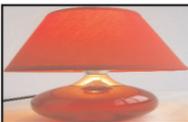


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# FNM GOV'T ILL PREPARED

**R**ecounting a number of failures in the Free National Movement government since coming to office in May of last year, the Chairman Emeritus of the Progressive Liberal Party, Bradley Roberts said they show that the government is ill prepared for



► Chairman Emeritus of the Progressive Liberal Party and former MP, Bradley Roberts

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## Police Probe Murder and Mayhem

BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

Four young men face jail-time after New Providence police discovered two illegal firearms this weekend.

According to reports, the Police Flying Squad officers on routine patrol stopped the occupants of a

silver vehicle.

Officers conducted a search and recovered a black .45 pistol containing 18 rounds of ammunition and a silver and black .45 pistol with 13 rounds of ammunition.

While searching one of

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## Police Officer Remanded On Drug Charge

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
 Journal Staff Writer

A young police officer spends the next few months behind bars.

The officer, 29-year-old Mario Newbold of Elizabeth Estates, was formally arraigned before Deputy Chief Magistrate Subusola Swain, on two separate counts, possession of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply and possession of cocaine with the intent to supply.

According to reports, three kilos of cocaine were found in his suitcase

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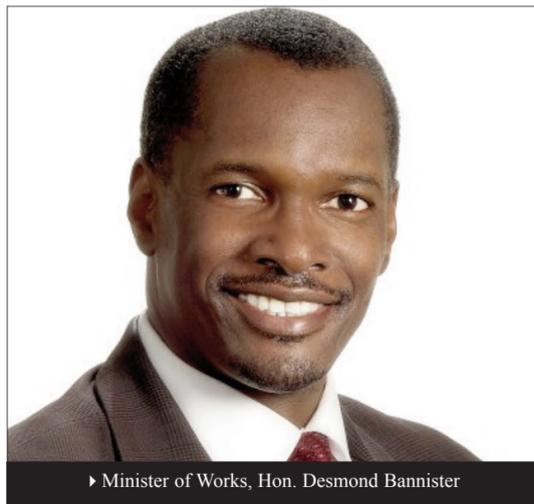
# Minister Outlines Gov't Construction Plans

BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

The issue of abandoned or unused buildings in the capital proving to be an extreme eye sore for both residents and tourists will be addressed as early as this week, according to Minister of Works Desmond Bannister.

Mr. Bannister announced last Friday that tenders will go out to contractors this week for

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► Minister of Works, Hon. Desmond Bannister

## Plans To Save Water and Sewerage Corporation Millions

BY LICEC BASTIAN

The Minister of Works Desmond Bannister says the government is looking at a comprehensive plan to save the Water and Sewerage Corporation millions of dollars on an annual basis.

Speaking with this Journal on the path WSC will take with its so-called right sizing exercise, Mr. Bannister, said plans are in place, although he could not say exactly when the Voluntary Separation Package (VSEP) process will happen.

"I spoke with the executive chairman recently, he anticipates that that will be offered very shortly, so employees of WSC are getting ready for it.

When asked how many persons the corporation intends to sever ties with and how much the government would save, Mr. Bannister said: "I can't say that at this stage, but you hang tight we'll let you know".

However, Mr. Bannister added that the VSEP was not the only avenue the government is looking at to save the corporation

from losing millions of dollars yearly.

"Water and Sewerage has a comprehensive plan that involves not simply the VSEP, but it involves a whole rebuilding exercise in the family islands, with their plants giving Bahamians an opportunity to invest in them, Mr. Bannister said.

As for financial woes, Mr. Bannister added that there are various reasons and challenges that have caused the corporation to lose, speaking to the cur-

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## GG ATTENDS EMANCIPATION DAY FESTIVITIES



► Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, receives a presentation from Jada Moss during the Emancipation Day festivities in Fox Hill, Monday, August 6, 2018. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

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# Minister To Address FI Airlift Challenge

BY LICEC BASTIAN

With Tourism numbers up for New Providence and with the number one tourism industry making significant strides, Minister of Tourism, Dionisio D'Aguilar says his Ministry has to find ways to improve airlift in the Family Islands.

Mr. D'Aguilar says, "the promotion board that deals with the family islands has been making the case that one of the reasons that their occupancies are so low is because they have a lift problem and the cost to get there is an issue.

