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MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2021 AT 9.00AM

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,
Dr Ellis Webster
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs,
Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,
Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers
- The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour,
Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting,
Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge
- The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes
- The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,
Mr Kyle Hodge
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

EX MIN 21/29

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 27th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 21st January 2021.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council noted that:

- 1) the AG's Chambers continues to work on implementation of the Regulations to facilitate hotels remitting arrival fees to the Government of Anguilla on behalf of guests. The Regulations will be finalised by next week;
- 2) in relation to EX MIN 20/468 pertaining to the transfer of responsibility for unemployment assistance benefit, the Hon Deputy Governor engaged with the PS Social Development and the PS Finance, in order to remedy the challenges being faced. It was determined that the Department of Social Development will use the procedure adopted by the Ministry of Finance to process benefit applications, as it is more streamlined; and
- 3) in relation to EX MIN 21/24 regarding the proposed amendment to the PSC Regulations Advertisement of Vacancies, the Regulation has been drafted by the AG's Chambers.

EX MIN 21/30

INF 21/01 FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION (FSC) 2021 BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAMME

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained

H.E. the Governor briefed Council. Pursuant to Section 28(2)(b)(i) of the Constitution the Governor must keep Council informed of any

matters relating to the financial interests of Anguilla. The FSC's 2021 Budget and Work Programme were approved at the FSC's Board meeting on December 2, 2020.

Council noted:

- 1) the proposed 2021 Budget and Work Programme for the Anguilla Financial Services Commission;
- 2) that the Work Programme is thorough and sets out the work plan and priorities. The 2021 budget forecasts a deficit of USD\$782,715, however, there is no contingent liability to the Government of Anguilla as the FSC has reserves to fund the deficit. The budget contains USD\$50K provision for travel and H.E. the Governor will review and verify the details surrounding this provision; and
- 3) that the 2021 Budget and Work Programme will be tabled for the next session of the House of Assembly, for the information of legislators and the public.

Action: H.E. GOV

EX MIN 21/32

EX MEM 21/17 PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (GOA) AND THE CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION (CCC)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for ICUHT briefed Council. Council approved the signing of a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding, between the Government of Anguilla, and the Canadian Commercial Corporation for the redevelopment and expansion of the Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport (CJLIA).

Action: PS, MICUHT; PERM SECS; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 21/33

EX MEM 21/18 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99315 B, PARCEL 307 CONTAINING 0.56 OF AN ACRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99315 B, described as Parcel 307, containing, 0.56 acres of vacant land, located at Sea Feathers for residential purposes, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$651,888.50	EC\$32,594.43
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$651,888.50	EC\$40,743.03
(iii)	Refundable Deposit of 10% of EC\$651,888.50	<u>EC\$65,188.85</u>

TOTAL **EC\$138,526.31**

b) the construction of the dwelling house is to be completed within thirty (30) months. If the dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, a penalty of EC\$3,500.00 for each calendar month or part thereof that the project remains uncompleted, shall apply to the Refundable Deposit and therefore accrue against the Licence of the Applicant. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months; and

- c) the Applicant Company must obtain a Business Licence from the Ministry of Finance in order to rent the said property.

Council noted that the digital nomad scheme must be clearly defined and codified to ensure that the scheme fulfills the original mandate.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, AG; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 21/34

COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined the meeting: -

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
DIR, CDU, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw

1) Epidemiological Update

As of January 24, over 99 million COVID-19 cases and 2.1 million deaths have been reported globally, with around 4.1 million new cases and 96,000 new deaths reported over the past week. The countries that reported the highest number of cases in the past week were the United States of America (1.2 million new cases representing a 20% decrease from the previous week), Brazil, United Kingdom, Russian Federation and France.

Anguilla has recorded 16 confirmed cases to date, 15 of which were imported. Currently there is 1 active case; an asymptomatic female resident who returned from the USA on Saturday 23, January.

2) Testing

As of January 23, Anguilla has conducted a total of 7298 tests. For the last 3 weeks an average of 460 tests have been conducted weekly. Presently, there are 1440 Cepheid test kits in stock, with the pooling method of 1 test kit for up to 4 negative samples this represents a possible yield of upwards of 4500-5000 tests, in circumstances where there are no positive samples.

