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Gingerland Police Station 'needs some serious work'

By Vernan George
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Member of Parliament for the Gingerland Constituency, the Hon. Eric Evelyn, has appealed to Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew to ensure that the Gingerland Police Station is included among those slated for refurbishment in the new year.

Speaking during debate in the Federal Parliament, Mr. Evelyn said he welcomed the government's plans to refurbish police stations across the Federation but stressed that the Gingerland facility on Nevis is in urgent need of attention.

"I would like to inform the mover of the bill, as I did last year, that he spoke about the refurbishment of police stations in the Federation, which is something I welcome," Mr. Evelyn said. "I would like to once again inform him that the Gingerland Police Station in Nevis needs some serious work, and I would hope that during this coming year some work can be done at the Gingerland Police Station."

Mr. Evelyn said he has received repeated complaints about its condition.

"I have visited the station many times and the officers have complained bitterly in the past," he said. "They have complained to me, and I want to bring the message to this Honourable House and to the mover, who is also the Minister of National Security, that some work needs to be done at the Gingerland Police Station."

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Gingerland Police Station.

"I am speaking on behalf of the good officers at the Gingerland Police Station, and I trust and hope that in the not-too-distant future we can see some work taking place there," he added. "Our law officers need to be in comfortable surroundings, and we all know that when employees are comfortable, they are far more productive."

The Gingerland MP also commended the refurbishment work underway at the Charlestown Police Station, expressing hope that the project would be completed early in the new year.

Turning to public safety, Mr. Evelyn urged citizens to refrain from criminal activity during the festive season, particularly as Carnival and Christmas celebrations continue. He expressed hope that the remainder of the year would pass without further violent incidents.

Mr. Evelyn also lauded the efforts of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force and urged continued cooperation between residents and law enforcement.

PERSON OF THE YEAR

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

The Observer is very proud to recognize Honourable Garth Lucien Wilkin, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, as the Observer's Person of the Year for 2025.

Attorney General Wilkin is extraordinarily deserving of this honour because of the tremendous amount of good work and positivity that he has brought to this country. His youth is one of his major assets because he understands the changing times, and that allows him to focus on what needs to be done.

Wilkin is a great speaker because he communicates with the people in a way that everyone can easily understand what he is saying. In a profession and role where language could easily confuse residents, Wilkin is careful not to do so.

As an attorney, Wilkin has a deep understanding of the law, and this has helped him update the law to create harsher penalties for repeat offenders, which has in turn made the islands a safer place for residents and tourists alike.

Fearless in his approach, Wilkin is unafraid to clearly state his beliefs and opinions, as well as assign blame where it belongs.

As knowledgeable and skilled as he is at his position, Wilkin said he had no ambition as a young man to become a lawyer despite his father being a successful attorney. "I was always better at math than I was reading books," he said. That's why he chose to focus on civil engineering. While studying civil engineering, he took a contracts course. That's when Wilkin said he fell in love with the law.

Wilkin's education background includes graduating Cum Laude from Virginia Tech in the United States with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 2004. He received his legal training at the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill) and the Norman Manley Law School.

Before being appointed to Attorney General, he was a Crown Prosecutor and a partner at, Kelsick, Wilkin & Ferdinand, the oldest law firm in the Federation. During his time there, he developed a reputation as a commercial litigator. His father is the well-known attorney Charles Wilkin KC

Since October 2022, Wilkin's work has led to the passage of 88 laws, marking his significant impact in a

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Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, the Honourable Garth Lucien Wilkin, is The Observer's Person of the Year for 2025.

Saint Lucia's Ministry Of Equity helps bring Christmas to over 400 children

Children aged one to sixteen enjoyed a vibrant day of entertainment, festive treats, and gift-giving, highlighted by a special appearance from Santa Claus.

The Ministry of Equity, Social Justice and Empowerment, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, KFC, and Blazing FM, hosted its annual Christmas Toy Drive at Serenity Park, extending holiday cheer to more than 400 children from communities across Saint Lucia. This year marks the fifth anniversary of the initiative, which began in 2020.

Attendees were selected through the Ministry's island-wide network to ensure broad participation from communities, including Micoud, Dennery, Laborie, Anse la Raye, Vieux Fort, Soufrière, Babonneau, and Gros Islet.

The atmosphere at Serenity Park was filled with joy as children explored play zones, posed for photos with Santa, and excitedly opened their presents. One young participant summed up the experience with excitement: "Today was the best day, let's do it again!"

Deputy Director of the Welfare Unit, Jahn McFarlane, expressed gratitude to all partners who contributed to the event's success. "We are grateful to all our collaborators who helped bring joy to so many children," he said. The Ministry also extended appreciation to parents who served as supervisors, volunteers, and transportation partners.

General Manager of Real Foods Inc. – KFC Saint Lucia, Ottis Effs, reflected on the longstanding partnership. "This initiative is truly close to our hearts. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces reminds us why we started this drive five years ago. It's not just about the gifts—it's about creating memories, spreading joy, and giving back to the community that has given so much to us."

Welfare Officer for Gros Islet, Valene Isidore, also praised the continued collaboration. "I am delighted to once again partner with the Salvation Army and KFC for the fourth year. The joy on the children's faces is truly heartwarming, and I sincerely appreciate their continued commitment to this annual drive."

This year's event once again highlighted the strength and impact of corporate and community partnerships in supporting vulnerable families and uplifting children across the island.

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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **FRANKLYN FARRELL** of 83 Bayview Gardens Housing Development in the Island of St. Christopher, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant, the Lawful Attorney for ROLAND BENJAMIN who is the whole blood of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 25th day of July 2023.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 17th day of December 2025

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Zoie Hamilton
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EDITORIAL

Let us resolutely embrace the spirit of Christmas

Another year is coming to an end, and the tradition of joyfully celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is the perfect opportunity for us in Saint Kitts and Nevis to pause and give abundant thanks for the love, hope and joy found in Jesus – our blessed Saviour and irreplaceable friend.

We should always remember that the exchange of gifts with loved ones, is out of remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus - the gift that we are loved, are never alone, and can have hope for the future. As is customary, we will faithfully offer up our worship and thanks to God through prayers this Christmas.