"So, I met with them to address this issue and we're coming up with some solutions or some prospected solutions to improve airlift to some of these islands.

"I wanted to get a feel in every island what are we talking about, how many rooms and what is your expectation; what is the number of people you expect and you want to go into these islands; and then we can start to come together with a cohesive strategy on how to address this issue," Mr. D'Aguilar said.

Mr. D'Aguilar added that the industry is looking to improve travel particularly to Southern Bahamas.

"The number of rooms in Acklins, Crooked Island, and Mayaguana are

so small, it's, hard to sustain airlift to those islands, which such a small supply of hotel rooms.

"So, I'm trying to see how best to address that," Mr. D'Aguilar said.

He noted that the ministry is trying to address the age-old problem that has been going on for year.

"Bahamasair of course, has their smallest plane which is 50 seats, so sometimes it just doesn't make sense for them to go there. Economically it doesn't make sense.

"We are trying to see how we can get the smaller planes and the smaller operators to put in regular service. The problem is [that] they don't have regular service; this is what's impeding their ability to grow.

"We are definitely trying to address it, it's very much on my radar, high on my list of priorities," Mr. D'Aguilar said.

"We are trying to see how we can use Bahamasair or if that airline isn't the ideal carrier, then some of the local carriers; guarantee them routes and see how we can incentivize them to do that," he said

As for ways that can improve airlift, Director General of the Ministry of Tourism, Joy Jibrilu says the ministry is partnering with the Bahamas Out Island Promotion Board to promote Domestic Tourism.

"We know that the

Bahamas is the place that everyone comes for vacation, so why are we [Bahamians] leaving it, why are we not taking advantage of it?

"I'm going to put it another way, if we look at Nassau, and we ask Nassauvians 'how many of you have traveled to Long Island, to Exuma, to Eleuthera, we'll find that many of them would say 'no, I've not done it. I'd like to, but I've not done it,'" Mrs. Jibrilu said.

However, Mrs. Jibrilu added that domestic traveling is costly, and said that the promotion being done by the Ministry of Tourism and the Bahamas Out Island Promotion Board is to attract domestic travelers.

"We're in partnership with the Bahamas Out Island Promotion Board, one of the things that we're doing with all the member hotels there is the Resident Two Fly Free Program.

"So, for everyone who books a vacation to a Family Island and stays at one of the member property hotels, they can travel with another person free. So that immediately reduces cost.

"It is being so hugely successful, it has turned around the mindset of Bahamians who have taken advantage of it," Mrs. Jibrilu said.

She added that as the ministry continues with its promotion more opportunities will become available.

## Police Probe Murder and Mayhem

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the men, officers recovered a magazine with 8 rounds of ammunition.

The men were taken into custody and are expected to be formally charged before the magistrate court this week.

New Providence police also investigate a shooting leaving a men dead.

Reports said that shortly after 5am on Saturday, police received word of gunshots coming from a residence on Abner Street in Fox Hill.

Officers discovered a male lying on the floor of his home with gunshot wounds.

The victim was pronounced dead on the scene, however investigations are ongoing.

Police are also investigating an attempted armed robbery and stabbing.

According to reports, shortly after 2pm on Friday, the victim was approached by two males on John Road with knives attempting to rob him.

After a struggle ensued, the victim was stabled multiple times.

He was since transported to hospital and is listed in serious condition. Investigations into this matter are ongoing.

In other crime news, Police are investigating a shooting Sunday leaving three men hospitalized.

In the first incident, reports said that shortly after 4:00pm, four men were driving in a car on Hay street, when the occupants of a silver vehicle

opened fire in their direction injuring one of them.

The men were able to drive the victim to hospital, where he is now listed in stable condition. An adult male standing on the nearby park, received minor injuries, but declined medical attention.

In the second incident, reports say that shortly before 1 am yesterday, two men were driving on Alexandria Boulevard, Nassau Village, when occupants of a gold car opened fire in their direction, injuring both.

The injured men drove to a nearby residence and were assisted to hospital, where they are listed in serious but stable condition. Investigations are ongoing.

## Police Officer Remanded On Drug Charge

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aboard a charter flight at The Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA).

The drugs weighed 8lbs with an estimated street value of \$53,000.