However, the implementation of recent testing requirements in the USA, UK and Canada and the anticipated increase in visitors due to seasonal trends may put an additional strain on the testing system.

The Open Platform PCR testing system is functional using a manual methodology for extracting RNA for testing. The second Gene Expert machine will be validated and operational when the new cabinet is certified by a technician. Arrangements are being made for a technician to travel to Anguilla to complete the necessary work and the HAA will inform Executive Council when the plans are confirmed.

3) Quarantine Update

At January 27, there were 304 persons in home quarantine including visitors staying at approved hotel and villa locations. At January 28, there is 1 person in home isolation.

During the month of January there have been 8 recorded breaches of quarantine associated with 7 persons.

Council:

- 1) noted that the use of rapid antigen testing for persons departing Anguilla could potentially lessen the strain on the testing system, as these tests can be administered by private practitioners. The Health team will be discussing this possibility with the CDC and CARPHA, as well as confirming which tests will be acceptable and easily obtainable. There are some logistical matters to consider because some of the persons that need access to such testing will still be in quarantine and thus the test would have to be administered at

their place of quarantine. Pursuant to the Regulations any private practitioner carrying out testing is still subject to surveillance by the Health Authority and must report all test results;

- 2) further noted the challenges being faced by the Health team in expeditiously charging persons for breach of quarantine protocols. The Hon Attorney General indicated that some lesser offences are punishable by issuance of a ticket, but for other more serious offences the judicial process must be followed; and
- 3) agreed that the Hon Attorney General will provide an update on what can be done to expedite charges for breach of the quarantine protocols at the next meeting of Executive Council on February 4, 2021.

4) Operational Preparedness for Vaccine Rollout

Training

On January 27, a 1-day vaccinator refresher training was attended by 17 persons. Vaccinating teams have been identified in accordance with the Vaccine Deployment Plan.

Vaccine Distribution Sites

Three fixed sites have been identified; Western polyclinic, Welches polyclinic and the hospital site, to allow for distribution in each health district.

Five hotels have agreed to host vaccination sites on their premises; Four Seasons, Belmond Cap Juluca, CuisinArt, Malliouhana and Frangipani. Further discussion and site visits will be conducted to ensure that the identified areas meet the required standards.

Distribution

At least two extra vehicles will be needed during the second week of deployment when vaccination teams move into the community. The Governor's Office has been asked to assist with providing two dedicated vehicles for vaccination outreach.

5) Vaccine Campaign and Registration Status

Registration Form Updates

As of January 27, there are 1104 registrants with a breakdown by occupation as follows:

- 62 - Healthcare workers
- 46 – Civil, border protection and port staff
- 242 - Hospitality workers
- 340 - Retired
- 588 - Other

Campaign

A robust campaign using diverse media and methods of communication is ongoing. A Government press conference was held on January 25, and it was successful in raising awareness. Further ways to engage the public will be explored.

Council noted:

- 1) that it was necessary to also consider two key areas in the campaign. Firstly, an overview of specific scientific information about the vaccine and secondly, the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, together with an overview of the key figures. The PS Finance will assist with the financial overview; and
- 2) that the hotels have requested the assistance of the Health team to sensitize and register persons.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN;
HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 21/35

STATUTORY BODIES UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Deputy Governor briefed Council. Salient points as follows:-

Fee Regulations for Water Corporation of Anguilla & Health Authority of Anguilla

The respective boards are reviewing the draft Regulations and it is anticipated that they will be ready for signature by Friday 29, January.

Status of Quarterly Reports

The quarterly reports have been completed and will be reviewed by Executive Council on February 4, 2021.

Budgets in standard format

The budgets in standard form have been substantially completed. Some of the Statutory Bodies had been waiting for confirmation that the budgets were approved. The deadline for submission of the outstanding documentation is Tuesday 2, February.

Board of Director's training and certification

The examination for board members is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday 29, January.

Work Plans

Work Plans have been submitted by some departments. The Work Plans for Home Affairs, Health and Social Development are outstanding and the deadline for submission is Tuesday 2, February.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, MICUHT; PS, SD; PS, PA; PS, HA; PS, HLTH;
MINS OF GOV'T
