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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2020 AT 2.00PM

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

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 20/343 **COVID-19 ANGUILLA RESPONSE UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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:

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, HAA, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

Executive Council convened on Friday 14 August, 2020 to consider matters related to COVID-19 and the HAA financial position.

Repatriation

Council noted the Premier's position that:

- i. every effort should be made to repatriate Anguillians, irrespective of their location, in a defined short period of time – a “window”. Ideally this should be no longer than six weeks;
- ii. Anguillians wishing to return should be advised that this would be their final opportunity to return home. Repatriation would cease once the window had closed with the exception of medical evacuations;
- iii. repatriation should be under the following conditions:
 - (a) Pre-arrival approval from the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) as per the current regime;
 - (b) A negative PCR test conducted 3 to 5 days prior to the planned date of arrival;
 - (c) Mandatory quarantine, which should be:
 - For persons coming from places with an incidence below 0.2%, a minimum ten days in an approved

location. This could include homes if the quarantine authority believes this is appropriate.

- For person coming from countries with an incidence above 0.2%, a minimum of 14 days in a government run facility.

(d) mandatory COVID-19 testing on arrival, at the end of the quarantine period, prior to discharge or at any stage during quarantine if symptoms develop; and

(e) that a charge should be levied on those wishing to repatriate to defray costs.

Following discussion Council agreed that:

- i. the pace of repatriation should be accelerated and be completed no later than the end of October;
- ii. repatriation - other than for medical related cases - would cease at the end of October. This fact should be clearly communicated as a matter of urgency, along with a public statement dissuading people from unnecessary travel at this time. Council was disturbed to hear of an emerging trend of persons leaving Anguilla for vacation or to St. Maarten and then making applications for repatriation;
- iii. the arrival arrangements (approvals to return, testing and quarantine) set out by the Premier should be adopted;
- iv. a charge of US\$600 for individuals and US\$1,000 for families of four (\$250 for each additional person thereafter) wishing to repatriate should be introduced with immediate effect for those quarantining in an approved location, including homes. A charge of US\$1,500 for individuals and US\$2,000 for families of four (\$250 for each additional person thereafter) wishing to repatriate should be introduced with immediate effect for those quarantining in a government run facility. Council requested the Attorney General to draw up the required regulations for this;

- v. by 19 August the PS Health should produce a detailed plan and budget for completing repatriation by the end of October; and
- vi. the costs of repatriation (which are not included in the current supplementary appropriation must be included in the next supplementary appropriation. This will be completed by the end of September. The Ministry of Health should, however, immediately commence recruitment of 16 nurses from St. Vincent.

Arrivals by visitors from areas of low Covid-19 prevalence

Council noted the Premier's position that visitors from countries with a low prevalence rate (below 0.2%) intending to stay at pre-approved villas should be permitted to apply for entry from 21 August on the following terms:

- i. use of the same pre-arrival protocols as for repatriation;
- ii. quarantine at pre-approved villas for a minimum of 10 days; and
- iii. mandatory COVID-19 testing at arrival, at 10 days or sooner if symptoms develop.

Following discussion Council agreed that:

- i. visitors arriving from low prevalence areas should be permitted to apply to enter Anguilla from 21 August on the terms set out by the Honourable Premier; and
- ii. the following fees should be levied on these visitors:
 - (a) for visits less than 3 months – US\$1,000 for individuals and US\$1,500 for families of four, (\$250 for each additional person thereafter);
 - (b) for visits beyond 3 months - US\$2,000 for individuals and US\$3,000 for families of four, (\$250 for each additional person thereafter). This fee would include immigration and labour charges.

Arrivals by property owners from areas of higher Covid-19 prevalence

Council noted the Premier's position that persons who own property and intend to spend an extended period of time without renting out should be permitted to apply to enter on the following terms:

- i. adoption of the same pre-arrival protocols as per repatriation from high incidence locations;
- ii. a 14 day quarantine in their property but with severe penalties for breach; and
- iii. mandatory COVID-19 testing at arrival, at 14 days or sooner if symptoms develop.

Following discussion Council agreed that:

- i. property owners arriving from high prevalence areas should be permitted to apply to enter Anguilla from 21 August on the terms set out by the Honourable Premier; and
- ii. the following fees should be levied on these visitors:
 - (a) for visits less than 3 months – US\$1,000 for individuals and US\$1,500 for families of four, (\$250 for each additional person thereafter);
 - (b) for visits beyond 3 months - US\$2,000 for individuals and US\$3,000 for families of four, (\$250 for each additional person thereafter). This fee would include immigration and labour charges.

Opening of commercial tourism from high-prevalence areas

Council noted the work underway by the Parliamentary Secretary and others and agreed that decisions on this matter should be taken in early September. More information will be shared with the public at that time.

Health Authority of Anguilla Financial Position

The CEO briefed Council with regard to the HAA's position:

- (a) HAA are still verifying the accuracy of their financial position. However, it appears the Authority is losing around EC\$300,000 per month;
- (b) HAA is owed around EC\$2.3 million;
- (c) HAA has arrears of EC\$3.7 million. Over EC\$2 million to ANGLEC, Water Corporation, Flow and Government of Anguilla. Around EC\$1 million to vendors including pharmaceutical suppliers and laboratories; and
- (d) HAA has sufficient ventilators and protective personal equipment to manage Covid-19 given supplies from the FCO. Staffing presents the challenge, especially for isolation units. An anesthesiologist must be hired and 21 nurses, 5 of which should be registered nurses are needed.

Council noted and agreed the following:

- i. that clarity on the HAA's current financial position and financial needs up to the end of 2020 was urgently needed. Council directed the Permanent Secretary Health to ensure this information was presented to Council no later than 30 August; and
- ii. once this information is available a decision will need to be made about the level of subvention required. This in turn will need to be included in the supplementary appropriation.

Emergency Powers (Border Security and Control) Regulations 2020

Council agreed that the Emergency Powers (Border Security and Control) Regulations 2020 should be extended to October 31st 2020.

Council further requested that the Attorney General's Chambers speedily attend to this matter.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HP; HON MIN, HLTH; HON AG

EX MIN 20/344

EX MEM 20/161 REMOVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT BOARD OF THE ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LTD (ANGLEC) AND APPOINT A NEW BOARD

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

Council:

- (i) reviewed the following documents:
 - (a) Letter to Chairman of the Board of Directors of ANGLEC from Hon Minister MICUH&T, dated August 11 2020; and
 - (b) Draft request for meeting of the shareholders of ANGLEC, dated August 5 2020.
- (ii) agreed to coordinate with the NCBA and Social Security Board to vote at the next meeting of ANGLEC's board to remove the current Board members, namely:
 - 1) Mr. Rodney Rey, Chairman
 - 2) Mrs. Iris Richardson, Vice-chair
 - 3) Mrs. Venetta Connor-Webster, Director
 - 4) Mr. Monsell Lloyd, Director
 - 5) Mr. Lucien MacDonna, Director
 - 6) Mr. Darwin Hazell, Director
 - 7) Mr. Sheldon Rogers, Director
 - 8) Mr. Thomas Hodge, Director
 - 9) Mr. Patterson Hunte, Director

Action: PS, MICUH&T; HON MIN, MICUH&T
