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TWO MORE HOMICIDES

• Policemen under strain

Despite claims that the rate of homicides in the Bahamas is on decline, Doctors in the Princess Margaret Hospital are being kept busy in New Providence trying to save lives from several shootings.

Yesterday, medical professionals struggled to save two young men who were shot in separate incidences, but were unsuccessful.

In the first incident, police confirmed that a man shot while at a bar on Market Street and Bahama Avenue on Wednesday and the other man was

shot in his home on Lobster Avenue off Baillou Hill Road, south yesterday. Both died in hospital.

According to the police, officers were called to Market Street and Bahama Avenue on Wednesday after receiving reports of gunshots being heard. Upon arrival, officers discovered a male with gunshot injuries.

Then on Thursday, shortly after 5:00am, two armed men forced entry into the home and shot him before fleeing on foot. Paramedics were called to the scene and transported the victim to hospital, where he later succumbed

to his injuries.

A senior Policeman told the Journal yesterday, "these shootings are putting a strain on the officers. You can't tell officers that they cannot get vacation or time off. Yet we have to keep a number of young men under surveillance.

"Young men are coming out of prison every week; some have finished their sentences, having served their time and some are on bail. Many of them come back on the streets with a vengeance. They don't have any jobs and they are on the hustle," said the officer.

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Whit Monday Alleged Shooter Remanded

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Three days after the fatal shooting of 27-year-old Javano Stuart of Banyan Avenue, South Beach, 30-year-old Arsinio Brown was charged before the Magistrate's Court for that Whit Monday homicide.

Appearing before Deputy Chief Magistrate, Subusola Swain, Brown, who was not represented by an attorney, was not required to enter a plea.

According to the police report, Stuart was walking on South Beach Drive on Whit Monday, just south of the South

Beach Police Station, in the area of the park, when a lone male approached and opened fire before fleeing on foot.

He was pronounced dead on the scene.

Before being remanded, Magistrate Swain advised Brown of his right to apply to the Supreme Court for bail as she lacked the jurisdiction to grant him bail.

Brown was remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections until June 28th when he returns for service of a Voluntary Bill of Indictment which will fast tract his case to the Supreme Court.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND PHA EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES WITH JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICINE INTERNATIONAL



► Managing Director of Global Services at Johns Hopkins Medicine International (JHMI) Irma Purish met recently with Ministry of Health and Public Hospitals Authority officials. In the photos, she consults with executives including Minister of Health, Dr. the Hon. Duane Sands; Public Hospitals Authority Deputy Managing Director Lyrone Burrows; PMH Hospital Administrator Mary Walker; and PMH Medical Chief of Staff Caroline Burnett Garraway.

Grand Lucayan Sale Nearing Completion

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Things are looking up for the finalization of sale of the Grand Lucayan Resort in Grand Bahama, as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Peter Turnquest said that the government, along with the purchasing company Wynn Group are looking forward to bringing the negotiations to conclusion.

Speaking with reporters on the sidelines of the groundbreaking ceremony of the multi-million dollar project Goldwynn Hotels and Residences, DPM Turnquest said that the government was working on wrapping up negotiations for the sale of the resort.

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CRYPTOCURRENCY PARLEY SET FOR GB

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Intern

A major Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Conference is scheduled for Grand Bahama next month.

Making the announcement, Minister of State for Grand Bahama Senator Kwasi Thompson noted that this will establish Grand Bahama as "this region's Silicon Valley".

He said, "upon taking office last year, the government dedicated itself to making The Bahamas a premier place to do business. We believe that Grand Bahama is uniquely suited to become an internationally recognized technology and innovation hub.

"That is a theme, a message that we want everyone from the little child in Grand Bahama to the senior citizen in Grand

Bahama to continue to press forward the message," he said.

Back in November last year, Grand Bahama's Office of the Prime Minister along with partners hosted a technology summit which Mr. Thompson said was instrumental in beginning strategic planning for building a technology sector in The Bahamas.

He said, "the government has since begun implementing recommendations of the steering

committee to make this technology hub a reality."

"One such recommendation, which we are now implementing, is the hosting of a major international conference which will bring hundreds of tech companies to Grand Bahama," he added.

