

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

The monthly meeting of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation was held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in the Corporation's Chambers, Port Maria Civic Centre, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Present were:-

Councillors	Divisions
Richard Creary (Chairman)	Richmond
Doreen Hutchinson	Carron Hall
Lenford Danvers	Castleton
Germaine Smiley	Port Maria
Krystal Lee	Retreat
Mitsy Hudson	Hampstead
Levan Freeman	Belfield
Jason James	Gayle

The following Councillors came during the course of the meeting:

Hugh Bryan	Annotto Bay
Sheldon Kidd	Oracabessa
Paul Fyffe	Highgate
Leroy Sewell	Boscobel

Officers	Positions
Carmen Samuda	Chief Executive Officer
Glenford Ricketts	Deputy Chief Engineering Officer
Yanique Samuels	Director of Administration
Rovel Morris	Director of Planning
Lincoln Brooks	Inspector of Poor
Patrice Hart	Chief Financial Officer
Angella Lammie	Internal Auditor
Kirk Roberts	Parish Coordinator- Disaster Preparedness (Acting)
Uraih Cameron	Management Information Systems
Sharon Burke	Matron
Debbie Pryce	Recording Clerk

Representatives/Agencies	Positions
Dr. San San Win	Chief Medical Officer -MOH
Albert P. Brown	Chief Public Health Inspector - NERHA
Andrew Wildman	Deputy Superintendent - Jamaica Fire Brigade
Sherwin Reynolds	Parish Manager (Acting) – Social Development Commission
Jasmine Hyde	Parish Manager – Rural Agricultural Development Authority

NOTICE

The Notice convening the meeting was read by Miss Carmen Samuda, Clerk to the Committee.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE

Devotional exercise was conducted by Pastor Patricia Walker of the Love Christian Ministries International representing the Gayle Division.

The Chairman thanked Pastor Walker for conducting the devotional exercise.

NATIONAL PLEDGE

The attendees repeated the National Pledge.

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman extended welcome to all present. He said he was a little disappointed that when he walked in the room only a few persons were present; that the room was filling up now and he urged his colleague Councillors to be present at 10:00 a.m. He said he would like to especially urge staff members to be on time as they would have already been at work since 8:30 a.m.

The Chairman said the Chief Executive Officer should instil in staff members to be on time.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors Lincoln Dixon, Sheldon Kidd and Leroy Sewell who would be late and Miss Raxine Bailey who would be absent.

OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman said all should now be aware that the Mobile Property Tax Unit was in the parish; that the launch was held the day before at the Hi-Lo car Park; that the Minister of Local Government and Community Development Mr. Desmond McKenzie, along with representatives from the Ministry were in attendance. He informed that the Unit had so far collected in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) which was good because there was a Tax Office located in the town of Port Maria and therefore the expectation was that most persons would have already paid their taxes at the office. He said that today, the Unit would be at the Retreat Police Station between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Gayle Police Station between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; on Friday, February 10, 2017 Border, Richmond Division at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Luna, Castleton Division at 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 11, 2017 Highgate at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Annotto Bay at 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He said several media were used to get the information out including RJR Communications Group which was in the parish on Monday and Tuesday of the same week; that he negotiated with a representative and the advertisement was done on their programmes. He added that he was supposed to do an interview with RJR however, he had an emergency and it was done with Mr. Rhoden from the Property tax Unit and he heard it was good. He said an outside broadcast was also done by Irie FM on Wednesday, February 8, 2017; that the station covered the ceremony; that the number of speakers included Minister McKenzie, Mrs. Gilmore, Manager, Collectorate, Port Maria and himself. He added that interviews were also done with representatives from Tax Administration, Jamaica, LAMP, Minister McKenzie, and himself among others. He asked that Councillors assist in advertising when the unit will be their Division.

The Chairman said the current financial year was close to its end and the Corporation was at 82% of its set target in Property Tax collections and 50.4% of its collectable amount; that St. Mary was in third place behind the Municipality of Portmore and Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation. He asked that information be disseminated in Churches and communities in relation to the two sources of income for the Corporation which are Motor Vehicle Licenses and Property Tax. He added that when Motor Vehicle Licence fees are paid within the parish, the parish benefited, if the Motor Vehicle Licence is paid in a different parish, that the parish will benefit not St. Mary. He said the Minister mentioned that he did not want any operative within the Local Government system to be owing property taxes; that we must set an example.

The Chairman said that for February, three Divisions would receive \$1.4 Million Dollars for Road Maintenance, namely, Carron Hall, Richmond and Belfield. He informed that \$1.2 Million Dollars was allocated for the repairs of the Port Maria Hospital road. He said he met with the PDC Volunteer and the

Administrator the day before and he was interested in the project that was proposed to use recycled plastic bottles to build a green house in Three Hills; that another project was proposed to build garbage receptacles using recycled plastic bottles. He said the Corporation was thinking to build garbage receptacle in Highgate and therefore this project could be funded by the Corporation. He said a project proposal could be submitted to EFJ or other funding agencies to seek funding so that such project could be done in other areas of the parish.

CORRECTIONS

1. **Page 11, "Chief Public Health Inspector remind the Chairman" should read: "Chief Public Health Inspector reminded the Chairman"**
2. **Page 12, Paragraph 10 misquoted "He said there was a similar situation at the Richmond Cemetery" should be interpreted: "similar situation as it relates to open graves"**
3. **Page 12, "low line areas" should read: "low lying areas".**
4. **Page 23, "Previuos" should read: "Previous"**

(Councillors Sewell, Kidd and Fyffe joined the meeting)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of General Council Meeting held January 12, 2017 having been circulated, read and corrected, was confirmed on a motion by Councillor Bryan, seconded by Councillor Fyffe.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Operation in the town of Port Maria

The Chairman said a meeting was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at the Civic Centre, with the Transport Authority, Police, Taxi Association and bus and taxi operators to discuss the plans to return the town of Port Maria to order and the way forward. He said based on that meeting, an operation was carried out the following Monday morning with the varying agencies; that the Police called in officers from Kingston and maximized their local resources, the Corporation's Municipal Police Team and personnel from the Transport Authority were also a part of the operation. He said that the bus park was full and the collection for the day was Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00); that on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 there was a reduction in resource personnel and was further reduced on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. He added that the bus and taxi operators were returning to the same locations that they once occupied except for the Hi-Lo parking lot where a chain is now placed across the entrance which was being manned by one of the transport centre operators. He said there was a challenge in that the barrier was placed at one section and the taxi and bus operators were now reversing into the parking lot from the other section; that the Municipal Police Officers through their own initiative have placed some cones at that section to prevent them from entering; that he tried contacting the Superintendent of Police to borrow some removable barriers however he was not able to get through to him.

