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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020
AT 1:00 PM

- 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 Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Evans Rogers
- The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-Hodge
- 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
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
PAHO Country Programme Specialist, Ms Valerie Beach-Horne
PS, Home Affairs & Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett
PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake
PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan
PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin
PS, Infrastructure, Communications and Utilities, Mr Karim Hodge
Head of Governor's Office, Mr Colin Hicks

COVID-19 ANGUILLA RESPONSE UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
 Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
 Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
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Further to EX MIN 20/118 of 15 March, Council agreed as follows:

- (i) closure of the seaports and airport for the next fourteen (14) days to passenger movements effective Friday 20 March at 11:59 pm;
- (ii) quarantine for 14 days on **ALL** persons returning to Anguilla who have travelled outside of the Caribbean Region. Persons would be encouraged to self-quarantine at home and call the hotline numbers for guidance if they develop signs or symptoms;
- (iii) public should be advised to refrain from mass gatherings and to recommend guidance on social distancing;
- (iv) closing of schools for three (3) weeks; and
- (v) elder care facilities should enact measures to protect residents, which should include limiting/restricting visitors to the facility, enhancing infection prevention control measures through the more frequent cleaning of shared surfaces and enabling sick leave for staff displaying respiratory symptoms.

Council noted that:

- (i) there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 virus in Anguilla; and
- (ii) testing for the virus could not be done in Anguilla and was still being shipped to CARPHA. The Ministry of Health was exploring the availability of rapid kits which would enable samples to be shipped quicker.

Council continued to commend the Ministry of Health and Health Authority of Anguilla officials for doing great work in this challenging time.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 20/120

**DEFERRED CUSTOMS DUTIES PAYMENT ON BASIC NECESSITIES –
COVID 19 VIRUS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Financial Specialist, PS, Home Affairs & Education and PS, Finance remained.

Council agreed in principle to defer the payment of customs duties on food, beverages and all basic necessities being imported in Anguilla at this time due to the COVID-19 virus, subject to consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the Customs Department.

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

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