

# Harbourfront Commission

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For discussion  
on 21 June 2016

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## **Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface**

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

This progress report covers the period from April to June 2016.

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

#### Thirteenth Meeting – 2 June 2016

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

#### **(a) An Overview on Railing Design along Victoria Harbour**

- The Harbour Unit briefed the Task Force on the findings of a stock-taking exercise on existing railing design along the harbourfront. The general design requirements, choice of building materials and six different railing designs were presented.
- A member raised the view that the presence of railings along the seawall now had limited activities such as berthing and mooring of vessels, fishing and seating. There was also the comment that there was currently a lack of marine-related facilities for boarding and alighting of passengers.
- The Task Force welcomed all the views as expressed at the meeting, which would help pave the way for in-depth discussion on the specific design of railing in future projects. Members provided comments on the various factors affecting design of railings, including safety, presence of other marine-related facilities in the vicinity and functionality. Noting that promulgating one set of standard guidelines governing the design of all railings could be overly prescriptive, members suggested setting certain general principles for reference. These principles could take into consideration harbour planning principles, accessibility to the water and also respect of local

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