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NIA launches Menstrual Health Education Project in public schools

Nation set to introduce tougher traffic laws to enhance safety

COURTESY PHOTO

The launch Menstrual Health Education Project was attended by several key figures, including Director of Sports Abi Begho, Coordinator at the Nevis Health Promotion Unit, Program Director at Lake Health and Wellbeing, and Adolescent Development Specialist at the UNICEF Office for the Eastern Caribbean Area. Also present were guidance counselors, teachers, students, and other stakeholders.

The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) has officially launched the Menstrual Health Education Project in all public schools, marking a key milestone in advancing menstrual health awareness and support across the island. The initiative was introduced on February 4, during a workshop held at the Nevis Disaster Management Department's Emergency Operations Center in Long Point.

Jay Robinson, Project Assistant at Lake Health and Wellbeing, emphasized the importance of the project, describing it as a vital step in prioritizing menstrual health as both a health and human rights issue. Robinson noted that the initiative aims to ensure girls receive the knowledge and resources they need to manage this natural stage of life with dignity and confidence.

Zahnela Claxton, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, voiced her support for the project, affirming that educating both boys and girls is crucial to cultivating a society that respects and supports the natural processes of human life. "By creating awareness and fostering understanding, we are building a culture of empathy and respect that benefits everyone," she stated.

The program is designed to break down existing barriers, providing accurate information, essential resources, and a supportive environment where girls can navigate menstruation without fear of stigma or shame. The initiative also aims to reduce the stigma surrounding menstruation, creating a school culture where no girl feels embarrassed or ashamed of this natural process.

The Menstrual Health Education Project is supported by key partners, including Lake Health and Wellbeing, WASH United, UNICEF, and the Advancement of Children Foundation, in collaboration with the Nevis Department of Gender Affairs.

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Pregnant woman rushed into emergency after being stabbed

Police are investigating a burglary in Hanley's Road, Nevis, in which Saskia Maynard sustained multiple non-life-threatening stab wounds to her abdomen and upper body.

The incident occurred when Maynard, who is seven months pregnant, was attacked by a masked assailant. She was rushed to the Alexandra Hospital, where doctors later determined that one of her abdominal wounds was more severe than initially thought. As a result, she underwent emergency surgery to deliver her baby.

Authorities have confirmed that the surgery was successful, and both mother and child are in stable condition. Investigations into the attack are ongoing.

‘A new era in healthcare for St. Kitts and Nevis’

COURTESY PHOTO

An aerial rendering of the new Joseph N. France General Hospitalwas presented to the public last week as part of a gathering to unveil designs for the new Joseph N. France Hospital.

Designs unveiled for new climate-resilient JNF Hospital

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

“This is more than just a building. It’s a symbol of our commitment to our people’s health, to progress, and to resilience. Today, we are not just unveiling a hospital; we are unveiling a new era in healthcare for St. Kitts and Nevis.”

These words were expressed by Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Dr Terrance Drew, as he, along with numerous dignitaries, government officials, and the public, gathered last Monday, February 10, for the unveiling of the designs for the long-awaited new, climate-resilient Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital.

The event highlighted the nation’s commitment to improving healthcare infrastructure and its dedication to providing state-of-the-art services for its people.

Special mention was made of Overseas Engineering & Construction Company (OECC), from the Republic of China (Taiwan), which will play a pivotal role in the hospital’s construction. “OECC’s contribution has been invaluable,” said the Prime Minister. “Their expertise and dedication were vital to ensuring this hospital is built to the highest standard.”

Dr. Jensen Morton, who played a central role in consulting with over 400 medical professionals to ensure the hospital is tailored to the needs of St. Kitts and Nevis, was also recognised for his efforts.

The Prime Minister commented, “Dr. Morton’s commitment to this project has been unwavering. He listened to doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals to make sure every detail of this hospital was designed with care and precision. This project is a true reflection of his hard work.”

In addition to the hospital’s physical attributes, the Prime Minister touched on the broader vision behind the project.

He explained that the hospital is more than a symbol of healthcare advancement. “This hospital is a testament to our resilience as a nation, especially in the face of climate change,” he said. “We have seen firsthand how natural disasters can impact healthcare infrastructure. With this new hospital, we are ensuring that St. Kitts and Nevis is prepared for any storm.”

The Prime Minister elaborated on the hospital’s climate-smart features, particularly in light of the growing threat of extreme weather events. “The hospital was designed with resilience in mind,” he explained. “It is being built to withstand Category 5 hurricanes. But it’s also designed to combat the extreme heat that is becoming more common due to climate change. The temperature-controlled wards will ensure that patients are treated in the best conditions possible.”

Acknowledging the significant cost of these climate-conscious upgrades, the Prime Minister remarked, “Yes, it added to the cost of the project, but it was necessary. We are not just thinking about today; we are thinking about the long-term health and well-being of our citizens.”

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

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EDITORIAL

Two bold moves that the NIA needs to make

This week, we are calling on Premier Mark Brantley and the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) to make two bold moves. The first is to condemn the Alexandra Hospital for that purpose.

The government needs to forget about remodeling and addition to the structure. They could use the new wing for office space – the Ministry of Health and possibly other ministries – and demolish the old wing that is full of mold, floors falling in, and sections of walls, etc., that are holding up only by the mercy of God.

A brand new custom-built hospital needs to be erected somewhere else. It is wasteful to continue pouring money into the reconstruction of a building that was the old Government House and in 1909 – 116 years ago - was converted into a hospital. in 1950 and 1951, earthquakes severely damaged the Hospital. It was reconstructed by means of a grant from the Government of the United Kingdom.

There is no escaping the fact that the building has over the years had poor design and inferior material. It is unsustainable.

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It is noteworthy that St. Kitts is a getting a brand-new hospital with Taiwanese help. Nevis should now aim at erecting a facility to last for centuries to come. It's the only way to go. Stop the patchwork. Our charge to Premier Brantley is to ensure that a state-of-the-art hospital be constructed elsewhere on the island. No more short cuts. This world is dynamic. We cannot continue to operate on static ideas; ideas that are centuries old. We have to think and operate futuristically.