Newbold pleaded not

guilty to both charges.

He was not granted bail and remanded to The Bahamas Department of Corrections until November 28, 2018 at 10am for trial.

Meanwhile, 23-year-old, Alvin Morrison of Village Road was also arraigned on the posses-

sion of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply.

The weight of the drugs 70lbs.

He too pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Morrison was not granted bail and also remanded to The Bahamas Department of Corrections until November 28th 2018.



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There will be a Public Briefing on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018, at the Ministry of Finance, at 10:00 am. During the Public Briefing questions regarding the Project and Terms of Reference will be addressed.

Permanent Secretary



### Ministry Of Transport and Aviation Road Traffic Department

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- A copy of National Insurance Card
- A current police record
- A copy of Driver's Public Service Badge

All applications should be submitted to the Franchise Unit, Road Traffic Department at The Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium no later than 4:00p.m. Friday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2018.

# Plans To Save Water and Sewerage Corporation Millions

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rent financial state of WSC.

"If you look at the financials, you'll see that every year WSC loses millions and millions of dollars, their finances are published, and you can look at them.

"They lose too much money and that's you and I paying that, so we have to do something about it.

Mr. Bannister added that this loss is due to inefficiency, from water

leaks and the fact that less is charged for the consumption of water than it is to produce it.

In June of this year, The Board of the Water and Sewerage Corporation decided to bring criminal charges against certain individuals in the wake of the Forensic Audit that found what the Chairman, Adrian Gibson termed tendering and procurement irregularities, suspected misappropriation of assets and

questionable undertakings.

In addition, the audit also found that contracts were being awarded above the pre-approved limits; there was a lack of vendor diligence; companies were being newly established for the awarding of a contract; there was no standing Tenders Committee for at least 5 years, meaning the General Manager gave contracts below \$100,000 by himself, said Mr. Gibson.

# Minister Outlines Gov't Construction Plans

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the demolition of the Clarence A. Bain building on Thompson Blvd.

He said, "we anticipate that, in short order, that building will only be a memory, and that we will be able to turn the site over to the University of The Bahamas to facilitate their expansion plans."

The minister also said that plans are underway for other large-scale infrastructural improvements.

He said, "I want to go through a few of them. The repurposing of the Independence Shopping Center at the intersection of Balliou Hill Road and Tonique Williams Darling Highway that was gutted in a woeful attempt

to construct a general post office."

He added these other initiatives: "the possible sale of the Rodney Bain Building and other unused government structures; construction of the new Central Bank and the new American Embassy downtown, the demolition of the old general post office to make way for construction of critical public infrastructure, the redevelopment of the Southern Recreation Grounds into a modern, upscale, safe park filled with amenities; the redevelopment of Clifford Park as a safe, user friendly, family-centered recreation site, and the construction of a new school in Carmichael Road which is the first step in addressing educational needs."

Mr. Bannister also shared

the government's plans about urban renewal and the Over-The-Hill communities.

He said, "the recently passed Economic Empowerment Zone Act will provide economic incentives for investment in our Over-The-Hill communities.

"The Prime Minister has spoken to his vision that the investment of persons like yourself will be made into a special person's entity that will provide investment opportunities for those who want better returns than the banks are willing to pay," he said.

At the same time, the government will be working on the enhancement of a few touristic facilities across the country.

Mr. Bannister says that the Minister of Tourism is especially excited for this initiative.



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<b>FREEPORT, G.B.</b>				
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Freeport Oil Co. Ltd.	ULSD	4.41	4.41	5.01
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NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT				
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		4.28	4.46	4.84
<b>PART E</b>				
<b>ALL OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS</b>				
NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT				
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.41	4.66	5.22
		4.30	4.46	4.86

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER  
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Jerry Pratt  
Nassau, Bahamas

**REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON RUPERT DEAN AND PRATT ALLEY NASSAU, BAHAMAS**

File No. 2046

1. TAKE NOTICE that the Minister Of Public Works in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Minister by Section 10 (1)(b)(i) of the *Buildings Regulations Act Chapter 188*, has made an Order dated the February 20, 2018 copy of which has been affixed on the premises requiring you the owner of the respective premises described above to remedy the cause of the said building or structure being in a ruinous dilapidated state, by demolishing the said building and removing any rubbish resulting from the demolition within sixty (60) days from the date of the Order.