The season has become synonymous with festive traditions, family gatherings, and acts of kindness. While the holiday has its roots in Christianity, its message of love, generosity, and reflection resonates across cultures. The true meaning of Christmas lies not just in its religious significance, but also in the intrinsic values of goodwill and compassion that it encourages. Many take this opportunity to engage in charitable acts, extending the holiday spirit to those in need, and fostering a sense of community and empathy.

For some of us, Christmas this year might look different to previous years. It may not match up to the commercial images you see or the hopes you have, but the true meaning of Christmas doesn't depend on the number of gifts under a tree or the type of food on your table.

The message of Christmas doesn't change if you are surrounded by family, missing loved ones for the first time, or on your own. It is not affected by the house you live in – or don't live in. God's love is for everyone. You are not alone. You are loved, and you can feel hopeful and joyful. That is the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas celebrations vary widely across cultures. In our country as in many others, festive meals bring families together, along with music and decorations. There is the melodious caroling, and the singing of traditional Christmas songs. As we are well aware, cultural elements enrich the holiday experience, making it a time of joy and celebration for everyone.

Christmas is a time of cherished memories; moments that create lasting bonds. Christmas reminds us of the importance of staying connected with who mean the most to us, celebrating both the joyous and challenging moments together.

Ultimately, the true meaning of Christmas transcends individual beliefs. It encourages love, kindness, and togetherness, reminding us to extend our hearts and hands toward others. As we celebrate this season of goodwill on the shores of our richly blessed Federation, let us resolutely embrace the spirit of Christmas, and pledge to carry its values throughout the coming year and beyond.

Douglas says 2026 Budget is robust plan for stability, growth

Senior Minister Dr Denzil Douglas has lauded the 2026 Budget of St Kitts and Nevis as a robust plan for sustained economic growth and national development.

Speaking during the Budget Debate on December 19, 2025, Dr Douglas described the Estimates as a well-considered expression of governance, rooted in stability, experience and a commitment to inclusive development.

He commended Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew for his leadership in crafting a budget that balances fiscal prudence with social responsibility, noting that the 2026 Appropriation Bill reflects progress and renewed stability.

According to Dr Douglas, the Budget demonstrates a government that has successfully restored economic confidence, following what he described as the brief collapse of the previous administration.

The Senior Minister further highlighted the Budget's alignment with the government's broader policy objectives, including economic diversification, investment facilitation, international engagement and industrial development, while maintaining a strong focus on consumer protection and job creation.

He said the 2026 Budget charts a steady and responsible course for the nation, carefully balancing ambitious growth initiatives with equitable development, particularly against the backdrop of global inflationary pressures and ongoing geopolitical uncertainty.

COURTESY PHOTO
Senior Minister Dr Denzil Douglas

Dr Douglas concluded that the Budget stands as a testament to the government's maturity and its unwavering commitment to placing people at the centre of national development.

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Evelyn defends SSZ legislation in Federal Parliament

By Vernan George
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Opposition Member of Parliament for Nevis 10, the Hon. Eric Evelyn, has once again publicly defended the Special Sustainability Zone (SSZ) Act, describing it as sound legislation and urging citizens to educate themselves on its provisions.

Mr. Evelyn made the remarks during his contribution to the 2026 Budget Debate in the Federal Parliament on December 17.

"Let me, from the onset, say that I believe it was an excellent piece of legislation. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the SSZ legislation," Mr. Evelyn said.

He encouraged nationals and residents to familiarise themselves with the Act, noting that it is brief, clear and easy to understand.

"It is a short but comprehensive piece of legislation, and because it is so concise and easy to comprehend, I am encouraging our people to make it their business to become familiar with it," he said. "Do not allow anybody to fool you.

Mr. Evelyn stressed that with literacy levels exceeding 98 per cent in the Federation, citizens are capable of reading and understanding the law for themselves rather than relying on second-hand interpretations.

COURTESY PHOTO

Opposition MP for Nevis 10, the Hon. Eric Evelyn

"Everybody is now talking about the SSZ, but many people do not know exactly what the bill or the law says," he said, urging those who have not yet read it to do so before forming opinions.

Addressing the rationale behind the legislation, Mr. Evelyn pointed to declining revenues from the Citizenship by Investment (CBI) programme and the need for economic diversification.

"We have heard of the reduced revenues being realised from the CBI and the efforts at diversification by both the Federal Government and the Nevis Island Administration," he said. "This piece of legislation provides an excellent avenue for us to continue to diversify and reduce our dependence on the CBI."

He also highlighted the transparency built into the SSZ framework, contrasting it with previous developments where details often only became public once construction had begun.

Mr. Evelyn explained that the establishment of a sustainability zone requires approval at multiple levels, including the Nevis Island Assembly, the National Assembly and the cabinets of both administrations. He noted that, in the case of proposed developments on Nevis, several town

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Drink-spiking, sexual assaults at social events being investigated

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force has issued a public advisory following reports that females have been drugged at bars and social events, and subsequently sexually assaulted.

Police said the matters are being actively investigated by the Special Victims Unit, adding that the Force is treating the reports with seriousness and urgency. Investigators are working to identify those responsible while ensuring that affected individuals receive appropriate support and access to justice.

In light of the reports, members of the public—particularly women—are being urged to exercise heightened caution when attending social gatherings. Police advise individuals to avoid accepting drinks from strangers, refrain from leaving beverages unattended, and, where possible, observe drinks being prepared. Attending events with trusted friends, remaining together, and looking out for one another throughout the event were also strongly recommended.

The advisory further cautions patrons to be wary of individuals who attempt to isolate them or pressure them into consuming additional alcohol or other substances.

Police said anyone who feels unwell, disoriented, unusually intoxicated, or suspects their drink may have been tampered with should seek immediate assistance from trusted friends, event staff, or security personnel, and contact the Police without delay. Individuals are also advised not to leave venues alone or accept transportation from persons who are not known or trusted. Prompt medical attention is encouraged, as it is important for personal health and for the preservation of potential evidence.

The Police Force is encouraging anyone who believes they may have been a victim, or who has information that could assist ongoing investigations, to report the matter immediately to the nearest police station, the confidential hotline 707, or the Special Victims Unit at 662-7077. Police assured that all reports will be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Authorities stressed that public cooperation remains vital in preventing such offences and ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of the community.

