



HAMILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Hamilton Parish Council (HPC), Annual Report for January to December, 2015

Membership: During the course of the year there was one resignation, Caroline Burgess.

Meetings: The Council was scheduled to meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Lyceum on Wilkinson Avenue. The Council membership was published in RG in January 2015 and HPC met 10 times during the course of the year. There was one public meeting on 13th May at the Aquarium Education Hall.

Audit: HPC Treasurer Peter Barrett agreed to prepare the accounts for audit the 2014 audit finalized in October 2015.

Hamilton Parish Scholarship:

A total of 22 applications for the Hamilton Parish scholarship was received this year from Bermudascholarships.com and the Scholarship Committee interviewed 8 short-listed applicants on Saturday, July 11th. The caliber of all the applicants was very good, which made the selection process extremely difficult. However, after all the scores were tallied, 3 students came out on top, all being outstanding. The scoring was very close – 45.5, 44.5 and 44 being the top three.

The 3 successful applicants were London Steede, Christina Arden and Ashley Ming, studying Sports Management, Health Sciences and Teacher Training respectively. London received a \$5,000 1-year scholarship, with Christina and Ashley each receiving \$2,500. The awardees are required to sign a scholar's agreement and are expected to meet with the committee over the Christmas break and again once the academic year has concluded in order to update us on progress, provide transcripts, etc.

HPC members contributed funds and attendance fees to the scholarship and the Ministry of Home Affairs donated an additional \$5000. HPM member interest in fundraising for the scholarship in 2016 were discussed and a plan was presented and agreed.

Website and Facebook: The HPC website was featured at the public meetings; Hamilton Parish is also on Facebook and attendees were encouraged to visit the sites. The website and Facebook page are used as a tool to store important documents; administer our scholarship program; manage communications, and share information with residents of the Parish.

Bathrooms at Shelly Bay Beach Field: The need for bathrooms to serve the youth soccer and summer cricket programs was shared with Government Estates and Youth and Sport and partial funding was promised to Hamilton Parish Youth Soccer program to effect renovations for 2016.

Basketball Court at Shelly Bay: HPC members volunteered with the community police officers to resurface and fence the basketball court.

Parish Bus Shelters: A volunteer program to monitor and help keep bus shelters clean was presented and discussed no action was taken on this in 2015

HPC Cottage # 9 Radnor Road: A meeting at the Bermuda Housing Corporation (BHC) and a follow up site inspection meeting were held to agree repairs, \$5800 was approved and repairs were completed to the roof and walls to address water leaks. Approval was requested from the Minister for the HPC to sell the undeveloped lot adjacent to the cottage.

Neighborhood Watch: Community police representatives were featured at the public meeting to encourage the development of Neighborhood Watch groups. Amoti and Mary Winchell attended a police sponsored seminar.

Hamilton Parish Cleanup: Approximately 80 people participated in the parish clean-up on Saturday, April 18th, with most areas being covered, including the railway trails. Of this number, about 40 were students, which was very encouraging. In total about 150 bags of trash were collected and participants enjoyed camaraderie and a delicious lunch which was served afterwards at Baileys Bay Cricket Club.

Railway Trail Committee: As a result of interest expressed at a public meeting HPC formed a committee of community members interested in supporting the railway. Regular meetings and a successful walk/run event was held on Sunday March 1st. Member's also monitored and collected trash, scrambling, reported abandoned vehicles, etc.

HPC public meeting Agenda items included website, Facebook, scholarship, accounts, Radnor Road property, Hamilton Parish Youth Soccer, Hamilton Parish Cleanup, Neighborhood Watch, etc. Attendees identified neighborhood watch, delivery of parish services (street lights, road repairs, etc.,) and youth programs as priorities.



Richard Winchell
Chairman – Hamilton Parish Council

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