  
Craig Delancy  
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER  
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Mario Newbold  
No. 37 Hospital Lane & Dunmore Street  
Nassau, Bahamas

**REF: A TWO STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON NO. 37 HOSPITAL LANE & DUNMORE STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS**

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Buildings Control Officer

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NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER  
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To: Ms. Beryl Brown  
No. 3 Dumping Ground & Ferguson Street  
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Office of the Prime Minister seeks the services of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in order to establish all land that is owned, leased or licensed for use by the Government. The Land Audit will build upon the work executed under The Bahamas Land Use, Policy and Administration Project, 2009 (LUPAP).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Government will engage the Service Provider to conduct the Land Audit which will:

- Spatially identify land and give ownership information within the study area in coordination with the Surveyor General;
- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of all properties within the study area;
- Create a user-friendly GIS database with ownership categories with useful fields that will assist in the planning and packaging of interventions;
- Create a Land Audit report (maps, tables and graphs, as applicable) for each island; &
- In particular regarding Crown Lands and Treasury Lands, to determine:
  - What Government Land has been alienated for use by others, either in the form of lease holds, licenses, authorizations, joint ventures and contractual obligations;
  - What Government Land is presently under commitments to be alienated, either via grant, lease holds or other means which has not yet been perfected;
  - What Government Land is presently under consideration to be divested either via grant, conveyance, lease or other means which has not yet been perfected; and
  - Whether Government Land leased to third parties is being used for its agreed upon purpose.

DELIVERABLES

- A Land Audit report containing methodology and Land Audit findings and recommendations;
- A Land Audit database with Title Documents as applicable and information on structures in the study area, submitted in Microsoft SQL or IBM Data base 2 format;
- An A0 map size with an overlay of subject land parcels; and
- 2x copies of DVDs/ CDs with GIS spatial datasets (WGS84 ESRI or ITRF shapefiles) of the above.

Bids must be submitted and sealed in an envelope clearly marked: APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS. All Tenders must be received no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018, and addressed to:

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# Implementing A Solution Oriented Approach

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.

What would a solution oriented approach look like in your business operations?

We want to take this discussion to the next level because theory is one thing; practical application is another. So let's look at examples of how you can apply this approach to your business.

Referring to the previous example of the Apollo 13 Space Mission, something had gone terribly wrong with whatever mechanical mechanism was needed for the spacecraft to re-enter the earth's atmosphere without burning up the spacecraft and killing the astronauts. The faulty mechanics was the problem.

Initially, the engineers kept trying to find a way to fix the problem. The Chief had to keep reminding them of the goal until they finally shifted their thinking. The goal was "bring the astronauts home".

So instead of trying to find a solution to fixing the problem with the mechanics, the engineers finally started focusing on ways to bring the astronauts home safely, which meant finding a workaround for the problem with the mechanics.

Let's look at fashion mogul Peter Nygard's example.

The challenge that Nygard faced was that the United States—actually the world—was going through a recession. Typically, it would mean a negative impact on his business.

Instead of attempting to fix the problem of stopping the recession, or stopping it from impacting his business, Nygard focused on goals he set for his company: his goals were 'reduce costs and increase profits'.

The shift in mindset is subtle. However, a shift in thinking is absolutely necessary. A solution oriented approach in these examples still achieves the same thing—resolving the challenges that they faced. What is key is not making it all about the problem, but instead, making it all about the solution.

Let's take another example from a likely common experience of many businesses, especially small businesses:

## 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.

If a business is facing new competition, then that creates a problem for the business in that their profits or their ability to make money may suffer. The problem in this situation is that new competition may negatively impact your business.

In applying a solution oriented approach to the situation, you have to shift your thinking about the situation. Instead of focusing on the problem, you have to decide on and focus on a goal, which will resolve the situation.

The key thing that you have to consider in deciding a goal is to 'stop your business from being negatively impacted by the situation'. But know that isn't the goal. That is simply a factor that impacts the goal.

Just like the engineers had to realize that the goal wasn't to 'stop the problem from impacting the astronauts' return to earth'. It was a key consideration with the goal, but it wasn't the goal. The goal was to bring the astronauts home.