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CLAIM NO. NEVHPB2025/0110

In the Estate of JAMES NATHANIEL SIMMONDS also known as JAMES SIMMONDS, late of 607 N Conduit Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York, USA but formerly of Rices Village in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Nevis, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **GERALDINE BERRY** of Church Road, Gingerland in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Nevis, Retired for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the sister of the **JAMES NATHANIEL SIMMONDS** also known as **JAMES SIMMONDS** who died on the 2nd day of December, 2015 at the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2025

Tyler Martin

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Hanley defends government's housing record

Despite public speculation surrounding housing delivery, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Housing and Human Settlement, Hon. Dr Geoffrey Hanley, has strongly defended the government's record, pointing to what he described as unprecedented achievements under the current administration.

Speaking during the Budget debate, Dr Hanley reaffirmed that housing remains a central pillar of the government's development agenda, describing it as a fundamental right.

"Housing is a fundamental right. It is the cornerstone of dignity, security and community," Dr Hanley said. "In 2026, the Ministry of Housing and Human Settlement will continue its vigorous programme to provide safe, adequate and affordable homes for our people."

He dismissed criticism circulating on social media, insisting that performance, not online commentary, drives his ministry's work.

"I don't get too worked up about Facebook and social media; they don't run none of my ministries," he stated, before outlining what he said were verifiable facts that should frame the national discussion on housing.

According to Dr Hanley, the National Housing Corporation (NHC) has completed 260 homes, with an additional 60 currently under construction, bringing the total to 320 homes delivered or underway within three years.

"It has never happened in a one term, and we're just three years," Dr Hanley asserted.

He further detailed the impact of the First-Time Homeowners Initiative, noting that 159 people accessed housing opportunities in 2023, followed by 168 beneficiaries in 2024. In 2025, with the year not yet complete, another 158 individuals have already benefited.

"That brings a total of 485 persons who have benefited from our first-time homeowners initiative, plus the 320 homes that NHC has delivered," he said. "I calculate 805. Who shall come in here and speak about housing? No, not one. History."

Looking ahead to 2026, Dr Hanley said the government remains committed to expanding housing access, while cautioning that non-payment by beneficiaries poses a significant challenge to sustainability.

"If persons refuse to pay for an investment, it hinders other people to get an opportunity," he warned. "My plea from this honourable house is to say to our people, value the investment. Make your payments so that others can benefit."

FILE PHOTO

Deputy PM and Minister of Housing and Human Settlement, Hon. Dr Geoffrey Hanley.

He also highlighted what he described as a major inherited financial burden on the NHC, revealing that approximately $800,000 is paid monthly to Social Security to service what he termed an "oversized loan."

"For the past three years, we have been paying Social Security just about $800,000 per month, because of maybe a not-so-good deal before our time," Dr Hanley said, adding that those funds could otherwise be channelled directly into building more homes.

Despite the financial constraints, the Minister maintained that the administration is fulfilling its mandate.

"This government just need to build, just build, just build, and we are building," he declared.

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Govt. to launch digital price-tracking tools in 2026

The Government of St Kitts and Nevis has announced plans to introduce innovative digital price-tracking tools in 2026, aimed at strengthening consumer protection and improving market transparency.

The initiative, revealed during the Budget Debate on December 19, forms part of a collaborative effort involving the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Department of Information Technology and the Digital Management Transformation Unit. The agencies are currently working to modernise the Consumer Price Index (CPI) by updating the basket of goods and services.

Member of Parliament Dr Denzil Douglas disclosed that the digital suite will feature a real-time price monitoring system, a dedicated mobile application for tracking the cost of essential food items, and an online platform for lodging consumer complaints.

According to Dr Douglas, the tools are designed to take advantage of the Federation's high mobile phone penetration, enabling consumers to compare prices before visiting stores and make more informed purchasing decisions.

He encouraged consumers to utilise the mobile app to identify essential goods at competitive prices, describing the initiative as a shift from traditional pricing practices to a data-driven consumer protection model.

Beyond empowering consumers, the digital tools are expected to enhance data collection on business operations, consumer behaviour and market consumption trends. Consumer officers will actively verify retail prices against import records and approved markup rates to ensure fairness and accountability.

The initiative is intended to promote competitive pricing among suppliers while strengthening consumer confidence and satisfaction across the marketplace.

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MP Richards: Mounting budget deficits pose significant risks

Opposition Member of Parliament and former Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Shawn Richards, has raised serious concerns about the Government's fiscal management, warning that mounting budget deficits over consecutive years pose significant risks to the Federation.

Speaking during the Budget debate, Richards said the 2026 Budget projects a deficit of more than $152 million, which he placed in the context of what he described as a troubling financial trend.

"We were presented, Madam Speaker, with a budget for 2026 that estimates a budget deficit of $152,305,093," Richards said. He pointed to figures in the Budget Address indicating that 2025 fiscal data showed deficits of $295.4 million for the overall account and $279.3 million for the primary account.

Richards said the situation is further compounded by findings in the Director of Audit's Report. He noted that Parliament approved a $1.09 billion expenditure budget for 2024, including $33 million in debt repayment, with estimated revenue of $1.14 billion—figures that included $15 million projected from the sale of government lands.

According to Richards, an additional $177 million in expenditure was later approved through supplementary appropriation warrants. "As of December 31, 2024, actual revenue totalled $807 million, and actual expenditure amounted to $1.069 billion, which resulted in an end-of-year deficit of $261 million," he said.

The opposition MP questioned the cumulative impact of the deficits, stating that the country has recorded approximately $708 million in deficits over the past three years.

"One really wonders where this $708 million in deficits have gone. Yes. Where the money gone? What was it spent on, Madam Speaker?" Richards asked. He argued that despite the scale of the spending, many citizens continue to struggle. "When you listen to the vast majority of persons out there in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, persons are still decrying and bemoaning the high cost of living… things are not going well."

Richards sought to explain the concept of a budget deficit for the public, describing it as the difference between government income and expenditure over a specific period. While acknowledging that deficits may sometimes be justified, he argued that current conditions do not support such sustained shortfalls.

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Opposition MP and former Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Shawn Richards, during the Budget debate.

"We might decide as a country to run temporary deficits for any number of good reasons… to finance a war or deal with a natural disaster. We haven't had any war, Madam Speaker, and certainly we haven't had any natural disasters within the last three years," he said.

He further contended that the Government itself has portrayed the economy as strong, citing references in the Budget Address to record profits by major local entities. "One doesn't get the impression that anything is wrong with the economy… by their own words, Madam Speaker," Richards said.

