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**SUB-COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE
OUTSTANDING CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS OF THE
TWO PROVISIONAL MUNICIPAL COUNCILS FOR INCLUSION
INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME**

Head 703 - Buildings

**Progress Report on 368RO – Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground
370RO – Hammer Hill Road District Park
45RG – Tai Kok Tsui Complex, phase 2**

INTRODUCTION

The Administration in its brief to Members on the former Provisional Municipal Councils capital works projects on 1 February 2000 had undertaken to review, inter alia, the captioned projects and report progress in March. This paper reports on the latest position.

368RO – KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND

2. This project will provide a recreation ground comprising two natural grass soccer pitches, two tennis courts, a cycling area, a tai-chi area and a children's play area. Development of the project will involve permanent closure of a section of Kai Lai Road which falls within the boundary of the project site. We have considered the possibility of revising the project design to avoid the affected road section. However, the revision will necessitate segregation of the project site which in turn will have adverse impact on operation and user convenience. We are particularly concerned about public

safety as users would have to cross the road from time to time if they want to cover all the recreational facilities on the segregated portions. We have consulted the Transport Department which has no objection to the proposed road closure from transport point of view.

3. When we briefed the Traffic & Transport Committee of Kwun Tong District Council on 16 March 2000, members had a hot debate on the road closure proposal. The majority accepted the road closure to avoid segregation of the recreation ground.

4. We are now following up with the Transport Department and Lands Department on the advice of the Committee, and will seek PWSC/FC's approval to directly inject this project into Category A of the Public Works Programme when it is ready for construction in all respects.

370RO – HAMMER HILL ROAD DISTRICT PARK

5. The site of this park project is located right in front of the Chi Lin Nunnery Monastic Complex. When we briefed Members in February 2000 on this project, the mainstream view supported a Chinese garden design in harmony with the Chi Lin Complex, so that the entire area could be developed into a landmark for tourism.

6. Accordingly, we have worked with the Architectural Services Department to revise the design of the project. The revised design, while maintaining the harmony with the Chi Lin Complex, is enhanced with themes from recent findings on garden design of the Tang Dynasty. It adopts the more greenery approach with minimal buildings. To keep in touch with Chi Lin as we have been doing in the past, the revised scheme has been forwarded to Chi Lin, inviting them to express their views.

7. On receiving comments from Chi Lin, we will seek views from the Wong Tai Sin District Council before reporting back to Members on our recommendations.

45RG – TAI KOK TSUI COMPLEX, PHASE 2

8. According to the original design approved by the former Provisional Urban Council, the swimming pool facilities proposed for this project will be located on high floors, i.e. 4/F and 5/F of the Complex. Due to site constraints, neither separate access nor ample holding space could be provided inside the Complex for pool users. We are concerned about the management and crowd control of visitors at peak hours, and have proposed to relocate the pool facilities to the adjacent open space currently occupied by the Tai Kok Tsui Temporary Market.

9. On Members' advice, we have consulted the Yau Tsim Mong District Council in February 2000 which has set up a Working Group to study the issue. We briefed the Working Group on the original and the alternative proposals at its meeting on 3 March 2000. Having considered carefully the pros and cons of each proposal, the Working Group opted to retain the pool in the Complex but requested us to work out administrative measures to ensure order and public safety at all operational hours including the peaks. We are now following up on their request to explore possible ways and means for improvement.

10. Members are requested to note the progress above.

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