The Chairman said earlier that morning he received a call from one of the Municipal Police Supervisors to say that the person who operates the chain was present for work however he was not able to lower the chain because the other person who worked the day before had the key for the padlock; that the key was sent for and he hoped by that time it would have been resolved. He added that based on observations of the Municipal Police, there were only two Police Officers present in the town and they were responsible for vending breaches and not traffic. He said the situation was not being policed and that was the problem in the town. He said he had reason to speak with ACP Fitz Bailey, Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of Area 2 earlier and was told that he was scheduled to attend a meeting in Port Maria later that day and that he would observe the situation to see what resources could be provided to assist as he was also concerned about the situation.

The Chairman said the operation was a two-prang initiative; that one was to deal with traffic and the other was to deal with the vending issue. He said that venders had somewhat remained off the sidewalks and persons were now able to walk and drive more freely in the town. He said that he had spoken to the

Superintendent of Police about the situation; that they would make an observation on Friday and Saturday of that week.

Garbage Pileup in front of L&Y Supermarket

Councillor Hutchinson informed that there was a huge pileup of garbage in front of the L&Y Supermarket; that persons were looking on in wonder as to what was happening.

The Chairman said that was a matter for the National Solid Waste Management Authority and the Health Department to deal with. He added that business operators should have a contract with the NSWMA to collect their waste so that situations like these do not happen. He said he had asked that the matter of non-collection of garbage be discussed at the Solid Waste Management and Sanitation Committee but he was not aware of the outcome.

The Chairman asked the Chief Public Health Inspector to use the provision of the law to deal with the matter. He added that too often these laws are on the books but are not used to ensure compliance.

Sewage Disposal Issues at Industry Pen (Phase 2)

The Chief Public Health Inspector informed that investigations were being carried out by personnel from the Health Department from time to time; that Land Mark Developers were in the process of putting in place an approved disposal system; that they have indicated that lands which were earmarked for the provision of a reed bed have been encroached upon and a resurvey of the area would be done. He said they had completed works on the septic tank and the sewage overflow had tried up; that he was informed that during the coming week excavation would begin for the construction of the reed bed system. He said the breeding of mosquitoes was abated and therefore that problem was resolved. He said however that the situation would be constantly monitored.

Councillor Lee said she was not sure how long ago the situation was rectified because a community meeting was held the week before in Three Hills and the same lady who had complained before that sewage was coming up in her yard and maggots were seen in the sewage water, said the situation was the same.

The Chief Public Health Inspector responded that the notice that was served was in respect to the sea of sewage, the odour that had become a nuisance and mosquito breeding. He said as far as he was aware, that problem was solved; that he saw for himself that the area was capped and the blockages were cleared; that he spoke with the lady and she said she was good with what was done. He added that he would have to go back to check whether or not there was a recurrence of the situation.

Odour emanating from Drain beside Essie's Faith Restaurant

The Chairman asked for an update.

The Chief Public Health Inspector responded that a sampling was carried out and results revealed that it was not the sewage that was causing the problem; that something else was happening that had nothing to do with the sewage. He said the matter would be further investigated.

The Chairman said there was a similar situation at the back of Hi-Lo; that some areas were cut along the driveway and pipes were installed and manholes were created; that the pipes were connected to one that lets out into the Outram River. He said he walked around the area some days ago and there was a terrible odour that smelt like urine and faeces.

The Chief Public Health Inspector said an investigation was carried out there and that odour had nothing to do with the manholes; that it seemed like persons were using the area as a urinal and toilet.

The Chairman asked that further investigation be carried out to ascertain the real cause of the odour.

Concerns of Plastic Rice in the parish

The Chairman asked for an update.

The Chief Public Health Inspector responded that while he was at the previous meeting, he called the team and they had gone to the establishment, took six (6) samples from varying brands of rice and he made the necessary arrangements with the Ministry of Health and the Bureau of Standards to assist with the testing; that the results were not yet received.

The Chairman asked that a follow up be done.

Open Graves at the Enfield Cemetery

The Chairman asked for an update.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer said there was no update.

The Chairman asked that a follow up be done.

ACTION: DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER

Water running at nights on the streets of Port Maria

The Chairman asked for an update.

The Chief Public Health Inspector said that sampling was carried out and the results revealed that it was in fact leaking water.

The Chairman said he had dialogue with a Mr. Forrester and the Manager from the National Water Commission and he was given a commitment that resources would be shifted to deal with the matter the following Sunday, however it was not dealt with. He said he would do a follow up.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

Low-lying Area – Belfield Division

Councillor Freeman asked for an update.

The Chief Public Health Inspector said checks were made and the team was very active in the affected areas; that there was no evidence of Aedes Aegypti Mosquito breeding site.

Green House Project

The Chairman informed that the project was funded by JICA in the amount of One Million Dollars; that a meeting was held the week before and the project was progressing.

(A) ENERGY CONSERVATION

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer informed that the Civic Centre was not suitable for the installation of solar panels because it was a historical building and because of the roof structure; that significant alterations would have to be done to the roof to accommodate same.

The Chairman said the panels did not have to be placed on the roof; that there were other suitable locations. He asked whether or not the National Heritage Trust was contacted in that regard.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer responded that it was not communicated to him whether or not the National Heritage Trust was contacted.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer informed that provision for the solar panels would be incorporated in the new design for the reconstruction of the Administrative Building.

(B) PORT MARIA MARKET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer informed that the retendering process was carried out; that it was closed on February 3, 2017; that eleven (11) contractors submitted bids; the next step would be the evaluation of the bids which was scheduled for February 13, 2017.

The Chairman informed that he spoke with Mr. Dwight Wilson, Chief Technical Officer at the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development and he said he would have spoken to Chief Engineering Officer Thompson in regards to setting a date for the visit.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer was asked to do a follow up.

ACTION: DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER

(C) EXCHANGE OF LAND/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT – MURDOCK BEACH

It was noted that Goldeneye Development wanted to do a land swap with the Corporation; that the UDC was to upgrade the Fisherman’s Beach at a cost of M\$7.4; the UDC said funds were not available; that the Goldeneye Development said they would advance the funds for the UDC.

