

# PHLLIP PAULWELL

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
KINGSTON EAST & PORT ROYAL

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Our Organization Kingston East and Port Royal remains committed to the betterment of its constituents and despite the result of the recent General Elections, our constituency remains strong, resolute and united. We have built a firm foundation for continued progress and even as we pause to reflect on the challenges that confront us, we remain true to the progressive agenda and most importantly the PAR (Participation, Accountability and Responsibility) principle. We are committed to seizing the opportunities that will make for a better way of life for our people and the development of our constituency and country.

During the year in review, we have accomplished a great deal. The projects undertaken for the period have significantly improved our communities and positively impacted the wellbeing of our citizens. Roads have been repaired and rehabilitated; more resources have been spent on our welfare programmes for the aged and less fortunate; our education programmes have remained a priority resulting in the increased performance of our students; opportunities for skills training and entrepreneurship have been created and our work programme have benefitted a growing number of individuals, particularly our women and young people.

As we continue to focus on ongoing programmes, we will roll out a number of projects, some of which have been on the drawing board for quite some time. For instance, we will give momentum to the development of sports facilities, including the proposed boxing gym, complete

with training and exhibition areas. The establishment of the ‘elegant corridor’ along the roads linking the Mountain View, Windward Road and the highways to the Norman Manley International Airport will receive increased attention. This particular project will include major beautification, rehabilitation and the ‘sprucing up’ of existing structures (business as well as residential). The objective of this project is to ensure that this linkage becomes a fitting and welcoming gateway to our city, while providing room for cultural and other types of economic activity.

Although the expectations remain high and the resources never enough, our people have always displayed resilience, resourcefulness and reasonableness. We remain motivated, resolute and strong. Having set the stage for a more progressive future, let us go forward with gratitude, unity of purpose and the hope for a brighter tomorrow.

**“Unity is strength...When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved”- Mattie J.T. Stepanek**



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### Labour Day Projects



This year's Labour Day projects were once again undertaken through partnership with our community groups. The major projects for this year were; the repainting of the Mountain View Police Station and the construction of a new latrine for a household at the foot of Paradise Street. A special recognition must also be given to the University of Technology

Visions Youth Group, who repainted the Bower Bank Basic School in the Windward Courts (Bower Banks) Community as part of their beautification project.



### Business Assistance

In an effort to assist you, my Constituents, to pursue your dreams of owning your own businesses, twenty two (22) persons from the Pleasant Heights, Harbour Heights and Rockfort communities each received one hundred (100) chickens for their farms along with fourteen (14) bags of feed. Undoubtedly, this contributed significantly to the positive growth and development of the constituency as I continue to empower persons to think creatively and consider new and innovative ways to earn a living.



### CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT USAID COMET II Community Resource Centre Opening

In conjunction with former Local Government and Community Development Minister, Noel Arscott and Mission Director at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Denise Herbol unveiled the signage and officially opened the new community resource centre in the Rockfort Community on November 5, 2015. The Resource Center was the first of twenty five to be constructed under the USAID's "Community Empowerment and Transformation Project Phase 2" (COMET II), at a cost of \$15 million dollars. The center is fully equipped with office spaces, community based- policing activities and open spaces to facilitate the housing of Community meetings, social events and Business Enterprise activities. Currently, it is being utilized by the Police Officers at the Rockfort Police



Station, primarily Constable Brian Grossett to conduct math tutoring for third to fifth form students from surrounding communities.

Also, in attendance to the Opening were Richard Schloss, President of Rockfort Development Council (RDC), Senator Parnel Charles Jr., Commissioner of Police Dr. Carl Williams, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Major General Stewart Saunders and Programme Director for the Planning Institute of Jamaica's (PIOJ) Community Renewal Programme (CRP) Charles Hylton.