The committee also recommends that the conference take the form if a "venture conference" which will connect seed

stage and early stage companies to venture investors.

Mr. Thompson also noted that the conference was designed to attract everyone from investors to service providers across the globe that are interested in making investments starting or developing companies, and building business relationships with blockchain technology.

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Ministry of Health and PHA explore opportunities with Johns Hopkins Medicine International

The Ministry of Health and the Public Hospitals Authority exploring opportunities for sustainable collaborations with Johns Hopkins International.

On Thursday May 17th, 2018 Minister of Health Dr. the Honourable Duane E. Sands received Managing Director of Global Services at Johns Hopkins Medicine International (JHMI) Irma

Purish at a courtesy call designed to explore engaging and sustainable models of patient centered care that allow for innovative collaboration and raise the standard of care delivered.

Ms. Purish who also toured the nation's premiere health facility the Princess Margaret Hospital, met with the Public Hospitals Authority Board, and Senior Executives of the PHA and

delivered a presentation on JHMI's presence in Latin American and the Caribbean. Additionally she outlined services offered to their international partners which include: core services; patient services, and global services. Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Public Hospitals Authority Robert Carron spearheaded the meeting as Chair of the Board's

Strategic Planning, Infrastructure, Institutional Redevelopment and Public Relations sub-committee.

Johns Hopkins Medicine International (JHMI) is a partnership program established by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine to raise the standard of health care through long-term mission-driven agreements.



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The Minister said, "further, the BBCC will provide The Bahamas, particularly Grand Bahama, with the opportunity to present itself to the world as a jurisdiction that has an established framework, financial, and immigration policies that are favorable for technology and fintech companies that want to incorporate and be domiciled here in The Bahamas.

"Basically, this is our coming out party for blockchain technology and for fintech technology," he said.

The conference kicks off on June 20th-22nd at the Grand Lucayan Resort in Freeport, Grand Bahama.

Grand Lucayan Sale Nearing Completion

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"As you know Mr. Wynn is involved in the project in Grand Bahama also and it is certainly very encouraging for us to hear him express his continued support and commitment to that project and we certainly look forward to bringing that to conclusion in a very short period of time.

"Mr. Wynn has said they are con-

tinuing to be committed to this project.

"The negotiations are now underway with respect to the operator of the project which are coming along very nicely. We expect to have some resolution to the fine details in short order and hopefully we can bring that heads of agreement in a very reasonable period of time," Mr. Turnquest said.

During the ceremony, Chief Executive Officer of Wynn

Development, Paul Wynn said that his company will continue to make further investments in the country.

"Our intentions is to move our corporate office from Toronto to Nassau, and it is our intention to make further substantial investments in The Bahamas," Mr. Wynn said.

The Toronto-based Wynn Group signed a new letter of intent to purchase the Grand Lucayan in December 2017.

TWO MORE HOMICIDES

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He said in this country we say murder is down, but if the scores of men who were shot but were saved by doctors had died, the number will be much higher.

The officer said, "daring armed robberies are more common now, people are getting robbed

every night.

"Drugs are still selling, you can get drugs very easily and you can get your hands on a gun any day if you are a criminal. Out there it is about the survival of the fittest. This is a time bomb kind of environment out there, and many people are going to explode," said the officer.

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► Chairman of the Prices Commission, Ms. Synida Dorsett at center leads a team of Price Inspectors and Metrologists to Long Island from Wednesday, 16 May to Friday, 18 May, 2018. Pictured from left to right are Mr. Huel Robins, Commissioner of the Prices Commission and Vice Chairman of The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality; Mr. Jason Johnson, Price Inspector at the Consumer Welfare Unit; Ms. Dorsett; Mr. Deron Strachan, Metrologist and Inspector at The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality and Ms. Arielle Braynen, Metrologist with The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality.

Long Island Food Stores Inspected By Price Inspectors

Determined to leave no stone unturned in their quest to ensure that all Long Islanders receive fresh, quality food and gasoline products at the right price, Price Inspectors and Metrologists led by the Chairman of the Prices Commission, Ms. Synida Dorsett travelled to Long Island and personally inspected every grocery store and gasoline service station from Wednesday, 16 May to Friday, 18 May, 2018.