The Chairman informed that he tried to get a number for Mr. Ransford Braham, Chairman of the Urban Development Commission (UDC) to have dialogue with him regarding the matter however, he was not successful. He said he also tried getting through to Minister Chang but did not get through; that he would follow up the matter.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

(D) RESOLUTION – REPAIR HOUSE

The Chairman informed that the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) would be allocated to each Division to assist with Indigent Housing in the new financial year.

(E) UNITS TO BE USED AT CASTLETON HEALTH CENTRE

Councillor Danvers informed that the units were erected.

The Chairman enquired whether or not the facility was operational.

Dr. San San Win informed that she visited the facility; that the structure was complete however, she was unable to enter some of the rooms as they were closed; that the facility was in need of furniture.

The Chairman asked that checks be done to see whether or not the Corporation had furniture available for the facility.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Councillor Freeman congratulated Dr. San San Win for the effort she and her team had made to make the construction of the Castleton Health Centre a reality.

(F) CLAIM NO 2011/HCV-00232 SEYMOUR MORALES V ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF JAMAICA

The Director of Administration informed that there was no further update on the matter.

The Chairman asked that constant dialogue be had with the Attorneys.

(G) CONSTRUCTION OF CLINIC – PORT MARIA HOSPITAL

Dr. San San Win informed that the building was occupied; that an opening ceremony was held and the facility was fully functioning.

The Chairman asked that the matter be removed from the Minutes.

(H) MAMMOGRAM SCREENING – JAMAICA CANCER SOCIETY

The Chairman asked that the matter be removed from the Minutes.

(I) PALMERS PARK

The Chairman said he was aware that some efforts were made by the Roads and Works Department in terms of finding the appropriate equipment to cut the field; that Total Tools was contacted after not being able to locate a suitable equipment anywhere else. He said the equipment has been paid for; that they were supposed to come the day before however, they have rescheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017; that he was hopeful that the cutting would be done on Friday as stated. He informed that some additional loads of soil were received, some loads were free and the Corporation had to pay for some; that the soil would be spread as soon as the cutting was completed.

(J) UPDATE ON WATER TRUCK

The Chairman said no information was provided to him regarding the water truck besides being told by the Chief Engineering Officer that Mr. Ottar from Ottar's Garage would provide a mechanical report.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer responded that he was in possession of the mechanical report; that recommendations were made to replace battery plates, rear hub seal and brake relay valve to include labour cost which would amount to **Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$227,000.00)**.

The Chairman asked whether or not replacing those parts would solve all the problems that the water truck had.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer responded that he was uncertain and would have to check with Mr. Ottar. He added that based on the report most of the parts would have to be imported.

The Chairman asked the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation to find out whether or not some of the funds that are available for trucking of water could be used to effect repairs to the Corporation's water truck.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that she would have to seek approval from the Ministry.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACTION: DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – CORPORATION TO SIT AS LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HUDSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FREEMAN, THE STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED.

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

BUTCHERS LICENCE

Nil

BEAUTY THERAPISTS/COSMETOLOGISTS/HAIRDRESSERS/BARBERS

Nil

Environmental Health Highlights January, 2017

Water Quality Monitoring

A total of Sixty six (66) visits were made to water supplies from all three (3) entities providing water in the parish. Eight (8) samples were submitted for bacteriological analysis to the National Public Health Lab.

Sixty six (66) chlorine residual checks were done.

The results of bacteriological analysis and chlorine residual testing are shown in the tables below-

Chlorine Residual

Agency	No. of Samples	# (%) (satisfactory) positive	# (unsatisfactory) (%) negative
NWC	22	19(86%)	3(14%)
Parish Council	40	18(45%)	22(45%)
Private Supplies	04	4(100%)	0
Total	66	41(62%)	25(38%)

Bacteriological Sampling

Agencies	No. of Samples Submitted	No. Satisfactory (Negative)(%)	No. Unsatisfactory (Positive)(%)	Results Pending
NWC	4	4(100%)	0	0
Parish Council	4	2(50%)	2(50%)	0
Private	0	0	0	0
Total	8	6(75%)	2(25%)	0

Drinking Water Status

Agency	No. of Supplies	No. Inspected (%)	No. Treated (%)
NWC	20	20(100%)	20(100%)
Parish Council	42	16(38%)	39(93%)
Private	15	4(27%)	13(87%)

From the results received from bacteriological samples submitted 75% were satisfactory. Sixty two percent (62%) of chlorine residuals checks done were satisfactory. Unsatisfactory chlorine residual and bacteriological sample results were obtained from the following supplies:

PC- Maiden Hall and Saltrum

Building Plans and Subdivisions

	No. Received	No. Investigated	#.Recommended	#Not Recommended
Building Plans	8	8	8	0
Subdivisions	1	1	1	0
Total	9	9	9	0

A total of eight building plans and one subdivision were received. All were recommended

Burial Site Inspection

Sixty seven (67) applications were received for family plot burial. All were investigated and recommendations made.

A list of the applications was submitted to the Parish Council.

Mosquito Control

Aedes Surveillance

District	# of Premises Inspected	# of Premises Positive	# of Containers Found	# of Containers Positive	Aedes Premises Index (%)	Container Index (%)	Breteau Index
Port Maria:							
Gulley Road	243	8	214	15	3	7	6
TOTAL	243	8	214	15	3	7	6
GAYLE:							
Windsor Castle	105	26	316	43	25	14	41
TOTAL	105	26	316	43	25	14	41
ANNOTTO BAY:							
Castleton	33	3	119	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	3	119	0	0	0	0
HIGHGATE:							
Kilancholly	76	5	89	10	7	11	13
Esher	27	1	39	2	4	5	7
TOTAL	103	6	128	12	6	9	12
PARISH TOTAL	484	40	777	70	8	9	4

The Vector Control team continued to carry out *Aedes aegypti* surveillance in a number of communities throughout the parish. During the period five (5) communities were visited, the main focus was on the mitigation against Zika virus/fever transmission.

The table above shows the communities that were surveyed. All breeding sites found were treated in order to terminate breeding.

The average parish premises index was 8%. Four of the communities visited had premises index below double digits. One locality in the Castleton community had seen no *Aedes* mosquito breeding. The highest index was seen in the Windsor Castle community which had premises index of 25%.