Same thing with Nygard. The goal wasn't to stop the recession from negatively impacting his business. It was a consideration with his goal of reducing costs and increasing profits.

So in our example, the goal can be any one of the following:

Maintain the business' customer base  
Add new customers to existing customer base  
Increase business profits

Solutions to all of these goals will resolve the problem of 'competition negatively impacting your business'. After setting the goal, then you can apply the other steps that we previously listed for practicing a solution oriented approach—like soliciting help to brainstorm strategies to achieve your goal.

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# DEBT-NIXED DEVELOPMENT

Debt peonage is today's most deleterious side effect inherent in a capitalist-oriented society where buy-now-pay later is the economic order of the day!

[and for sure]: ---If ever there was a Bahamian who really understands the way the Bahamas is economically situated in the world, one of the very best in this knowledge of the economy category is Sir Franklyn Roosevelt Wilson.

Evidently, therefore whilst there are surely other similarly savvy Bahamians, Sir Franklyn bests the best of them when it comes to helping the so-called man in the street get a handle on what is really going in as regards this country's macro-economy.

For this we say only this: --- We surely appreciate this brother's life, legacy and continuing contribution to this country of ours.

Of moment even now is an observation he once made to the effect that: ---"...By the end of 2014, the level of consumer debts had increase to almost \$2.3 Billion Dollars or about \$11,500 for every working person... Thus, from 1991 to 2014, our average income after taxes increased by about 8 percent but the level of our consumer loans went up by almost 500 percent..."

This is nothing short of leading in the direction of the massively catastrophic!

It therefore is nothing short of nastily disastrous [if] or that matter, when you step out - say, on a special weekend- you wake to find that the malls are abuzz with people going about their business which apparently involves only eating, drinking, spending and, as the saying on the street goes, enjoying life.

But yet, appearances can and do sometimes deceive.

The truth that we know deep down to our core has to do with the fact that, on any given day, tens of thousands of Bahamians are mired in distress; tired and sick and oft-times, teetering on the cusp of disaster; all of this precisely because the so-called 'average Bahamian cannot make ends meet.

And as Sir Franklyn has also pointed out, most of these people are flat-out broke.

As a consequence, churches cannot make ends

meet; whole families are hammered and left shattered; and evidently, some among us crumble into illness, penury and on occasion, to death itself as we pay for foolish decisions made in times past.

We bought stuff that was of no value; we invested in little and so today, we have no savings; and so it follows, some of us now dance -as it were- on the brink of a teetering precipice.

As Wilson so rightly questions and explains: - How did we (As Individuals) go about meeting the shortfall between our level of income and the choices we made?

The answer is that we borrowed.

And so we now know that: - A huge amount of the new borrowings was strictly for what became widely known as "Consumer Loans", which are different from say mortgage loans or business loans. Consumer Loans are generally for personal uses, such as cars, and furniture, as well as activities which what one bank even calls "summer madness."

And so today we agree with a Franklyn R. Wilson, K.C.M.G. who got it just right when he reminded all who would be reminded that: - When our OUT GO consistently exceeds our IN-COME, our UP-KEEP will become our DOWNFALL. Put differently, we simply cannot forever spend more than we make.

And herein we find an explanation of sorts as to why so very many of our fellow Bahamians now find themselves not only enmeshed in the coils of debt and despair; but where they find themselves bereft of friends or family able enough to come to their aid.

This latter state -regrettably - is as it now stands precisely because these friends and those family members are themselves ensnared in debt; in possession of things that now degenerate into junk or into fading memories of some time or the other when they all shopped until they dropped.

And thus it arises that, there are some others -especially our youth- who having grown accustomed to the easy life now find it especially difficult to understand that, the party is really coming to an end.

This is all so very sad!



### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHERN RECREATION GROUNDS

The Government of The Bahamas through the Ministry of Public Works seeks to engage suitable contractors for Phase 1 of the Redevelopment of the Southern Recreation Grounds located Baillou Hill Road, and Cockburn Street.

#### Schedule for Tender Opening

Companies interested in tendering may obtain Tender Documents at:

Architectural Section  
Department of Public Works  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor North Wing  
Ministry of Public Works  
John F. Kennedy Drive  
Nassau, Bahamas

A compact disc containing the Tender documents may be collected between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 as of Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Applicants will be responsible to print hard copies of the Tender Documents for their use. Documents are to be completed in accordance with the instructions therein. The non-refundable fee must be paid in cash at the Accounts Section on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Ministry of Public Works Building, John F. Kennedy Drive.