Ms. Dorsett was accompanied by Mr. Huel Robins, Commissioner of the Prices Commission and Vice Chairman of The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality; Mr. Jason Johnson, Price Inspector at the Consumer Welfare Unit; Mr. Deron Strachan, Metrologist and Inspector at The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality; Ms. Arielle

Braynen, Metrologist with The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality and Ms. Anastasia Stubbs with the Ministry of Labour.

The Prices Commission, Consumer Welfare Unit and The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality all fall under the Ministry of Labour where the Minister is Senator the Honourable Dion A. Foulkes.

“We are pleased with our visit to Long Island and we plan to visit the other Family Islands and conduct the same exercise we did here in Long Island. Also we want to bring awareness to our Family Islands as to the role of The Bureau of Standards and Quality. It goes back to consumer education and we are going to embark upon letting the consumers know exactly what their rights are as it relates to the cost

of food items that are regulated by the Government, that is Bread Basket items,” said Ms. Dorsett.

Scores of Long Island business owners such as Mr. Basil Fox who has been in the gasoline business for over 50 years were receptive to the visit by the Price Inspectors and Metrologists.

“I think it’s a good thing,” said Mr. Fox of the inspections. He added, “Ain’t everyone (business person) honest.”

Ms. Dorsett was also invited to address Long Islanders at a special town meeting organized by the Member of Parliament for Long Island, Mr. Adrian Gibson and the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Desmond Bannister.

The Prices Commission Chairman disclosed that the next island which her team plans to visit is Exuma.



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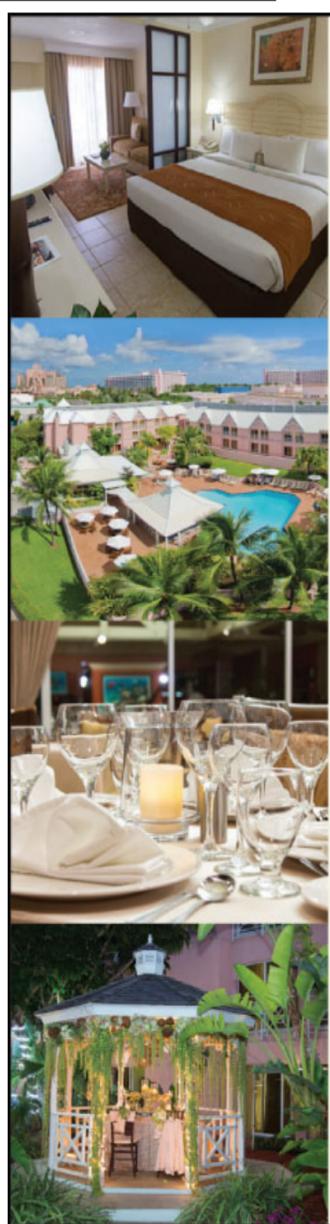




► Ms. Arielle Braynen, Metrologist with The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality in the Ministry of Labour inspects a gasoline station in Long Island.



► Chairman of the Prices Commission, Ms. Synida Dorsett inspects a food item at a local food store in Long Island. Ms. Dorsett led a team of Price Inspectors and Metrologists to Long Island from Wednesday, 16 May to Friday, 18 May, 2018.





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► **DEEP CREEK, Eleuthera** -- Dance Adjudicator and Cultural Icon Lawrence Carroll shows Deep Creek Primary School students how to "knock the conch style", during the E. Clement National Arts Festival Adjudications at their school in Eleuthera, on May 16, 2018. **(BIS Photos / Eric Rose)**



► Teacher's Aide at Deep Creek Primary School Nickeva Griffin sings an inspiring gospel song, during the E. Clement National Arts Festival Adjudications at her school in Eleuthera, on May 16, 2018



► St. Luke's Parish Anglican Church community group of Rock Sound perform a Bahamian folk dance, on May 16, 2018, during the E. Clement National Arts Festival Eleuthera Adjudications at Deep Creek Primary School



► Deep Creek Primary School students showcase their dancing skills, during the E. Clement National Arts Festival Adjudications at their school in Eleuthera, on May 16, 2018.