The other bold move that we are challenging Mr. Brantley and his administration to make is to condemn the existing Vance W. Amory International Airport and similarly apply the aforementioned – build a brand-new facility of its kind in another location.

For those persons who may not be aware, the current Nevis airport was rebuilt in 2002 with a 4000 ft. runway, because there wasn't much room for expansion. It was built mostly to accommodate LIAT Dash 8 and American Eagle ATRs as well as small private jets. There were obvious limitations faced at the time, such as not being able to extend the runway in either direction due to the location of Hurricane Hill and encroachment of the ongoing Nisbet Plantation works as it was. So, the airport was basically built to fit that area.

Now according to the NIA, the airport expansion will include the extension and resurfacing of the runway, installation of a new and improved lighting system, the construction of a fuel farm and hangar, a new fire hall, and significant upgrades to the terminal building. The runway will be expanded to 5,500

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We want to hear your opinion!

You opinion matters! Let everyone know how you feel about issues by writing a letter to the editor.

This protein drink thing may not be my cup of tea

In some circles around our humble abode, I happen to be known as one of the great chefs in the western hemisphere. Well, actually, I might be the only one that thinks that. But, every time I speak with myself, I am assured that no one makes better Ramen Noodles mixed with cabbage and jalapenos. And, you can ask my children, I make a spaghetti to die for.

Off the Beaten Path ...

Tommy Wells
Humour columnist

I'm not bragging or anything like that. My children break out in tears when they see me break out the spaghetti pot. They can hardly wait to see me mix everything in the kitchen cabinet into the pot. My youngest son, Bobby, once refused to let anyone else eat it … He put a top on the bowl and gave it to my wife for lunch. Evidently, She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad loved it, too, because when she came home from work, the entire 4-gallon bowl was gone!

Here's the thing. I can't make that much anymore. Here lately, I've found one of those Jane Fonda workout tapes and have been inspired to get into better shape. At least once last week, I thought about dancing to the oldies, running around the block, doing push-ups and guzzling protein drinks. I didn't do any of those physically-demanding things … while I was thinking about doing them, I developed a cramp. That cramp, in turn, made me realize how sore I would be if I actually did the exercises.

I'm thinking that just thinking about sweating to the oldies … or being an oldie sweating … is a good enough start for this month.

I did attempt to have a protein drink, though.

I'm pretty sure I might be inducted into the Protein Shake Hall of Fame at some point, based on the reception by brews have received from the neighbors on my street. Funny thing is, I didn't even know I had neighbors before this whole thing began. Now, they just show up with a smile and a glass. Heck, I'm pretty sure I have 25 friends joining me in getting fit.

Over the last two weeks, I've inspired more people to drink protein drinks than Richard Simmons or Arnold Schwarzenegger. I'll be honest, if it keeps going like this, I might be named the Grand Poomba of Protein at next year's Shakers Convention!

Here's the thing, though. I've never really been into protein things. I didn't know how to start making one two weeks ago. Truthfully, I did what all people do when they don't know what to do … I asked SWMNBMM how to do it. Her exact words … I wouldn't make this up … were "just mix everything together and blend it."

Holy crap! You mean, I can follow my spaghetti recipe?

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NEMA urges disaster preparedness after recent tsunami alert

In light of the recent tsunami alert triggered by a powerful earthquake in the Caribbean region, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is urging residents and citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis to prioritize disaster preparedness.

On Saturday, February 8, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Honduras prompted the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC) to issue a tsunami alert for several Caribbean nations. Though the alert was later downgraded and ultimately cancelled, the event served as a stark reminder that natural disasters can strike unexpectedly, even in our region.

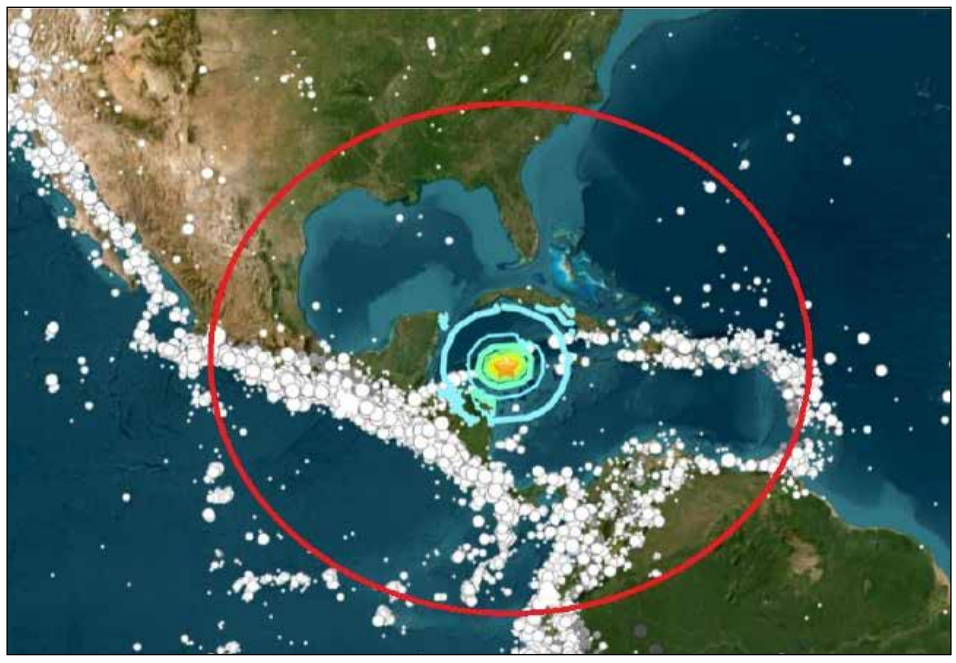
NEMA stresses that being prepared for such events is critical to safeguarding lives and property. The agency has outlined several key steps for residents to enhance their disaster readiness:

- Stay Informed: Regularly monitor official sources for updates and advisories from NEMA. Know how to receive alerts specific to your area.
- Develop a Family Emergency Plan: Discuss potential hazards with your family, create a comprehensive plan, and identify evacuation routes, communication strategies, and a designated meeting point.
- Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit: Assemble a kit with essential items such as water, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, medications, and important documents.
- Know Your Surroundings: Familiarize yourself with local hazards, such as flood-prone areas or landslide-prone slopes.
- Practice Drills: Regularly rehearse your family's emergency plan, including evacuation routes and procedures.