The Vector Control team distributed one hundred and nine (109) drum covers in the Windsor castle Community.

Distribution of Drum Covers

The Ministry of Health has provided the health department with two thousand (2000) plastic drum covers for distribution in communities where excessive unprotected storage of water for domestic use is significantly contributing to high mosquito infestation levels. One thousand one hundred and twenty two (1122) covers have so far been distributed in the following communities – Jeffrey Town, Derry, Saltrum, Tremolesworth and Windsor Castle

Fogging

Fogging activities were carried out in the following communities:

Caron Hall, Windsor Castle, Long Road, Gully Road and the Ian Fleming International Airport.

Barber Shops and Hair Dressing Salon Application

Three (3) applications for operating barbershops/hairdressing salons were recommended

Investigation of Suspect Plastic Rice purchased in Port Maria

Following up on a complaint made at the Local Board of Health meeting on January 12, 2017 (re: sale of plastic rice in Port Maria), several samples of rice were subsequently collected from the food shop in question. These along with the suspect rice presented at the meeting were submitted to the Bureau of Standards for testing and analysis. The Health Department is awaiting a feedback from the bureau in regards to the findings from the tests.

Medical Services

The following medical missions/ groups will be visiting the parish in February. Free medical and or dental services will be offered as outlined in the schedules below: -

(1) Teams for Medical Missions (Medical Services)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, February 6, 2017	Hamilton Mountain (New Testament Church)
Tuesday, February 7, 2017	Days Mountain (Ebenezer Community Church)
Wednesday, February 8, 2017	Boscobel United Church
Thursday, February 9, 2017	Mango Valley (Maranatha Baptist Church)
Friday, February 10, 2017	Mango Valley (Maranatha Baptist Church)

(2) ACE Medical Mission (Medical and Dental Services)

Date	Location
Tuesday, February 14, 2017	Long Road Health Centre
Wednesday, February 15, 2017	Enfield Health Centre
Thursday, February 16, 2017	Wellness Centre (Llanrumney)

(1) Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission (Medical and Dental Services)

Date	Location
Monday, February 13, 2017	Goshen United Church (<i>Medical</i>)
	Robins Bay Health Centre (<i>Dental</i>)
	Lauriston United (<i>Dental</i>)
Tuesday, February 14, 2017	Wood Park United Church (<i>Medical</i>)
	Retreat Health Centre (<i>Dental</i>)
	Islington Health Centre & Islington United (<i>Dental/Medical</i>)
	Salem United (<i>Medical</i>)
	Lauriston United (<i>Dental</i>)
Wednesday, February 15, 2017	Free Hill United (<i>Medical/Dental</i>)
Thursday, February 16, 2017	Highgate United (<i>Medical</i>)
	Retreat Health Centre (<i>Dental</i>)
	Islington Health Centre / Islington United (<i>Dental/Medical</i>)
Friday, February 17, 2017	Lauriston United (<i>Dental</i>)
	Iona High & Prep Schools (<i>1/2 day</i>)

Concerns /Highlights

The Chairman asked whether or not there was a reason that none of the Medical Missions was scheduled for Brainerd or Rock River, Richmond Division.

Dr. San San Win responded that those areas received a lot of visits and attention in the past; that they were not on the schedule for February.

She informed the Committee that she would be retiring from the service after serving for twenty-five (25) years. She added that during her period of service, she was very happy to have worked closely with the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (then, St. Mary Parish Council). She said one of the things she could not understand was why everyone would curse at each other at the meetings, but soon realized that it was the culture; that at the end, everyone would be friends; that she learnt to embrace it overtime. She said she was able along with her team, to coordinate twenty-one (21) Medical Teams; that St. Mary was the only parish that had twenty-one Medical Teams. She said in her early years, she worked in Annotto Bay for three (3) years without a salary; that she worked as a volunteer. She said she has worked in primary care for twenty-five years and was taught by Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. A. P. Brown, who she thanked for teaching her so well. She thanked the Corporation for the tremendous support she received over the years.

Dr. San San Win asked that the Corporation explore the matter of investing in the operation of a Crematorium because soon there would be inadequate land space for burials. She added that cremation was much cheaper and persons should be encouraged to go that route as it would be easier for them; that she was aware of the culture that persons prefer to have the traditional burial but it would be easier on the Corporation to find space. She added that five acres of land would be made available for that purpose if the matter was to be considered.

Councillor Freeman thanked Dr. San San Win for her service and wished for her an enjoyable retirement.

The Chairman and other members endorsed the appreciation and he reminded her that she could be called upon from time to time for advice and support.

QUESTION TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Councillor Bryan asked, "Is the Local Board of Health aware that there are limited or no suitable abattoirs in the eastern end of the parish?"

The Chief Public Health Inspector responded that a meeting was held last Monday, January 30, 2017 with the Veterinary Service of Jamaica and the matter of abattoirs in the parish was discussed. He said the Veterinary Service was not keen on building more abattoirs because there was a lack of resources as it relates to monitoring of the abattoirs; that they looked at the possibility of centralising abattoirs. He said if there was a need in the parish, then the situation would have to be addressed accordingly. He said as it relates to the abattoirs in the eastern end of the parish, he was aware of a number of challenges; that one being with the high water table there and the another with regards to the disposal of waste. He said the Health Department had an issue with the scattering of small abattoirs in that area; that it was better to have one good abattoir in operation rather than many with their individual problems. He said the Health Department would be willing to offer technical support as long as a location was identified and resources were available to operate same.

The Chairman asked who would deal with the funding of an abattoir.

The Chief Public Health Inspector responded that in regards to the abattoir in Port Maria which was a good example, the situation was that the waste was going into the sea and affected marine life; that it had to be closed as a result; that the Butchers and others who benefitted from the abattoir came together, identified land for the construction of an abattoir and funded its operation themselves. He said that still obtained today. He added that the same arrangement could be carried out in the eastern section of the parish by those concerned and the Health Department would lend its technical support.

The Chairman said Councillor Bryan could have dialogue in that regard with those concerned in a bid to do something similar to that in Port Maria; that a proposal could also be written and submitted to a funding agency from an environmental point of view for assistance in funding such a project; that assistance could be sought from the SDC in writing such proposal.

Councillor Freeman asked, "Is the Local Board of Health aware that there has been no collection of garbage for over one month in Clonmel and surrounding communities and it is alleged that there is an infestation of rodents?"