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THE REAL PETER NYGARD

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygard's Golden Jubilee detailing his rags to riches story and incredible business success over these past fifty years. The Clifton Review will take an inside look at how he did it.

THE CLIFTON REVIEW

By P. J. Malone

The Clifton Review is a bi-weekly column that examines the question of the Clifton project along with the evolution of the war between two billionaires, the links to unsavory characters, the use of the courts for personal agendas, the involvement of the Government opposition party (the FNM), and the attacks on the Government of The Bahamas.

"Who is the real Nygard?" This was the title of a 1987 article in The Globe and Mail written by Marina Sturdza that presents interesting insights into fashion mogul Peter Nygard that proves instructive in our quest to understand Nygard's business success.

Sturdza's discussion ranges from views of his flamboyant personality, Nygard as a Free Trader and industry leader, Nygard the perfectionist, and his business savvy and impressive growth record. Here are excerpts from her perspective:

Will the real Peter Nygard please stand up?

There's Peter Nygard the proverbial immigrant boy-made-good, who in 20 years has parlayed an \$800,000 dress business into a near-\$200-million clothing empire, largely by tapping the lucrative mature mass market, and delivering an excellent value/price ratio with just enough fashion content to appeal, yet not intimidate.

There's Peter Nygard the flamboyant, given to Felliniesque extravaganzas, who rented a herd of camels to launch his U.S. headquarters in Marina del Rey, Calif., in suitable Oriental potentate style, and who recently opened his 8.5-million (and then some) Canadian headquarters with a four-day series of lavish gala receptions, the better to impress le tout Toronto, and his industry and show-biz cronies from the United States and overseas.

There's Nygard the Canadian apparel industry leader, a business visionary, man of the eighties and nineties.

There's Nygard the outspoken advocate of free trade, who criticizes his apparel industry peers for their apathy and shortsightedness, especially in view of the highly organized and vociferous textile sector lobby.

In Nygard's view, Canada should de-emphasize domestic fabric production (arguably uncompetitive and unprofitable) in favor of encouraging and devel-

oping a competitive apparel industry. He believes that the current array of protective tariffs and quotas is a costly exercise in futility, for which the Canadian consumer pays a heavy penalty.

Says Nygard: "Canadian manufacturing capability is excellent, while we can never be really competitive with low-price fabric imports, so let's open the market to the low-cost fabrics that would allow the manufacturing sector a genuine chance to grow. Our strength is in design, manufacturing and marketing. The existing government policy has too long been dictated by the fabric industry to protect only its own interest, and is unfairly restrictive on the rest of the fashion sector."

There's Nygard the perfectionist, who before launching his denim division, examined no fewer than 60 products, checking every detail, counting belt loops, pockets and the number of stitches per inch, measuring waist bands and checking logo positions.

Nygard's own denim product was submitted to every conceivable wear and performance test, until it met his demands. Even so, he ordered the production line stopped, when he zeroed in on a minor offending detail—and expensive three-week delay that cost the company thousands of dollars.

These are just some of the insights that Sturdza shared on Peter Nygard that is so telling of why he has been able to achieve the level of success he has. Though this is a look from more than 30 years ago, clearly Nygard continued doing the things that was making him successful back then to be where he is today.

Consider this part I of Sturdza's presentation on Peter Nygard. We will continue to share her insights in part II.

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TWO FACTOIDS

First things first—a factoid that should matter:— When Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr., CIA Director John Brennan and FBI Director James B. Comey all went to see Donald Trump together during the presidential transition, they told him conclusively that they had "captured Putin's specific instructions on the operation" to hack the 2016 presidential election.

And now a second such factoid:-- "...One year after Trump took office, it is still unclear whether the president of the United States is an agent of a foreign power. Just step back and think about that for a moment..." James Risen, Pulitzer Prize Winner, United States of America!

James risen frames that matter which now involves Donald John Trump this fine way: Unfortunately, another word also describes Donald John Trump: president. The fact that such an unstable egomaniac occupies the White House is the greatest threat to the national security of the United States in modern history. Which brings me to the only question about Donald Trump that I find really interesting: Is he a traitor? Did he gain the presidency through collusion with Russian President Vladimir Putin?

