

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. THOMAS HELD ON MAY 12, 2016**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council of St. Thomas was held in the Council's Meeting Room on Thursday, May 12, 2016, commencing at 10:22 a.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE COMMENCEMENT**

Councillor L. Mathison, Chairman Parish Council and Mayor of Morant Bay  
Councillor R. Bryan  
Councillor J. Spencer  
Councillor C. Bogle  
Councillor H. Williams  
Councillor L. Rawle  
Councillor V. Hutchinson

### **MEMBERS WHO ENTERED DURING THE PROCEEDINGS**

Councillor M. McLeod  
Councillor M. Francis

#### **Officers in attendance were:**

Mr. E. Greene J.P., Secretary/Manager and Clerk to the Committee  
Mrs. S. Hemmings-Bryan, Director of Administration  
Mr. J. Robinson, Director of Planning  
Ms. T. Thomas, Budget and Revenue Officer  
Mrs. J. James, Inspector of Poor  
Mrs. T. Small-Broderick, Director of Finance (Actg.)  
Mrs. K. Skeete-Grant Internal Auditor (Actg.)  
Mrs. K. Esson, General Administrator (Personnel)  
Mr. H. Jackson, Superintendent of Roads and Works  
Mrs. S. Francis, Matron Infirmary  
Ms. M. Medley, Parish Co-ordinator Disaster Preparedness  
Mr. D. Roper, Deputy Superintendent, Jamaica Fire Brigade  
Mr. B. Rigabie, Superintendent of Police, St. Thomas Division  
Dr. D. Smith, Senior Medical Officer of Health  
Mrs. P. Ellington, Chief Public Health Inspector  
Mr. P. Griffith, Project Manager, LSDPU  
Ms. C. Sewell, Office Manager, LSDPU  
Mr. R. Jackson, National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)  
Ms. N. Leslie, Social Development Commission (SDC)  
Mr. L. Allen, Customer Service and Field Service Manager, Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS)  
Mrs. M. Moyston, Actg. Executive Secretary and Recording Clerk

- Notice convening the meeting** 1. The Notice convening the meeting was read by the Mr. Errol Greene J.P., Secretary/Manager.
- Devotion** 2. Devotion was done by Pastor Leason Burnett, Chaplain of the St. Thomas Parish Council.
- Apology for absence** 3. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of the following persons:
1. Councillor Edwin Marr, Vice Chairman Parish Council and Deputy Mayor of Morant Bay
  2. Ms. Grace Dean, Actg. Parish Manager, Parish Manager, MLSS

- 3. Mrs. L. Peart-Roberts, Parish Manager, SDC
- 4. Mrs. B. Lawson-Kildare, Zonal Monitor, NSWMA

**Correction of the minutes**      4.    Nil

**Confirmation of the minutes**    5.    The minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the St. Thomas Parish Council held on April 14, 2016, having been circulated were confirmed on the motion of Councillor Hutchinson and seconded by Councillor Williams.

**Matters arising**                      6.    Nil

**Chairman's Announcement**    7.    **All Island Cricket – St. Thomas**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ludlow Mathison informed the Council that St. Thomas finished in second place at the All Island Cricket Match.

**Launch of Youth Empowerment Service – Dalvey Division**

Mayor Mathison announced a recent launch of a Youth Empowerment, Homework and Counseling Centre in the Dalvey Division.

**Development of Lyssons Beach in St. Thomas**

Mayor Mathison informed the members of the Council that a development project was being undertaken at the Lyssons Beach in the Parish.

**Launch of Farming Project – White Horses**

Mayor Mathison informed the Council of the launch of a farming project in White Horses through the initiative of the Upliftment group. He mentioned that the representative for the White Horses Division, Councillor Williams was also present at the launch.

**Labour Day Project 2016**

The Chairman informed that the selected parish Labour Day Project for 2016 was a drain in Bamboo River, Morant Bay along the sea coast towards the Rudolph Elder Park.

He also announced that a meeting of the Labour Day Committee was set for Friday, May 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council's meeting room.

The Parish Church Service for Labour Day will be held at the Methodist Church in Bath on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**Update on sections of the parish that were affected by heavy rains during the period April 22-24, 2016**

His Worship the Mayor, asked the Superintendent of Roads and Works to provide the Council with an update on the caption.

The Superintendent of Roads and Works informed the Council that the Roads and Works have executed about 30% of clean up activities.

He said that works were carried out in the communities of Hillside that was affected by land slippage and drain blockages.

He reported that there was serious flooding in Seaforth as a result of ponds that have become over saturated and full to capacity. He said also that the road in Navarre Lane was in a deplorable condition and required urgent repairs. He said that minor works were done to the road; however it still needed urgent attention, including the construction of a drain that leads to the road at Navarre Lane.

Further damage was done at Cluney Road, Seaforth due to land slippages and blockages. Minor work was also done in the area.

The Superintendent of Roads and Works said that funding was a challenge and that assistance was sought from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development. He also said that the Council had submitted a flood damage report and awaiting a response from the Ministry.

**Reports from External Agencies**

**8. The Jamaica Constabulary – St. Thomas Division – Report**

No report was tabled.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the Commanding Officer for St. Thomas, Superintendent of Police Beau Rigabie to the parish and by extension the Council meeting.

The Superintendent of Police, Mr. Beau Rigabie updated the members of the Council about the status on crime perspectives in the parish.

He reported that eight (8) murders occurred in the parish between the periods January 1, 2016 to May 7, 2016; however, he said that since the preparation of the report one (1) more murder occurred, totaling nine (9). The murders recorded across the parish were three (4) in Morant Bay, three (3) in Yallahs, 1 in Trinityville and one (1) in Port Morant.

He added that four (4) knife related incidents occurred and warned that the Police will intensify their drive towards offensive weapon, as persons walk with their knives as their tool of trade for farming purpose which he said had a high propensity for use during a squabble or domestic dispute.

As it relates to incidences of sexual offences, specifically rape, he said that there were twelve (12) cases recorded in comparison to six (6) cases last year around the same time. He stressed that it was not a lack of education, understanding or arrest that leads to the situation in the parish, but something else.

He asked the members of the Council to take some effort and interest in the matter both individually and collectively to turn the situation around, as it could impact the future of St. Thomas.