## Constituency Development Fund Allocation 2016

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	CONSTITUENCY	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	BUDGET
Hon. Phillip Paulwell	Kingston Eastern & Port Royal	Consultancy Funding	Human & Social Development	1,500,000.00
		Labour Day	Human & Social Development	300,000.00
		East Kingston Education Programme	Human and Social Development	6,000,000.00
		Beautification Programme	Physical Infrastructure	3,500,000.00
		Kingston East & Port Royal Welfare & Emergency (Additional)	Human & Social Development	1,700,000.00
		Welfare & Emergency	Human & Social Development	1,000,000.00
		Social Housing	Social Housing	1,000,000.00
				15,000,000.00
			Total Allocation	15,000,000.00
			Balance	-



## PROVIDING BASIC AMENITIES

### Rural Electrification Programme

Myself, along with Councilor Dr. Angela Brown- Burke, Keith Garvey, Vice President of Community Renewal and Energy Solutions at the Jamaica Public Service Co. and Dr. Rev. Garnett Roper, Chairman of National Energy Solutions Limited (NESOL) an official Lighting Ceremony was coordinated for the residents of Burger Avenue and Pleasant Heights on November 28 and December 5 2015 respectively. This was implemented as a part of the Rural Electrification Programme; whose function was predominantly to fulfill the mandate of providing

100% rural electrification for Jamaicans. Through this programme over 500 residents now have a legitimate supply of electricity in both communities.



### Water in Pleasant Heights

The residents of Pleasant Heights and Moon Light City now have a continuous supply of water following the installation of a new water pump by the National Water Commission. The new system supplies water to the several communities encompassing the constituencies of East Kingston and Port Royal as well as Eastern St. Andrew. Accompanied by former Member of Parliament for Eastern St. Andrew Andre Hylton, Councilor of Norman



Gardens Division, Dr. Angela Brown Burke and Mark Barnet President of NWC we formally introduced the new system at a commissioning service held on December 19, 2015. The project was funded via the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), at a cost of approximately two

million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

The residents now have access to a safe, clean and reliable supply of water, a basic necessity for all.

## IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS THROUGH JEEP



As a result of the Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme (JEEP) Projects several roads in the constituency have been rehabilitated. Under the JEEP Phase 6 project, the Balkan and Tulmina Roads in the Harbour Heights Community were fully rehabilitated. The project was completed in April 2016, utilizing \$10 million from JEEP, \$5 million out the Constituency allocation supplied by the Ministry of Tourism and Entertainment and \$3.6 million from the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (KSAC), totaling \$18.6 million. In like manner, under JEEP Phase 7 two roads in the Constituency namely: Johnson Terrace and East Avenue will be rehabilitated in their entirety. The project is expected to commence in August and is estimated at a cost of 10 million dollars to be completed.



## BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMMES

The Tourism Product Development Fund in collaboration with the Tourism Enhancement Fund and the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation

have contributed to the beautification of Jamaica and specifically our Constituency. Several roads and roadways have been bushed in various communities to improve the appearance of the area. In addition, open lands on Johnson Terrace, Rollington Avenue and Barrette Avenue have been cleared of debris to reduce the spread of mosquito borne virus such as the Zika and Chikungunya Virus which plagued our constituency recently. Moreover, the improvements will add to the visitor friendliness and ambiance of the communities within the Constituency, whilst contributing to the comfort and livelihood of the residents.

### **Spruce Up Jamaica Programme**

**U**nder this programme Windsor Avenue in Rockfort will be fully rehabilitated. Over the years the condition of the existing road has deteriorated which now makes it difficult for the residents, especially the senior citizens to commute. Special acclamation must be given to Ms. Sophia Brown, a resident of Windsor Avenue, who through her lobbying made both the Councilor and I aware of the state of the road. Work is expected to begin in August, at an estimated cost of 3.4 million dollars.

### **Zika Virus Control Exercise**

**L**ike other countries in the region, Jamaica was invaded by the Zika Virus (Zik V) in 2015 and has continued wreaking anguish into 2016. In an effort to suppress the spread of the mosquito borne virus, our Constituency has engaged in various clean up and surveillance activities in an effort to prevent the devastating effects of the disease once contracted. Phase two of the Zika Control Programme commenced in July 2016. The programme will procure temporary employment to 15 persons within the Constituency for 8 weeks. Additionally, each worker will receive training and certification by HEART/ Trust NTA in the making of drum covers.