"This recent event, while we are thankful it did not result in a tsunami impacting any territory, underscores the reality that we live in a region where various natural hazards are possible," said Livingston Pemberton, National Disaster Coordinator at NEMA.

"We cannot afford to be complacent. I urge every resident of St. Kitts and Nevis to take disaster preparedness seriously. It's not just about preparing for hurricanes; we must be ready for any eventuality. Being prepared can make all the difference in protecting ourselves, our families, and our communities."

NEMA said it remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis. The agency is encouraging the public to visit its social media pages for more information on disaster preparedness and to stay informed about potential hazards. Residents can also join NEMA's Broadcast list by sending a message to (869) 466-5100, which is also the agency's WhatsApp number.



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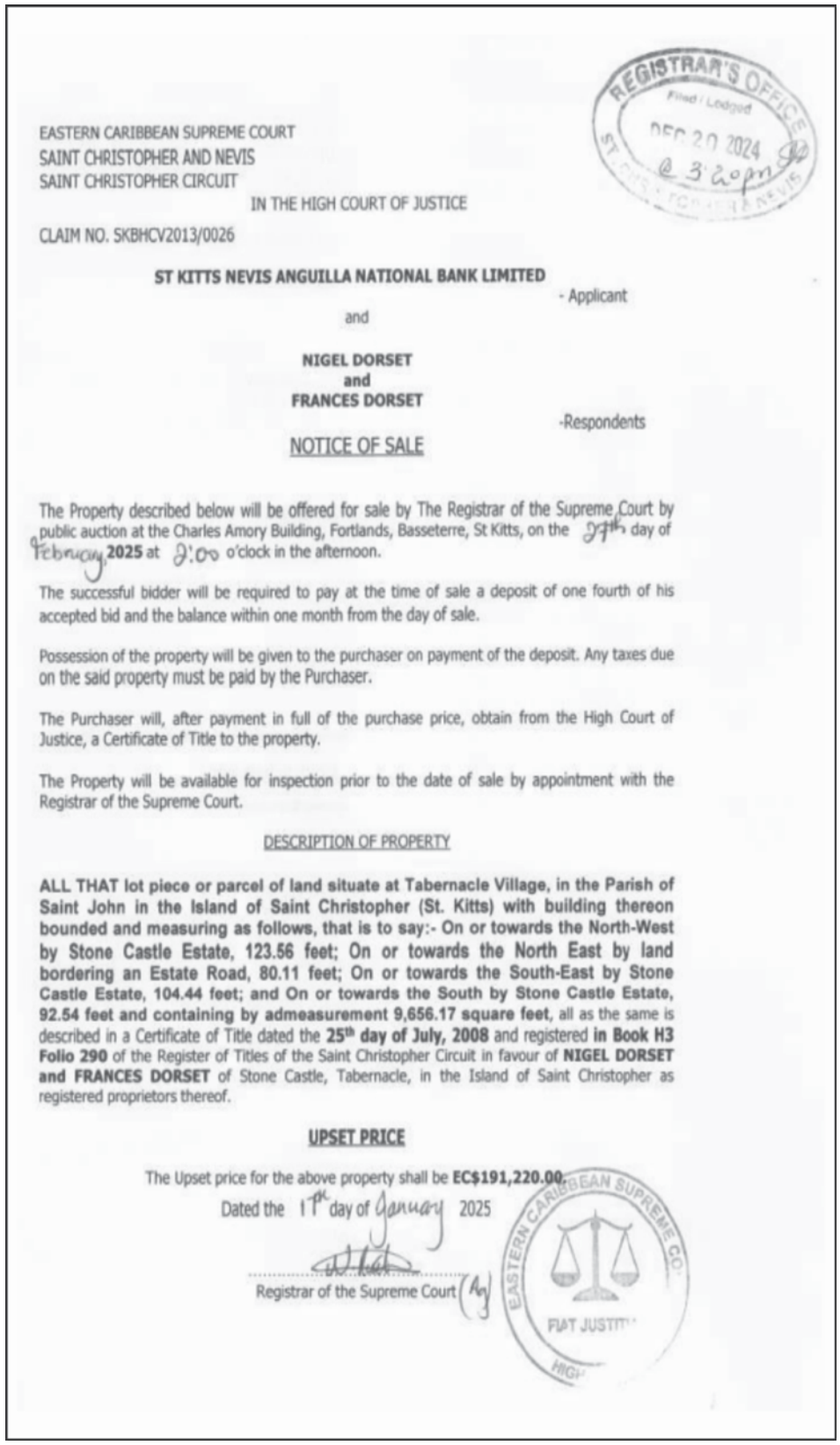
The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) urges disaster preparedness following the recent tsunami alert in the region.



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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Tabernacle Village, in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) with building thereon bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-West by Stone Castle Estate, 123.56 feet; On or towards the North East by land bordering an Estate Road, 80.11 feet; On or towards the South-East by Stone Castle Estate, 104.44 feet; and On or towards the South by Stone Castle Estate, 92.54 feet and containing by admeasurement 9,656.17 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **25th day of July, 2008** and registered **in Book H3 Folio 290** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **NIGEL DORSET and FRANCES DORSET** of Stone Castle, Tabernacle, in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$191,220.00**.

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FIT Wellness Center announces new state-of-the-art facility in Nevis

The FIT Wellness Center is excited to announce the upcoming opening of its new, state-of-the-art fitness facility in Nevis. This expansion reflects our commitment to promoting health and wellness within the community.

The new center will offer:

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- Diverse group classes
- Personal training services
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"We are thrilled to bring this new facility to Nevis," said David Walwyn-Owner, of FIT Wellness Center. "Our goal is to provide a welcoming space where individuals can achieve their health and fitness goals."

For more information, please contact us at info@fitwellnesscenter.com or +1 (869) 469-3481.

World Bank delivers report on revenue-sharing

A long-standing issue that has divided the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis for decades appears to be on the path to resolution, as the World Bank has delivered a comprehensive report with expert-backed recommendations for a fair and equitable revenue-sharing arrangement.