Councillor Bryan in making reference to the report of the Superintendent of Police questioned what has been done to solve the nine (9) cases of murder.

In response, Superintendent Rigabie said that four (4) arrests were made of the nine (9) cases. He said that since the start of the year, twelve (12) cases of murder were cleared involving incidents from 2015 and 2016.

As it relates to a murder case involving Morlan Perry and others, Superintendent Rigabie said that the Police operation was ongoing from the latter part of 2015; however, the Police had intensified its operations in March and April 2016 which resulted in arrest of two (2) members of his gang. He said that one (1) individual engaged the Police Officers in a battle and lost his life.

On another matter, the Secretary/Manager mentioned that a Senior Superintendent of Police for traffic had issued a warning about a zero tolerance approach towards traffic violation, and asked Superintendent Rigabie how St. Thomas will be affected as a result of such enforcement.

In response, Superintendent Rigabie said that traffic enforcement in the parish has intensified and in some instances, there were Examiners from the Transport Authority.

He noted that areas in the major spaces such as Yallahs Square and Morant Bay township were mainly targeted, but he said that the Police will ensure that law and order is maintained and that there is a free flow of traffic to everyone.

In light of the aforementioned, Councillor Williams asked Superintendent Rigabie if he was comfortable at that point in time with the conditions of the road in the parish, especially from Morant Bay round-about to Cedar Valley.

He also asked the Superintendent if he think that it was fair for Examiners to stop and interrogate the motorist based on the fact that the Government was not living up to their obligation in ensuring that the citizens have proper road to remain safe.

The Superintendent of Police responded by saying that everyone has a job to perform. He made reference to a recent Police operation by saying that sixty two (62) vehicles were stopped and examined and only two (2) licence plates were removed from vehicles.

He said further that it was not a case whereby more vehicles did not warrant similar action by the Police; however, he said that he believed that there was some amount of consideration given as a result of the road condition.

The Superintendent also informed the members of the Council that the Police have vested interest for persons to live within a space where there is a fair level of safety, as such, he said that there must be a balance.

Councillor Williams mentioned that he was happy that the Superintendent mentioned the word safety, as he believed that the Police who also used the roadways could attest to its condition and how it could actually cause setback in response time during the execution of their duties.

He said further that he did not believe that an Examiner should harass the motorists who traverse that route, as it was very dangerous; however, the Superintendent of Police said that the motor vehicles carrying passengers ought to be road worthy.

A long discussion ensued on the matter.

Councillor McLeod asked the Superintendent of Police to ensure that passengers, especially children reach home safely whenever they stop motorist and turn over their vehicles to Examiner.

Superintendent Rigabie in response said that consideration of passengers' safety was in fact vital. He made reference to a recent crash involving a minivan which was defective and overload, which he said was carrying about 40 persons when it should actually carry 15 passengers.

Councillor McLeod also asked that the Police turn off their siren whenever they traverse the Lyssons route and reach within the vicinity of the Princess Margaret hospital, as it was a silent zone.

Superintendent Rigabie promised to address the matter, as it was not something that he expected to have occurred.

On a different note, Councillor Hutchinson asked that the Police be more vigilant on the road, as motorists operate contrary to the law at a four (4) way intersection in Jamaica.

Superintendent Rigabie in addressing the concern of Councillor Hutchinson said that the matter was of interest by the Police as it is a situation that could cause fatality. He said that road users need to be educated or re-educated as well as sensitized about the proper use of intersections. That he said that the Police was committed to do and thereafter prosecute persons who failed to comply with the law.

As it relates to motorcyclist on the road, Councillor Bryan said that he had an issue with the loud noise on the road from the bikers as a result of the engine that they used. He also said that the coloured flashing lights that they used as indicator was also dangerous, as he almost hit a biker on the road as a result of the reflection of his dazzling lights on his bike that shined in his face.

He also stressed the use of bikers wearing their helmets and asked Superintendent Rigabie to look into the matter.

Superintendent Rigabie responded by saying that the Police was in fact prosecuting motorcyclists who operated contrary to the road use, although he said that it was not as easy to lay hold on them as a motorist, and that in some instances if the Police know where they live they will proceed to their home to prosecute them.

He explained that whenever persons buy a motor car they are expected to leave the car dealer with a few basic things; however, if persons buy a motorcycle they are at liberty to do just about anything with it, like the purchase of an appliance.

Based on the number of issues highlighted at the meeting, His Worship the Mayor recommended that a meeting be arranged with the Superintendent of Police at a later date whereby each Councillors could get the opportunity to ask all pertinent questions of concern.

### **Fire Department Report**

A report was tabled for the month of April 2016.

“The Jamaica Fire Brigade look forward for the continued good working relationship and partnership with the St. Thomas Parish Council among other stakeholders, as it seek to fulfill its mandate of saving lives and protecting property.

During the month of April the Fire Department received and responded a total of forty seven (47) calls. Responses were made using two (2) functional Fire Units, the # 5- 98 and the #5-94 Units, which are assigned to the St. Thomas Division.

The Operational activities revolves around the management and extinguishment six (6) dwelling house fires, twenty six (26) bush fires, fire at five (5) commercial complexes, two (2) motor vehicle fires and one (1) landfill fire. These operations were efficiently executed as the Brigades intervention prevented the escalation of these incidents.

**Summary of calls received**

Total calls received and responded to	47
Genuine Fire Calls	40
Malicious False Alarm	5
Calls for Special Service	2

**Significant among these calls are:**

Dwellings	6
Bush fires & rubbish	26
Canefield fire	1
Motor vehicle	2
Land fill	1
Utility poles	5
Commercial buildings	5

Investigations done into the causes of these fires revealed that these fires were mainly started as a result of discarded light, the burning of rubbish and electrical short circuit.

There were no fire related deaths of any civilian or fire personnel and no person was left homeless.

**Summary of Risk & Loss resulting from incidents**

The associated risk, the loss and property saved as a result of the reported incidents are listed as follows:

Property at risk for the period is estimated at \$256,635,000.00.

Property loss for the period is estimated at \$3,074,000.00.

Property saved for the period is estimated at \$253,561,000.00.

