
**Minutes of the Three-Hundred & Forty
Meeting of the Board of Directors
held via telephone conference call on
Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

Present were:

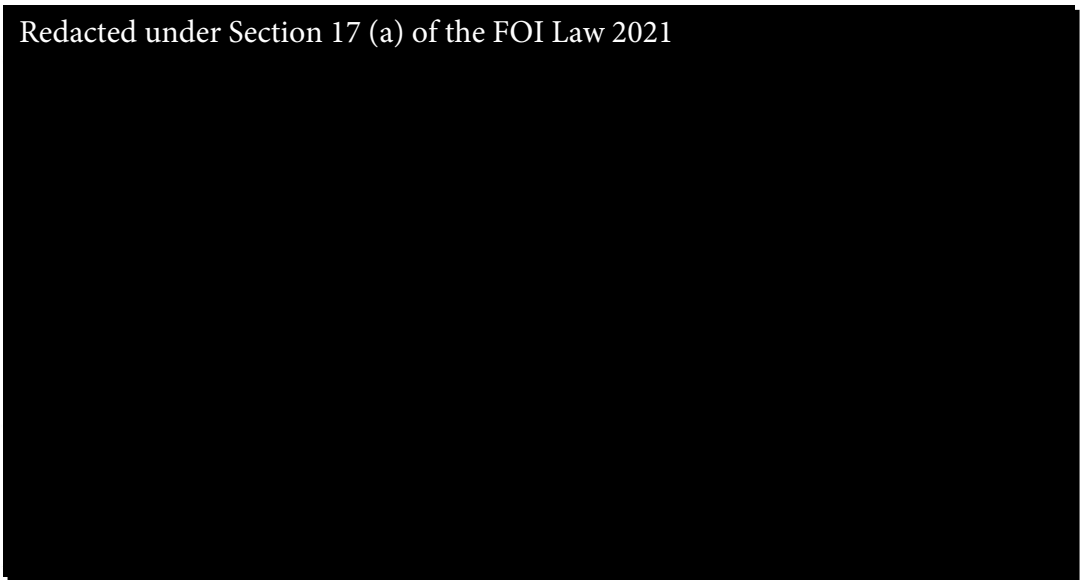
Alric Lindsay	Director, Chairman
Stanley Panton	Director, Deputy Chairman
Troy Whittaker	Director
Heidi Hunte-Webster	Director
Anna Peccarino	Director
Kelvin Dixon	Director
Dane Walton	Director
Paul "Andy" Bodden	Director
Barry Martinez	Director
Edward Howard	Managing Director
Faith Powery	Executive Secretary
Tristan Hydes	Director, Designate of Chief Officer, PAHI (ex officio, non-voting)

1. Call to Order

It was noted that a quorum was present and the meeting was duly constituted

2. Update on gazette notices

Redacted under Section 17 (a) of the FOI Law 2021



Redacted under Section 17 (a) of the FOI Law 2021

3. Discuss Walkers Road widening

The Chairman suggested that the owners of the properties along Walkers Road be telephoned about the proposed widening of Walkers Road.

Director Panton suggested that:

- (a) a meeting be held with the public at the South Sound Community Centre (if it is available to be utilized) and the affected property owners along Walkers Road be asked to attend;
- (b) with regards to the new Covid-19 regulations in place, NRA would ask the persons attending to adhere to the guidelines of wearing of face masks, sanitizing of hands and up to 100 people inside;
- (c) A survey should be done from Walkers Road to Boilers Road.

The Chairman inquired if the widening of Walkers Road would actually help alleviate traffic and Director Hydes, Director Peccarino and Director Panton suggested that it would help alleviate traffic and that installing a turning lane would reduce the time motorists are having to wait behind traffic making right turns.

It was noted by another director that having a third (3rd) lane would not assist by the Prep or Catholic School.

The Chairman queried whether the Ministry of Education was contacted regarding whether it was proceeding with a FIFA styled pitch on the site of the John Gray High School because if the pitch was not being done, that area could be used as another drop off point for students in the area, in addition to the proposed drop-off point across from Prep School. Managing Director Howard noted that the Ministry of Education had not yet been contacted regarding this.

After discussion, it was resolved that:

- (a) a traffic study be done in the Walkers Road area and that Managing Director Howard would contact Denis Thibeault, Assistant Director for Transportation and Planning to head this up and that Managing Director Howard provide a timeline for this to be done;and
- (b) Owners of properties along Walkers Road be contacted and a public meeting be held inside the South Sound Community Centre in compliance with COVID-19 restrictions.