During a Round Table discussion held on February 6th, Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew hailed the report as a monumental step forward in the Federation's financial history. He emphasized that the issue of fair revenue-sharing has been unresolved for far too long, with past governments failing to implement a structured and transparent model.

"For decades, the issue of fair revenue-sharing has been unresolved. Past governments failed to develop a structured, transparent model. Today, for the first time in history, we have an expert-backed framework to guide us toward a fair and sustainable solution," said Dr. Drew.

COURTESY PHOTO

Premier Mark Brantley of Nevis (left) and Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew

The World Bank's report includes an in-depth economic assessment and detailed financial models designed to ensure a fair allocation of revenues between St. Kitts and Nevis. The goal is to ensure that funds generated by the federal government are divided in a way that is both just and sustainable, addressing the concerns of both islands.

Premier Hon. Mark Brantley of Nevis has been closely involved in discussions with Dr. Drew, as both leaders work toward a solution that ensures Nevis receives its rightful share of national revenues while maintaining fiscal balance for the entire Federation. The two leaders are committed to forging an agreement that promotes unity and economic cooperation.

"We are determined to get this right," Dr. Drew emphasized. "Fair revenue sharing is a fundamental issue that must be resolved to strengthen national unity and economic cooperation."

The next phase of the process will involve engaging key stakeholders, including the Nevis Island Administration and the Federal Cabinet, to finalize a fair, transparent, and sustainable revenue-sharing model. Prime Minister Drew assured the public that the government would be diligent in ensuring that every dollar is accounted for, benefiting every citizen of both St. Kitts and Nevis.

"This is a new era for St. Kitts and Nevis," said Dr. Drew. "We will ensure that every dollar is accounted for and that every Kittitian and Nevisian benefits from our national wealth."

Can the Environmental Tax be the answer to derelict vehicles?

Former Commissioner of Police, Austin Williams, has raised a thought-provoking suggestion to address the growing issue of derelict vehicles in St. Kitts and Nevis. In a recent post, Williams argued that the environmental tax charged on the importation of used vehicles could be used to tackle the problem of abandoned and dilapidated cars that are cluttering public spaces, private land, and residential areas.

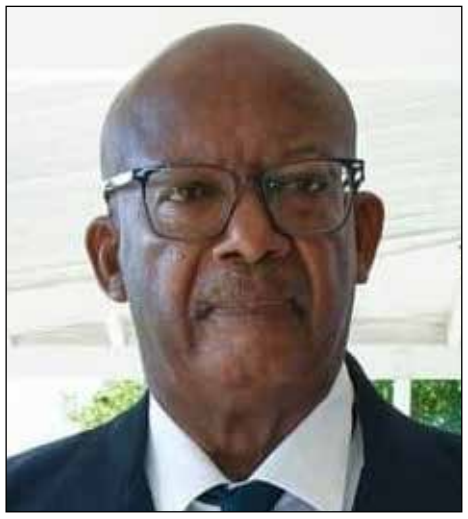
"Abandoned, derelict, and dilapidated vehicles, they are everywhere in the Federation. Well, it is not only an unwelcome sight or an eyesore, it is a public nuisance and in some cases, take up valuable parking spaces. It is time for laws or rules and regulations by the authorities for some urgent action. How about somebody or a company turning this into a business of collecting and shipping? Time for action," Williams emphasized.

Williams suggests using the revenue generated from the Environmental Levy—a tax on imported vehicles—to address the issue of derelict cars. The levy, imposed in St. Kitts and Nevis to promote environmental sustainability, targets items that contribute to environmental degradation, including plastic bags, Styrofoam containers, and electronic waste. For motor vehicles, the levy is structured as follows:

• Vehicles up to 2 years old: EC$1,000

• Vehicles more than 2 years but less than 4 years old: EC$3,500

• Vehicles 4 years or older: EC$5,000



Former Commissioner of Police, Austin Williams

Could this environmental tax serve as a viable solution to eliminate the eyesores and hazards posed by abandoned vehicles?

Williams' proposal urges authorities to take swift action and consider how the funds raised could help clean up the island's spaces, while also promoting sustainability.

The idea of turning vehicle collection and disposal into a business is one potential avenue to reduce the impact of abandoned cars on the environment and public health. Williams believes that it is time for action, urging both government and businesses to work together to find a solution.

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Any persons having objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated 4th February 2025

Filed by Shawna Lake, Law Offices of Shawna Lake Chambers, Suite 200, Bayview Commercial Complex, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts. Email: shawnalake@sknalaw.com Attorney at Law for the Applicant.

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Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew says the geothermal project will benefit both St. Kitts and Nevis by pushing the government's ongoing push for renewable energy, which also includes a 50-megawatt solar farm project.

Financing secured for historic geothermal energy project

In a historic move towards energy independence, the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has secured full financing to launch the nation's first geothermal energy project. This major achievement brings the Federation closer to its goal of becoming a Sustainable Island State, cutting its reliance on fossil fuels and reducing energy costs for its citizens.

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew disclosed the development during his Round Table discussion on February 6th. He revealed that drilling for the first five geothermal wells will begin soon, marking the start of a new era in renewable energy for the twin-island Federation.

"We have now secured the financing necessary to launch the geothermal project," said Prime Minister Drew. "This is a transformative moment for our people. Geothermal energy will provide reliable, low-cost electricity, boost economic growth, and position St. Kitts & Nevis as a leader in clean energy across the region."

Dr. Drew emphasized that the geothermal project will benefit both St. Kitts and Nevis, reaffirming his administration's commitment to national unity and economic development. In a recent high-level meeting, Premier Hon. Mark Brantley and Dr. Drew agreed on a collaborative approach to ensure that both islands share in the benefits of the geothermal resource.

The geothermal energy initiative aligns with the government's ongoing push for renewable energy, which also includes a 50-megawatt solar farm project. With energy costs set to decrease significantly, the Federation is poised to attract new industries, create jobs, and bolster resilience to global energy fluctuations.