As in the case of billions of right-thinking world level citizens, we are wondering – like so very many of them – whether Donald John Trump is a traitor; and thus today, we stand in amazement at news which suggests that the answer to this question is in the affirmative.

In this regard, then, we feel obliged to share an opinion on this matter which was proffered by Pulitzer prize winner, James Risen confesses as follows:--I find it hard to write about Donald Trump.

It is not that he is a complicated subject. Quite the opposite. It is that everything about him is so painfully obvious. He is a low-rent racist, a shameless misogynist, and an unbalanced narcissist. He is an unrelenting

liar and a two-bit white identity demagogue. Lest anyone forget these things, he goes out of his way each day to remind us of them.

At the end of the day, he is certain to be left in the dustbin of history, alongside Father Coughlin and Gen. Edwin Walker. (Exactly – you don't remember them, either.)

What more can I add?

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What is as concerning has to do with the fact that Risen's perspective is shared by the Hon. James Clapper, one of America's leading intelligence officers.

Clapper recently shared a view that complements Risen's tightly argued Trump-the-Traitor-Thesis.

As we have read:-- "The former director of national intelligence, James Clapper, said Tuesday night on CNN that he now questions President Trump's fitness for the executive office and worries about his access to the nuclear-launch codes, in an unprecedented critique of a commander in chief by a top intel official. Following a rally in Phoenix that Clapper called "downright scary and disturbing," he said, "I really question his ability to be—his fitness to be—in this office, and I also am beginning to wonder about his motivation for it."

In another setting, Clapper went on to condemn Trump's "behaviour and divisiveness and complete intellectual, moral, and ethical void," adding, "How much longer does the country have to, to borrow a phrase, endure this nightmare?"

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The advertisement features a collage of newspaper front pages from The Bahama Journal. The main headline on the collage is "Four Bodies Claimed". Other visible headlines include "Brush Fire Scorches Acres of Land", "22ND MURDER VICTIM Identified", "Haitian Burials Imminent", "Alleged Election Fraudster A No-Show in Court", and "Debris Hinders Business For Ferry Operators". The collage also shows various smaller articles and advertisements, including one for "WANDA'S PLUMBING SUPPLIES" and another for "GO TANKLESS". The background of the advertisement is a scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore.



ROTARY CLUB OF EAST NASSAU DONATION TO UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS FOR BARRY RASSIN

► The Rotary Club of East Nassau in commemoration of Barry Rassin leading the 1.2 million Rotarians as their president in 2018-2019, held a Hollywood Glam Party and auction to raise funds for a scholarship to the University of The Bahamas. The Barry Rassin Scholarship, valued at \$10,000, will be divided between two students. A \$6,000 allocation will go to a full-time student in any degree programme for a year; and a Family Island student will be given \$4,000 to cover living expenses for one year. UB President Dr. Rodney D. Smith expressed his gratitude to Mr. Rassin and the Rotary Club of East Nassau for this initiative highlighting the benefits it will have for the recipients. "This is the beginning of an excellent relationship and I know that the students who will benefit from it will be deeply appreciative." **Pictured from left:** Dr. Mayuri Deka, UB Professor and Rotarian; Ms. Cheryl Carey, Director, Scholarship & Financial Aid; Mr. Peter Mitchell, Director, Development; Dr. Rodney D. Smith, President, UB; Mr. Barry Rassin Scholarship Patron and Rotary International President-Elect; Mrs. Esther Rassin; Mrs. Hope A. Sealey, President, Rotary Club of East Nassau, Ms. Joanne Smith, Director, East Nassau Rotary Club Charitable Trust; Mrs. Diane Philips, CEO, Diane Philips and Associates and Mrs. Constance Gibson Chair, Rotary Club East Nassau Community Service.

ANOTHER ASSAULT ON FEMALE TEEN

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Police appealing to parents and or guardians of children and teens to do more to protect them, particularly females, when walking on the streets after another female reported an indecent assault.

They are working in overtime to apprehend sexual offenders in New Providence.