4. Status of Airport Connector Road and East West from Hirst to Woodland

With regards to the status of the Airport Connector Road, Managing Director Howard noted that:

- NRA is looking at getting a consultant
- Culverts would be installed along the road
- A meeting will be held in November 2021 for approval
- Early December would be the target date for installment

The directors then discussed environmental concerns related to the Airport Connector Road and, after discussion, it was resolved that the relevant parties, including the Water Authority, be contacted to discuss these concerns further.

With regards to the status of the East West Arterial Road from Woodland to Frank Sound, it was noted that:

- DOE will require a proposal of 3 consultants
- Managing Director Howard is a member of the EAB and that weekly meetings are held
- Full EIA be done per Gina Ebanks-Petrie from DOE's suggestion

After discussion, it was resolved that Managing Director Howard would share the timeline by email with the Board.

5. Discuss approach to compensation claims from Lands & Survey

It was noted that Lands and Survey submitted several compensation proposals for the Board's approval. The Chairman raised a Board member's point that an extra column was needed to reflect the Fair Market Value of each property so that the Board can understand how the proposed compensation differs from the Fair Market Value. The Chairman noted that Lands and Survey appeared to be refusing to share the Fair Market Value with NRA on the basis that it is 'confidential information' but this position appeared to be rather non-transparent.

It was noted by some of the directors that the directors have duties to uphold the relevant Acts as well as comply with their fiduciary duties. This means that the Board cannot approve any settlement without first considering all relevant information, including fair market value.

The Chairman noted that it was unclear, in the absence of fair market value information, how ex gratia payments (if agreed by Cabinet) would be considered by Cabinet.

Director Panton noted that the possible rationale for Lands and Survey refusing to share fair market values is that the landowners with properties in the same area may argue that they should have the same land proceeds as their neighbours down the street, notwithstanding that properties in the same area may have different characteristics that impact their values. Director Panton noted that Lands and Survey may also be concerned that the fair market value figures would be shared with other parties and affect Lands & Survey's ability to negotiate.

The Chairman noted Director Peccarino's previous suggestion that, if Lands & Survey is concerned about confidentiality, then the members of the Board could sign a non-disclosure agreement.

Managing Director Howard noted that he is meeting on Thursday 23rd September with Lands and Survey Chief Valuation Officer and will update the Board.

6. Update on meeting with DOE re disposal of drain water.

It was noted that Managing Director Howard, Director Panton and the Chairman had a conference call with DOE and Water Authority on September 21. On behalf of the board, Managing Director Howard, Director Panton and the Chairman raised questions regarding the treatment of drainage water at the Water Authority's treatment facility and the Water Authority advised that the drainage water collected by the NRA included fuel, sludge and other contaminants and, as such, a meeting had been held mandating the NRA to use an area designate at the George Town landfill.

Managing Director Howard noted that when trucks have to pump the drains, they have to drive to the landfill to release the water.

It was noted that Managing Director Howard, Director Panton and the Chairman informed the DOE and Water Authority that there was a need for multiple water treatment sites and this was a high priority due to the closure of the landfill that could occur within 3-5 years in connection with the establishment of the waste to energy facility.

Managing Director Howard noted that the next meeting for the committee to discuss the disposal of drainage water will be held on October 26th 2021 and leading up to that meeting, the NRA would provide data required by the Water Authority on volumes of water and sludge.

7. NRA COVID plan

The Chairman noted that Managing Director Howard had obtained approval (via Director Tristan acting on behalf of the Ministry, who had communicated with Cabinet) of a revised COVID-19 plan for the NRA which would allow the NRA to continue major road projects during Level 3 of the NRA COVID-19 plan.

Managing Director Howard noted that:

- staff protocols are in place
- about 70%-80% of the staff have already been tested for Covid-19 and all the results so far are NEGATIVE. If a positive case occurs, Managing Director Howard as managing director of the NRA would immediately be notified by Public Health authorities and NRA would shut down and go into level 4, which consists of contact tracing.
- Managing Director Howard to give the Executive Secretary contact details for public relations purposes, should there be a positive case.

After discussion, it was resolved that, after the new COVID-19 regulations have been issued, the Board approve and ratify any changes to the NRA Covid Plan, which Managing Director Howard will send to the Board.