He warned that persistent deficits weaken the country's ability to respond to future crises. "If you have a hurricane or something tomorrow, God forbid, Madam Speaker… you basically don't have the ability to absorb the shock, because the surpluses are not there," he cautioned.

Richards stressed that the deficits, which he said total nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars, cannot be dismissed. "The deficits matter," he said, concluding with a sharp rebuke of the administration's financial stewardship.

"Really and truly, what we have is a government that is incompetent in terms of managing the finances of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis," Richards stated.

Saint Lucia receives first mobile dental clinic thanks of Rotary Club

The mobile dental clinic was made possible through the Rotary Club of St. Lucia and several local sponsors which include Massy Stores, Lucelec and M&C Drugstore.

The dental treatment needs of the youth across various primary schools around the island are to be met following the handover of a mobile dental clinic to the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs from the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia.

This momentous occasion marked the provision of a fully equipped, air conditioned mobile dental unit which will offer high-quality dental services of early dental screenings, preventive treatment and oral health education to children.

President of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Roger Hare says this moment of handing over the mobile dental clinic reaffirms the unwavering commitment of his organization to improving access to essential health services for all, especially the most underserved. "Projects like this require a lot of collaboration; partners in Saint Lucia and globally. This initiative supported by the Rotary Foundation or district and other clubs within various districts and that's how we got here today. It is a proud moment for us and we know this will definitely help the communities of Saint Lucia."

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Ernest Norbal applauded the initiative and says it is the first of this kind in Saint Lucia which signifies strides being made in expanding dental health services. "It's introduction will enable the Dental Services Unit to extend regular and school-based dental care across the island, ensuring that dental care is brought directly to our communities. The Ministry of Health deeply values the longstanding partnership with the Rotary International and its affiliates. Your unwavering support to the ministry and in particular, the Senior Dental Surgeon and the Dental Services Unit has greatly strengthened our collective ability to deliver quality care to the people of Saint Lucia."

The mobile dental clinic was made possible through the Rotary Club of St. Lucia and several local sponsors which include Massy Stores, Lucelec and M&C Drugstore.

The mobile dental clinic, valued at EC $300,000 will stand as a beacon of hope for closing the gap in expanding dental health services to children.

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CLAIM NO. NEVHPB2025/0107

In the Estate of FRANKYLN MAYNARD, late of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I but formerly of Hanley's Road, Gingerland in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Nevis, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **VERNON MAYNARD** of Hanley's Road, Gingerland, Nevis, Heavy Equipment Operator and **SONIA DORE** of Hidden Valley, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I, Hotel worker, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the brother and sister respectively of **FRANKYLN MAYNARD** who died on the 24th day of August, 2018 in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2025

Tyler Martin

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Tobap, Brandon crowned Soca Monarchs after electrifying Finals at Warner Park

An energetic night of music, culture and crowd engagement unfolded at Warner Park as Tobap and Brandon emerged victorious in the Groovy and Power segments respectively, of the Soca Monarch competition, a highlight of the St. Kitts and Nevis National Carnival, Sugar Mas.

COURTESY PHOTO

Tobap (left) and Brandon emerged victorious in the Groovy and Power segments respectively, of the Soca Monarch competition.

GROOVY SEGMENT

The Groovy category opened with Delly Ranks, who set the tone with "We Drinking." Though the early crowd was modest, enthusiastic patrons gathered at the front of the stage, responding positively as the performance progressed.

Kevis Major followed with *"Cane Juice and Rum,"* blending social commentary with celebration. His performance highlighted the tradition of mixing local rum with cane juice, a staple of St. Kitts culture, while calling on the audience to embrace the Federation's heritage.

Eventual Groovy winner Tobap captivated the audience with *"Let That Man Go."* The performance saw dozens of patrons waving balloons and responding to the song's message, which encouraged people to leave toxic relationships and choose self-worth.

Reigning monarch Ras Kelly delivered a moving performance of *"The Gift of Life,"* urging the celebration of life. He paused to call for a minute of silence in honour of Janet Johnson, the former pageant coach who passed away suddenly less than 24 hours after celebrating her daughter's victory at Miss Teen SKN the previous weekend.

COURTESY PHOTO

Eventual Groovy winner Tobap captivated the audience with *"Let That Man Go."*

Blade the Artist energized the venue with *"Wake Up,"* calling on the public to remain alert as "there is action in the road," while K.O. and Gabo delivered *"Best Time of the Year,"* describing Carnival as the Federation's most cherished season. During their set, they paid tribute to several cultural contributors, including Dr. Zack Nisbett, King Starshield, and Janet Johnson.

Queen Kibby brought flair with *"Big Girl Sugar,"* a playful celebration of confidence and body positivity, while Nickhail closed the Groovy performances with *"My Island,"* highlighting the uniqueness of St. Kitts and Nevis.

POWER SEGMENT

The Power category opened strongly with Ras Kelly's *"Hidden Camera,"* before Riktik made a dramatic

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COURTESY PHOTO

Brandon dominated the night in the Power segment with *"Drop It."*

St. Kitts welcomes inaugural interCaribbean flight from San Juan

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Officials from the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, the St. Kitts Tourism Authority and interCaribbean Airways pose for a photo at the Kayan Jet private terminal to mark the arrival of the inaugural interCaribbean Airways flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, strengthening regional and international connectivity to St. Kitts.

St. Kitts all-rounder Kunal Tilokani has achieved a significant milestone in his young career after being named in the West Indies Under-19 squad for the ICC Men's Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2026, set to take place in Zimbabwe and Namibia from 15 January to 6 February.

Tilokani's inclusion in the 15-member West Indies side is the culmination of a standout 2025 season in which he impressed across multiple levels of regional cricket. He represented both the Leeward Islands Under-19 and Under-17 teams, earning the Most Valuable Player (MVP) title at the West Indies Under-17 Tournament. He also featured in senior competitions — including the Cool and Smooth T20 Tournament, St. Kitts Senior T20 team and the Senior 50-Over team — demonstrating both skill and maturity well beyond his years.

In international preparation ahead of the World Cup, Tilokani has already been involved in a seven-match Youth ODI series against England Under-19s in Grenada, where he contributed valuable runs and gained vital experience against quality opposition.