All tender bids **must** include the following:

- Completed Tender Document
- Completed pre-qualification document
- Current Business License,
- Current National Insurance Compliance Letter
- Value Added Tax Registrant Number or Tax Identification Number (T.I.N.) Registrant Number.
- Current Tax Compliance Certificate.
- Proof of ability to obtain Contractors All Risk Insurance for the contract value and period.

Sealed Tender submissions should be addressed to the **Permanent Secretary Ministry Of Public Works** and are to be deposited in the Tender Box located at:

Tenders Board  
Ministry of Finance  
Ground Floor  
Sir Cecil Wallace Whitfield Building  
West Bay Street  
Nassau, Bahamas

Tender submissions will be received no later than 10:00 am, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

All persons who submit bids are invited to attend the Tender opening at 10:00am, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Please note the Ministry Of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.



#### MINISTRY OF LABOUR THE PRICE CONTROL ACT, 1971 CHAPTER 339 THE PRICE CONTROL (GASOLINE & DIESEL OIL) (AMENDMENT) ( ) REGULATIONS, 2011

The public is advised that prices as shown in the Schedule for LEAD FREE GASOLINE sold by Freeport Oil Company Limited (FOCOL) became effective on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

#### SCHEDULE

PLACE	ARTICLE	MAXIMUM WHOLESALE SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON		MAXIMUM RETAIL SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON (VAT INCLUSIVE)
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## NOTICE

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Please be advised that the following trade unions are in compliance with Section 30 (1), (2), and (3) of the Industrial Relations Act Ch321, Statute Law of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas:

- Bahamas Educators Managerial Union (BEMU)
- Bahamas Electrical Utility Managerial Union (BEUMU)
- Bahamas Electrical Workers Union (BEWU)
- Bahamas Financial Services Management Workers Union (BFSMU)
- Bahamas Hotel and Restaurants Employers Association (BHEA)
- Bahamas Industrial Engineers Managers & Supervisory Union (BIEMSU)
- Bahamas Musicians Entertainers Union (BMEU)
- Bahamas Utilities Services & Allied Workers Union (BUSAWU)
- Commonwealth Union of Hotel Services
- Union of Central Bankers (UCB)
- Union of Public Officers (UPO)
- Union of Tertiary Educators of The Bahamas (UTEB)

Signed  
Mr. John Pinder  
Registrar of Trade Unions  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS



## NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF TRADE UNIONS

The public is hereby notified that the Registration of the following Trade Unions has been cancelled pursuant to section 15(b) of the Industrial Relations Act Chapter 321 Statute Laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

- BahamaLand Construction & Allied Workers Union
- Bahamas Casino Employees Association
- Bahamas Cement, Marine, Maintenance Building Construction & Allied Workers Union
- Bahamas Marine Dock Construction & Refinery Workers Union
- Bahamas Maritime Port & Allied Workers Union
- Bahamas Petroleum Retailers Association
- Bahamas Security Allied Workers Union
- Commonwealth Transport Distributive & Allied Workers Union
- Commonwealth Transport Union
- Eastside Stevedores Union
- Optometric Association of The Bahamas
- Public Service Drivers Union
- The Bahamas Containers Port & Allied Workers Union
- United Brotherhood Long shore Union

Mr. John Pinder  
Registrar of Trade Unions

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

## INVITATION FOR TENDER

## Residential Waste Collection New Providence

The Government of The Bahamas is inviting Tenders for the weekly collection of residential waste in New Providence.

Interested parties may obtain further information, including eligibility to participate and may collect the bidding document(s) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per document, as of July 2, 2018 from:

The Department of Environmental Health Services  
Farrington Road  
Nassau Bahamas  
Tel: (242)-302-5150, 322-8037

Between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The method of payment will be certified cheque or cash. Tenders are to be submitted in triplicate (3) in a sealed envelope(s) and addressed to:

The Tenders Board  
c/o The Financial Secretary  
Ministry of Finance  
Cecil V. Wallace Whitfield Centre  
P.O. Box N-3017  
Nassau, The Bahamas

No later than 4:30 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

Tenders will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at the office of the Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all Tenders.