COURTESY PHOTO

Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew revealed a series of groundbreaking initiatives focused on citizen security, rehabilitation, and providing opportunities for the youth of St. Kitts and Nevis at a Roundtable discussion on February 6.

PM unveils initiatives to improve citizen security, rehabilitation, added opportunities for SKN youths

Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew revealed a series of groundbreaking initiatives focused on citizen security, rehabilitation, and providing opportunities for the youth of St. Kitts and Nevis at a Roundtable discussion on February 6. These new efforts are part of a broader government strategy aimed at addressing crime prevention and the reintegration of former offenders into society.

Among the key initiatives is the upcoming Day of Interruption across all schools in St. Kitts and Nevis. On this day, students and staff will focus exclusively on the topic of citizen security, with community leaders and experts visiting schools to raise awareness and engage with students. Prime Minister Drew emphasized that the aim is to make the day abuzz across the nation, sparking conversations about the importance of safety and security in society.

Furthermore, the government is planning a Better Opportunities Summit, where young people will be introduced to various career pathways and educational opportunities. Prime Minister Drew encouraged the youth to explore areas like solar energy and electric vehicles, with institutions like AVEC (the Advanced Vocational Education Centre) offering certification programs to help individuals gain the necessary skills to enter these growing industries.

The Elevate Program has also been a focal point of government efforts, with a particular emphasis on expanding educational opportunities for participants. Through Elevate, individuals who have rehabilitated

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NIA invests in human resource development through overseas training for Public Works Department employees

The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) continues to demonstrate its commitment to building human resource capacity by fully funding training for employees of the Public Works Department (PWD).

Two employees, Andrez Bartlette, Supervisor of the Asphalt Plant, and Kester Webbe, Inspector of Works in the Roads and Bridges Division, recently returned from a two-week training programme at the Asphalt Institute in Lexington, Kentucky, USA. The training, held from January 28 to February 7, focused on enhancing their technical expertise in road construction and maintenance.

During the first week, the participants completed the Basic Mixtures Technician Training course, followed by the Mix Design Technology Certification training course in the second week. The training incorporated both classroom lectures and practical lab sessions, equipping them with advanced knowledge in asphalt technology.

Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley, Minister of Finance and Human Resources, emphasized the importance of this investment in local talent.

COURTESY PHOTO

Nevis Public Works Department employees Andrez Bartlette (2nd from right) and Kester Webbe (4th from left), complete professional development course at the Asphalt Institute in Lexington in Kentucky, USA.

"We are investing in our local people. We are developing the skill sets of our local people, and in this case, we hope that that will pay dividends."

Highlighting the relevance of the training, Premier Brantley noted, "You know that we have embarked on a very ambitious road programme where we are building new roads and upgrading existing roads. So these skill sets are going to be critically important to us."

He further stated that the NIA's focus on capacity building and investment in equipment for the Public

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from incarceration are being given the chance to earn certifications, teach others, and pursue scholarships.

Dr Drew explained that former inmates, some of whom now hold multiple subjects, have already begun teaching other young people to help them see brighter futures. He noted that the program also offers counseling services to ensure a comprehensive approach to rehabilitation.

"Apart from education and teaching, the Elevate program also offers job certifications, scholarships, and community enhancement initiatives," Drew said. "Our goal is to help these individuals reintegrate into society, contributing positively to their communities."

The government has also been working on transforming the prison system in St. Kitts and Nevis into a more rehabilitative and educational environment. In addition to offering prison-based education, the authorities have introduced a prison-to-work program, helping those nearing release transition into society with financial stability. This initiative includes providing stipends, employment preparation, and a model farm at the prison to help feed incarcerated individuals while teaching them agricultural skills.

Dr Drew emphasized that these efforts are not just about reducing recidivism but about giving individuals a fresh start. "We've started planning for their exit long before they're released. They're not coming out to the streets with no direction—they're coming out with hope and purpose," he shared.

Another innovative initiative is the Father-Child Program, which aims to foster bonding between incarcerated fathers and their children. During Christmas, fathers were allowed to spend time with their children in civilian clothing, free from the stigma of prison uniforms. This event allowed fathers to give gifts, take pictures, and create lasting memories with their children.

Dr Drew noted the positive emotional impact, allowing children to see their fathers in a different light and helping to strengthen family ties.

"These are just a few of the things we are doing," he said. "It's not just about law enforcement and technology. We're addressing the social aspects as well, ensuring that families and communities are actively involved in the rehabilitation process."

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IN THE MATTER OF a Certificate of Title in favour of **Otis Harvey and Julie Harvey** and registered in Register Book H-2 Folio 2 of the Register of Titles of the St. Christopher Circuit.

And

IN THE MATTER OF section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap 10.19 of the Revised Laws of St. Christopher and Nevis.

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

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Dated the 30th **day of** January **2025**

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St. Kitts and Nevis joined a growing list of countries in a joint statement expressing unwavering support for the International Criminal Court (ICC), following threats of sanctions rby U.S. President Donald Trump.

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The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 24th day of **February, 2025** at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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SKN joins global support for ICC amid U.S. sanction threats

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

St. Kitts and Nevis have joined a growing list of 78 countries in a joint statement expressing unwavering support for the International Criminal Court (ICC), following threats of sanctions resulting from an executive order recently signed by U.S. President Donald Trump.

H.E. Dr. Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations, stated, "St. Kitts and Nevis is pleased to endorse this joint statement and stand up for the rule of law, in support of the International Criminal Court, which serves a critical role in upholding the international criminal justice system."

The statement reaffirms the nations' commitment to the "independence, impartiality, and integrity" of the ICC.

Part of the statement read: "Such measures increase the risk of impunity for the most serious crimes and threaten to erode the international rule of law, which is crucial for promoting global order and security. Moreover, sanctions could jeopardize the confidentiality of sensitive information and the safety of those involved—including victims, witnesses, and Court officials, many of whom are our nationals."

The statement also warned that sanctions could force the ICC to close its field offices, jeopardizing ongoing investigations into critical situations.

Founded in 2002, the ICC was established to prosecute individuals accused of serious international offenses, including war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Trump's executive order criticizes the ICC for what it calls "illegitimate and baseless actions" that specifically target the United States and Israel. The order notably referenced the ICC's 2023 arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former defense minister, Yoav Gallant, related to alleged war crimes in Gaza.

