luen Yan Street was currently leased to the Food For Good for the provision of transitional housing under a short term tenancy (STT). The four-year STT had commenced on 28 April 2022 and would expire on 27 April 2026, and would be renewed quarterly thereafter; and
- (2) the LandsD believed that the PlanD would give responses on the long-term development use of the site and the study on redeveloping the old areas in Tsuen Wan. The LandsD would provide support in respect of land administration and handle the government land allocation upon the confirmation of the long-term development use of the site by the department concerned.

39. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that although the Government indicated that it had not considered constructing a second Hong Kong Film Archive at the current stage, he highly recommended the implementation of the proposal. He opined that Hong Kong films comprised two important genres, namely martial arts films (with Bruce LEE as the leading figure) and comedies. He had studied the proposal carefully and contacted the Chairman of Bruce Lee Club in this regard. Despite the relatively small number of associations between Tsuen Wan district and Bruce LEE, the proposal could function as a one-stop tourism product if it could be enriched with tourism elements such as a visit to Tsing Shan Monastery (the filming location of Enter the Dragon) where tourists could enjoy a vegetarian feast. This was indeed a very attractive incentive for development. Yet, the Government probably faced constraints with respect to the construction of a second Hong Kong Film Archive. He assumed that there might be issues relating to film copyright and replication of film materials. He hoped that the Government would continue to review the demand, and he would also persevere in promoting the proposal. As the construction of a second Hong Kong Film Archive was beneficial to the city’s economic development, he might write to the Financial Secretary to express his views someday.

40. The Chairman hoped that the policy bureaux and departments including the CSTB and LCSD would scrutinise the feasibility of setting up the city’s second Hong Kong Film Archive again. He welcomed the selection of Tsuen Wan district as the location for constructing a Hong Kong Film Archive by the authorities in the future.

VIII Item 7: Crime Brief for Tsuen Wan District – Comparison of Crime Statistics between February to March 2023 and February to March 2022
(TWDC Paper No. 4/2023)

41. District Commander (Tsuen Wan) (DC(TW)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) briefed Members on the crime situation of Tsuen Wan district.

42. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu understood that while social activities gradually returned to normalcy, the public would go out more frequently and therefore might have a greater chance of falling victim to fraud. In his opinion, publicity and education were important means to enhance people's anti-deception awareness. He also said that the department concerned should carry out promotional activities at locations easily accessible to the public so as to convey anti-deception messages to them in a more comprehensive and in-depth manner. He believed that this approach would achieve more satisfactory publicity results. Also, he noticed that promotional stickers which were eye-catching and aesthetically pleasing, and also served as a reminder had been put onto the walls of private residential premises and public rental housing (PRH) estates in Kwai Chung, alerting people to suspicious calls. Hence, he suggested that stickers bearing anti-deception messages should be put onto the internal walls of lifts in private housing estates and PRH estates in Tsuen Wan district. Additionally, he enquired about the increase in the number of youth criminals under arrest this month.

43. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that some residents had pointed out the frequent gathering of several on-street prostitutes off Mary of Providence Primary School. He urged the Police to conduct more decoy operations in the district and redouble its efforts to combat the problem of on-street solicitation in the old areas of Tsuen Wan. Besides, he also urged the Police to escalate its efforts to curb illegal gambling in the district. He said that some gamblers would relieve themselves at the drainage channels near the basketball court in Shek Pik Resettlers' Playground for convenience, resulting in serious hygiene problems. Finally, he said that quite a number of drivers might be unaware of the existence of the pedestrian crossing facilities between Wing Shun Street and Tsuen Wan Park, which were shadowed by the flyover on Tsuen Wan Road. As the "Slow" and "Traffic Signals Ahead" signs at the location concerned were rather unnoticeable, he urged the Police to enhance patrols and enforcement operations as well as to study how to improve the traffic signs there together with the TD.

44. Mr KOT Siu-yuen said that he and the HKPF had respectively made considerable efforts to promote anti-deception messages through different means (e.g. distribution of leaflets) in the district. He said that a deception case at Lo Tak Court had been successfully detected by the public, demonstrating the effectiveness of the publicity work. Fraudsters of telephone scams employed multifarious defrauding tricks these days. For example, they would pose as family members (e.g. a son-in-law) of victims and lure them into traps by pulling at their heartstrings. Pointing out the increase in the number of elderly users of smartphones nowadays, he suggested setting up on-street booths to help the elderly install mobile applications which could filter suspicious calls on their smartphones. He also advised the Police to develop a system to block scam calls with a view to further stepping up the efforts against fraud.

