



Decision List BC Meeting January 21, 2025

Subtitle	Weekly BC meeting
Date	01/21/2025
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers
Absentees	Eviton Heyliger

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes

Attachment:

BC Meeting Minutes 14-01-2025

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Decision:

Approved.

3.0.0 Discussion Papers

3.0.1 BC proposal Triathlon Foundation Subsidy 2025

As in previous years, we have received a subsidy request from the Saba Triathlon Foundation to organize sporting events throughout 2025, with the main event being the Saba Triathlon, planned for February 2025. In the previous year the Triathlon Foundation received \$6,500. This year, they have requested \$6,500 as well. Given the continued success of their previous events, we recommend approving the payment of the 2025 subsidy for the Saba Triathlon Foundation in the amount of \$6,500.

Decision:

Approved.



3.0.2

BC proposal ADT Security System Finance & Receivers

The Finance and Receivers Department manages highly sensitive financial records and assets, making it a prime target for theft and unauthorized access. This proposal outlines implementing a comprehensive burglary alarm system designed to safeguard the department's premises, ensure financial data security, and minimize potential losses. The proposed system integrates modern technology to provide real-time alerts, enhanced monitoring, and a robust response protocol. The new protocol can be controlled upon request by a third party if it is highly needed. This will reside on OLS's premises. The system will be attached to the burglary alarm system with Census. The two will differ from one another, putting the Finance and Receivers in complete control of their own security. The installation will be supervised and assisted by the ICT Team.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.3

BC proposal BMS Subsidy 2025

We have received a subsidy request from BMS for 2025. BMS submitted a request for \$101,000, representing a significant increase of \$26,000 compared to previous years approved subsidy, citing additional programming, global rising costs and salary increases as key factors. While these concerns are valid, it was concluded in the budget plan 2025 that the requested increase would not be feasible for the Public Entity. Management is advised to explore alternative funding sources to address the \$26,000 gap in the proposed budget. Additionally, in previous years BMS management was encouraged to adopt a monitoring and evaluation approach to their projects to demonstrate the value of PES's support in future subsidy applications.

Decision:

In agreement with advice from FEZ. Approved.

3.0.4

Continued invasive species control measures

In November 2024 the Public Entity received an addition to the free allowance for various NEPP projects and activities (Attachment 1, Dossier 782).



Last year a start had already been made with the removal of green iguanas, feral cats and rats through a subsidy that was provided to SCF in 2024 (Dossier 643). The subsidy provided through the NEPP is meant to continue and broaden the ongoing efforts in an aim to reduce the nrs of the most destructive invasive animal species. Besides continuing the removal of green iguanas, feral cats and rats, the proposed additional measures include reduction of the roaming chicken population and a sterilization program for rabbits. It is important to note that these combined efforts are only meant to reduce the impact of invasive animal species on biodiversity and nature. A more extensive invasive species control program, including the implementation of biosecurity measures, is needed to limit the impact of invasive species structurally.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.5 Contract Workmonster Bus Stops

At the end of November, there was a tender for this project. Based on this, 4 quotations were received and the quotation from Workmonster was chosen.

The project involves creating 2 bus stops, one in Zion's Hill (renew) and one in St. Johns (new).

Decision:

Approved.

Explanation:

Relocate the current Zion's Hill bus stop to a different location (location to be decided upon).

3.0.7 Proposal Feasibility Study Runoff Water Solar Park

This year, the construction of the new solar park in the Giles Quarter area will begin. Along with its development, comes the opportunity to harvest and utilize the rainwater collected from the solar panels. This fresh water source could serve as a valuable supplement to the island's existing water supply.



Saba Electric Company is actively looking at the best strategy to manage drainage of the rainwater. Since OLS would like to harvest and utilize the rainwater, this study will look into how OLS can utilize and distribute the water collected from the panels.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.8

Visit Yuverta

As part of the proposal for Education and Awareness on the Nature and Environmental Policy Plan, the Public Entity aims to facilitate certified training initiatives focused on nature, agriculture, and sustainable development for the local community, with a focus on youth. A plan has now been made with Yuverta to schedule a pilot visit of teachers and students from the European Netherlands, in which both external and Saban students receive targeted education on topics that are relevant in terms of nature conservation on Saba.

The visit is scheduled for February 26th to March 10th. The activities scheduled in the visit will focus, among other things, on soil management, food security, crop protection, forestry, terrestrial ecosystem monitoring, nature/trail maintenance, and invasive species/ecosystem dynamics.

Decision:

Approved.

Explanation:

CPR to make a press release.

4.0.0

Formalities

5.0.0

Incoming pieces/request (on paper)

6.0.0

Announcements

1. Governor Johnson
2. Commissioner Zagers
3. Island Secretary Streppel



7.0.0 Signing

8.0.0 Closing

9.0.0 10:30am Presentation by Zelda re: Tender Policy