The West Indies squad, captained by Joshua Dorne, has been drawn in Group D alongside South Africa, Afghanistan and Tanzania at the World Cup, with group matches set for the High-Performance Oval in Windhoek, Namibia, before progressing to stages in Zimbabwe.

Tilokani's selection not only highlights his individual talent and work ethic but also represents a proud moment for St. Kitts cricket and its youth development pathways, as he prepares to compete on the global stage.

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entrance aboard a bulldozer for "Soca Rebel." His performance centred on partying freely and causing mischief, while taking light-hearted jabs at fellow competitors.

T-Bone and Gabo, fully costumed as circus clowns, performed *"Clowns,"* focusing on the cultural significance of clowns in St. Kitts and Nevis Carnival, asserting that "clowns run Sugar Mas."

G4Exavii followed with *"Rum and Bum,"* describing what he called two staples of the Carnival season, before eventual Power Monarch Brandon dominated the night with "Drop It." One of the most popular songs for Sugar Mas, the performance featured the highest level of crowd participation. Brandon soared high above the audience using a crane before being lowered just above patrons. He also addressed a setback from the semifinals, when an injury sustained after jumping into the crowd nearly prevented him from competing. The audience responded enthusiastically, "dropping it" from one end of Warner Park to the other.

2Ranks kept the energy high with *"Big Stripes,"* a song about being cheated on — or "bite," as known locally — delivered with a light-hearted, carefree approach despite public frustration.

KT Dan gave a solid performance with *"Search Party,"* engaging audience members in a playful hunt for lost money, while Ras Brown and Rocco Don, the father-and-son duo and reigning Power Soca Monarchs from Nevis' Culturama, made their Sugar Mas debut with "Carnival Day." Their performance included Rocco crowd-surfing on a cardboard cut-out of the ferry Lady B, drawing cheers from the audience.

At the end of the night, Tobap claimed the Groovy crown, while Brandon captured the Power title, capping off a night that showcased music, creativity, and the enduring spirit of Sugar Mas.

Nevis Registry moves business services online with hands-on training push

Doing business in Nevis is set to become faster and more convenient following a week-long training programme aimed at strengthening the use of the Online Companies Registry System (OCRS), a digital platform designed to streamline company registration and related services.

The five-day training exercise, held from December 15 to 19, engaged registry staff alongside key public and private sector stakeholders, with the aim of improving proficiency in the OCRS E-Services Portal — a centralised digital platform that facilitates interaction across multiple NIA departments.

Through the portal, companies can register businesses, file documents for business licences, and manage corporate records with agencies including the Nevis Companies Registry, Inland Revenue Department and other relevant departments.

Registrar of Companies and Legal Counsel, Mr. Dé-Jono Liburd, explained that the training was delivered in phases to ensure focused and effective learning for each stakeholder group.

COURTESY PHOTO

Registrar of Companies and Legal Counsel, Mr. Dé-Jono Liburd, welcomes participants to the Online Companies Registry System E-Services Portal training session hosted by the Nevis Island Administration's Nevis Companies Registry.

"The first two days focused on internal registry staff, the third day welcomed representatives from the Inland Revenue Department, Social Security and the Financial Services Department, while the final two days engaged public stakeholders including law firms and financial services providers across Nevis," Mr. Liburd said.

Participants were provided with an overview of the registration process, hands-on demonstrations of the system's core functions and practical training in both initial and post-registration activities. The sessions covered new user registration, access to online services, company name reservations, business registrations, amendments, annual returns and payment processing.

Mr. Liburd was supported during the training by Executive Officer Mrs. Trella Henry-Daniel and Junior Clerk Ingle Lawrence-Drew. The sessions were facilitated by CARICOM Representative Mr. Jeshaun Montoute, along with Mr. Alexandr Iacovlev, Director of Caseflow Systems Ltd., a United Kingdom-based firm specialising in workflow and case management solutions.

Mr. Montoute highlighted the broader regional importance of the initiative, noting that the OCRS forms part of CARICOM's drive to modernise public sector services.

"The online company registry system is part of CARICOM's efforts to make doing business in the region more efficient and easier by moving from manual processes to a secure online platform," he said. "We're helping member states provide faster, more transparent services and support the free movement of businesses in the region."

He also encouraged continued stakeholder engagement, adding, "Our goal is that at the end of this session you are excited to use the system, and we invite you to continue to give us your feedback."

Mr. Liburd indicated that additional virtual training sessions will be offered through CARICOM's online learning platform to support the seamless adoption and long-term use of the OCRS E-Services Portal.

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Director at Caseflow Systems Ltd., Mr. Alexandr Iacovlev (standing), facilitating one of the sessions.

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In the matter of Rule 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules, 2017

and

In the Estate of **ERSELYN VANTERPOOL also known as ERSELYN SAMUEL also known as ERCILYN SAMUEL** late of 167 Carib Road, New Road, St. Peter, St. Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **CANDACE PEELER** nee **SAMUEL** and **CARICIA SAMUEL** both of 167 Carib Road, New Road, St. Peter, St. Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the daughters of the of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 13th day of April 2025.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 17th day of December 2025.

Filed by S. Shanise Hazel, HAZELALLEYNE LAW OFFICE, Attorneys-at-Law of the Applicant whose address for service is Victoria Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone (869) 465-3986.

~~[FIRST/~~ SECOND PUBLICATION]

NDMD marks leadership transition, honours volunteers

The Nevis Disaster Management Department (NDMD) has reaffirmed its commitment to community preparedness and resilience following a pivotal meeting of District Managers that combined a leadership transition with heartfelt recognition of decades of volunteer service.

The meeting, held at the Emergency Operations Centre, brought together district leaders, government officials and volunteers who play a frontline role in coordinating disaster response at the community level.

Community Liaison Officer at NDMD, Mr. C. Javier Ottley, in opening remarks, highlighted the critical role of District Chairs as the main link between national disaster authorities and local communities. He stressed their responsibility for ensuring the timely flow of information, coordinating volunteers and safeguarding vulnerable residents during emergencies.

A highlight of the programme was the recognition of Pastor Jennifer Weekes for more than 34 years of dedicated volunteer service in disaster management. Pastor Weekes, who served as District Chairperson for St Thomas Parish, was honoured for her leadership in shelter management, community preparedness and emergency response, contributions credited with significantly strengthening Nevis' disaster resilience.