45. The Chairman thanked the Police for its efforts to combat fraud and carry out publicity in the community. In his opinion, there was still room for enhancing such work. He said that receiving scam calls endlessly every single day, members of the public might fall into traps set by fraudsters if they dropped their guard. Therefore, he suggested that public transport companies (e.g. the KMB and the MTR) should promote anti-deception messages among the public by putting up promotional posters, playing videos or making announcements at bus stops and MTR stations in the district. He also proposed displaying anti-deception information on the notice boards of the TWDO and the Tsuen Wan Rural Committee, and urged the HKPF and TWDO to coordinate with various government departments to enhance the anti-deception work. In addition, he urged the Police to continue to combat on-street gambling in places such as Lei Muk Shue. Besides, he said that traffic congestion frequently occurred in the industrial areas in Tsuen Wan. He recommended focusing efforts on combating a large number of illegally parked vehicles on Texaco Road waiting to enter Tsuen Wan Industrial Centre. Such vehicles would occupy two lanes at the said location and cause traffic congestion. On top of that, staff of the management company of Tsuen Wan Industrial Centre would even arrange some vehicles to be parked at a nearby minibus stop. The picking-up/dropping-off activities of minibuses were thus hindered, posing potential safety hazards. Some residents had told him that they had time and again reported the situation to the Police for assistance. Yet, it would recur once police officers left the scene. While understanding that the Police had difficulty in deploying officers to station at the said location on a long-term basis, he advised the Police to issue more stern warnings to people who illegally parked their vehicles there in order to prevent negative impacts on traffic safety. He also advised the Police to learn about the situation at the scene with a view to identifying ways to solve the problem completely.

46. DC(TW) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) the HKPF noted the Member's proposal for drawing reference from the promotional practices to disseminate anti-deception messages in Kwai Tsing district. So far, the HKPF had hung roadside banners at four major PRH estates and some private housing estates in Tsuen Wan district. It would continue to expand the publicity network and implement anti-deception campaigns through various channels;
- (2) with the easing of the epidemic, social activities began to return to normalcy in the city. The overall crime figure of Tsuen Wan district had also increased compared to that of the corresponding period last year. Regarding the numbers of persons arrested for crime, the number of juveniles aged between 10 and 15 decreased by two persons year on year, whereas the number of young persons aged between 16 and 20 increased by seven persons year on year. As the base numbers were relatively small, it was difficult for the HKPF to identify the causes of the said increase and decrease in the numbers of persons arrested for crime;
- (3) there was a rise in on-street prostitutes in the district following the resumption of normal travel between Hong Kong and the Mainland. The HKPF had discussed the problem with the Head of the primary school concerned. It would continue to keep an eye on the situation and to clamp down on related crimes at different black spots in the district;

- (4) the HKPF had been conducting enforcement operations at a number of black spots of illegal gambling (including Lei Muk Shue, Shek Wai Kok, Fuk Loi Estate and Shek Pik Resettlers' Playground) in the district. It had conducted a total of six enforcement operations and arrested a total of 30-odd people in February and March 2023. Besides, the HKPF would also liaise with the Housing Department and aimed to deter PRH tenants from engaging in illegal gambling through the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement;
- (5) the HKPF would study enhancing the clarity of the traffic signs on Wing Shun Street with the TD in order to minimise the occurrence of traffic accidents;
- (6) the mastermind behind telephone scams had a myriad of defrauding tricks. For instance, they would pose as sons, sons-in-law or supervisors of victims. In some deception cases involving supervisor impersonation, fraudsters would collect particulars including names of victims in advance and then trick the victims by making different excuses;
- (7) the Government recently started to alert the public through messages for incoming calls which originated from outside Hong Kong with caller number prefixed with "+852" in order to remind the public that the suspicious calls were dialed from a location outside Hong Kong. A number of telephone scams with losses worth hundreds of thousands of dollars had been reported over the past week. The HKPF therefore wanted to remind the public that they should remain highly vigilant when receiving calls from unknown numbers;
- (8) the Police had recently launched a mobile application called Scameter, through which the public could assess the risk of fraud and cyber security threats by entering information (e.g. telephone numbers). As a massive amount of data would be required to develop a mobile application for filtering incoming calls, the HKPF would need time to study the relevant system;
- (9) the HKPF had been devoting efforts in promoting anti-deception messages. For example, the New Territories South Regional Headquarters had carried out anti-deception publicity on public transport such as taxis and minibuses. Recently, it had also displayed promotional information on how to protect oneself from fraud on the rear seats of taxis. Besides, the Police had also arranged for broadcasts inside road harbour crossings (RHCs) to disseminate anti-deception messages among drivers travelling along RHCs. The HKPF would also give consideration to the proposal for making announcements about scam prevention at different locations (e.g. bus stops and MTR stations);
- (10) the HKPF had been carrying out publicity on scam prevention continuously over the years with a view to conveying anti-deception messages to a wider audience. In order to alert the public to fraud more effectively, the HKPF would continue to review different publicity means to promote anti-deception messages; and
- (11) Texaco Road was not too narrow as a dual four-lane carriageway. While our society returned to normalcy and commercial activities were on the increase, many vehicles would enter industrial buildings on

