

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 13 December 2016

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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from July to November 2016.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Fourteenth Meeting – 24 October 2016

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

(a) Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A

- The Drainage Services Department (DSD) provided an overview of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2A and its benefits to the Victoria Harbour to Members.
- The Task Force complimented DSD's efforts in improving the water quality within the Victoria Harbour. This helped revive the annual cross-harbour swim which had been suspended for over 30 years on account of pollution concern. It was suggested that more large-scale water sports activities and events could take place within the harbour.
- Members enquired about the construction, daily operation, risk management as well as future planning of HATS and its associated sewage treatment facilities. Suggestions were also made from architectural and urban design perspectives for the reference of the project team. Members encouraged the project team to consider relocating sewage treatment plants which are usually located at prominent harbourfront areas to underground space or incorporating other community facilities within their sites, thereby releasing more open space along the harbourfront for public

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enjoyment. Members also pointed out the need to minimize the visual and environmental impacts of sewage facilities to adjoining developments.

- In response to Members' suggestions, DSD assured Members that the aesthetic and landscaped design of sewage facilities in harbourfront areas would be suitably reviewed and upgraded should opportunities arise.

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