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# MINUTES OF THE 143<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

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

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

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

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

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

The Honourable Acting Attorney General, Mr Ivor Greene

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Cardigan Connor, Hon Parliamentary Secretary

Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA

Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist

ABSENT: The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,

Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

# EX MIN 18/266 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday 16 May 2018.

# MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### EX MIN 18/267

EX MIN 18/251 EX MEM 18/131 PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (GOA), ICA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC (ANGUILLA) (ICAA) AND THE CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION (CCC)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/251 of 16 May 2018, HE The Governor informed the Hon Chief Minister that he had seen a draft copy of the entrustment and was asked to comment on it. He assured the Chief Minister that the document would be issued to him sometime next week.

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

#### EX MIN 18/268

## EX MIN 18/252 GOODS AND SALES TAX (GST)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Following on from EX MIN 18/252 of 16 May 2018, HE The Governor spoke again on the paper to be submitted to Executive Council to introduce the Goods and Sales Tax (GST). He added that the paper should include the cost implications for the introduction of the tax.

Council agreed that a Special Meeting of Executive Council should be convened on Monday 4 June at 9:00 am to discuss the Medium Term Reform Programme and proposed revenue measures, particularly GST.

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

## EX MIN 18/269

EX MEM 18/141 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – ROMÉO IRÉNÉE FLEMING – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99516 B, PARCEL 143, CONTAINING 0.75 OF AN ACRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council agreed that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be issued to Roméo Irénée Fleming, to hold property situate in Registration Section East End, Block 99516 B, described as Parcel 143 containing 0.75 acre located at Sile Bay, Anguilla for residential purposes with a dwelling house thereon, on the grounds that the applicant's reason for requesting an exemption to Government's Policy on restricting aliens to purchase no more than half an acre is justifiable, subject to the following:-

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$806,646.00

EC\$40,323.00

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$806,646.00

EC\$40,323.00

**TOTAL** 

EC\$80,646.00

(b) with the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent his dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands.

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

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; REG/LANDS; PS, FIN

#### EX MIN 18/270 EX MEM 18/142 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 17/489 of 26 October 2017, EX MIN 17/523 of 9 November 2017, EX MIN 18/24 of 11 January 2018, and EX MIN 18/265 of 16 May 2018, Council agreed that:-

- (i) the present holder of the post of Public Relations Officer should be engaged on the same terms as those of a Special Ministerial Assistant with responsibility for Public Relations and Community Outreach as of January 2018 up until the end of the term of the present Government;
- (ii) compensation for the post should be the same as that of a Ministerial Assistant;
- (iii) the Public Relations Officer should report to the Chief Minister's Office and the Chairman of Cabinet;
- (iv) the Public Relations Officer would also serve as Recording Secretary to all Cabinet Meetings and any other meetings as directed by the Chief Minister or the Minister acting in that capacity from time to time;
- (v) the Ministry of Finance should make arrangements for the payment of the Public Relations Officer;
- (vi) the salary for the Public Relations Officer should be retroactive to January 2018:
- (vii) a contract should be drawn up between the GoA and the Public Relations Officer to be signed by the PS, FIN; and

(viii) the Hon Deputy Governor should inform Permanent Secretaries of the role of the Public Relations Officer and their interaction with the PRO going forward.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T

# **ORAL MENTION**

## EX MIN 18/271 PROPOSAL TO RENAME "ANGUILLA DAY BOAT RACE"

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

## Council:-

- (i) noted that the late Sir Emile Gumbs, who passed away on Thursday 10 May 2018 was a boat owner and an avid supporter of boat racing, who played a major part in boat racing on the island; and
- (ii) endorsed the proposal to rename "The Anguilla Day Boat Race", "The Sir Emile Gumbs Anguilla Day Boat Race".

Action: PS, SDSYC; HON PARL SEC; MINS OF GOV'T

Hon Parliamentary Secretary left the Meeting to attend a scheduled appointment.

## EX MIN 18/272 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council was informed of the following dates of official overseas travel:-

1) Hon Minister of Social Dev

- Sunday 27 May – Wednesday 6 June 2018, UK promotional tour and fundraiser – charity cricket match in aid of rebuilding the James Ronald Webster Park (JRWP)

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Action: EXCO MEMBERS

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