## **WELFARE ASSISTANCE**

### **Provision of Buses and Filling of Prescriptions**

“It is said that the moral test of a society is how that society treats those who are in the dawn of life; the children, the elderly” thus in keeping with this idea, throughout the year we cater to the needs of the senior citizens from the various communities by ensuring that they receive their medication which is needed to sustain their health. In addition, we all know that death is an unplanned expense which a lot of residents unfortunately have to struggle to fulfill therefore as your Member of Parliament I ensure that I give as much as assistance to the bereaved families by assisting with either funeral expenses or providing transportation for the funeral of the deceased. My condolences goes out to all who have lost a loved one this year. May their souls rest in peace.

### **Social Housing Programme**

**T**he Social Housing Programme seeks to mitigate the reprehensible conditions in which some of our Jamaicans live by, providing them with a grant to aid in the rehabilitation of their houses. In January of this year, several residents from communities within the Constituency received grants to purchase materials to assist with renovating their homes.

These communities included: Windward Court, Rollington Town, McIntyre Villa, Rockfort and Pleasant Heights.

### **Short Term Poverty Intervention Project**

**T**he Short Term Poverty Intervention Project is an initiative of the Ministry of Labour & Social Security. This project as we know was designed to alleviate the state of destitution in which vulnerable and disadvantaged Jamaicans exists, by providing them with a grant in which they in turn invest in a small business.

Several residents from various communities within the Constituency have benefited from this programme by receiving grants that assisted them with the sustention of their small business ventures.

Communities including; Windward Court, Rollington Town, McIntyre Villa, Newton Square, Johnson Town, Rockfort, Manley Meadows, Rennock Lodge, Harbour Heights and Pleasant Heights.



## **EDUCATING OUR YOUNG MINDS**

### **Kingston East and Port Royal Tablets in Schools**

**D**ubbed the Kingston East and Port Royal Tablets in Schools Programme, myself, withal former Minister of Education Reverend Ronald Thwaites, Councillors Lorraine Dobson and Dr. Angela Brown Burke, Tatsuya Ozono, President and CEO of Marubeni Caribbean Power Holdings and Keith Garvey, Vice President of Community Renewal and Energy Solutions at Jamaica Public Service Company distributed a total of 672 (7 inches) tablets and cases to six schools in the constituency at the official handing over the Ceremony held on December 2, 2015. These six schools were not included in the Government's Tablets in Schools Pilot Programme.

Under the six million (\$6,000,000.00) dollars initiative funded by virtue of the Kingston East and Port Royal Constituency Development Fund (CDF), Marubeni Caribbean Power Holdings and Jamaica Public Service

Company; which donated 2 million dollars each the Windward Road Primary and Junior High received 225 tablets, Port Royal Primary- 27, Rollington Town Primary- 180. In addition, Holy Rosary Primary, Elletson Road Primary and Infant and Norman Gardens Primary Schools received 80 tablets analogously.

Once the latter three mentioned schools are placed on the National Extended Programme, those 240 devices will be evenly allocated and distributed to the remaining schools in the constituency, namely; Dunoon Park Technical High, Vauxhall High and the Camperdown High School.

In extension, as part of his "Bring your own device" initiative, I have pledged that all schools in the constituency will be fully equipped with free wifi and internet access, this is to facilitate the idea that all students can take their own device to school and community members will likewise benefit from integrated access to the Internet.

## **Reading and Back to School Programme**

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today"- Malcolm X

I remain highly devoted to the education of our students, as it was instilled in me from a tender age that having education is an indispensable key to success. With that said, over the years I have been keen in developing and implementing ways in which I can aid in the education and development of our children in the Constituency. The Reading and Back to school programmes are two of the programmes in which have proven to be beneficial to the students. The Reading programme targets students who are reading below their grade levels. The programme provides for additional contact hours between teachers and students who need to improve their reading abilities and in extent their level of comprehension. Similarly, the Back to School Programme's main purpose is to help in the financing of educational development of our

students. Last year \$2.2million was allocated to fund this programme. The programme seeks to assist with book vouchers and tuition fees for students at all levels. Eighty-four (84)students benefited from this programme in the year under review, and it is my intent to extend it, so that most, if not all, students will be able to benefit from these endeavors in the future.