The Chief Public Health Inspector responded that a community meeting was recently held and the matter of non-collection of garbage was one of the main issues discussed; that the problem was parish wide and the Health Department had received several calls in that regard. He said the NSWMA needed to carry out their function in collecting garbage. The Chief Public Health Inspector said the infestation of rodents was a fact and it was a St. Mary problem. He said however, that the Ministry of Health did not allocate funds for rodent eradication programmes.

Councillor Freeman said he made the suggestion at a Committee Meeting chaired by Councillor Lee, that assistance could be sought from Corporate Jamaica for funding; that Agro Grace assisted in the past by supplying materials for bating and the Health Department assisted with the bating exercise in the affected areas. He said he was unaware whether or not those agencies were written to in that regard.

The Chief Public Health Inspector informed that the Cocoa Industry Board has in the past lend their support to Rodent Eradication Programmes because they were of the opinion that their coconuts were also contributing to the rodent infestation problem; that they could also be contacted for support.

The Chairman asked whether or not there was information in regards to an increase of leptospirosis.

Dr. San San Win responded that there was no report of increase in leptospirosis however, there were four (4) cases reported; that there were no deaths. She added that if the infestation continued, there could be an increase in the disease.

The Chairman thanked the CPHI Brown and Dr. San San Win for the report and participation.

RESUMPTION OF COUNCIL

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SEWELL, THE CORPORATION RESUMED SITTING.

REPORTS FROM AGENCIES AND COMMITTEES

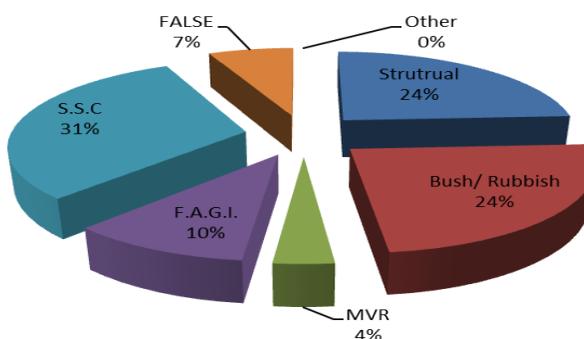
a) Jamaica Fire Brigade

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017

Kindly see below information on the Fire Statistics and Fire Prevention activities in the St. Mary Division, Area II, Jamaica Fire Brigade for the **Month of January 2017**.

FIRE STATISTICS

Genuine Fires	15
Malicious False Alarm	02
False Alarm with good intent	03
Special Service Calls	09
Total Calls	29



Persons gravitated towards the information disseminated on fire safety practices as we continue in our quest to achieve fire safe communities.

Fire Hydrants

Twenty eight (28) Fire Hydrants were inspected in the communities of Galina, Wilderness, Oracabessa, Islington, Jacks River and Gibraltar.

Highlights/Concerns

The Deputy Superintendent said he was concerned about the lack of compliance of establishments that were operating in breach of Fire Safety; that even though the necessary recommendations have been made, some have made marginal improvements in terms of installing the requisite signs and fire extinguishers. He added that the Fire Department still tried its best to carry out its function however, he would like the Corporation to assist the process; that the relevant agencies such as the Health Department, Fire Brigade and the Corporation could meet and have discussions and come up with a joint strategy to effectively deal with the situation of none or low compliance in the parish. He said the Fire Department did not possess the authority to serve a notice and therefore would need the assistance of the relevant agencies for closure.

The Deputy Superintendent said he was aware that there was a concern as it relates to installing of hydrants; that the hydrant network was not at a satisfactory level, however he had dialogue with central and was informed that valves were available but there was a challenge as it relates to funding for excavation. He said he was told that if he was able to find the resources to fund the excavation, a team would be sent to carry out the installation of the valves; that it was in situations as such that partnership was vital.

The Deputy Superintendent informed that a graduation ceremony was held on Saturday, last, in Tower Isle where one hundred and seven (107) Fire Fighters graduated; that five of those Fire Fighters would be assigned to the parish.

The Chairman said he was made aware of the graduation ceremony however, the Councillor for the Division, the Member of Parliament nor himself were invited.

The Deputy Superintendent apologized for the oversight on behalf of the training team which had that responsibility. He added that an invitation was sent but was not properly addressed; that he informed the training officer of the error; that it was two days before the graduation and the time did not allow for the delivery of the corrected invitation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wildman for his report.

b) PDC

Nil

c) Local Government Reform

Nil

d) ALGA

Nil

e) SDC

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Updates on work plan targets and Upcoming Activities:

SDC 7 Programs	
Strengthening Participatory Governance	<u>Establishment of Civil Society Organization (CSO)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oracabessa Development Area committee (DAC)– Constitution to be validated.

<p>Framework Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Hill/Baxter’s Mountain CDC-Constitution is being developed. • Lucky Hill CDC - Constitution to be validated. • Port Maria CDC - -Constitution is being developed.
	<p><u>6 CSO’s being strengthened</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highgate DAC • Wag Water DAC • Gayle DAC • Annotto Bay DAC • Highgate CDC • Gayle CDC <p>Strengthening Initiative for above listed groups being implemented through the completion of community reporting forms to advise PDC/SMART/MC/PM’s and Councillors on issues affecting communities.</p> <p><u>Representation- Increased participation in CSO’s</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clonmel CDC • Scotts Hall CDC • Charles Town CDC <p>Identified CSO’s mobilized to attend meetings of above listed groups in above listed communities.</p>
<p>Parish Inter Agency Network (IAN) Program</p>	<p>St Mary Parish Interagency Network (SMART)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMART Strategic planning meeting to be held on Feb 24th, 2017. Agenda Topics to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyzing DAC reporting forms submitted. 2. Establishing response mechanism to PDC/Communities 3. Establish Interagency Calendar of activities 4. Identify priority areas of focus for SMART 2017-2018 5. Plan Official launch of SMART <p>Host 1 Social Service Fairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gayle Social Service Fair- to be held on March 30, 2017. • SDC will be partnering with Municipal Corporation to implement Community Social Service fairs for 2017-2018.
<p>Community Research and Database Program</p>	<p>3 Community Profiles to be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mango Valley – Profile to be Validated • Hampstead – Wealth Assessment to be completed. • Sandside - - Profile to be Validated <p>MP’s and Councillors to be invited to all validation sessions.</p> <p>MP’s and Councillors will all be provided with copy of completed Community Profiles</p> <p>Community GIS asset maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islington-To be validated • Mango Valley –Validated (completed) • Scotts Hall –Validated (completed)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amiel Town – Validated (completed) • Labyrinth – To be Validated • Castelton – To be Validated
Community Priority Planning and Project Development Program	<p>2 Community Priority Plans (CPP) to be completed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mango Valley CPP- 80% Completed. Validation session to be held in Feb. • Highgate CPP- 80% Completed- Validation session to be held in Feb.
	<p>1 Proposals completed and submitted for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highgate – Proposal completed for Highgate Primary School to be submitted to Digicel Foundation.
Sports for Community Development Program	<p>16 Teams to be registered in SDC T 20 Cricket Competition</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration forms for SDC T20 Community Cricket Competition are out and submission deadline is March 2017. 2. All Cricket and Netball 1st-3rd place winners for 2016 competition have all completed their community projects and received their competition Cash Prizes.
Local Economic Development Support	<p>Completion of Local Economic Initiative (LEI) Business Plans for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enfield CDC Ginger Beer Project – 80% complete • Carron Hall (Winsor Castle PMO) Agriculture and Agro Processing Project – 80% complete • Hampstead CDC Water Project- 80% complete <p>Hosting of Business Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary Creative Arts and Skills Festival (St Mary CASFest 2017) will be held on Friday March 10, 2017 (10am-6pm) at the Claude Stuart Park. Activities Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Arts Celebrity Workshops (Starts at 10am) • Creative Arts Competitions (Cash Prizes for winners) • Business Development Village • Research Village • Local Economic Village • HEART Trust Try A Skill Village • Live Show!!!

