#### Co-living brings people together

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service's Community Housing Movement not only provides accommodation to those in need, but also gives them opportunities to connect with each other and to form a close-knit community.

News.gov.hk spoke to a resident of the movement's co-living space in To Kwa Wan to see how tenants help each other out.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (April 22) in text and video format.

## <u>Suspected red tide sighted at Silver</u> <u>Mine Bay Beach</u>

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (April 22) that due to a suspected red tide sighting, red flag has been hoisted at Silver Mine Bay Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach until further notice.

# <u>Special traffic and transport</u> <u>arrangements for suspension of Peak</u> <u>Tram service</u>

The Transport Department (TD) today (April 22) reminded the public that the Peak Tram service will be temporarily suspended for the Peak Tram Upgrade Project for around two to three months from tomorrow (April 23). During the suspension of the Peak Tram service, the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented:

Special traffic arrangement

\* All metered parking spaces, motorcycle parking spaces and a disabled parking space on Peak Road near Plunkett's Road have been suspended since April 19 until further notice.

Public transport arrangements

(1) Existing bus services

\* Passengers can take the follow bus services to the Peak currently:

NWFB route no. 15 (Central (Central Ferry Pier) / (Exchange Square) — The Peak); or

NWFB route no. 15B (Wan Chai (Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre Extension — The Peak) (For Sundays and public holidays only).

- (2) Special bus service route no. X15
- \* From tomorrow (April 23), and during the Peak Tram service suspension, NWFB will introduce special route no. X15 for travelling directly between Admiralty (West) Bus Terminus (near Admiralty Station Exit B) and The Peak Public Transport Terminus without any en-route bus stop. The full fare is \$12.4. Departures from Admiralty (West) operate from 7am to 11.30pm daily while departures from the Peak operate from 8am to midnight daily.
- (3) Suspension of bus service
- \* The service of NWFB route no. 15C (Central (Star Ferry) Garden Road Peak Tram Station) will be suspended from tomorrow (April 23) during the suspension of the Peak Tram service.

NWFB will also strengthen services to meet passenger demand when necessary. The Peak Tramways Company Limited and NWFB will display notices at Peak Tram Termini and bus stops to inform passengers of the above temporary transport arrangement in advance. Passengers at the Peak Tram Lower Terminus can take bus route nos. 12A, 12M, 23, 40 or 40M from St John's Cathedral bus stop on Garden Road to Admiralty and interchange for the special route no. X15 to the Peak. For details of the above bus routes, passengers may visit the website of the bus company at <a href="https://www.nwstbus.com.hk">www.nwstbus.com.hk</a>.

The TD anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of Peak Road, Magazine Gap Road and Stubbs Road will be congested significantly during the suspension of Peak Tram service (especially on weekends and public holidays). Depending on the site situation, the Police will implement temporary traffic management and crowd control measures. It is anticipated that the number of passengers waiting at the Peak Public Transport Terminus will be higher than usual and passengers should follow the instructions of Police. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected or congested areas unless necessary. In case of traffic congestion, motorists and passengers are advised to be patient. Members of the public going to the affected areas are advised to plan their journey in advance and allow more travelling time to cater for

unexpected delay, use public transport services whenever possible and be alert to the latest traffic news through the media.

For information about the special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public may browse the TD's website at <a href="www.td.gov.hk">www.td.gov.hk</a> or make use of the TD's HKeMobility mobile application.

## <u>Special traffic arrangements for race</u> <u>meeting in Sha Tin</u>

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (April 22).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

# Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.