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The public is hereby notified that a Site Plan Application (SPA/5/2018) on behalf of Mosko Group Limited is being reviewed by the Department of Physical Planning for presentation to the Town Planning Committee.

The applicant is requesting preliminary approval to develop a cemetery on a 7.76-acre tract of land, situated on the southern side of Soldier Road and immediately east of Kennedy Subdivision. The proposed site also is bounded in part on the eastern boundary by Windsor Place Subdivision.

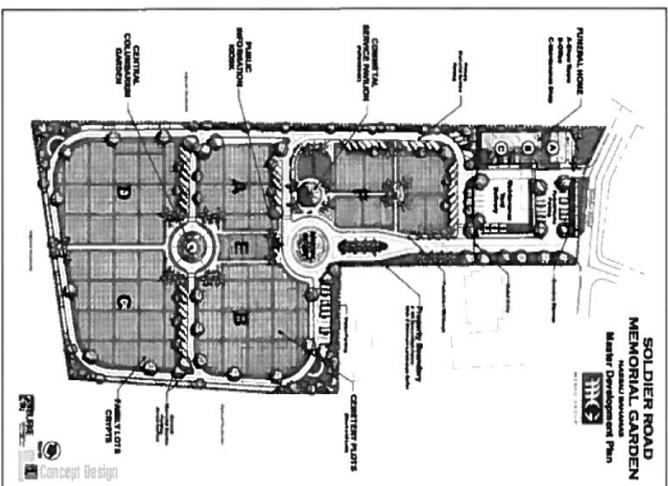
The preliminary site plan and file for the proposed development are available for viewing at the Department of Physical Planning, located in the Aventura Plaza on John F. Kennedy Drive, during normal working hours.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to review the information on file and provide written comments to the Acting Director of Physical Planning within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this notice.

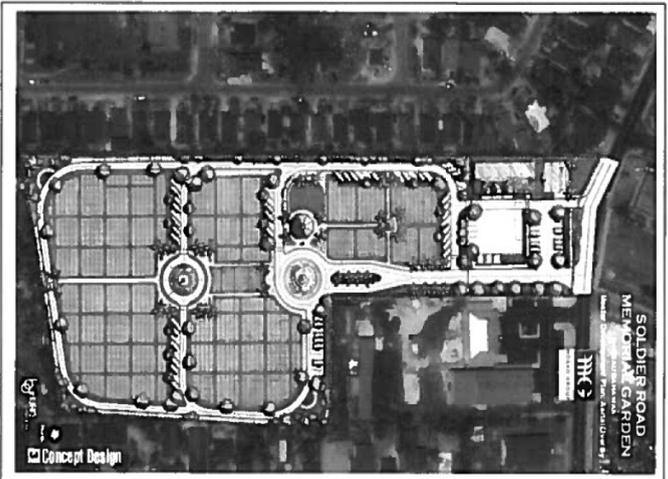
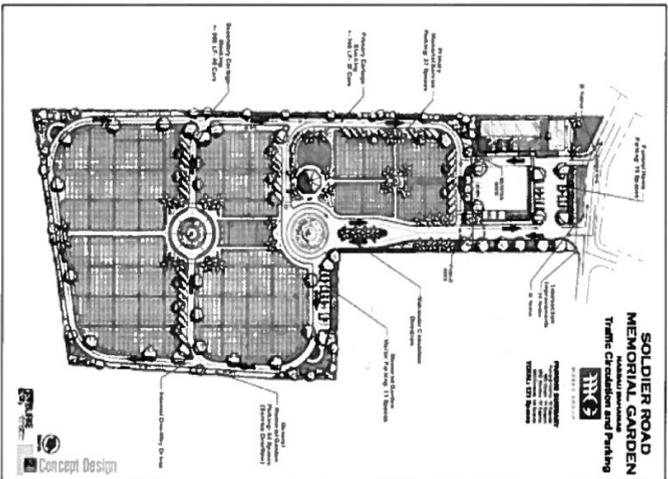
Submissions should be made via P.O. Box N -1611 Nassau, Bahamas or fax (242) 328 – 3206. Further inquiries should be made to the Acting Director via Tel: (242)322-7550/2 or (242)328-3202 or [CHARLESZONICLE@BAHAMAS.GOV.BS](mailto:CHARLESZONICLE@BAHAMAS.GOV.BS)