Delivering the feature address, Minister responsible for Disaster Management, Honourable Spencer Brand, praised both newly-appointed District Chairs and long-serving volunteers for their unwavering commitment to public service. He underscored preparedness, response and recovery as the core pillars of effective disaster management and reaffirmed the Government of Nevis' continued support for NDMD and its volunteer network.

National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Coordinator, Mr. Livingston Pemberton, also emphasised the importance of volunteerism, describing volunteers as "priceless" partners in national disaster preparedness and response efforts.

NDMD Director Mr. Brian Dyer outlined the roles and responsibilities of District Chairs, referencing the legislative framework that governs district disaster committees. He stressed the importance of strong community engagement, identifying vulnerable populations, conducting training and simulation exercises, coordinating shelters and completing post-disaster assessments.

The meeting also included the presentation of awards and certificates to District Chairpersons, reflections from former Chairs, the voting and confirmation of District Chairpersons and Deputies, and the explanation and signing of the NDMD Volunteer Code of Conduct, reaffirming principles of humanitarian service, accountability and ethical conduct.

NDMD announced plans to strengthen communication systems, expand ongoing training, improve district-level reporting and deepen collaboration with national, regional and international partners.

The meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude to volunteers, partners and stakeholders for their continued dedication to protecting lives, property and livelihoods across Nevis.

COURTESY PHOTO

Pastor Jennifer Weekes (second from right) and the NEMA Board of Directors.

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ISLAND OF NEVIS
[Probate]
A.D. 2025

In the Estate of Ismay Rosetta Fahie also known as Ismay Rosetta Morton
Late of Taylor's Pasture, St. Georges' Parish in the island of Nevis,
deceased

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE DE BONIS NON

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Wilbert Morton of Taylor's Pasture, St. Georges' Parish, in the island of Nevis but who currently resides in 40 Summercrest Drive, Unit 29, Hamilton Ontario, Canada, L8K6M5, the son and one of the surviving residuary legatee and devisee of the Estate of Ismay Rosetta Fahie also known as Ismay Rosetta Morton, deceased for a Grant of Probate De Bonis Non of the above named deceased who died on the 18th November, 2012 without revoking a will bearing the date of 5th September, 2008.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate De Bonis Non to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2025.

Infatari Hanley
Barrister-at-law & Solicitor
IWD HANLEY LAW CHAMBERS

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Public health advisory on respiratory virus situation in Saint Lucia

The Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs informs the public that we are in the midst of the flu season, which spans from October to March. This is a period during which infections by respiratory viruses tend to increase. As we enter this high-risk season, the Ministry is urging all residents to take proactive steps to protect themselves and others from respiratory illnesses.

As an island, Saint Lucia is particularly sensitive to viruses circulating internationally. The continuous movement of people across borders means that respiratory illnesses present globally can quickly reach our shores. Because of this, the Ministry of Health remains vigilant in monitoring circulating respiratory viruses to guide our preparedness and response measures.

So far, global reports indicate low activity of the COVID-19 virus, but increasing circulation of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and the seasonal influenza virus, specifically influenza A subtype H3N2.

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Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs

Similar trends in the circulation of respiratory viruses are observed in Saint Lucia. At present, reported cases of COVID-19 virus are low, with most cases having been detected earlier in the year.

Respiratory Syncitial Virus shows some activity currently, while the seasonal influenza virus is currently the most active virus and is the leading cause of many respiratory symptoms in the country. As per global trends influenza A subtype H3N2 has been detected in individuals presenting with respiratory symptoms at our health care facilities.

There are many subtypes of the Influenza A virus among them H1N1 and H3N2 most commonly affect humans. H3N2 has been detected previously in St Lucia. H3N2 is known to cause more intense respiratory symptoms and complications particularly in young children, the elderly and persons with weakened immune systems.

Please seek immediate medical attention should you or anyone experience severe respiratory symptoms such as straining to breathe, sudden onset of shortness of breath, intense chest pain, rapid or shallow breathing and mental confusion or drowsiness.

The Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs remains committed to protecting the health of our population. We will continue to provide updates throughout the flu season and encourage everyone to take the necessary precautions to help keep our communities safe.

Protect yourself and others ...

Respiratory viruses spread easily from person to person through:

- Coughing and sneezing
- Close contact with infected individuals
- Touching contaminated surfaces and then touching the face

To reduce the risk of acquiring and spreading these viruses, the Ministry of Health strongly encourages the public to follow these preventive measures:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick.
- Wear a mask if you are sick or caring for someone who is ill with respiratory symptoms
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces regularly.
- Avoid going to work or school if you are feeling unwell to prevent the spread of the illness.
- Vaccinate. The flu vaccine is available free of charge at all wellness centers island-wide. We strongly encourage vulnerable groups, including the elderly, pregnant women, and individuals with chronic health conditions, to receive the flu vaccine.

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Claim No. SKBHPB2025/0116
In the Estate of **EDWARD QUAILEY** late of East Park Range, Basseterre, St. Kitts, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE than an application has been filed by **KIETH GLENFORD HERBERT** of Prospect Palms, St. Johns, Nevis, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 6th day of July, 2010.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 22nd day December, 2025.

Filed by: DUBLIN & O'BRIEN LAW FIRM, Attorneys-at-Law, whose address for service is Suite C18 The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

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Claim No. SKBHPB2025/

In the Estate of **RAY MIDDLETON ARCHIBALD**, late of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JEFFREY PATRICK RAY ARCHIBALD** of 1648 McBrady Cres, Pickering, Ontario, Canada and **GARY ANTHONY ARCHIBALD** of 1537 Alexis Road, Windsor, Ontario, Canada for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of **RAY MIDDLETON ARCHIBALD** to the Applicants, who are the surviving children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 9th June, 2009.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated: December 5, 2025.

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D. Victor C. Elliott-Hamilton
ELLIOTT-HAMILTON LAW
Attorneys-at-law for the Applicant

Filed by D. Victor C. Elliott-Hamilton, **ELLIOTT-HAMILTON LAW**, attorneys-at-law for the Applicant whose address for services is C23 The Sands Complex, Basseterre, Saint Kitts. Tel: (869) 665-8936. Email: contact@elliotthamilton.com

[FIRST PUBLICATION]

Premier praises Police High Command, security forces

Premier of Nevis, Hon. Mark Brantley, has praised the efforts of the Police High Command of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force, the security forces, and Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew for a significant reduction in violent crime across the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Honourable Brantley, Opposition Leader of St. Kitts and Nevis and Member of Parliament for Nevis 9, made the remarks during his contribution to the national budget debate on Wednesday, December 17.