It remains unclear how the sanctions will directly impact the ICC, as they could be implemented by both the U.S. Treasury Department and the U.S. State Department.

SKN strengthens charitable partnerships at winter meeting

The Permanent Mission of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations has further bolstered its philanthropic initiatives by participating in the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Winter Meeting. CGI, a renowned platform for fostering change, which continues to drive the international development agenda, demonstrating how global challenges can be addressed through collaboration, community engagement, and a shared commitment to action.

H.E. Dr. Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative/Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis, highlighted the critical role of multi-stakeholder partnerships and emphasized CGI's proven success in creating impactful outcomes for vulnerable communities through philanthropy.

The meeting brought together influential policymakers, political leaders, and change makers to address urgent global issues, including advancing climate action into 2025, preparing for shifts in technology, policy, and finance, and promoting health equity for healthier communities.

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H.E. Dr. Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative/Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis (right) with Former First Lady Hillary Clinton.

St. Kitts and Nevis is leveraging its longstanding partnership with the Clinton Foundation to amplify its efforts around sustainability, resilience, and security, aiming to strengthen its messaging, networks, and global partnerships for long-term impact.

Nevis stakeholders focus on enhancing disaster risk management

Stakeholders in Nevis are playing a pivotal role in enhancing disaster risk management capabilities across St. Kitts and Nevis, as demonstrated at the third and final workshop of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness 4 Project that was held on January 28. The initiative is aimed at improving the nation's ability to manage disaster risks and build resilience against the impacts of climate change.

This three-year project focuses on strengthening the National Emergency and Disaster Management framework by developing a formalized operational structure and training plan for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Nevis Disaster Management Department (NDMD).

Minister Spencer Brand, who holds responsibility for Disaster Management within the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), underscored the critical importance of maintaining a high level of preparedness in Nevis. He commended the Nevis Disaster Management Department, led by Director Brian Dyer, for their dedication and proactive approach to disaster management.

The workshop centered on presenting the final project results and recommendations from Slimen Benrabah of Insight Decision, a global environmental consultancy firm. Benrabah stressed the need for updated legislation, a comprehensive multi-hazard early warning system, enhanced resource mobilization, and continued public awareness. He acknowledged the progress made by St. Kitts and Nevis but emphasized the need for a unified national disaster plan and improved resource coordination, particularly in collaboration with the private sector.

Funded by the Green Climate Fund, the project aims to ensure alignment and understanding among stakeholders regarding the next steps for sustaining the project's outcomes. It also facilitates the handover process, assigns responsibilities to stakeholders, and reinforces a long-term commitment to disaster resilience initiatives.

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The third and final workshop of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness 4 Project.

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Nevis records continued decline in HIV cases

The Ministry of Health in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), through its Health Promotion and Health Information Unit (HIU), has reported a continued decrease in the annual incidence of HIV cases on the island. This decline aligns with Nevis' commitment to achieving the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets by 2030, a key part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The latest report from the HIU indicates that Nevis recorded three new HIV cases in 2023, bringing the cumulative total of reported cases since 1987 to 87. The majority of HIV transmissions continue to be through heterosexual contact, with cases most common in individuals aged 25-49 years.

Despite the decrease, the HIV/AIDS epidemic on Nevis remains generalized, with a prevalence rate of less than one percent. The Coordinating Unit, which has played a critical role in prevention, treatment, care, and advocacy, operates under five strategic pillars: HIV prevention, care and treatment for those living with HIV, advocacy and policy development, strategic data collection, and program coordination and management.

As of the end of 2023, 21 individuals were actively receiving care for HIV/AIDS on Nevis. Both first- and second-line antiretroviral therapy (ART) continue to be provided free of charge, with no reported shortages in medication, ensuring consistent treatment for individuals living with HIV. In addition, counseling and testing remain essential components of the island's HIV response. A total of 298 individuals underwent HIV testing in 2023, marking a 6% increase over the previous year.

To further enhance accessibility, the HIV/AIDS Coordinating Unit offers free rapid HIV testing at three locations, with same-day test results available. Ongoing sexual health education sessions, as well as continuous distribution of condoms and lubricants, further support the island's comprehensive HIV response.

Nevis continues to maintain its World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) validation for the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of both HIV and syphilis.

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The hospital's private rooms, advanced medical treatment areas, and family-friendly features were also highlighted. The Prime Minister emphasized the positive impact these changes would have on patient recovery. "Our vision was to create an environment that not only delivers the best medical care, but also provides patients and their families with the comfort and space they need during difficult times," he said. "This hospital will offer services for strokes, heart attacks, and many other conditions. It will truly be a regional healthcare hub."

Looking beyond St. Kitts and Nevis, the Prime Minister expressed hope that the hospital would attract patients from neighbouring islands. "We've always been known for our excellent healthcare, and with this new facility, we are positioning ourselves as a leading destination for medical care in the Caribbean," he said. "This hospital will be a beacon of hope not only for our people but for those across the region."

Additionally, the Prime Minister spoke on the economic impact of the hospital's construction, noting the creation of jobs and opportunities for local workers. "The involvement of local workers in this project has been a great benefit to our economy," he said. "This hospital is not just a healthcare investment; it's an economic one. It will provide jobs, support families, and help strengthen our economy for years to come."

The Republic of China (Taiwan) received high praise from the Prime Minister, particularly for its support of the hospital project. "We cannot thank Taiwan enough for its continued partnership," he said. "Their support, both technical and financial, has been critical in making this hospital a reality. We stand by Taiwan on the international stage, and we are proud of the enduring friendship between our two nations."

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Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Dr Terrance Drew said the hospital as designed with 'the long-term health and well-being of our citizen.' in mind.

The Prime Minister also recognized his Cabinet colleagues, the hospital's project team, and Ambassador Leon Natta-Nelson for their contributions. "I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has been a part of this incredible journey," he said. "This hospital represents a milestone in healthcare for St. Kitts and Nevis, and none of this would have been possible without your dedication and support."

Dr. Morton detailed the vision behind the new Joseph N. France Health Network and the extensive planning that has gone into this critical project.

