



CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS **16th and 18th December, 2019**

His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert chaired a Special Meeting held on 13th December, 2019, at the Premier's Conference Room, Ralph T. O'Neal Central Administration Building.

All Members were present.

Special Cabinet Meeting – 16th December, 2019

The Cabinet:

1. Considered and decided that a Virgin Islands Marine Safety Investigation and Reporting Authority (MSIRA) be established within the Government of the Virgin Islands, in accordance with the Implementation of International Maritime Organisation Instruments (III) Code and the mandatory International Maritime Organisation Casualty Investigation Code and the Merchant Shipping Act; decided that the Virgin Islands' MSIRA be established as part of the Premier's Office, the Ministry responsible for Maritime Administration and coordination; decided that the Accidents Reporting and Investigation Regulations 1999 of the UK, which has been adopted in the Territory, be amended by the Attorney General's Chambers and following approval, the Regulations be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette and laid on the table of the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
2. Decided to approve an additional one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to cover additional work on Economic Substance legislation and related matters and approved an additional payment of \$114,485.19 to Messrs. Michael Furness and Jack Rivett for additional work completed on the said legislation.
3. Decided that the terms included in the Peter Island's Resort and Spa - Redevelopment Agreement be considered and utilised by the parties (the Government and Peter Island 2000 Holding Inc. (the Developer) as a working draft for negotiating (as a guide for negotiation) and the subsequent execution of an Investment and Economic Agreement by the Premier, on behalf of the Government; decided that Peter Island (2000) Limited be granted a Hotel Licence pursuant to Section 3 of the Hotel Aid Ordinance Cap 280 from 1st June,

2021 to May 2026, and decided that the Attorney General's Chambers continue negotiation of the terms of Agreement.

4. Approved the transfer of Crown land to the BVI Airports Authority for the construction of hangars, and the upgrade and modernisation of the existing terminal and services being offered at the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport.

His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert chaired the Meeting held on 18th December, 2019, which was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Ralph T. O'Neal Central Administration Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Health and Social Development, who was on private leave.

Cabinet Meeting – 18th December, 2019

The Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and approved the resolution submitted by the Chairman of the BVI Tourist Board to increase the stipends paid to its Directors as follows:
 - i. Chairman - eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) per month;
 - ii. Deputy Chairman - fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per month;
 - iii. Members - nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) per month.
2. Reviewed and approved the Resolution submitted by the Chairman of the BVI Ports Authority to increase the stipends paid to its Directors as follow:
 - i. Chairman - eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) per month;
 - ii. Deputy Chairman - fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per month; and
 - iii. Members - nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) per month.
3. Permitted the BVI Airports Authority (BVIAA) to commence negotiations with the representatives of Qurom Island BVI Ltd. for the purchase of 654 arces of land located at Trellis Bay, Beef Island and decided that the BVIAA be supported by the Senior Lands Officer in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour during the negotiation process.

4. Decided that Ms. Marian Romney and Ms. Patricia M. Romney be compensated for the portion of their land encroached on to facilitate road improvement, realignment and sidewalks in the Sea Cows Bay Registration.
5. Decided that the tendering requirements be waived to facilitate the issuance of a contract to Mr. Russell Jones *dba* "Russell Jones Consultants" to continue providing Project Management Services for the Next Generation 911 Call Handling Centre with effect from 1st August 2019 to 30th April 2020.
6. Decided that permission be granted to Peter Island Ltd. to use the seabed for the installation of thirty-nine (39) commercial moorings in the following quantities and locations at Peter Island - White Bay: ten (10), Key Bay: nine (9), Little Harbour: five (5), and Deadman's Bay: fifteen (15) subject to the following conditions:
 - i. the Government of the Virgin Islands at all times reserves the right to require the mooring buoys to be removed on three (3) months' notice;
 - ii. personnel from the National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands must be given two (2) weeks' notice in writing, prior to the mooring installation process, so that they can advise on the placement of the moorings;
 - iii. the applicant must inform the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration and the National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands in writing when the mooring buoys are installed;
 - iv. permission to increase, decrease, transfer or remove the development must be sought from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration;
 - v. the installation process, must be completed in accordance with the mooring maps submitted as depicted, which will be utilised for the purpose of calculating the annual rental of the licence to be issued in accordance with the Marine Estate Policy 1996, and
 - vi. the applicant must enter into an annual licence agreement immediately with the Crown.
7. Approved one Non-Belongers land holding licence application and one application for the lease of Crown land for commercial purposes only.

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