The Chairman thanked Mr. Reynolds for his report.

f) **RADA**

Parish Report for January 2017

1) ***ABIS Farmer Registration***

- a) Total Number of registered farmers – A total of ten thousand three hundred and nineteen (10,319) farmers is registered to date.
- b) Farmer Profile Updates - A total of four hundred and fifty-five (455) farmer's profiles were updated for the month.
- 2) **Visits**
- a) Agricultural Extension Officers Farm Visits – Over the period a total of three hundred and ninety-five (395) farm visits were conducted during the reporting period, to cover Crop and Livestock production, Marketing and Land Husbandry practices.
- b) Home Visits (Home Economics) - Two (2) Home visits were conducted over the reporting period.
- 3) **Training Sessions**
- a) **Farmer Trainings**
- i) Crop Production Training Sessions- Formal – During the reporting period of January 2017 one (1) Crop Production training was held, focusing on Land Preparation of Irish Potato.
- ii) Crop Care Training Sessions- Formal – Six (6) Formal Crop Care Training Sessions were conducted for the month of January 2017.
- iii) Facilitated Training Sessions – There were two (2) facilitated training sessions during the reporting period on the topics Praedial Larceny and Pest and Disease Identification and Management in Irish Potato
- iv) Livestock Production Training Sessions Formal – Two (2) formal training sessions were conducted in Management of Pigs and Goat Production.
- v) Land Husbandry Training Sessions Formal – Two (2) farmer trainings were conducted over the reporting period.
- vi) Marketing Training Sessions Formal – Two (2) Post Harvest Monitoring Sessions were conducted in the Port Maria Area focusing on Plantain Production.
- vii) Farmers Trained Formal – A total of one hundred and ten (110) farmers were trained formally for the month of January 2017
- b) **Staff Training**
One Staff Training was conducted for the month of January in Risk Management.
- 4) **Workshop/Seminar/Meeting/Exhibition/Collaboration**
- a) PMO Groups Formed/ Strengthened – No new PMO groups were formed during the reporting period. A total of six (6) PMO/other groups were strengthened for the period.
- b) Home Economics Groups Serviced – Five (5) groups were serviced during the reporting period; Windsor Castle Social Services/Home Economics Benevolent Society, Gifted Hands Community Group, Happy Day Senior Citizens Group and Elliot Farmers Group.
- 5) **Projects/Programmes**
Fort George Honey Production Project - The Fort George Honey Production Project currently has forty-four (44) boxes which make a total of fifteen (15) colonies.

Members visits apiary once weekly to monitor and do work activities, for this reporting period the apiary was weeded, two (2) rotten sheets of ply on the building were repaired and posts for the fence were cut and are to be planted. The project presently has no honey. Income for the reporting period was \$ 40000, while expenditure was \$ 15000.

- c) Import Substitution- Irish Potato Programme - A total of 1212 bags of Irish Potatoes were received. To date 74 hectares have been planted by 248 farmers, 99 of them being women and youth; 0.1 hectares has been reaped. Land preparation is still ongoing.
- d) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: St. Mary Technical High- the Water Harvesting project has been completed, with guttering installed and attached to the water tanks. The school is now able to harvest and utilize rain water in their agricultural production.
- e) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Brimmer Vale High- The Irrigation Lines have been installed.
- f) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Highgate Primary and Junior High –Pipes have been connected to the tanks and the stand has been constructed as a store room.
- g) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Jeffrey Town Water Harvesting Project- Two (2) Water tanks received for the Project. Awaiting information from GOJ/AFP to commence Entombment of spring.
- h) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Enfield Water Harvesting Project- Awaiting information from GOJ/AFP to commence Entombment of spring.
- i) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Farmer Field School Project- A total of eight (8) sessions have been conducted to date. Other trainings to complete project will be conducted in February 2017. Three (3) applications for Land Husbandry assistance were submitted. Thirty-seven (37) farmers are being trained in Land Husbandry practices and methods.
- j) Peace Corp Water Harvesting Programme: St. Mary High School- Tanks have been purchased and guttering for roof has been completed as well as the construction of the stands. School will be able to utilize rain water in agricultural production at the school.
- k) Production Incentive Programme- Pringle’s Home Layer Project- Construction of the building is completed. Approximately twenty-five (25) birds were lost from a total of 200 birds. It was also observed that the birds have stopped laying. The Livestock Officer and AEO will continue monitoring the project.
- l) Agro Processing Incubator Unit - The building is completed, with fixtures and fittings installed. The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) is to arrange for the installation of processing equipment. A mini-fair was held on January 25, 2017 to sensitize processors and potential processors about Food Safety issues and uses of the facility. A Practical Walk Through was done by the Project Manager and Contractor on January 23, 2017 with an aim to access the building against the scope of work that was to be done.

m) Demonstration Plots

a. Crop Care Demonstration Plot –

- A 6 square Irish Potato Demo Plot was established in Decoy. This plot was sponsored by the PROPEL Project.

