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MINUTES OF THE 199TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 2019
AT 9:00 AM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development,
Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing,
Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan
PS, EDICTIT, Mr Larry Franklin
Compliance Manager, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge
Trade and Investment Officer, Ms Taitu Goodwin
Audit Supervisor, BDO, Mrs Donna Owen-Hughes
Senior Manager, Audit and Advisory Services, BDO, Mr Jerrick Evangelista
Senior Member, Risk Management Partner, BDO, Mr Claudel Romney
PS, HLPP, Mr Foster Rogers
DLS, Mr Leslie Hodge
PS, MHA/ED, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett
President, Anguilla Community College, Dr Karl Dawson
Member, Board of Anguilla Community College, Mr Mark Romney
PS, MICUHAFE, Mr Karim Hodge

ABSENT: The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical
Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-
Hodge

EX MIN 19/376

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 198th Meeting held on Thursday 1 August 2019.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 19/377

BILL FOR ANGUILLIAN STATUS ACT, 2019

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained.

Further to EX MIN 19/375 of 1 August 2019, the Hon Attorney General indicated that he had submitted his advice on this matter to the relevant persons by email. Council agreed that it be considered at the next meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 22 August.

Action: PS, MHA/ED; HON AG; HON MIN, MHA/ED

EX MIN 19/378

EX MEM 19/181 UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE INITIATIVE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan
 PS, EDICTIT, Mr Larry Franklin
 Compliance Manager, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge
 Trade and Investment Officer, Ms Taitu Goodwin
 Audit Supervisor, BDO, Mrs Donna Owen-Hughes
 Senior Manager, Audit and Advisory Services, BDO, Mr Jerrick Evangelista
 Senior Member, Risk Management Partner, BDO, Mr Claudel Romney

Council:

- (i) noted the comprehensive presentation by BDO on the Special Economic Zone Initiative;
- (ii) thanked the BDO and MFEDICT officials for excellent work towards this initiative;
- (iii) approved in principle the Economic and Social Impact Assessment on the development and operation of a Special Economic Zone in Anguilla;
- (iv) requested the Attorney General's Chambers to work with the PS, EDICTIT on refining the legislation; and

- (v) mandated the PS, EDICTIT to discuss potential concessions with the Chord Group which would be considered by Council in due course.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; HON AG; PS, FIN; COM MAN; TIO; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/379

EX MEM 19/182 APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF STAMP DUTY ON PROPERTIES BOUGHT BY CARIBBEAN COMMERCIAL BANK LTD. ON AUCTION AND BEING TRANSFERRED TO NCBA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and PS, Finance remained. The following persons joined:

PS, HLPP, Mr Foster Rogers
DLS, Mr Leslie Hodge

Council:

- (i) agreed that the Government of Anguilla forgo taxes in the amount of EC\$66,573.27 (US\$24,765.00) for stamp duty for the registration of properties as outlined in Appendix 3 of EX MEM 19/182; and
- (ii) authorised the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare and issue regulations under Section 16 of the Finance Administration and Audit Act, R.S.A. c. F27 to remit National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd. from the payment of stamp duties EC\$66,573.27 (US\$24,765.00) owed to the Government of Anguilla.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; HON AG; PS, HLPP; DLS; ACC GEN;
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/380

EX MEM 19/183 2018 - 2020 MEDIUM TERM ECONOMIC AND FISCAL PLAN (MTEFP) – UPDATE ON FORWARD ESTIMATES AS OF THE WEEK OF 12 AUGUST 2019

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and PS, Finance remained.

Council:

- (i) noted the update on the revision of the forward estimates associated with the 2018 – 2020 MTEFP; and
- (ii) requested the MTEFP Review Team to rework the analysis to examine the impact on the public finances of a better than projected GDP performance in 2021 and 2022.

Council thanked the PS, Finance and team for their continued hard work.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; DEP; BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/381

EX MEM 19/184 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FOURTH AMENDMENT OF MOU WITH ANGUILLA-HOLDINGS LLC (FOUR SEASONS)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, PS, EDICTIT, Compliance Manager and Trade and Investment Officer remained.

Council confirmed that this matter was agreed on Thursday 1 August 2019.
(Ref. EX MIN 19/370)

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; COM MAN; TIO; PS, HLPP; DLS; CIR;
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/382

EX MEM 19/185 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE ANGUILLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and PS, Finance remained. The following persons joined:

PS, MHA/ED, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett
President, Anguilla Community College, Dr Karl Dawson
Member, Board of Anguilla Community College, Mr Mark Romney

Council:

- (i) noted the presentation for additional funding for the Anguilla Community College (ACC);
- (ii) noted that the funds are not available within the Ministry of Home Affairs and Education;
- (iii) approved a contingency warrant for the ACC in the amount of EC\$516,000.00 for the remainder of 2019; and
- (iv) noted the importance of addressing the long-term sustainability issues raised in the paper as a matter of urgency.