**Other activities conducted during April, 2016.**

For the month under review the operational staff undertook seventy one (71) hours of training, to include classroom sessions and practical outdoor exercises, so as to keep the competence levels, of fire personnel up and improving. During these sessions emphasis was placed on topics such as search & rescue procedures, first aid, public safety, fire ground operations and building construction, among other topics.

The Fire Prevention and Public Relations Section continue the public education process, as it is our desire to incite public interactions, consistently.

**The listed activities were conducted during the Month in review.**

Building Inspections	27
Building Certification	4
Building Plans Approved	1
Sub Divisions Inspected	3
Sub Divisions Approved	2
Hydrant Inspections/ Hydrant Cleaning	9
Hydrant Repaired	0
Hydrant Installation	0
Fire Drills Conducted	21
Lectures at schools and public entities	56
Community Fire Safety Meetings	1
Safety Monitors Training	0
Pamphlets issued	29
Exhibitions held	2
Tours of special risk areas	3
Public / Personal interactions	400
Fire Investigation Conducted	1

**Fire Hydrants**

The Brigade continues to conduct routine hydrant inspections and hydrant cleaning operations across the parish. Nine (9) hydrants were inspected and cleaned during the month of April.

We are awaiting the start of the Brigades 2016 hydrant rehabilitation programme where the Parish will have ten (10) hydrants repaired and two (2) new installations effected.

**Infrastructure Challenges**

Operational activities were impacted by the poor conditions of the road network, and the long travel distances, especially when accessing some of the more remote communities in the parish. Water supply issues presented their fair share of challenges, as well. However, the Brigade stands ready to work with all stakeholders in finding workable solutions to these issues.

The Jamaica Fire Brigade, St. Thomas Division, take pleasure in serving the constituents of this great parish and we do look forward to continue playing our role in the process of “Saving Lives and Protecting Property.”

**Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPSCo)**

No report was tabled for the month of April 2016. Mr. Allen, representative of the Jamaica Public Service (JPS) reported that eighty eight (88) street lights were repaired for April 2016 in areas such as Yallahs - Aelous Valley and Logwood, Lyssons, Prospect, Seaforth – Blacksmith Lane, Morant Bay – Dumfries and Pear Tree River.

Following the report, Councillor Williams gave Mr. Allen a pole number for street light repairs near the community centre in White Horses. He asked for some urgency in addressing the matter which he said was made mentioned of more than once.

Councillor Hutchinson asked for rescheduling of a meeting that was planned with JPS, as he could not make contact as a result of issues related to his phone.

In the Dalvey Division, Councillor McLeod said that he has made several request for a street lamp to be installed at the St. Thomas Technical High School. He also asked for a transformer to be replaced at Morgan Hill in Dalvey as well as aligning the street pole. He asked for expediency in dealing with the matter, due to an impending water project that would require the pump in the area to be functioning effectively.

In the Seaforth Division, Councillor Spencer reported that she had submitted 15 street lights to be repaired in the Seaforth, White Hall and Soho districts.

In the Yallahs Division, Councillor Bogle asked Mr. Allen to ensure that street lights in Yallahs were functioning due to an upsurge in crime in the area. He specifically mentioned an area in Newland on the road leading to Hardley Black Hardware, Newland Housing Scheme, Hampstead and the entrance to the Yallahs High School. He also said that about 4 street lights were defective on a lane where a club at Baptist meets in Yallahs.

In the Bath Division, Mayor Mathison reported street lights to be repaired in Hayefield (before the Primary School), all lights in Spring Bank, Wheelersfield main road, Copra Lane, Bath (before the Police station), Sunning Hill main road, River View and Beacon Hill.

Mr. Allen also invited the Mayor to a community meeting to be held at the Bath Primary and Junior High School at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

### **Social Development Commission (SDC)**

A report was tabled for the month of April 2016.

#### **Cricket**

“The SDC 20/20 cricket elimination phase was held over the period April 16 & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teams emerging from the elimination rounds are Heartease, White Horses, and Strike force, Lyssons, Johnson Mountain, Nutts River, Rowlandsfield, Bath, Llandewey, Dumfries, Hayfield, Wheelerfield, Yallahs, Spring Bank, Prospect and Font Hill. The Round of eight will commence on Sunday May 22 at Lyssons Pavilion starting at 10 am.

**Research**

Rapid Appraisal and Budget Preparation Activity conducted for Llandewey and Ramble as part of submission to the Caribbean Development Bank for the SDC to undertake work as part of the Llandewey Climate Change Project.

Based on a special request for the completion of the Mount George District Profile, the line map was validated. This was facilitated by 2 community representatives. Arrangements for the training of data collectors, who will operate free of cost, have been put in place with the activity to start the second week of May.

Waypoint sheet for asset maps were completed for the districts of Jones Pen, Mount Vernon and Moffat. We have now moved from 56- 51 communities and from 3 development areas to 6 development areas.

**CDPP**

Six applications were submitted for the Govt. Administrative grant fund; Lloyds, Port Morant, Southaven, Llandewey, Trinityville ADC, Middleton CDC.

**Governance**

The Caribbean Development Bank appraisal team visited the island over the period April 17-22. Several sessions were held with the Llandewey CDC and several agencies across the parish. The group advised that the CDC needs to be legally registered to obtain the proposed funding.

The Llandewey CDC was assessed by the SDC this assessment was inclusive of the administration of the MONFIS tool by the capacity trainer to inform a training budget and plan to the Caribbean Development Bank.

The Trinityville CDC/Benevolent Society Disaster Risk Reduction project baseline study was also carried out across the project communities of Hillside, Font Hill, Georgia, Danvers Pen, Mt. Lebanon, Somerset and Trinityville. The study included a gender study.

The Trinityville DAC hosted its quarterly meeting main issues shared were: water situation in Georgia and the state of the Font Hill cemetery which is in a deplorable state.”

Following the report, Mayor Mathison made reference to the SDC twenty/20 cricket match between Dalvey and Lyssons by saying that he had received complaint about the score and suggested that there ought to be a scorer for both sides.

Ms. Leslie in response said that SDC had an official scorer; however, each team was allowed to take its own scorer.