Five (5) Irish Potato Demo Plots were established in the following areas, namely:

- Nutfield- Irish Potato planted 7 weeks ago
- Robin’s Bay- Irish Potato planted on the 30.1.17
- Enfield - land preparation to begin by next week due to rainfall

- Richmond (Smilefield)- Plot established 7 weeks ago
- Decoy (land prepared, planting to begin by the end of the week)

6) Livestock Activities

<i>Beef</i>	<i>Dairy</i>	<i>Broiler</i>	<i>Layer</i>	<i>Pig</i>	<i>Goat</i>	<i>Rabbit</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Apiary</i>
3,963	771	36,435	17,990	15,871	14,830	2,656	613	707

7) **Mark**

eting Activities – Marketing linkages were made between twelve (12) farmers and various buyers for supplying farm produce valuing \$380,200.00 and a total volume of 5,030 kg.

8) Land Husbandry/ Soil Management Activities

- i) **Agronomic Methods** – 4 hectares of contour cultivation, 5 hectares of cover cropping, 7 hectares of inter cropping, 4 hectares of mulching/grass and 500 metres of vegetative barriers/pineapple.
- ii) **Integration with Farming Systems** – Twelve (12) hectares of agroforestry practices were observed during the period. Discussions were facilitated about conservational farming systems such as: Managing agro-Ecosystems for improved and sustainable productivity, increased profits and food security while preserving and enhancing the resource base and the environment and continuous minimum mechanical disturbances, permanent organic soil cover.
- iii) **Structural Methods** – Three (3) Individual Basins were constructed over the period. 500 metres of Tree Trunk Barriers were done in the Islington, Albion Mountain and Albany areas to break the force of water flowing down hill and also to reduce soil erosion.

9) **Social Services/Home Economics Activities**

Three (3) Inter-Agency Collaborations were done with the 4H Parish Advisory Committee, Ministry of Health- Parish Infant and Young Child Feeding Programme and the National Council for Senior Citizens- Happy Day Group.

10) **Crop Production-** Hectares planted this month reduced slightly by 1% when compared to the corresponding period last year. This as a result of continuous rainfall affecting the parish for the past couple months.

Crop Category	Hectares Planted This Month	Hectares Planted Previous Year & Month	% + -	Hectares Reaped This Month	Hectares Reaped Previous Year & Month	% + -	Hectares Growing This Month	Hectares Growing Previous Year & Month	% + -	Hectares Loss This Month	Hectares Loss Previous Year	% + -
Legumes	4.3	5.8	-26%	5.8	8.8	-34%	21.9	30.8	-29%	0.4	0	3%
Vegetables	60.8	55.1	10%	52.6	50.2	5%	135	157.8	-14%	0.9	0	8%
Condiments	11.8	11.7	1%	12.1	13.9	-13%	47.3	50.9	-7%	0.7	1	-3%
Fruits	10.8	9.7	11%	8	8.3	-4%	131.7	125.8	5%	0.4	0	3%
Cereals	6.1	4.9	24%	5.9	4.3	37%	19.9	10.7	86%	0	0	0%
Plantains	22.8	20.7	10%	27.3	20.5	33%	273.4	211.4	29%	0	0	0%
Potatoes	66.2	84.6	-22%	6.7	8.1	-17%	126.7	166.05	-24%	0.2	0	2%
Yams	8.2	5.5	7%	12.2	11	11%	71.2	83.8	-15%	0	0	0%
Other Tubers	8.6	11.1	-23%	9.2	10.3	-11%	72.9	84.3	-14%	0	0	0%
Total	199.6	209.1	-1%	139.8	135.4	1%	900	921.55	2%	2.6	1	1%

11) **Income Generation Activities**

- a) **Nursery Production-** There are no seedlings available at the nursery at this time. A section of the roof on the Nursery has been destroyed due to the strong winds that affected the parish recently.
- b) **Tractor service** – The tractor is operational and accessible by: application, payment of \$3,500.00 per hour and transportation at \$150.00 per km from the parish office to the location and return. 4.7 hectares of land was ploughed this month.
- c) **Tools & Equipment Rental-** Items available for rental include: Mist Blower, Weed Wacker, Spray Pans and a Rotator.
- d) **Truck Rental-** the Parish presently has two (2) trucks for rental, namely a Hyundai Box Truck and an Isuzu Store Body Truck.

Questions/Concerns

Mrs. Hyde informed that she was not aware of any financial assistance that was available for Rodent Eradication Programmes however, she would find out from the Financial Manager if there was such assistance available.

Councillor Sewell said that some farmers were contacted in December 2016 to prepare lands for Irish potato and were told that representatives from RADA would be distributing same however, to date they have not received any Irish potato or have been contacted in that regard.

Mrs. Hyde said the Extension Officer would be contacted as she was not aware.

Councillor Freeman suggested that the Extension Officers be introduced as there were many new Councillors; that a few could be taken to the meeting each time so that everyone would be aware who they were.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Hyde for her report.

g) JCDC

Nil

h) JCF

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO WRITE TO JCDC AND JCF REGARDING REPORTS AND ATTENDANCE

Nil

i) Youth Mayor/Youth Councillors

Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION FROM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETINGS

Nil

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

NEW BUSINESS

Nil

PETITION

Nil

RESOLUTIONS FROM CORPORATIONS

Nil

RESOLUTION - FINAL APPROVAL

1) STATUTORY DECLARATION

The Director of Planning presented resolution for final approval as under:

***IN THE MATTER** of the subdivision of
Lands part of **WHITE HALL***

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **White Hall** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 1090 Folio 817** in the name **Evroy Chin** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **March 28, 1989**.*

*That conditions **No. 5** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans **(PE: 376212)** have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of Lot # **10**.*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Freeman, seconded by Councillor Hudson, the Corporation approved.

2)

The Director of Planning presented resolution for final approval as under:

IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **LAMBKIN HILL**

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Lambkin Hill** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 557 Folio 39** in the name **Cyril Marsh c/o Abendana & Abendana** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **April 19, 2000**.*

*That conditions **No. 7** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans **(PE: 313876)** have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of **Lots 7 & 9**.*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Hutchinson, the Corporation approved.

