

Written questions member's Islandcouncil for the Executive Council/ Government Commissioners.
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Issue : Roaming Animals
Date question : May 24, 2021
Sender : Rechelline Leerdam
Date answer : **(within 15 days)**
Responsible Com./Gov.Com. : A. Francis
Responsible editor :

QUESTIONS:

On May 21st we received the answers to Council Sneek questions as it pertains to the roaming animals, below are follow up questions based on the answers provided.

1. *“How many animal owners have signed such an agreement?”*
 - a. Is an agreement in place now? If no, what is the set timeframe?
2. What phase of the grace period are the farmers currently in?
3. *“Clearing crucial areas of roaming animals and reducing the number of livestock on the island is only part of the project. The other goal is to create alternatives for livestock owners. What alternatives are being worked on and what is the status of this part of the project? *We are working on an agriculture vision plan where animal husbandry is also taken in consideration.*”*
 - a. When will be Vision Plan be ready/ available?
 - b. What is the next phase after the grace period is completed?
 - c. Is the next phase based on a plan in the event the Vision plan is still not completed?
 - i. If Yes, Please provide a copy of such plan.

ANSWERS:

1a. Agreements are not signed yet. The directorate of Economy, Nature & Infrastructure agreed about the content of 3 agreements with 3 families of animal owners. The draft agreement for the first family is made ready to be signed by the Executive Council in July. This agreement will be used as a format agreement for the rest of the families to be signed quicker.

When spoken to the Public Entity St. Eustatius and agreed on conditions and tasks, this can be considered as a draft agreement (as for the 3 mentioned families) until the formal agreement is in place.

2. Since April 30th the grace period only continues for animal farmers that are registered at the Chamber of Commerce and who agreed with the Public Entity St. Eustatius to remove their roaming animals. These animal owners will continue to benefit from the provided incentives. The inducements have been discontinued for non-registered farmers and hobby farmers as of April 30th 2021.

The inducements are still the same as since the start of the grace period, October 20th, 2020, which include reduced fees for fencing materials, financial compensation equivalent to the slaughter fees, a higher price for their animals at the slaughterhouse and access to other subsidized materials.

See the article on the government website:

<https://www.statiagovernment.com/news-and-tenders/news/2021/05/19/statia-continues-incentives-for-registered-farmers--condition-roaming-animals-to-be-removed>

3a. The Agricultural Vision plan is send to the Executive Council for approval for their meeting of June 22nd.

3b/c. The grace period is part of the project Roaming animals. The Agricultural vision is a policy document to further develop the agricultural sector of Sint Eustatius. The Agricultural vision plan is not a part of the project Roaming animals, but to successfully execute the project Roaming animals, implementation of a lot of actions of the Agricultural vision are necessary.

The next phase in the project Roaming animals is to keep removing the cows from the urban area and continue to make preparations to fence the rest of the roaming animals. Depending on the approval of the Agricultural vision more implementation actions will follow. There is no separate plan.

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QUESTIONS:

On April 21st, 2021, the Island Council along with the Government Commissioner, visited Oasis Golden Rock Resort and Spa. We engaged in several discussions with the management and CEO of the resort, and it was communicated how critical the reconstruction of the road that leads to the Resort is for the success and the continued development of the Resort. The Government Commissioner committed to have a proposal ready for the next visit with the CEO/Owner.

Based on the above please provide answers to the following:

1. Is there a road construction proposal available?
 - a. If yes,
 - i. Can you provide a copy of said proposal?
 - ii. Was it already presented to the investors of the resort?
 - If presented, what was their feedback to the proposal?
 - b. If no, when will this proposal be ready?

ANSWERS:

- 1.** Q- If there a road construction proposal available?
A - **Yes, Proposal had been submitted to ExCo for review.**

Outline of steps undertaken by ENI.

- Preliminary strategy discussion is taking place ENI – Technical Team.
- Road trajectories identified –
 - o Trajectory 1 - Schrupon road; Road to English Quarters; Road behind the mountain (Knippenga Resort).
 - o Trajectory 2 – As of the Governor's de Graafschool to intersection with road to behind the mountain.
- Identifying of property ownerships along both trajectories.
- Identifying of present road status and conditions
- Identified Stakeholders
- Contact informative session with Utilities – Stuco & Eutel
- Traffic divergence strategy & logistics.

- Identifying and evaluation of scenarios
 - a. PPP – Public private Partnership
 - b. Execution with in OLE
 - c. Execution via Tendering
 - d. Combi nation of tendering and i nternal execution
- Road scenarios – concrete surface:
 - o Road width 5m w sidewalks
 - o Road width 4m w passage areas for vehicles
 - o Road 3m w passage areas for vehicles
- Financing recommendation / proposal
 - o Within the “Beheers en Onderhoud Budget (2020- 2023).
- Tentative Planning:
 - o Project preparation –tentative, 3rd to 4th Q 2021
 - Submittal for approval Exco.
 - Budget
 - Technical docs
 - Drawings
 - Work description
 - Preparing for tender & tendering- tentative, 4th Q 2021
 - Execution 1st -2nd Q 2022

2. A proposal was submitted to the Exco