## Summer Employment

**M**y annual Summer Employment aims to equip students with the rich experience of the world of work while earning a stipend. This programme seeks to foster healthy work ethics and provide students with valuable mentorship. This year I was able to secure approximately 25 summer job placements for high school and tertiary level students from the Constituency. Over the years students who participated in the programme have developed a sense of maturity and professionalism, which proves fruitful in their future endeavors.



## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### Worker's Social and Senior's Treat

**C**hristmas Time is known as the season of giving and I firmly believe that it is important to give back to the same people that have allowed me to be in this position and helped me fulfill my duties as your Member of Parliament. Thus, in keeping with the spirit of Christmas, each year I hold a Senior Citizen's Treat and Worker's Social in Fort Charles to show my appreciation

to you my constituents.

As the Member of Parliament, I take great pleasure in honoring our seniors in the constituency. They are the ones who gave the first contribution in the development of Kingston East and Port Royal and as such, it is my civic duty as your Member of Parliament to show my appreciation for all they have done for me and the constituency. Likewise, I have to give special recognition to my "dedicated soldiers" who have without hesitation assisted me in executing the various tasks which are bestowed upon me as your MP.

Therefore, to express my sincerest gratitude, I ensure that the best food, drink and music are provided at both events as my people deserve nothing but the best. I also provide each senior and worker with a food bag filled with the items needed to make a lovely Christmas Dinner for themselves and their family.

A big thank you to all! Without your help and your commitment there would have been no progress in the various communities and the overall constituency.



### MP Birthday Party

**I**n January of this year I invited my family, close friends, colleagues and you my constituents to celebrate with me on the occasion of my 54th birthday. In attendance also was my dear Party leader and former Prime Minister, the Most Honorable Portia Simpson Miller among other

noteworthy guests. Buffet style catering, a variety of liquor and live entertainment from artists such as Tarrus Riley and Chi Ching Ching were provided at the event.



### Visit to family of slain Corporal Judith Williams

The tragic passing of woman Corporal Judith Williams was indeed one that I strongly condemn and to this day am deeply saddened by the gruesome act. Myself, along with Councilor Lorraine Dobson, Opposition Leader Portia Simpson Miller, Opposition



Spokesperson on Youth Member of Parliament Lisa Hanna and members of the Police hierarchy visited the family of the slain corporal and gave encouraging words and support to the grieving family.

## SPORTING ACTIVITIES

### The Construction of a Mini Stadium and Sports Complex

Through my lobbying and persistence the Rockfort Sporting Complex will be underway come this September. A big thanks to LIME for their sponsorship and dedication to the establishment of this facility which promises to be state of the art and unlike any other mini stadium which currently exists. In like manner Digicel will be constructing a Sports Complex on the grounds of the Camperdown Football Field. Therefore

our constituency will showcase two (2) state of the art sporting areas fully equipped with the requisite amenities and infrastructure to host all kinds of sporting events. These facilities will indeed aid in the progression and continuous development of our constituency as well as enable the youths to improve and unveil their sporting talents to their family, friends and the entire community.

To the Constituents who continue to lend their support in the growth and development of this Constituency, I thank you for all your commitment to the organization. To the principals, teachers and support staff of the various schools in the Constituency, I salute you on a job well done for this school year. To the members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, I am forever grateful for your dedication and persistence in making Kingston East and Port Royal a safe place for all. To the youth group leaders and their members, continue to be positive role models to your peers. The Pastors and congregation of the in our churches, I implore you to continue your fellowship and cover our Constituency with God's grace. To all the senior citizens and children you will forever be in my thoughts.

I must applaud each and every Member of my Constituency Executive committee, especially my two hardworking Councillors for always being ready to serve our people. My family members, friends and colleagues, and well wishers, who have all contributed in making 2016 another successful year, I remain indebted to you!

**Phillip Paulwell, M.P.**