

# Harbourfront Commission

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For discussion  
on 18 October 2018

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## **Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development**

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

This progress report covers the period from July to October 2018.

### **MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### Thirty-second Meeting – 28 September 2018

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

#### **(a) Possible Structures on Road D3 (Metro Park Section) Underpass**

- Kai Tak Office provided further information in response to a Member's question raised at the 31<sup>st</sup> Task Force meeting regarding the design loading and constraints of the at-grade landscaped deck above the underpass of Road D3 (Metro Park Section).
- The Task Force noted that taking into consideration the site constraints, as well as subject to detailed design by the contractor of Road D3 (Metro Park Section) and fulfilling relevant requirements of government departments, the current reference design allowed the underpass to sustain an average load of about 40 kilopascal (kPa) on the at-grade landscaped deck. This could be approximately translated to a double-storey container structure, on the condition that it would not encroach on the emergency vehicular access (EVA) at the landscaped deck. In case the proposed structure would fall on the EVA, then a minimum vertical clearance of 4.5 metres should be allowed by elevating a single-storey structure above ground.

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## **(b) Proposed Temporary Water Sports Centre at Kai Tak Former Fire Station Site**

- Hong Kong Water Sports Council (HKWSC) updated Members on the proposed short-term tenancy (STT) application to establish a temporary water sports centre at the former Kai Tak Fire Station Site.
- The Task Force was supportive of the proposal, as it is in line with the overall planning intention of Kai Tak, as well as the long-held aspiration of Harbourfront Commission to cultivate more water sports activities, thus bringing better vibrancy to the waterfront. Members also found the proposal conducive to promoting water-land interface.
- On duration, Members supported a longer STT period, say of 5 years could be granted so as to allow continuous development of water sports. Members stressed that the proposed water sports centre should not be for private use only, as the Task Force attached great importance to public enjoyment and access to the waterfront.
- In response, the HKWSC stated that the proposed water sports centre would not be a membership-only private club. HKWSC would organise open events and activities for a wide variety of community groups to promote water sports development in Hong Kong. HKWSC also echoed Members' views that if the STT site could be run properly for water sports development, this would be conducive to its future application for a permanent water sports centre in Hong Kong.

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