8. Status of debris clearing, downed signs across island, new drain wells, industrial park paving

It was noted that:

- the Ministry allocated \$500,000.00 for the cleanup of the two tropical storms that passed near the Cayman Islands, Grace and Ida
- NRA's responsibility for debris arising after storms was to clear the main roads within the first 24 hours of a storm in order to allow emergency vehicles to pass through. DEH would arrange general debris cleaning otherwise
- Managing Director Howard will be sitting with the NRA teams and Simms from DEH, about the use of their vehicles and set deadlines and update the Chairman and the Board.

9. Status of 3-year operational plan for NRA

It was noted that Managing Director Howard was working on this and will have this completed by the end of September 2021.

10. Progress of subcommittees

Director Whittaker gave a brief update and noted that the Fleet subcommittee met already on September 2nd 2021 and will meet again on September 30th 2021.

Director Peccarino noted that the Legal subcommittee would meet soon and in the interim she will circulate some laws and documents for review next month.

11. Any other business

NRA soil donation

The Chairman noted that the NRA donated soil to the RCIPS Kids Farming project in September with approval from the Board. Soil had also been made available to some farmers.

Director Panton recommended that, in the future, if soil was not being given to a charity, then the NRA should set a price for the sale of the soil so that NRA would receive something for it.

Debris leftover in North Side

It was noted that debris from the installation of the new shoulders in North Side were left over and the Minister had requested the shoulders be swept.

Complaint of West Bay Wall encroachment

It was noted that a property owner that lives on Mona Lisa Way, West Bay, wrote to the Chairman stating that, in her view, the wall at the entrance of the road at Block 4D Parcel 480, was an encroachment.

Managing Director Howard confirmed that an NRA team visited the area and was not of the opinion that there was an encroachment under the provisions of the Act.

After discussed, it was resolved that:

- (a) the existing broken line in front of Mona Lisa Way be changed to a solid line on Church Street
- (b) a response be sent to the property owner who wrote to the Chairman
- (c) NRA will liaise with Planning Department/Ministry to come up with long term solutions to similar issues island wide

Directors Input:

Director Walton noted that, by the CNB roundabout, the sweeper truck vacuum may be backing up and suggested that it be checked as it was releasing a lot dust.

Director Panton noted that the sign by the Cradock Ebanks Civic Centre need to be moved back south in line with the fence post as it was blocking the sight line of vehicles exiting the Civic Centre.

Director Peccarino noted the following matters to be considered:

- Paint double yellow lines and install no parking signs along both sides of the slip road from the Hurley's roundabout into South Sound Road, up to the Old Crew Road Junction to prevent illegal parking;
- Install velocity controlling signs along South Sound Road to slow down speeding traffic coming in from the Hurley's Roundabout;
- Install pedestrian sidewalks, on both sides of the road, along the stretch of South Sound Road from the Old Crew Road Junction up to the Aura development and Scotia Bank respectively;
- Install a pedestrian crossing at the top of South Sound Road leading from the By the Sea side of the road to Scotia Bank (by the existing traffic lights by the Hurley's roundabout) to ensure the safety of crossing residents (including children);
- Install a provisional crossing point from the Scotia Bank corner of South Sound Road across the bypass road into Hurley's (while we find a permanent solution to the Hurley's roundabout problems) to ensure the safety of crossing residents (including children).

Director Peccarino that the above items have all been requested on numerous occasions by the South Sound community over the past 3-5 years. Roy McTaggart, the local MP, is aware of the requests, and so is Edward Howard who attended a community meeting with the South Sound Residents at which these were discussed and requested by the community. The last three items on the list would have the added benefit of reducing the volume of traffic around the roundabout, as people who would normally drive to Hurley's because it is not safe to walk across the roundabout, would then be able to get across the roundabout safely on foot.

Director Hunte-Webster noted the following items to be addressed:

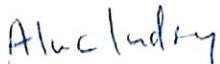
- Repainting of speed humps on Powery Road, West Bay
- Drainage/Flooding issues on Star Close –off of Birch Tree Hill Road, West Bay

- Pot holes on Parkway Drive
- Street signs down on Batabano Road

14. Date of Next Meeting

6th October 2021 – regular board meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.



Signature
Chairman of the Board
Confirmation of minutes



Signature
Executive Secretary
Seconded: Confirmation of minutes