Texaco Road. As there were also bus stops on Texaco Road, the traffic volume would become heavier during peak hours when more vehicles travelled along this road. The HKPF had all along been paying attention to the traffic condition of Texaco Road and maintaining liaison with the Police Community Relations Office accordingly. Between January and April 2023, the Police had issued over 200 fixed penalty notices on Texaco Road. It would continue to enhance the monitoring of the situation to prevent traffic congestion caused by vehicles being parked side by side on Texaco Road.

47. The Chairman stated that Members were gravely concerned about the serious problem of deception in the district. He also proposed writing to the public transport companies concerned in the name of the TWDC, urging them to collaborate with the Police to enhance the promotion of anti-deception messages.

(Post-meeting note: The TWDC conveyed Members' views to the KMB in writing on 19 June 2023, and received a written reply from the KMB on 6 July 2023.)

IX Item 8: Crime Brief for Ma Wan – February to March 2023
(TWDC Paper No. 5/2023)

48. DC(TW) of the HKPF briefed Members on the crime situation of Ma Wan.

X Item 9: Information Papers

49. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:

- (1) Report of District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 6/2023);
- (2) Report of Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 7/2023); and
- (3) Report of Traffic and Transport Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 8/2023).

XI Item 10: Any Other Business

50. The Chairman said that at its meeting held on 28 March 2023, the TWDC had endorsed the establishment of the Working Group on Duty Visit of the Tsuen Wan District Council (the "Working Group on Duty Visit") and the requirement of minimum number of participating Members to organise a duty visit (i.e. at least half of the Members). The Working Group on Duty Visit had convened its first meeting on 9 May 2023. A duty visit would be organised from 3 to 5 August 2023 tentatively, and the destination was pending discussion. He asked Mr KOT Siu-yuen, the Convenor of the Working Group on Duty Visit, to report on the relevant matters.

51. Mr KOT Siu-yuen said that the Working Group on Duty Visit tentatively proposed organising a duty visit to the Greater Bay Area from 3 to 5 August 2023. However, he learnt that the number of Members participating in the duty visit was changed. It thus failed to meet the requirement of minimum number of participating Members to organise the duty visit (i.e. at least half of the Members). Previously, he had also studied the feasibility of co-organising a duty visit with other District

Councils (DCs). This approach was not viable because DCs should organise duty visits separately. The proposed duty visit would be affected due to the reduction in the number of participating Members.

52. Mr CHAN Sung-ip said he was unable to participate in the duty visit. He said that duty visits of the last-term TWDC had more than 10 participants. If only a handful of Members were on board, the duty visit might be abortive and consideration should also be given to whether wastage of resources would be caused. Besides, if the duty visit had just a few participants and the officers from receiving organisations outnumbered the Members taking part in the duty visit, the image of the TWDC might probably be damaged.

53. The Chairman stated that due to the failure to meet the requirement of minimum number of participating Members to organise the duty visit (i.e. at least half of the Members), he enquired whether Members agreed that the duty visit should be cancelled. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

54. The Chairman said that at its meeting held on 28 March 2023, the TWDC had endorsed the establishment of the Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Council Report (2020-2023) (the “Working Group on TWDC Report”). The Working Group on TWDC Report had convened its first meeting on 9 May 2023. The TWDO had allocated \$194,000 from the Community Involvement Fund to produce the work report. The Secretariat was currently assisting the Working Group on TWDC Report with the drafting of the work report. Also, the Working Group on TWDC Report had authorised the Convenor and Secretariat to handle matters related to the production of the work report at its first meeting. The drafts of the work report would be distributed to Members for their perusal by circulation of papers. Upon endorsement of the drafts, the Secretariat would arrange for the printing of the work report. The Chairman enquired whether Members agreed to the arrangements. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

55. The Chairman stated that an application had been previously received from the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health (COSH) in writing. The COSH invited the TWDC to become a supporting organisation of the “Quit to Win” Smoke-free Community Campaign (the “Campaign”) and wished to use the TWDC logo. The COSH would organise “Quit to Win” activities from June to October 2023 to enhance local publicity and encourage more smokers to quit smoking. He enquired whether Members agreed that the TWDC should become a supporting organisation of the Campaign and approved the use of the TWDC logo by the COSH. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

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