Councillor Hutchinson questioned the difference between Benevolent Society and the Community Development Committee (CDC).

In response, Ms. Leslie said that the Benevolent Society is a legal entity and the CDC is a community Based Organization formed across communities as an umbrella representation from lower tier groups like Citizens Association, Parent Teachers Association, Youth Club etcetera.

She explained that in order to access funding and to implement various projects an organization ought to have legal status, which the SDC did not provide, so most persons tend to go the route of being a part of a Benevolent Society which was cheaper and efficient versus setting up a company. She said that the Benevolent Society was monitored by the Department of Co-operatives and Friendly Societies.

Councillor McLeod requested of the SDC to provide a representative for the youths in his Division.

Ms. Leslie indicated that the lack of representation was due to the SDC skeleton staff in recent time due to the passing of one of its staff. She, however, said that she was hopeful that a new staff would be employed soon to assist in areas where there was a gap.

#### **National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)**

No report was tabled for the month of April 2016.

Mr. Jackson, representative from the NSWMA reported that the NSWMA continued its mandate to collect and dispose of waste across the parish. He said that for the period under review the NSWMA managed to collect and disposed of 215 loads of garbage with the use of 180 compactor loads and 35 tippers to dispose of the garbage.

He further reported that the SDC managed to collect once per week in housing schemes, schools, police station, health centres and twice weekly at the hospital. He said that collections are done on a daily basis in the mornings at the market and bus parks.

Mr. Jackson reported that the NSWMA has been partnering with the Health Department to do Zik-V clean up in communities. He also said that areas on the main road outside of the NSWMA contract have been cleaned up by a roving team as it becomes necessary.

Following the report, Councillor McLeod said that the collection of garbage in his division has changed from once per week to once every fortnight and asked the NSWMA to address the matter considering the threat of Zik-V in the island.

Councillor McLeod announced in the capacity as the Chairman of the Princess Margaret Hospital Board that there would be a Labour Day cleanup project at the hospital and asked for the assistance of the NSWMA as it relates to collection of garbage on that day.

In response to the request made by Councillor McLeod, Mr. Jackson told him to put his request in writing and in a timely manner for the NSWMA to provide assistance.

Councillor Hutchinson asked Mr. Jackson if he knew of a recycling company by the name of Genesis and questioned if he has ever had discussion with them pertaining to garbage collection or recycling.

Mr. Jackson responded to Councillor Hutchinson in the negative, however, Councillor Hutchinson said that at a Public Health Committee Mrs. Lawson-Kildare said that she knew about the company. He therefore asked Mr. Jackson to do some checks about the company such as its legality to operate. He stressed that the company which was located in close proximity to the dump could be of great value to St. Thomas for recycling of garbage.

Following further discussion on the matter, Mr. Jackson then said that he was aware about the operations of the company, but could not speak to the parameters of its operations. He noted though that the NSWMA facilitated and encouraged its operations as well as the company had access to the NSWMA landfill.

Mayor Mathison also told Mr. Jackson that only of the four (4) Labour Day Committee meetings held that a representative from the NSWMA was present. He reminded him to attend the next Labour Day Committee meeting set for the following day. He also requested from the NSWMA, garbage bags, backhoe truck, a garbage unit and whatever other tools available by the NSWMA.

As it relates to the removal of cane droppings on the roadways in the communities of Bath and Dalvey, Mr. Jackson said that the problem has been reported to the management of the sugar cane factory and the necessary action was expected to be taken.

#### **Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Report for April 2016**

The following report was tabled for the month of April 2016.

#### **Public Assistance Department**

Type of Grant	East (Application processed)	West (Application processed)	East (Amount of grants received)	West (Amount of grants received)	*Amount Received
Rehabilitation	3	2	0	0	Nil
Compassionate	6	6	0	0	Nil
Emergency	0	0	0	0	Nil
Education and Social Intervention	0	0	0	0	Nil
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**PATH**

The Ministry continues to promote alternative payment options for PATH beneficiaries who are neither elderly nor disabled. Beneficiaries are given the option of selecting from three payment agencies; NCB Keycard, Paymaster or Bill Express.

**Public Education**

The Ministry continues its drive to sensitize the public on the various services and programmes offered through the various departments.

**Steps to Work**

We are now taking applications for the Steps to Work Programme for Educational and Entrepreneurial Grants. Persons have to be registered in a PATH household to be eligible to apply. The following documents are required:

- ID, TRN, & NIS card
- Recent passport size photograph
- Proforma invoice for the items to be purchased (**Must include Business TRN**)
- Proof of legal access to property on which the business will be conducted (**Property title, lease agreement or rent receipt, letter of permission from property owner signed by JP**)
- Copies of licenses required (**Food handlers etc.**)
- Birth certificate
- Written business plan

**Transitional Grants**

Intake period for Transitional Grant Applications is now closed effective **March 31, 2016** and will re-open **August 02, 2016**.

**Education & Entrepreneurship Grants Programme**

Applicants are invited to apply for Entrepreneurial and Educational Assistance through the Social Intervention Project – Educational and Entrepreneurial Grant. Applicants must be between 17-35 years old and are deemed to be “at risk” or unemployed. Basic requirements needed are: **Identification Document (National ID, Passport, Drivers License), letters of recommendation, certified passport size picture and birth certificate.** Persons are invited to visit the local office for further information regarding additional documents.

**On the Job Training**

Three (03) additional persons have been placed at National People’s Co-operative Bank increasing the number of applicants to eighteen (18).

**National Insurance Department**  
**NIS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

NIS celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration under the theme “*A Golden Past..., A Gleaming Future....The Journey continues*”.

The National Church Service was held on Sunday April 24, 2016 at Portmore New Testament Church, Bridgeport St. Catherine.

Customer Appreciation Day was held on Tuesday, Wednesday 27, 2016 at the parish office.

A gift basket was presented to the oldest Pensioner in the parish; Ms Dorothy Kelly of Danvers Pen District who is 103 years old.

Plans will be announced about other activities during the year which will include a newspaper supplement, a travelling exhibition and a high school debate.

**Funeral Grant**

The number of Funeral Grant Applications received is Fifteen (15).