3)

The Director of Planning presented resolution for final approval as under:

*IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **CLERMONT PEN***

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Clermont Pen** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 1074 Folio 740** in the name **Cebo Masiba c/o Kesha Robinson** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **August 28, 2015**.*

*That conditions **No. 20** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans **(PE: 389258 & 389257)** have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of Lot **7A & 7B**.*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Freeman, seconded by Councillor Fyffe, the Corporation approved.

4)

The Director of Planning (Acting) presented resolution for final approval as under:

*IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **HALIFAX***

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **HALIFAX** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 235 Folio 75** in the name **Victor Lawrence c/o Joy Cochrane** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **December 8, 2015**.*

*That conditions **No. 28** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans **(PE: 373344 & PE: 373343)** have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of **Lots 2 & 3 + (Sections 1 & 2 to the Local Authority for road improvement purposes)**.*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Hutchinson, seconded by Councillor Kidd, the Corporation approved.

5)

The Director of Planning presented resolution for final approval as under:

IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **NUTFIELD**

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Nutfield** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 1228 Folio 40** in the name **Eulett Watson** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **April 22, 2014**.*

*That conditions **No. 26** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans (**PE: 361127**) have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of **Lot 180 B**.*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Fyffe, seconded by Councillor Smiley, the Corporation approved.

6)

The Director of Planning presented resolution for final approval as under:

IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **ALLEPO**

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Alleppo** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 1413 Folio 799** in the name **Clifford & Verna Williams c/o Robinson, Phillips & Whitehorne** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **June 1, 2010**.*

That conditions **No. 7** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans (**PE: 389256**) have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of **Lot 1**.

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Freeman, seconded by Councillor Sewell, the Corporation approved.

7)

The Director of Planning presented resolution for final approval as under:

IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **LOWER ESHER**

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Lower Esher** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 563 Folio 137** in the name **Gertrude Clarke** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **July 5, 1984**.*

*That conditions **No. 6** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries (including the quality of lots) being subject to confirmation on the ground by the parish Superintendent after setting out, and pre-checked plans (**PE: 388707**) have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of Lot 1.*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Hutchinson, seconded by Councillor James, the Corporation approved.

8)

The Director of Planning presented resolution for final approval as under:

IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **THREE HILLS**

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Three Hills** in the parish of Saint Mary in the name **Huntley Hutchinson c/o Robinson, Phillips & Whitehorne** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **November 16, 1982**.*

*That conditions **No. 18** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries (including the quality of lots) being subject to confirmation on the ground by the parish Superintendent after setting out, and pre-checked plans (**PE: 383420**) have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of Lot 2.*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Danvers, the Corporation approved.

9)

The Director of Planning presented resolution for final approval as under:

***IN THE MATTER** of the subdivision of
Lands part of **PETERSFIELD***

SAINT MARY

***IN THE MATTER** of the Statutory Declarations Act*

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Petersfield** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 1093 Folio 120** in the name **Irvin Burnett c/o Jean Watson** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **September 14, 2006**.*

*That conditions **No. 5** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans (**PE: 363181**) have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of Lot 2 & (**Section 1 to the Local Authority for road improvement purposes**).*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Bryan, the Corporation approved.

FINAL APPROVAL

Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

QUESTIONS

Update on previous questions

Trucking of Water Schedule

The Chairman informed that a Trucking of Water Schedule was prepared and asked that it be circulated to the members for review. He asked whether or not a private contractor could be used while the water truck issues were being sorted out.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer responded that he would recommend that a private contractor be used in the meantime.

The Chairman said the Roads and Works Department would seek to identify a private contractor who would be prepared to carry put some trucking of water until the matter was sorted out.

Lunch being provided at a subsidised cost to staff

The Chairman said the matter would be further discussed with the Chief Executive Officer and then tabled at the next sitting of the Finance Committee for a decision.

Building at Crane Park

The Chairman asked whether or not there was an update on the matter.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer responded that there was no update however, he would follow up the matter.

The Chairman said a report on the findings should be submitted to him by the following Monday.

ACTION: THE DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATION.

ACTION: THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING TO ASCERTAIN OWNERSHIP OF CRANE PARK, PORT MARIA.

Blocked Roadway in the Carron Hall Division

Councillor Hutchinson said at the previous meeting she made mention of a blocked roadway in the Carron Hall Division; that she had not been informed whether or not an estimate was prepared and approved to clear the roadway.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that estimates were prepared for several roads and submitted for approval however, she was not certain whether or not that particular road way on the list.

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer asked the name of the road; he said he would check to see whether or not an estimate was prepared and if not, one would be prepared and submitted.

Councillor Hutchinson said the name of the road was White Spring Road.

Questions

Councillor James asked. "Is the Corporation aware that whenever pipe lines are repaired by the Corporation, the roadway is not fixed to its former state?"

The Deputy Chief Engineering Officer said he would investigate and report his findings at the next sitting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Management Committee.

Councillor Hutchinson asked, "Is the Corporation aware that with the prolonged rainfall and the fact that the black tanks in the Carron Hall Division could not be filled; that they need washing?"

Councillor Kidd asked, "Is the Corporation aware of any equipment being stored at the Corporation for Waves 96.3 FM?"

The Chief Executive Officer responded that the matter would have to be investigated as she was not aware.

Councillor Kidd asked, "Is the Corporation aware that Waves 96.3 FM was in need of the use of a cell tower owned by the Corporation that was located close to the playfield in Day's Mountain?"

The Chairman said he was aware of the tower however, he was not aware of the ownership of said tower.

The Chairman asked the Chief Executive Officer to investigate.

Councillor Smiley asked, "Is the Corporation aware that the NWC has dug up a section in Sandside Heights; that it has gathered water and has encouraged mosquito breeding?"

The Chairman asked that the matter be tabled at the next sitting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Management Committee.

Councillor Freeman asked, "Is the Corporation aware that due to the deterioration in the collection of garbage, the parish is suffering from infestation of rodents and other pests?" He added that the Executive Director or the Regional Manager of the NSWMA should be invited to the next sitting of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee to discuss the matter. He said the representative that attended the previous meeting was unable to respond to the questions asked and was not able to address the concerns raised.

The Chairman informed that eleven (11) new garbage trucks were available and he hoped that they would help to alleviate the problems being faced by the parish.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no other matter for discussion, the General Council meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councillor Freeman, seconded by Councillor James at approximately 12:50 p.m.

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