According to police reports, shortly after 2:00pm, a juvenile female was walking on a dirt road in the area of Big Pond Subdivision

when she was accosted by an unknown male who indecently assaulted her before running away.

This is the third incident of assault on a juvenile. Just last week, police reported that two juvenile females were sexually assaulted in two separate incidence on April 28th and May 14th in the Englerston Community.

On Tuesday, police confirmed that they had a suspect in custody in connection with the assaults, but he had not been charged with the offense.

According to reports

from police, on Wednesday the man that was held by residents of a community in the area of Wulff Road was subsequently arrested by Police on Sunday 20th May, 2018, in connection with sexual assaults on two minors. He has since been exonerated and subsequently released from custody.

Both incidents remain open and under active investigation.

Police are appealing to members of the public for any information that can assist in identifying the suspect and bringing these matters to a close.



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The Treasurer of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is conducting a new vendor verification exercise to prepare for an upgrade to its digital payment processing system on **June 15**. This will affect all individuals and businesses providing goods and services to the Government.

It is very important for all vendors to participate in this verification exercise so they do not experience any discontinuation of payments. Failure to participate in the vendor verification process will result in the discontinuation of payments.

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For the past three years, the Public Treasury has been transitioning away from the use of cheque payments and other manual processes. This year, the Treasury plans to eliminate cheque payments all together. Payments will be made by direct deposit. And as of **July 1**, **all notifications of payments will be sent by email**. This will allow vendors to receive immediate notification when payments are sent to their accounts.

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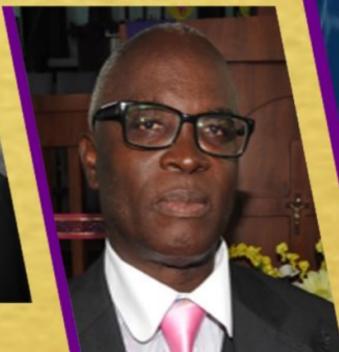
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► The Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce recently hosted Executive Director of the Grand Bahama Port Authority, Rupert Hayward, who gave a detailed presentation of the company's clean-up efforts in the city of Freeport. Hayward called for collaboration with local stake holders as part of the Port Authority's ongoing efforts to attract sustained development and growth prospects for the island. (Photos Courtesy of the GBPA for Barefoot Marketing)

GBPA Executive Director Hayward Reports on Freeport City Clean Up

Freeport, Grand Bahama Island – Executive Director of The Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) Rupert Hayward presented to members and guests at the monthly Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) luncheon on Thursday May 23rd. Hayward gave a comprehensive report on the extensive clean-up campaign launched by the GBPA over the past few years.

According to Hayward, the GBPA is working hard towards the creation of a “presentable city” designed to attract sustained development and growth for Grand Bahama Island. During his presentation to a captive audience of business owners and entrepreneurs, he recognized the important role that the Port Authority and its principals have as a quasi-governmental agency and regulator of business on the island. He noted however, that those goals cannot and would not be accomplished without stakeholder collaboration.

“We need the people of Grand Bahama and the stakeholders in The Bahamas to work with us to solve some of the more complicated and larger issues that we have here,” said Hayward. “If we get it right, I’m confident,

with the GBPA acting as a driving and galvanising force for the community, that we will have a launch pad for growth again, with increased Foreign Direct Investment, Tourism and jobs.”

Hayward, who focused his comments on issues directly impacting the city of Freeport, pointed to issues such as littering, indiscriminate dumping, the prevalence of derelict vehicles and the lingering effects of multiple major hurricanes, as priority items for the GBPA. In 2017, the company spent over 1.4 million dollars on Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts. These were unbudgeted costs on top of the normal city management expenses and were borne entirely by the Port Group of companies.

As part of its strategy to reverse negative trends in keeping Freeport and its surrounding communities clean, Hayward discussed his work with the Keep Grand Bahama Clean initiative. He noted that under the guidance of its Chairwoman, Nakira Wilchcombe and the committee of NGO’s and concerned citizens they are trying to change the cultural habits of littering and dumping; through hundreds of school lectures, PSA’s, social media outreach, countless beach clean-ups and eco-com-

munity work.