The number of Cheques paid out is sixteen (16) totaling One Million, Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifty Three Cents (\$1,267, 210.53)

**National Insurance/Business Registration**

The number of National Insurance Registration is 145.

Employed	-	128
Self-employed	-	17
Domestic	-	Nil

**National Insurance Claims**

All new claimants **MUST** submit their banking information as all benefits will be sent to their bank account. Please note that the banking information being requested are National Commercial Bank and Bank of Nova Scotia.

Effective January 2016, all existing pensioners are required to submit their banking information to ensure benefits are sent to their accounts. Pensioners who do not submit their banking information as December 31, 2015 will be paid a cheque once per month.

**Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme (JEEP)**

The amount of Applications received	-	2
The amount of Placements	-	2

The Ministry is still in the process of seeking employment for applicants and continues to accept applications from persons 18-35 years of age.

### **Labour Department**

#### **Farm Workers**

The amount of persons called for Medical	-	43
The amount of persons called for Flight	-	39

#### **Labour Market Information System**

The amount of Registration	-	Nil
The amount of Placements	-	Nil

### **Council to sit as the Local Board of Health**

9. On the motion of Councillor Spencer and seconded by Councillor McLeod, the Council resolved itself into the Local Board of Health.

A report was tabled by the St. Thomas Health Department, Environmental Health Unit for the month of April 2016.

### **Local Board of Health St. Thomas Health Department**

Dr. D'Oyen Smith, Senior Medical Officer of Health gave the following highlights for Health for the month of April 2016:

#### **New Chairman of Hospital Committee**

Dr. Smith informed the Council that the new Chairman of the Princess Margaret Hospital Committee was Councillor Michael McLeod.

#### **Zika Virus**

Dr. Smith reported that the parish remained at one confirmed case of Zika virus. The team from the St. Thomas Health Department continues its Zika virus mitigation activities with its integrated management approach inclusive of vector control activities, health promotion, clinical management, identification of mosquito breeding sites in homes and surveillance, among others.

Dr. Smith said that the aedes index in the parish was at 3.7%. He said that the major contribution to the aedes index was the storage of water in forty five and fifty five gallon drums.

He also reported that the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) visited the parish last month and did an assessment on how the health team did their risk communication in communities. He said that the team was impressed with what the health team had done in terms of their stop and wrap procedures.

He said that the stop and wrap procedures was conceptualized by Mrs. Pauline Bryan-Ellington, Chief Public Health Inspector and entailed issuing of health education and demonstration with various community groups. He noted that a video was also done and should be used as a benchmark for other parishes across the island and other countries.

He said the information was useful based on the fact that May 9-13, 2016 was celebrated as Mosquito Awareness week of the Americas. The drum cover project which was made of mesh was still being promoted in the eastern end of the parish.

Dr Smith also used the opportunity to thank the St. Thomas Parish Council for partnering with the St. Thomas Health Department with the assistance of vehicle for vector control programme.

#### **Rodent Control Programme**

Dr. Smith informed that the programme which started in March 2016 was still ongoing. He thanked the Council and other stakeholders who were apart of the activities and said that, in a number of cases, dead rats were seen from the five (5) cases of rodenticides used thus far; therefore, the programme was working as a means of protection against leptospirosis.

#### **Princess Margaret Hospital Operating Theatre**

Dr. Smith reported that there was a fire on May 2, 2016 at the operating theatre at the Princess Margaret Hospital. He said that one area of the operating theatre was damaged. He said the services of the theatre will be offered starting the day of his report and routine services the following week.

He said that the hospital had received a donation of different surgical items from the Seed for Life organization.

#### **Refurbishing of the Princess Margaret Hospital Accident and Emergency Area**

The refurbishing of the Accident and Emergency Area at the Princess Margaret Hospital continues and the expected completion date was set for early next year in 2017. He used the opportunity to thank the public for bearing with the Health team while the displacement of service continues at the Old Health Department.

#### **Morant Bay Health Centre Refurbishing**

Dr. Smith informed that the refurbishing of the facility was almost completed and that moving started the week prior to the meeting, but not in its entirety for official opening.

#### **Phase Two – Isaac Barrant Centre of Excellence**

Dr. Smith reported that phase two of the Isaac Barrant Centre of Excellence refurbishing continued and should be completed within another 3 to 4 months. .

#### **Labour Day Project – Princess Margaret Hospital**

Dr. Smith reported that the Labour Day Project for the Princess Margaret Hospital entails cleanup activities of the facility to reduce any risk of ZikaVirus transmission, as well as to improve the aesthetics of the hospital such as painting of the Matron's Quarter. The St. Thomas Health Department unit Labour Day activities would include painting as well as cleanup activities within three different health centres.

**Sports Day**

Dr. Smith informed the members of the Council that the St. Thomas Health Department's annual Sports Day will be held in June 30, 2016 at the back field on the compound of the Hospital. He encouraged all the agencies to get on board and be a part of the activities planned which was geared towards health promotion.

Following the report, Councillor McLeod asked about the status of the sewage system at Golden Grove and Hampton Court housing development.

Dr. Smith in response said that when the sewage systems were constructed they were not appropriately done, given the number of persons who will occupy the homes.

He said meetings were held with the Council, Contractors and Health Department to address the matter. He said that at the latest visit, the recommended items were being put in place and a follow up visit will be done.

In light of the aforementioned, Councillor Bogle questioned if the development was being done without the requisite approval of the Health Department; however, Dr. Smith mentioned that he spoke specifically to the sewage system that was not been built according the recommendations that were made.

He noted that he was satisfied that the stakeholders were taking the right steps to ensure that the people of the parish were protected from break out such as cholera.

The Secretary/Manager also spoke on the matter by saying that the project was approved and was monitored by both the Health Department and the Council independently. He noted that some of the issues that the Health Department identified during their routine inspection of the site were matters that the Superintendent of Roads and Works and the Director of Planning had raised previously, which was not known to the Health Department.

He further said that when he realized the issues that the Health Department had, he immediately summoned a meeting with technical department of the Council, the Health Department and the Sugar Transformation Unit to immediately take corrective action.

He noted that Councillor McLeod had some concerns about the project, as it is his division, so he was also kept abreast about the situation. He added that the corrective steps were taken, but there were critical elements of the completion of the project.