Action: PS, MHA/ED; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN;
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/383

EX MEM 19/186 ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS (SEN) CENTRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, PS, Finance, PS, MHA/ED, President, Anguilla Community College and Member, Board of Anguilla Community College remained.

Council:

- (i) noted and applauded the effort by the Department of Education in recognising the right of every child to an education suited to their needs;

- (ii) approved the establishment of a Special Education Needs Centre for Campus A of the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School; and
- (iii) noted the Ministry of Education's decision to enter into a lease agreement with Krown Estates for a two-year period at a rent of US\$1500 plus utilities.

Action: PS, MHA/ED; CEO; ESP; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; BD; ACC GEN;
HON MIN, MHA/ED

EX MIN 19/386

**EX MEM 19/189 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL TO
FINALISE ANGUILLA-ANTIGUA MARITIME BOUNDARY
NEGOTIATIONS AND TREATY AGREEMENT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained. PS, MICUHAFE, Mr Karim Hodge joined.

Council:

- (i) noted the good work undertaken by officers over a period of time on this matter;
- (ii) agreed that the ministry responsible for maritime affairs should finalise the proposed treaty with the nation of Antigua and Barbuda as presented, using the presented charts;
- (iii) noted that this agreement speaks only to maritime boundary matters and that other subject matters (e.g. sharing of living resources and fishing etc.) between Anguilla and Antigua and Barbuda would need to be the subject of a separate treaty or agreements; and
- (iv) instructed the PS, MICUHAFE to brief the Honourable Leader of the Opposition on the matter.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; DIR, FISH; DIR, ENV; HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/387

**INF 19/05 INFORMATION NOTE: PASSING OF REVEREND FATHER
RICHARD WHITTINGTON FAHIE, MBE, RESIDENT OF THE FOREST**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and PS, EDICTIT remained.

Council noted the passing of Reverend Father Richard Whittington Fahie, MBE, resident of the Forest on Friday 19 July 2019.

Before Reverend Father Fahie joined the priesthood, he was a long serving public servant for over twenty-five years at the Public Works Department retiring as the Head of Department in 1980. He had previously worked for over nine years on Sombrero as a lighthouse keeper. By 1982 he was a full time Anglican priest in Antigua after completing his studies at Codrington College in Barbados. He had served as a lay reader for much of his adult life and was ordained a Deacon before he retired from the Anguilla Public Service.

He was a man who identified with people from all walks of life and believed in organising and supporting community oriented initiatives as well as life-long learning. He was a scout leader, member of the Credit Union, member of the Men's Fraternal and President of the Teacher Wenham Memorial Club. The late Reverend Father Richard Whittington Fahie, MBE was awarded the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate on Anguilla day 2007 for his distinguished contribution to Social Development.

Council further noted that in keeping with EX MIN 15/535, the Premier's Office has therefore begun the process of making arrangements which will include:

- (i) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding Anguillian; and
- (ii) flags to be flown at half-mast on the day preceding the funeral and on the day of the funeral until immediately following the funeral ceremony.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/388

INF 19/06 INFORMATION NOTE: - NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE MRS OLIVE CYNTHIA GUMBS-LAKE IN RECOGNITION OF HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO ANGUILLA DURING THE REVOLUTION

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and PS, EDICTIT remained.

Council noted the passing of Mrs Olive Cynthia Gumbs-Lake, resident of North Hill on Sunday 28 July 2019.

Mrs Olive Cynthia Gumbs-Lake was honoured for her bravery in guarding the beaches about Anguilla ensuring that the Kittitians trying to invade the shores of Anguilla would be stopped. She was also a prominent protester standing with her friends Daisy Wong Richardson and Hyacinth Carty at the airport to demonstrate against statehood. Not only to that regard, she was also at hand in the successful demonstrations against William Whitlock and Tony Lee.

Mrs Gumbs-Lake was awarded the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate in 2005 for her contribution to the Anguilla revolution.

Council additionally noted that in keeping with EX MIN 14/612 (vii) and EX MIN 15/535, the Premier's Office has therefore begun the process of making arrangements which would include:

- (i) the holding of a National Funeral for the late Mrs. Olive Cynthia Gumbs-Lake in collaboration with the family;

- (ii) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding revolutionary;
- (iii) flags to be flown at half-mast on the day preceding the funeral and on the day of the funeral immediately following the funeral ceremony;
- (iv) a Police Guard of Honour to be drawn up at the Church and a contingent of uniformed officers to bear the body in and out of the church and at the graveside. Casket to be covered with the national flag; and
- (v) a contribution of EC\$5,000 towards the cost of the funeral expenses and EC\$3,000 towards the other expenses.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the minutes.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; MINS OF GOV'T

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 19/389

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained.

Council agreed that there should be a Special Meeting of Executive Council on Friday 16 August at 9:30 am.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