"I have had the privilege of engaging with our Commissioner of Police. I want to go on record to commend the Commissioner. I have to also go on record to commend the Honourable Minister with responsibility for National Security [Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew] and the entire team including those in the High Command on Nevis, because I think we have seen a remarkable drop in violent crime in the country and I think that all of us who are right-thinking should applaud that."

Premier Brantley expressed concern that some people seem to be waiting for something bad to happen so they can issue breaking news without considering the impact on tourism, the country's image, or other consequences. He said he was somewhat unhappy that there had not been breaking news highlighting the dramatic drop in crime. Nevertheless, he extended his congratulations from the rostrum to the High Command of the Police Force, the security forces generally, and the new approach to citizen security in the country, noting that it had yielded results and expressing hope that the positive trends would continue.

COURTESY PHOTO

Premier the Honourable Mark Brantley (l) with Commissioner of Police James Sutton (r) following a meeting between the Nevis Island Administration Cabinet and members of the RSCNPF Police High Command in Nevis.

Premier Brantley also addressed crime-fighting efforts specific to Nevis.

"I must say that we have a couple hot spots that seem to be emerging in Nevis and the police tell me that they're well aware of who the difficult ones may be, and so I'm hopeful that that too will peter out."

He further encouraged the nation's youth to focus on the possibilities and opportunities in the country, explaining that his passionate support for the marijuana farmers was intended to give them the chance to move forward and contribute positively to building St. Kitts and Nevis.

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short time. He represents St. Kitts and Nevis by serving on various committees, including serving as Vice Chair of the United Nations Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on International Tax Cooperation.

In the three years Wilkin has served as Attorney General, he said one of the things he is most proud of is his work towards criminal justice reform. They have passed 14 laws in that area that have helped to drastically reduce the number of homicides in St. Kitts and Nevis. He added there has been an average of about 22 homicides a year, many of which were gun-related. However, since October 2024, there have been only six homicides and three of those were gun-related.

Another area where Wilkin is proud of what they have accomplished is anti-corruption reform. They have passed laws including the Integrity Of Public Life Act and whistleblower legislation, which Wilkin said has contributed to a feeling of good governance in the country. Wilkin gave a speech last month commemorating this year's International Anti-Corruption Day, which had the theme: "Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity."

Of course, his position has not come without challenges. The first challenge he mentioned had to do with the government's Citizenship By Investment programme. He said that programme is very important to the country's economic development, but it took a lot of reform to get it to the place where it is today. He also said there are human resources limitations, adding that they don't have enough lawyers and there are efficiency challenges.

Although there was a time when Wilkin said he didn't know the exact role of an Attorney General, he is evidently a fast study, as he has had professional successes during his tenure and has become an integral part of the government's team.

His role also allows him to work closely with Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew, who was Wilkin's high school math teacher three decades ago. Wilkin says that his relationship with Dr. Drew has grown closer, and added that he (Drew) is still his mentor

The work Wilkin does is extremely rewarding and greatly benefits the country's residents, but he does say that he misses being in a courtroom. He did a lot of litigation previously when he worked for a law firm. He did, however, have the opportunity to act in the matter of an appeal recently.

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hall meetings have already been held to sensitise the public.

"The transparency issue is there. It is clear that nobody is doing anything in secret," he said.

According to Mr. Evelyn, the legislation aligns closely with the Sustainable Island State agenda and includes safeguards to ensure investors are credible and capable of delivering meaningful economic benefits

"Our tax base is very small and our population is small, and sometimes we cannot raise the kind of money from taxes that we need for all of our projects," he said. "We must find creative ways to bring additional revenue into the country, and the SSZ provides an excellent framework for that."

Responding to public criticism and what he described as fear-mongering, Mr. Evelyn sought to clarify what the legislation does not allow.

"The framework provided by the SSZ does not allow for any state within a state. It does not cause the Federation to lose its autonomy over any zone that is created. It does not promote segregation, and it does not allow individuals in a zone to ignore the laws of St. Kitts and Nevis," he said.

Addressing calls for the repeal of the SSZ, Mr. Evelyn urged critics to step back from emotional arguments and examine the facts.

"Remove the emotion and stop listening to misinformation," he said. "I find it very strange that people accuse the governments of not bringing foreign investment, but now that a framework has been created to attract investment, the same people are calling for the repeal of the SSZ."

Mr. Evelyn concluded by urging citizens to think independently and consider the broader national interest.

"Think for yourselves and think about the good of the country," he said. "Think about what can happen if we have a zone that will bring more employment to the islands of both St. Kitts and Nevis."

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Monday 22nd December, 2025

Request for Quotations to Purchase & Install One (1) New Asphalt Plant

The Public Works Department is seeking quotations for the cost to procure and install **one (1) New Asphalt Plant**, to outfit the Roads Division, Public Works Department at Canada Estate, St Kitts, West Indies.

1. **Parameters:**
   - The Asphalt Plant must be fitted with the following:
     i. Portable SPL 110 Drum Mixer with wet scrubber.
     ii. Hinged SPL Drag Conveyor with Truck Loading Batcher
     iii. Portable 4CFB Bin Aggregate System
     iv. Appropriate size Control Cabin Fully Outfitted
     v. Portable 20,000 Gallon Tank with Heater.

2. **Additional Services:**
   i. Price must include for service and start up.
   ii. Shipping to St Kitts (CIF)

3. **Warranty and Spare Parts**
   i. A warranty of at least one (1) year must be included in the accepted quotation.
   ii. Sufficient Spare Parts to be included for the servicing of the Asphalt Plant over the course of the first operational year.

4. **Evaluation and acceptance:**
   i. Quotations will only be accepted from established businesses with proof of registration and a track record of supplying/sales of large equipment.
   ii. Quotations will be evaluated by senior personnel from the Ministry of Public Works with recommendations to be submitted to the Procurement Board.
   iii. Quotations must be submitted by **Thursday 12th February, 2026**.

