



## Decision List BC Meeting 04/30/2024

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| <b>Subtitle</b>  | Weekly BC Meeting                                  |
| <b>Date</b>      | 04/30/2024   |
| <b>Time</b>      | 9:00 – 12:00                                       |
| <b>Location</b>  | Courtroom  |
| <b>Chair</b>     | Governor Johnson                                   |
| <b>Attendees</b> | Eviton Heyliger, Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers |

### 1.0.0 **Welcome**

### 2.0.0 **Minutes**

*Attachment:*

BC Meeting Minutes 23.04.2024

BC Minutes 14.2024

*Decision:*

Approved.

### 3.0.0 **Discussion Papers**

#### 3.0.1 **Advice Spatial Development Programme Caribbean Netherlands**

The Spatial Development Programme Caribbean Netherlands summarises national spatial policy for the Caribbean Netherlands. Several sessions with the Executive Council and Island Council were held in 2023 and 2024 by a representative of the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations to inform and engage them during the development of the program.

Public consultation on the draft program took place in early 2024 which received no comments from Saba.

The Executive Council has been asked for advice on the program prior to formal adaption by the State Secretary. BC is asked to share concept response with the Island Council for wishes and concerns, and approve the response for submission to the State Secretary on 1st of May 2024.



*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.3 BC Proposal DV Work Plan 2024 & Request to Ministry VWS**

The core of the work plan is centered on developing a sustainable and effective approach to address domestic violence and child abuse on Saba. This involves prioritizing key initiatives and strategies to prevent and mitigate these issues, enhance support services, raise awareness, and enforce legal measures. The collaboration between government authorities, the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS), and other stakeholders underscores the importance of a coordinated and comprehensive effort to address these pressing societal challenges.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.4 Budget request NEPP**

In the Steering Group of April 10th, several new NEPP project proposals were presented by the Public Entity Saba. The aim of these proposals is to continue working towards reaching the NEPP goals. Focus themes were waste management and rainwater management, and continuation of some ongoing projects. As the budget for 2024 is tight, the Steering Group has not yet decided on budgets for ongoing projects. However, budget was approved for the following:

- Measures that can be implemented on the short term to improve waste management and lay a basis for further development of a sustainable waste management system on Saba;
- Research and monitoring for the development of a rainwater management strategy for Saba).

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.5 Building permit Gray Bush Road**

A building permit application was submitted for a cottage along Gray Bush Road, Windwardside (certificate of admeasurement 25/1970). The application is in compliance with the applicable building regulation.



*Decision:*

Approved.

### 3.0.7

#### **Contract Renewal AGL**

Renewal of contract for Semi- Annual & Annual preventative maintenance with AGL 2024 – 2025. (runway Light System for Night time Medevacs)

To keep the AGL installation functioning and the equipment safe, maintenance and conservation of all exterior equipment is essential and must be done meticulously and on a regular basis, by certified technicians.

AGL has provided excellent services & expertise since installation in 2015.

**NB** The costs for the on-call service and answering telephone calls are included in the unit prices of this price proposal. The costs related to an actual intervention will be charged depending on unit prices at the time of intervention as listed in the contract.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### 3.0.9

#### **Documentary Saba goat**

The goat control project is resulting in a gradual reduction of the roaming goat population on the island. While this is necessary for nature conservation and to prevent damage to private and public property, this project impacts a decades long culture on Saba in which free roaming goats were common. To document this part of the island's identity, Chizzilala was asked to develop a documentary on the 'Saba goat'. This documentary describes the history of goats on Saba, the current practices of goat keeping and goat hunting are documented, and the impact of roaming goats on nature.

Attached is a quotation for the production of this documentary. The total costs are \$15,000 excl. ABB. This can be financed via the communication budget line in the budget for the goat control project.



*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.1.1 Fort Bay Road repair fencing and risk assessment**

In November 2022, during heavy rains, the Fort Bay Road fencing collapsed due to falling rocks. The fence is seriously damaged, including the steel cables. A drone survey of the area showed the complexity of the problem. It was concluded that the fencing has limited effect and that a long-term solution is needed. However, for the short-term the existing fencing will be repaired pending a long-term solution.

#### **Short-term solution**

Repairing the steel netting requires certain technical expertise and involves working in a difficult and risky location. Saba Roads & Construction originally built the fencing and was therefore asked for a quotation to carry out the repair works. Saba Roads has the capacity to start the repair works in the short term.

#### **Long-term solution**

At the same time, there is a need and urgency to come up with a long-term solution. It is suggested to have an extensive risk analysis carried out with additional drone surveys, data analysis and site inspections by a geologist. This risk analysis will provide the necessary information that will guide the design of the long-term solution and will help as a supporting document in finding funding to develop and carry out the long-term solution. Alite BV is very familiar with the island and has the equipment available on island to proceed with the drone surveys.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **4.0.0 Formalities**

### **5.0.0 Incoming pieces/request (on paper)**

#### **Application Housing and Tuition Allowance (223/2024)**

Application submitted for housing and tuition allowance for study abroad.



*Decision:*  
BC approve request.

**Change of business license (243/2024)**

Request submitted for change of address for sole proprietorship Elva Spa.

*Decision:*  
BC approve request.

**6.0.0 Announcements**

Announcements:

1. Governor Johnson
2. Commissioner Zagers
3. Commissioner Heyliger
4. Acting Island Secretary van der Kaap-Hassell

**7.0.0 Signing**

**8.0.0 Closing**