Finally, Dr. Smith also said that another visit will be done at the site.

As it relates to a question asked about Jamaica's stance on the Genetically Modified Mosquitoes (GMM), Dr. Smith said that the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has been looking seriously into the matter to bring same on board. He said that the matter requires several consultations first by the Ministry of Health and noted that there should be a big forum in Mexico to discuss the matter in July 2016.

He said that it was one of the options put on board as a means of controlling the outbreak of the Zika-Virus within the Americas.

The Secretary/Manager asked about the downside of the Genetically Modified Mosquitoes.

In response, Dr. Smith said that there were different things that will occur that the Health Department were not sure of, and would require monitoring as they go along. He said that for the countries that used it so far, there were not much negative highlighted. He noted that the meeting in July will address at all possible questions such as repercussions and necessary steps.

The huge cost for a piece of the mosquito was also mentioned; however, Dr. Smith said that the decision would be one to be made by the Ministry of Health. He added that Brazil has used it and other countries and that it seemed to be a very viable option.

#### **Adjournment of the Local Board of Health**

10. Councillor Williams moved seconded by Councillor Rawle for the adjournment of the Local Board of Health and the Council resumed its sitting as the Council.

#### **Questions**

11. Councillor Hutchinson asked if Council was aware of the South Coast Highway might not be a reality and that it was one thing he was certain could make the parish and by extension the country prosperous.

#### **Suspension of the Standing Orders**

Councillor Hutchinson moved seconded by Councillor Bogle for the suspension of the Standing Orders

##### **a) Re – Proposed South Coast Highway**

Councillor Hutchinson told the Council that a few months ago provisions were made such as the signing of contract for the South Coast Highway which would allow easy access from Kingston to St. Thomas.

He said that he was told that the new Government would no longer consider a new highway, but instead repair the road leading from Harbour View into St. Thomas or initiate a one lane or something similar to that effect. He explained that the original plan for the highway would include four (4) lanes, two lanes directed towards the east and two directed towards the west.

He stressed that if there was any truth to the information; he condemned such move in the most serious way and stated that he will also be willing to mobilize all professionals and other citizens in the parish to protest against such action.

Councillor Hutchinson said that he will be very vigilant in making sure that the highway reaches in St. Thomas and implored that he will not settle for less. He noted that the people of St. Thomas have been fighting for the highway for a very longtime to ensure that the parish which was considered the poorest in Jamaica gets a highway like other parishes.

Councillor Hutchinson mentioned that the Government would be depriving the citizens of the parish of a vital component that further enhances the development of the parish.

Councillor Rawle in addressing the matter said that he was not privileged as a Councillor in the St. Thomas Parish to information about any highway leading to St. Thomas. He said that it seemed to him that it was a private meeting held at all times, as the JLP Councillors were left out of the discussion.

At this point in time, Councillor Spencer left the meeting.

Councillor McLeod in support of Councillor Rawle, said that he agreed with what Councillor Rawle said and stated that information out of the meetings was merely heard of by the way.

The Secretary/Manager on a point of order reminded the meeting that there was a Town Hall Meeting at the Anglican Church Hall in Morant Bay where by a presentation was made on the highway by the National Works Agency showing the intended plan or drawing for the highway. He noted that he could not say though whether Councillors Rawle or McLeod were present.

Councillor McLeod then interjected and said that Councillor Rawle was specifically making reference to a meeting that was held in Kingston to discuss the highway.

His Worship the Mayor exclaimed that the meeting in Kingston was planned by Mr. Hunter from the National Works Agency (NWA) including the Deputy Mayor, the Director of Planning, Superintendent of Roads and Works, Secretary/Manager and himself. He noted that it was not an open meeting.

Councillor McLeod continued his deliberation on the matter by saying that he was not a Member of Parliament, however, he heard that the road design would be (3) lanes instead of four (4) from Morant Bay into Kingston and that one of the lanes would be specifically for the trucks and the other two lanes would remain.

Councillor McLeod said that personally believed that the highway would be beneficial to the parish. He further asked that the Council get a representation from Senior Members of the Government to meet with the Council to discuss the matter or write a letter for clarity on the matter.

Councillor Williams, in support of what Councillor McLeod said about meeting with informed members of Government to discuss the highway, noted that before such meeting is planned, he believed that all ten (10) Councillors should state their position clearly about their stance on the highway.

Councillor Williams stressed that the people of St. Thomas should know whether they stand on the side of their political party or the side of the people of St. Thomas. He informed that he was clearly taking the side of the people of St. Thomas.

He said that it was strange that some Councillors were behaving as if they were not privileged to an open meeting to take part in discussions concerning the highway. He said that persons ought to be truthful.

Councillor Bogle stated that he wanted to make it clear that Labourites within the St. Thomas Parish Council will never get away from the matter. He said the contract for the highway was signed by the former Prime Minister in the sum of US \$385 Million Dollars.

Councillor Bogle also said that he and Mayor Mathison was a part of a meeting in recent time and Mayor Mathison told him after the meeting that the Minister of Transport and Works, Mr. Mike Henry said that the highway was aborted and that he had nothing to do with it. He added that he told the Mayor that such information would have to be a decision by the Cabinet, as a single minister could not terminate a contract that was already signed for the highway.

Councillor Bogle said that based on the response of Councillor McLeod on the matter, he would have confirmed that the highway was in fact aborted; however, Councillor McLeod said that he could not say that the plan for the highway was aborted as he did not know.

Councillor Bogle also informed that the only thing that Minister Mike Henry told the Mayor was that the existing road would be fixed and a few of the corners would be removed.

Councillor Bryan said that he was depressed by just sitting in the meeting and listening to the discussion on the matter. He said that a highway could drive revenue into the parish and that the matter was not about JLP or PNP, but the people of St. Thomas.

He also stated that he would have preferred if the discussion was of much substance at that point in time, as the meeting did not really know what plans were really afoot concerning the highway. He said that he was not into any blame game and wanted to know the truth.

He made reference to a discussion about a special lane for truck and said that he was not in support of the parish giving more opportunity for the aggregate to be taken from the parish which has destroyed the roadways for years without any benefit to the parish. He stressed that all persons did was to take from the parish and give nothing in return, hence, the underdevelopment of the parish and the poorest in Jamaica.