5. **Quotations must include the following:**
   a. Technical specifications and operational manual for the Asphalt Plant.
   b. We are proposing the following payment terms and conditions including a payment structure of:
      i. 40% deposit upon approval,
      ii. 40% prior to shipping and
      iii. 20% once the Asphalt Plant is landed and commissioned on St. Kitts or any other structure agreed to by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.
   c. Setup and training for use and maintenance of the Asphalt Plant.
   d. Shipment timeline from purchase to landing at the cargo port Basseterre, St Kitts.
   e. Company background and eligibility to participate in this quotation.
   f. Vendors must be able to hold the price for at least three (3) months pending purchase evaluations by the procurement board.

Please submit all quotations to the Ministry of Public Infrastructure et al., attention Public Works Department, Roads Division via email to secretary.adminpwd@gov.kn and to zekey.hazel@gov.kn or by hardcopy to Ms. Xia-Xiang Claxton, Acting Director of Public Works or Mr. Zekey Hazel, Roads Engineer/Manager no later than **Thursday 12th February, 2026**..

Winning bidders will be notified thereafter.

Please note that, solicitations, receipt and consideration of cost quotations **DO NOT** constitute a binding agreement to purchase equipment from any responding party or company.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ST KITTS WEST INDIES

Zekey Hazel (Mr.)
Roads Manager
Public Works Department

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ST KITTS WEST INDIES

Xia-Xiang Claxton (Ms.)
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Public Works Department

PROPERTY FOR SALE

The property described below is offered for sale by THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED in its capacity as Mortgagee:-

Description of Property: ALL THAT lands with the buildings and erections thereon with the appurtenances thereto situate in the town of Basseterre in the Parish of St. George in the Island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows that is to say:- ON the North by other lands of Buckleys Estates Limited; ON the South by the Caribbean Sea, ON the East by an Estate Road and other lands of Buckleys Estates Limited together with a Right-of-Way leading to Lime Kiln Bay and ON the West by other lands of Buckleys Estates Limited and of the extent of 2 acres 2 rods 22.3 poles

The lot consists of four (4) residential / rental buildings. There are three (3) buildings on the western side of the property and one (1) building on the eastern side of the property.

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Lower Floor - Five (5) Three Bedrooms w/ Two (2) Bathrooms each.

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Both Floors: Ten (10) Three (3) Bedrooms w/ two (2) Bathrooms each.

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Both Floors: 36 (thirty-six) Studio Apartments

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Survey Plan of Property:

Tenders: Interested persons may obtain the conditions of sale from the Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law and the closing date for the return of Tenders is **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

Minimum Offer: **EC$10,417,400.00**

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Attention: Ms. D. Ashleigh Maynard, Legal Counsel
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Caribbean tourism, cruise leaders align on resilience, recovery and shared growth

Amid the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa in October this year, Caribbean tourism ministers, directors and executives gathered aboard Royal Caribbean's Icon of the Seas this month for an "Iconic Summit" hosted during the Caribbean Tourism Organization's (CTO) second annual Caribbean Weekend in Miami, to discuss the cruise industry's pivotal role in recovery and long-term resilience and growth.

Royal Caribbean International President and CEO Michael Bayley detailed his company's rapid response to the crisis, including delivering more than 100 pallets of essential supplies, generators, food and water to Jamaica's port of Falmouth, working with partners to support distribution in hard-hit areas, and helping to provide meals in affected communities. In a candid discussion with CTO Secretary-General & CEO Dona Regis-Prosper, Bayley said the company sees itself as part of the Caribbean community: "I think over the years we've always tried to support the Caribbean communities. Especially in times of crisis, we answer the phone, and we try our best."

CTO Chairman Ian Gooding-Edghill, Barbados' Minister of Tourism and International Transport, thanked Royal Caribbean and his regional partners for their compassion and generosity in supporting Jamaica and Haiti in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.

He also stressed the importance of building bridges between governments and the private sector, between countries and industries, and between challenges and shared opportunities. "The future of Caribbean tourism depends on our ability to reimagine together — to innovate, to collaborate and to believe in the boundless potential of our region," he said, emphasizing data-driven policy, stronger connectivity and growth that prioritizes local communities.

Bayley called for "master planning" to ensure destinations can manage sustainable tourism development. He highlighted opportunities for cruise lines and destinations to collaborate and expand pathways to employment for Caribbean youth, including meeting with Caribbean labor ministers and industry leaders to address long-standing barriers to workforce participation. In addition, he elaborated on Royal Caribbean Group's focus on forward-thinking sustainability initiatives such as environmental technologies, shore power systems, and resilient port development.

SeaDream Yacht Club makes historic first port of call to Nevis

SeaDream Yacht Club, renowned for delivering ultra-luxury yachting experiences, has chosen the beautiful island of Nevis as its first port of call after completing its annual transatlantic crossing this year. The yacht and its guests, making landing at Chrishi Beach on November 15, will be warmly greeted by Nevis Sun Tours, marking a momentous occasion for the island's tourism industry and reinforcing Nevis's reputation as a premier destination for discerning travelers.

Upon arrival in the tranquil Caribbean waters of Nevis, SeaDream's guests and crew will be met with a vibrant island welcome and many guests will explore the best of Nevis with Nevis Sun Tours. Some will have chosen the Alexander Hamilton Island Tour, others the Ruins of Mount Pleasant Hike (many will be ready to stretch their legs after the 14-day ocean voyage!) or the intriguing and delicious Cooking with Ras Iroy lunch tour. Nevis Sun Tours breadth of tour offerings underscores the company's commitment to hospitality, luxury and authenticity while showcasing the unique charm and culture that make Nevis an increasingly popular stop for luxury vessels.

"We are honored to be the first Caribbean port of call for SeaDream Yacht Club after their Atlantic crossing this year," said Greg Phillip, CEO of Nevis Sun Tours. "This partnership reflects our ongoing efforts to promote Nevis as an exclusive and unforgettable destination for high-end travelers. We look forward to collaborating with SeaDream Yacht Club to ensure their guests experience the very best our island has to offer."

The arrival of SeaDream Yacht Club's vessel not only marks a significant milestone for Nevis's cruise tourism sector but also highlights the island's readiness to welcome international visitors with world-class services and authentic island hospitality. Nevis Sun Tours offers a range of tailored excursions, from historic tours to immersive nature and culinary experiences, ensuring that every guest enjoys the rich heritage and natural beauty of Nevis.