Hayward noted that the Port Authority has also focused a significant amount of resources on road maintenance, spending over one million dollars last year alone. He noted in the last three years, their maintenance team had repaired some 38,392 feet of new roads, fixed over 2,000 potholes, and removed over 200 derelict vehicles. Hayward was pleased to share how the use of state of the art technology has become instrumental in assisting GPBA with addressing and solving issues in the city through the ‘Freeport Report App’ which allows the public to download the app for free and then register maintenance issues in real time.

Hayward also went on to note the impediments he and his fellow directors and management are facing with clearing dilapidated structures that are cluttering the city scape. “We are continuously addressing the issue of derelict buildings, in fact we’ve spent close to half a million in the last three months tearing buildings down” he said. “But we need to amend the current by-laws to allow us to expedite our strategy. Silver Sands took us 14 years to tear down. This is simply too long.”

While acknowledging the strides GBPA continues to make through these initiatives, Hayward admitted that there is still much work to do in securing the future of the City of Freeport and Grand Bahama as a whole. Hayward and his team are working to introduce new community initiatives in

the Pioneers Way and Queen’s Highway areas, which will rely on partnerships with local Members of Parliament, business owners and stakeholders to yield successful results.

“We recognize there is still a lot of work to do. We are going to continue to come up with new

strategies,” Hayward continued, “I come back to the point, that to make this city thrive again we need to engage everyone, including those in this room. And we know that if we can do that, we will have an important part of the puzzle to launch a new phase of growth for Grand Bahama.”



THE BAHAMAS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

STRATEGY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT IN THE BAHAMAS
ANATOL RODGERS HIGH SCHOOL ENERGY RETROFITS

This notice appears in local papers online and in the printed version. The official publication date of this notice is considered the date that it is posted online.

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Ministry of the Environment and Housing has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), to request competitive tenders from qualified companies to provide a cost-effective solution for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit (EER) at Anatol Rodgers High School, located on the island of New Providence in The Bahamas.

The goal of the EER is to decrease annual energy demand and improve comfort through the installation of energy conservation measures (ECM) and a rooftop solar PV array. Accordingly, Bidders are expected to design, supply and install the following ECMs:

- 250 kW-DC rooftop solar PV array;
- robust exterior lighting control system;
- vacancy sensors in all classrooms, computer labs, and lounges to control lights and ceiling fans;
- louver sensor interlock at gymnasium;
- programmable thermostats throughout the school;
- low-flow lavatory aerators;
- re-zone interior lighting system at entrance;
- re-organize refrigerant lines from condensing units; and
- commissioning new systems and retro-commissioning existing ones.

The successful bidder will be required to implement the project with a design-build contract that ensures a guarantee from the General Contractor to complete ECMs at an agreed schedule and budget, and will be responsible for the performance of all subcontractors.

Bidders are requested to acknowledge receipt of this RFP by responding via box.com to minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs and rford.contractor@rmi.org by 23rd May, 2018, for receipt confirmation. All subsequent information regarding this RFP, including changes made to the document, addenda, responses to questions, and any notifications will be directed only to Bidders who acknowledge receipt of the RFP.

Mandatory site visits will be conducted during the week of 11th June, 2018. Updated site visit information will be emailed only to Bidders who complete the receipt confirmation and declare intention to attend the site visit.

All bidders are expected to request clarifications by 22nd June, 2018, and final responses to requests for clarification will be issued on 29th June, 2018.

Proposals are to be delivered electronically to minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs and rford.contractor@rmi.org in English, and must be received on 13th July, 2018, by 23:59 hours (Daylight Saving Time).

Proposals will be evaluated based on the strength of the company and its project proposal, project costs and employment practices.

A detailed RFP can be downloaded from the official Bahamas Government Website at www.bahamas.gov.bs from the Tender and Notice section. For additional information, Bidders can contact the Ministry of the Environment and Housing at telephone number 397-9450 or 322-6005/6 or at minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs.



► Executive Director of the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) Rupert Hayward accepts a plaque of appreciation following a presentation to members of the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce, from (right to left) GBCC President Mick Holding, Hayward, and GBCC Secretary Karin Sanchez.