"St. Kitts has long been a regional leader in healthcare, a status that dates back to the 19th century when the Cunningham Hospital was first built in 1840. This legacy continued when the hospital was moved to a new location in 1966, and again in 2001 with the construction of the current Joseph N. France General Hospital, which, despite budget constraints and challenges, was considered state-of-the-art at the time."

However, as Dr. Morton explained, the healthcare needs of the nation have changed significantly since the early 2000s.

"A surge in chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease has led to overcrowding in medical wards. Additionally, the psychiatric ward, which was originally designed for just 12 patients, has had to expand rapidly due to an increase in the population of individuals with mental health disorders. This evolution in the patient demographic, combined with advancements in medical technology, has made it clear that the existing facility can no longer meet the growing demands of the nation.

"Prime Minister Terrance Drew, drawing from his training both in Cuba and the United States, has envisioned a broader healthcare system. Rather than just building a new hospital, his vision includes the development of a Joseph N. France Health Network, which will integrate the new facility with the existing healthcare infrastructure. "It's not just about a new building," Dr. Morton said. "It's about creating a network that will serve the entire nation and the region."

Dr. Morton highlighted that extensive research was conducted starting in September 2022 to ensure the new hospital meets the needs of the community. Over 400 staff members were interviewed, contributing over 1,000 unique design points. This information, combined with expert consultations, was incorporated into the design to ensure the new hospital meets the highest international standards. Notable health infrastructure experts, including Dr. Parker, Dr. Neil Parson, and Mr. Albach, were brought onto the team, bringing decades of global experience to the project.

The new hospital, set to be built on a 15-acre site at West Farm, will feature 128 beds and will remain a part of the Joseph N. France Health Network. It will be a center of excellence for healthcare in the region, incorporating the latest in medical technology, energy-efficient designs, and environmental sustainability. Renewable energy sources like solar power will be utilized, and the building itself will be designed to withstand natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes, ensuring that it remains operational even in the face of extreme weather events.

Dr. Morton emphasized that the hospital will not only serve the local population but will also cater to medical tourism, an area that St. Kitts and Nevis aims to expand. With over 1 million tourists visiting the island each year, many of whom are elderly and more likely to require medical attention, the new facility will be equipped to provide top-tier care in a welcoming, world-class environment. "People will not travel to our country for healthcare unless they know they will receive top-notch service in a state-of-the-art facility," Dr. Morton noted.

Patient experience is also a major consideration in the new hospital design. The facility will take advantage of the island's natural beauty, offering sweeping views of the ocean or mountains from every patient room. The design will prioritize patient comfort and privacy, with every inpatient room being a single occupancy space. This move aims to resolve overcrowding issues in the current facility, where multiple patients often share rooms.

To further enhance patient care, the hospital will implement advanced medical planning, which will allow for flexibility in the use of rooms. Single rooms, which can be converted into intensive care units (ICU) if needed, will ensure that the hospital is prepared for any surge in patient numbers. Additionally, all maternity rooms will be single-occupancy to ensure privacy and dignity for expectant mothers.

The outpatient department will also be expanded, with the ability to accommodate future growth in demand for healthcare services. The hospital's design includes a focus on improving nursing ratios and meeting international standards for healthcare facilities, which will ensure that the hospital can provide the highest level of care to both local and international patients.

As the project moves forward, the next steps will involve finalizing the construction details and beginning work on the new hospital, with plans to complete the facility in the coming years. Dr. Morton concluded, "This new facility is not just about the present. It's about building a healthcare system that can serve the nation and the region for decades to come."

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feet, extending to both the East and West. This all sounds impressive, but it is impractical.

Imagine in 2025 they are going back now, adding some little land in the sea, saying they want to build an airport so that the regional jets that can hold about 80-90 passengers, could come from North America and everywhere else.

Well, suppose God smiles on Nevis. Suppose the ethereal spirit of Simeon Daniel begins to reign again in Nevis. Suppose we have politicians who are able to go out there and fight for Nevis and encourage hoteliers to build new hotels in Nevis. Let's face it, from the minute Four Seasons came and was operational, Nevis should have gone after eight or nine more super brands, including Ritz-Carlton, Waldorf Astoria, Marriott, Wyndham, among others. Simeon Daniel is dead, but that spirit should be kept alive.

If for whatever reason in the middle of the night, Mark Brantley has a vision from above, or he has a domestic road experience like Paul, and says 'the way that you're going is wrong – let's change the attitude. We want you – Heaven expects you to go out there and fight for Nevis and try to bring industries and hotels for Nevis'. Suppose that happens and Nevis ends up having five or six top brand hotels. What are you going to do?

Nevis caters to high-end tourists who prefer to fly directly into Nevis from major international cities. When everyone from Europe and everywhere else say 'no, we prefer to land our planes right in Nevis –take our passengers there. We don't want to have to land in Saint Martin, and take another plane up and land in Saint Kitts, and take another plane up and land into Antigua, and take another plane down. What are you going to do at that point in time, with an airport that has absolutely no more room for expansion?

Don't waste money at New Castle, Mr. Brantley. Build a brand-new airport! Stop! Stop in your tracks! Stop what you're doing, and build a brand-new airport that is going to be viable for the future – one that will be dynamic; one that you can expand and that you could change as time goes on. What you are doing now is boxing yourself in a situation where change cannot come in our generation or generations to come.

Build a brand-new airport, maybe on the other end of Nevis. There was talk before of an airport down Hanley's Road – somewhere in that vicinity. Look at it, Mr. Brantley. Come up with a practical solution. You have to abandon the idea of continuing to remodel Vance Amory airport, because to us it is basically throwing money to the wind, as inevitably, in less than five years it's going to be obsolete and then you've got to go at it again.

PROTEIN

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I think I've messed it up, though. I mixed. I blended. I shook and I stirred until my eyes crossed and my muscles got sore. It doesn't seem to be working. My drinks never look like the ones on the front of all of those health food cartons.

No matter how I mix the drink, it always turns out as a margarita.

My friends aren't complaining, though. They tell me to just do my best and that they will stay the course as long as I keep trying. It's amazing how true friends will stand behind you.

