For discussion on 29 April 2014

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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from January to April 2014.

MEETING(S) HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Seventh Meeting on 2 April 2014

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Confirmation of Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Task Force endorsed the revised ToR which was agreed at the informal session on 11 February 2014. The new ToR is at **Annex** for Harbourfront Commission's record.

(b) An Overview of Ferry Piers within Victoria Harbour

- The Transport Department (TD) briefed Members on the existing situation of ferry piers within Victoria Harbour.
- The Task Force considered that the ferry piers which were not used for franchised / licensed ferry operation should be better utilised or revitalised for public enjoyment. While noting that some of these piers might be required for other uses to support ferry operation e.g. berthing of idle ferries, Members expressed that it might be a more efficient use of

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resource and space if part of the vacant pier area could be leased out for more vibrant uses such as food and beverage.

- A co-opted Member advised that it would be difficult for the ferry operators to introduce more diversified uses to the ferry piers due to the short ferry license period and the necessary procedures to obtain different approvals for such uses. TD undertook that they would explore whether some vacant space within the Hung Hom (South) Ferry Pier that was not required to support ferry operation could be released for public use.
 - Members also suggested that while alternative uses to better utilise those vacant ferry piers could be explored in the short-run, there should be a vision to revive the pier function with other possible waterborne transportation, in conjunction with the development of a more vibrant and accessible harbourfront.

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Task Force on Water-land Interface

Terms of Reference

The Task Force on Water-land Interface should be established to assist the Commission in the following areas with respect to water-land interface within the Harbour Limit (**Annex**) -

- (a) to review the water-land interfaces of water-dependent uses of harbourfront areas around the Victoria Harbour;
- (b) to advise on water-land interfaces for formulation of a holistic plan for the Harbour in recognition of the Harbour as both a working harbour and a place for leisure;
- (c) to identify both short-term and long-term opportunities for water-land interfaces within the holistic plan and to advise on matters concerning water-land interface relating to implementation of development proposals; and
- (d) to advise and advocate the following from a water-land interface perspective
 - (i) waterborne passenger transportation within the Harbour;
 - (ii) leisure/water-sports uses and events in the Harbour; and
 - (iii) branding and cultural heritage of the Harbour.

The Task Force shall report to the Harbourfront Commission on its recommendations and progress on a regular basis.

水域與陸地連接專責小組

職權範圍

水域與陸地連接專責小組的成立,旨在就海港界線(**附件**)內 有關水域與陸地連接的以下各個範疇向海濱事務委員會提 供協助-

- (a)就圍繞維多利亞港海濱用地內需依靠水域進行的 用途的水域與陸地連接作出檢視;
- (b)就水域與陸地連接提出意見,以便為維港制訂一項 全面計劃,確認維港作為作業海港兼休憩地方的定 位;
- (c)在該全面計劃內就水域與陸地連接事宜物色短期 及長期的機會,並就與落實發展計劃中有關的水域 與陸地連接事宜提出意見,以把握機遇;
- (d)從水域與陸地連接的角度,就維港內以下事宜提出 意見和擔當倡導角色:
 - (i) 維港範圍內的水上運輸;
 - (ii) 維港內的休憩/水上運動用途和活動;以 及
 - (iii) 推廣維港的品牌及文化遺產。

本專責小組會定期向海濱事務委員會匯報其建議及進度。