He implored that the St. Thomas Parish Council will not settle for anything less than what was agreed and signed in the contract by the former Government in relation to the highway. He lamented that the people of St. Thomas were not fools and should know what was happening concerning the highway.

Councillor Rawle mentioned that he was privileged to a meeting three Sundays ago in regards to the highway and the discussion was mainly about the lanes to and from Kingston to St. Thomas. He said that there was also discussion about a special lane for the trucks that carried the quarries from St. Thomas to Kingston based on the heavy load as well as for free flow of traffic.

He stated that in the said meeting, he raised a question to ask whether each Councillor for all ten divisions in the St. Thomas Parish Council could get three major roadways out of the fund having heard about the substantial amount of funds to build the highway.

Councillor Rawle said that he could not see how and why there was a major issue towards the highway based on what he asked for at the meeting. He said that he was considering the fact that if there was fire in areas in his division such as Georgia, Sommerset and Hillside the Fire Brigade would not have easy access to those areas. He stated that he could not see the reason why persons were behaving arrogant concerning his line of discussion.

In light of what Councillor Rawle said, Councillor Williams told the meeting that he could not understand how Councillor Rawle was asking for three roadways for each Councillor because the matter was a NWA and not a Parish Council matter.

Councillor Williams said that he believed that it was about time that the Member of Parliaments (MPs) that represented the parish; namely, Dr. Fenton Ferguson and Mr. James Robertson make a clear statement to the people of St. Thomas about the highway. He stressed that the people elected them to make representation in Parliament and to relate information clearly on the way forward concerning the future of St. Thomas, so that the Councillors could know the next step to take on the matter.

Councillor McLeod stated that he wanted to make it clear that he was born and raised in the parish of St. Thomas and that anything to improve and develop the parish, he was not against. He said that if the plan was for a four (4) lane highway, he would stick to that plan, even if he did not get a road repair in his division.

In light of what Councillor McLeod said, Councillor Hutchinson said that he thanked God for a well thinking Councillor on the opposition side. He implored the Councillors not to sit back and let anyone change the plans for the existing highway, except God.

Councillor Hutchinson also made reference to a union statement based on training received by Hugh Shearer by saying that if the highway would not built in such a way to improve the parish of St. Thomas, he would prefer that the road remain the same.

He said that he wanted Councillors Spencer and Rawle to tell the people of St. Thomas what was there position as it relates to tampering with the plans for the highway.

**The time being 1:00 p.m. Councillor Hutchinson moved seconded by Councillor Williams for twenty minutes extension of the meeting.**

Based on a discussion by Councillor Bogle about a decision taken by Labourites in the past for the removal of water from Yallahs River into Kingston without the consideration of the people in St. Thomas, Councillor Rawle said that he does not like to be rude and that he was in the Council long enough to know when someone was being rude, out of order and need to be put in place.

Councillor Rawle said that he had never pointed on Councillor Bogle and called him a PNP. He said that the Mayor should not have sat by and allowed Councillor Bogle to be disrespectful.

Councillor Hutchinson on a point of order said that he did not want any ignorance to prevail over facts. He stated that he was a PNP Councillor and did not know if it was a secret as to which party the other Councillors belonged. He said that he did not see why there should be a problem if someone referred to him as a PNP Councillor.

He then said that maybe Councillor Bogle could use a nicer name which was JLP Councillor whenever he referred to Councillor Rawle since he did not like the term "Labourite Councillor".

Based on the uproar of the meeting, Mayor Mathison then asked for all discussion on Labourite and PNP Councillor to stop and recommended the following decisions on the matter.

1. A meeting to be held with both Member of Parliament for Eastern and Western St. Thomas, Dr. Fenton Ferguson and Mr. James Robertson to discuss the South Coast Highway. A Town Hall Meeting was agreed.
2. The Council to arrange a meeting with the Chief Executive Office (CEO) of the National Works Agency to get the facts on the highway.

**Resumption of Standing Orders**

Councillor Hutchinson moved seconded by Councillor Bogle for the resumption of the Standing Orders

**Notice of Motion**

12. His Worship the Mayor asked that the two (2) Resolutions intended to be tabled as informed by Councillor Hutchinson at the last meeting be deferred until the next sitting of Council. The Resolutions were about the following:
  1. Temporary staff to be placed on the Establishment of Council.
  2. Unlawful building construction in the parish.

**Resolutions****13. a) Resolution – Sheila Stokes – Phillips Avenue, Lyssons, St. Thomas**

**WHEREAS** the subdivision applications have been filed with the St. Thomas Parish Council under section 5 (1) of the Local Improvements Act for:

1. Lands part of 172 Phillips Avenue Lyssons, St. Thomas - Sheila Stokes.

**AND WHEREAS** the said lands are described in the maps prepared by RIXON E. RICHARDS, Commissioned Land Surveyor; which maps or plans, has been signed by the property owner and contain the required particulars concerning them,

**AND WHEREAS** the Council had sought, obtained & accepted the advice of Government Town Planner and the Chief Technical Director, Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing on the application and draft conditions,

**AND WHEREAS** conditions of approval have been accepted in writing by the applicant,

**AND WHEREAS** that in accordance with section 8 (1) of the Local Improvements Act, the St. Thomas Parish Council sanctioned the subdivision of the lands in the Parish of St. Thomas,

**AND WHEREAS** that the Honourable Minister of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change having confirmed the Council's decisions under Section 8 (5) of the Local Improvements Act,

**AND WHEREAS** the setting out of road alignments and the lot boundaries on ground in relation to the approved conditions of the said lands do conform with both the subdivision plans approved by the Council and the pre-checked plan bearing the respective Survey Department Examination Numbers for the said lands and have been confirmed by RIXON E. RICHARDS

Commissioned Land Surveyor by Voluntary Declarations respectively.

**AND WHEREAS** the Superintendent – Roads & Works certifies by declarations that works relating to subdivision of the said lands have been satisfactorily completed and conditions imposed by the St. Thomas Parish Council in its resolutions have been met;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the titles for

1. Lots 172A and 172B **only**,  
Parts of 172 Phillips Avenue, Lyssons, St. Thomas -  
Sheila Stokes in the parish of St. Thomas being the lands contained in the Surveyor Diagram bearing the Survey Examination Numbers and being the lands contained in the tax receipt and registered in the Register Book of Titles be issued;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the St. Thomas Parish Council is hereby affixed.

**Moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillors Hutchinson.**

**b) Resolution – Subdivision – Release of Title Bellrock**

**WHEREAS** the subdivision applications have been filed with the St. Thomas Parish Council under section 5 (1) of the Local Improvements Act for:

1. Lands part of Duckenfield Known as Bellrock Phase 2, St. Thomas - National Housing Trust

**AND WHEREAS** the said lands are described in the maps prepared by Llewelyn Allen and Associates Ltd, Commissioned Land Surveyor; which maps or plans, has been signed by the property owner and contain the required particulars concerning them,

**AND WHEREAS** the Council had sought, obtained & accepted the advice of Government Town Planner and the Chief Technical Director, Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing on the application and draft conditions,

**AND WHEREAS** conditions of approval have been accepted in writing by the applicant,

**AND WHEREAS** that in accordance with section 8 (10) of the Local Improvements Act, the St. Thomas Parish Council sanctioned the subdivision of the lands in the Parish of St. Thomas,

**AND WHEREAS** that the Honourable Minister of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change having confirmed the Council's decisions under Section 8 (5) of the Local Improvements Act,

**AND WHEREAS** the setting out of road alignments and the lot boundaries on ground in relation to the approved conditions of the said lands do conform with both the subdivision plans approved by the Council and the pre-checked plan bearing the respective Survey Department Examination Numbers for the said lands and have been confirmed by Llewelyn Allen & Associates Ltd. Commissioned Land Surveyor by Voluntary Declarations respectively.

**AND WHEREAS** the Superintendent – Roads & Works certifies by declarations that works relating to subdivision of the said lands have been satisfactorily completed and conditions imposed by the St. Thomas Parish Council in its resolutions have been met;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the titles for

1. Lands parts of Duckenfield known as Bellrock Phase 2, St. Thomas - National Housing Trust

in the parish of St. Thomas being the lands contained in the Surveyor Diagram bearing the Survey Examination Numbers and being the lands contained in the tax receipt and registered in the Register Book of Titles be issued;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the St. Thomas Parish Council is hereby affixed.

Following the reading of the Resolution, Councillor McLeod asked the Superintendent of Roads and Works to look into the matter as he was not satisfied with the road.

**Noted. Deferred for the next meeting.**

**c) Resolution – Subdivision – H. Mahfood**

**WHEREAS** the subdivision applications have been filed with the St. Thomas Parish Council under Section 5 (1) of the Local Improvements Act for:

2. Lands part of East Albion called – H.Mafood and Sons Ltd., Orchid Estate, St. Thomas

**AND WHEREAS** the said lands are described in the maps prepared by DERRICK ST. A. DIXON AND JEROME G. LOFTERS, Commissioned Land Surveyors (respectively) which maps or plans, has been signed by the property owners and contain the required particulars concerning them,

**AND WHEREAS** the Council had sought, obtained & accepted the advice of Government Town Planner and the Chief Technical Director, Ministry of Transport Works and Housing on the applications and draft conditions,

**AND WHEREAS** conditions of approval have been accepted in writing by the applicants,

**AND WHEREAS** that in accordance with section 8 (10) of the Local Improvements Act, the St. Thomas Parish Council sanctioned the subdivision of the lands in the Parish of St. Thomas,

**AND WHEREAS** that the Honourable Minister of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change having confirmed the Council's decisions under Section 8 (5) of the Local Improvements Act,

**AND WHEREAS** the setting out of road alignments and the lot boundaries on ground in relation to the approved conditions of the said lands do conform with both the subdivision plans approved by the Council and the pre-checked plans bearing the respective Survey Department Examination Numbers for the said lands and have been confirmed by DERRICK ST. A. DIXON

AND JEROME G. LOFTERS Commissioned Land Surveyors by Voluntary Declarations, respectively.

**AND WHEREAS** the Superintendent – Roads & Works certifies by declarations that works relating to subdivision of the said lands have been satisfactorily completed and conditions imposed by the St. Thomas Parish Council in its resolutions have been met;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the titles for

49 and 50 only, Parts of East Albion, Orchid Estate, St. Thomas - H. Mafood and Sons Ltd., in the parish of St. Thomas being the lands contained in the respective Surveyors' Diagrams bearing the respective Survey Examination Numbers and being the lands contained in the respective tax receipt and registered in the Register Book of Titles be issued;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the St. Thomas Parish Council is hereby affixed.

**Moved by Councillor Bogle and seconded by Councillor Francis.**

**d) Building Application – May 2016**

<b>NOS.</b>	<b>NAMES OF OWNERS</b>	<b>LOCATION OF BUILDING</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
	<b>YALLAHS</b>			
<b>1</b>	Leroy Marshall	Lot 850 St Thomas Drive, Albion Estate	dwelling	<b>Erection</b>
<b>2</b>	Jamaica Fire Brigade	Lot 184 Southaven, Yallahs	Institution	<b>Erection</b>
<b>3</b>	Oswald Ferro c/o Nydia Gordon	Lot 963, Part of Albion Estate, St Thomas	dwelling	<b>Erection</b>
<b>4</b>	Latania Williams	Lot 398 Rose Petal Avenue, Albion Estate	dwelling	<b>Erection</b>
	<b>MORANT BAY</b>			
<b>5</b>	Susan Shaw c/o Michael Haynes	Lot 128 Prospect	dwelling	<b>Erection</b>
<b>6</b>	Tamika Broderick	Lot 64 Reef Street, East Prospect H/S	dwelling	<b>Extension</b>
	<b>LYSSONS</b>			
<b>7</b>	National Health Fund c/o Odel Felix	55 Lyssons Road, Morant Bay	Institution	<b>Extension</b>
	<b>PORT MORANT</b>			
<b>8</b>	Dorritt Asquitt Woodcock	Part of Port Morant called Chapel Hill	dwelling	<b>Extension</b>

**Approved. Moved by Councillor Hutchinson and seconded by Councillor Francis.**