You'll have to excuse me, but I have to run. Evidently some of my new friends are bringing some of their friends from the next town over who are wanting to join the program.

Tommy Wells is a humour columnist living on the edge of the desert on Texas. Everything in this column is true, except for the parts that are made up, fabricated or are just plain old lies.

PROJECT

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"This is a major milestone in our journey toward true energy independence," Dr. Drew added. "The people of St. Kitts & Nevis can look forward to a future where energy is affordable, sustainable, and locally sourced."

Further details on project timelines and future expansion plans are expected to be announced in the coming weeks. This milestone marks a significant step forward in St. Kitts and Nevis' push for a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

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Wednesday 12th February, 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 **Wednesday 2nd April, 2025.**

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 Works, attention Public Works Department, Roads Division via email to secretary.adminpwd@gov.kn and to zekey.hazel@gov.kn or by hardcopy to Mr. George Gilbert, Director of Public Works or Mr. Zekey Hazel, Roads Manager no later than **Wednesday 2nd April, 2025.**

Winning bidders will be notified thereafter.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ST. KITTS WEST INDIES

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Roads Manager
Public Works Department

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LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCE, 1906

SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate District "C"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Raymattie Komal Bowrin

Now residing in Clay Ghauts Street in the town or

Village of ..... do hereby give you notice

That it is my intention to apply on 23rd

Day of February, 2025 next to the District Magistrate

At Charlestown for a Beer Licence in respect of my

Premises in Bams Food Courts Street in Stoney Grove

Dated this 6th day of February, 2025

Signed: Raymattie komal Bowrin

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LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCE, 1906

SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate District "C"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Maria Angel-James dba/ family Bar/Snacket

Now residing in Prospect Street in the town or

Village of St. John's Parish, Nevis do hereby give you notice

That it is my intention to apply on 18th

Day of February 2025 next to the District Magistrate

At Charlestown for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my

Premises in Prospect Street in St. John's Parish, Nevis

Dated this 23 day of January, 2025

Signed: Maria Angel James

COURTESY PHOTO

Nevis Public Works Department employees Andrez Bartlette and Kester Webbe undergo training at the Asphalt Institute in Lexington in Kentucky.

NIA

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Works Department is also benefiting the neighboring island of St. Kitts.

"In fact, I believe that even our brothers and sisters in St. Kitts should feel proud because recently we were able to lend to St. Kitts not only skilled men, but also machinery to help them build roads in St. Kitts. So if you're up in St. Peter's and you have new roads up there, say thanks to the NIA that our investment in equipment, our investment in training people has now resulted in those people and that equipment being put to use to help our brothers and sisters in St. Kitts," he said at a recent press engagement.

Mr. Bartlette provided insight into the training content.

"We studied binder mixing and asphalt mix design. We learned quite a lot, such as soil testing, aggregate testing, testing material before laying the asphalt, the different types of binder to be used for different climates or temperature. We learned a lot about aggregates, which is a critical element in the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of roadway base, like the size of stones and type of sand to be used and different mixing processes when doing different types of surfaces, for instance, the airport runway, a highway, or a village road.

"We also learned about compacting and rolling roads, and a better way to patch or repair existing roads so it lasts longer."

He affirmed that the knowledge gained will be implemented in future projects to ensure the highest quality road construction and maintenance.

Both Bartlette and Webbe received Professional Development Certificates in Basic Mixtures Technician Training and Mix Design Technology. Their enhanced expertise will contribute significantly to the execution of infrastructure projects across Nevis, ensuring durable and well-constructed roads for the benefit of all citizens.

Republic Financial Holdings Limited

REPUBLIC FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
EXPRESSED IN MILLIONS OF UNITED STATES DOLLARS

	UNAUDITED THREE MONTHS ENDED		AUDITED YEAR ENDED
	Dec-31-24 US$Mn	Dec-31-23 US$Mn	Sept-30-24 US$Mn
Profit before taxation	123	107	450
Profit after taxation	93	85	340
Profit attributable to shareholders	82	75	300
Assets	18,508	17,245	17,744
Advances	10,468	9,381	10,074
Investment securities	3,027	3,124	3,071
Deposits and other funding instruments	15,445	14,291	14,650
Stated capital	142	140	141
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent	2,101	1,935	2,107
Information per share			
Earnings per share (US$)	$0.50	$0.46	$1.84
Dividends based on the results of the period	$0.08	$0.08	$0.85
Number of shares - average ('000)	162,979	162,841	163,007

In deriving the figures above, the Group's unaudited consolidated financial statements for 2024 and 2023 expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars were translated into United States dollars using the closing rate as at December 31, 2024 of TT$ / US$ 6.6806.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

It is my pleasure to present the first-quarter 2025 financial results for Republic Financial Holdings Limited (RFHL), a period marked by solid performance in an evolving economic landscape. Despite ongoing challenges in the global, regional, and local markets, we have delivered a strong performance that demonstrates the resilience and adaptability of our Group.

Our Group's profit attributable to its equity holders stood at $82 million for the three-month period ended December 31, 2024, an increase of $7 million or 8.8% year-on-year, driven by solid growth across our core banking operations and prudent management of costs.

Total assets stood at $18.5 billion at December 31, 2024, an increase of $1.3 billion or 7.3% over the total assets at December 2023. This increase was mainly fuelled by growth in the loan portfolios across all subsidiaries. This growth reflects our commitment to supporting individuals, businesses, and communities in their financial endeavours.

Based on these results, the Board of Directors has declared its first quarterly interim dividend of $0.08 per share payable on February 28, 2025, to all shareholders on record at February 19, 2025.

Despite the challenges posed by inflationary pressures, geopolitical tensions, and fluctuating interest rates, the Group remains committed to delivering long-term value to our shareholders while maintaining a sound risk management framework. Our diversified business model, with its focus on innovation and digitization, customer service, and financial strength, has allowed us to perform well, even in uncertain times.

I would like to express my gratitude to our employees, customers, and shareholders for their unwavering support and trust in our Group. Together, we will continue to build on this strong foundation and look ahead to a bright future

Vincent A. Pereira
Chairman
February 5, 2025