Signed

**Charles B. Zonicle**  
Acting Director of Physical Planning



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# FNM GOV'T ILL PREPARED

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governance. The former Cabinet Minister in a press statement says, "the Minnis government has executed and engaged in a number of failed and questionable policy decisions. Namely, the irrational and inexplicable repeal of the Investment Incentive Act; the mass firings on Grand Bahama; the cancellation of the apprenticeship program with the Grand Bahama Shipyard; the botched Oban deal; and now the recently botched Grand Lucayan purchase deal just to name a few. Employment is now stagnant on Grand Bahama and the anemic economy is slowly dying.

"To add insult to injury, the government proposed to change the tax laws (the VAT Act) to refund half of the tax revenue generated in Grand Bahama to the industrial sector. This is

contrary to legal opinion.

Asking "Is the Minnis government even interested in Grand Bahama," Mr. Roberts said, "there is no rational explanation for the government's inability to conclude the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the sale of the Grand Lucayan executed and left in place by the Christie PLP administration designed to facilitate and lead the economic resurgence of Grand Bahama. The Prime Minister readily admitted that opening the hotel is critical and catalytic to the island's economic turnaround, but his actions show otherwise. The brash and ill-advised characterization of the deal by the Deputy Prime Minister was unhelpful but the fact is, fifteen months into their administration, this deal is dead. Negotiations for a new deal from scratch will take at least three and one-half years so it is highly

unlikely that a new deal with Wynn will materialize in this term.

"As an aside, the gratuitous media comments attributed to Mr. Paul Wynn about his negotiations with the PLP government are inconsequential because he signed a MOU outlining the way forward on the sale of the Grand Lucayan. The MOU contains the unvarnished facts on his negotiations with the Christie administration. I continue to make the point that the facts do matter and for those who wish to deflect away and detract from the failures of this hapless and ineffective FNM, I simply refer to the MOU," Said Mr. Roberts.

He said, "the other significant policy failure of this FNM government is the Oban deal. It is a deal reek with fraud where no less than the Prime Minister intentionally and gratuitously misled the

Parliament, an impeachable offence. Additionally, the Oban deal offers very little in the way of jobs creation, economic growth and public revenue. The government's own internal investigation by the cabinet – the same people who approved the Oban deal – concluded that the government broke the law. Their grave offence was committed with no consequences so Oban 2 therefore begs the question of why is the FNM giving themselves two bites at the same proverbial albeit fraudulent cherry and who in the Cabinet or which FNM friend, family or lover stands to substantially benefit from this Oban deal?

"This brings me to the Carnival cruise port deal left in place by the PLP government. What is the status of that agreement? There is no question that the proposed Carnival cruise port in East Grand Bahama, for which there is

a HOA, would boost badly needed tourist arrivals with both pre and post cruises to and out of East Grand Bahama. Taxi drivers, bus drivers, shops, restaurants and entertainment are just some of the amenities and economic benefits this cruise port can bring to East Grand Bahama, effectively establishing a new city and population center in that part of the island.

"The United States government operated a missile tracking base at pristine Gold Rock in east Grand Bahama. The Carnival cruise port would necessitate the opening of an airport at the Gold Rock airstrip, complete with customs and immigration to facilitate the transfer of cruise ship passengers. The airstrip there is in excess of ten thousand linear feet, allowing for the accommodation of large aircraft. The number of new jobs to be generated would be significant," said the former MP.

Mr. Roberts said, "there is absolutely no comparison between the Carnival Cruise Port and Oban deals in terms of economic benefits to the general community of east Grand Bahama and to the public coffers. The painful health and environmental issues and lessons learned by the residents of Pinder's Point, Hunters and Lewis Yard from the BORCO experience should make Oban an overwhelming non-starter. The Carnival cruise port deal also does not impose the destructive health and environmental liabilities and threats inherent in a petroleum storage and refining operations.

"The PLP government did lay a firm foundation of progress in Grand Bahama on which to build but it is becoming increasingly clear that with this Minnis government, the people's time has not yet come," said Mr. Roberts.



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