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BACKGROUND

I left the private sector 10 years ago to devote my life to public service in a community that is close to my heart - Tunapuna. First as a Councillor and then as your M.P., I have had the good fortune of deepening my ties in Tunapuna by relentlessly representing on your behalf on issues that matter. It took commitment and passion to deliver for You!!! Tunapuna is a Constituency like no other - culturally, ethnically and religiously diverse. This community comprises residential homes, commercial and non-profit businesses along with persons living on both ends of the income strata. Needless to say, the needs and the wants of all citizenry are equally diverse. As the M.P for Tunapuna, my duty is to competently serve All constituents with humility and transparency while making myself accessible and available to assist whenever and wherever I could. Today, I am happy to share with you achievements of the Constituency office of Tunapuna.





GRANTS

- Let's talk Grants! During my tenure, I understood the importance of a helping hand. As such, we, being the constituency's office, delivered and facilitated the delivery of the following:
- Annual Book List Grant for Children by the M.P.
- Distribution of Several Hundred Hampers to provide seasonal relief post severe flooding and the recent COVID-19 Pandemic
- Facilitation of Annual Distribution of Food Cards to families
- Facilitation of Self-Help grants for families to repair homes and properties
- Facilitation of Funeral grants for families in Tunapuna



ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS

In Tunapuna, road and infrastructural works and maintenance are necessary given the significant pressure experienced with the number of cars, light vehicles and trucks traversing our streets. Even with the heavy vehicular traffic, there exists a large pedestrian population of adults and children who walk our roads and use our pavements. Admittedly, as there are scarce resources available, we had to prioritise our deliverables which were successfully completed in conjunction with the TPRC and Ministry of Works and Transport. Pedestrian safety was crucial and pavement construction and repairs were implemented to safeguard our pedestrians. I took a more hands-on approach to ensure that the road works were completed enabling drivers to have a better experience on the road. A summary of some of the roads paved and pavements construction projects can be seen on the right.



RESURFACING

- ORANGE GROVE ROAD, TRINCITY
- EASTERN MAIN ROAD, EL DORADO VILLAGE
- GOLDEN VIEW ROADWAY (HDC)
- SOLO DRIVEWAY ST JOHN
- ST MICHAEL VILLAGE ROAD
- PARADISE CLOSE AND PARADISE DRIVE
- RED HILL ROAD, MARACAS
- TOUSSAINT LANES NOS. 1&2
- MARACAS ROYAL ROAD
- MOHAMMED STREET, ST AUGUSTINE

PAVEMENTS

- SMART STREET, ST AUGUSTINE
- ACONO JUNCTION IN MARACAS
- RICHARD STREET, TACARIGUA
- ST JOHN ROAD, ST AUGUSTINE
- THAVERNOT STREET, TACARIGUA
- NOEL TRACE, ST AUGUSTINE

DRAINAGE AND WATER RESOURCES

Flooding has been alleviated in Tunapuna and that is not by accident. Whereas we were hit in 2018, it was certainly not on the scale of Greenvale and other communities. Drawing from my previous experience, strong connections and keen understanding of the community needs, we embarked on a two-fold approach to flooding as follows: 1. Drainage infrastructure and continuous improvement and 2. Response and coordination.

The level of coordination is the strength of long-standing public service and the long nights at the office were worth it not just for my constituents but the constituents of St. Augustine and Greenvale. In terms of infrastructure, we pinpointed key areas in the community to address and got it done.

We coordinated with the Water and Sewerage Authority to conduct pipeline repairs, provide truck borne water and bring an independent water supply to the constituents of Wharf Trace.



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

As business and commerce grew in our constituency so did the traffic. In that regard, we worked assiduously to redesign traffic flows through the implementation of one way traffic and temporary change to traffic flows during peak hours. We also worked with the Public Transport Service Corporation to reinstate the bus service to Maracas, St. Joseph. To make life easier for our drivers we installed several traffic mirrors, traffic signs, street signage and white line paving along our road ways.



CURB AND SLIPPER DRAINS

- FAIRLEY STREET, TUNAPUNA
- ROBERT TRACE, TUNAPUNA
- GREEN STREET, TUNAPUNA
- BALTHAZAR STREET, TUNAPUNA
- ST JOHN STREET, TUNAPUNA
- ST JOHN TRACE, ST AUGUSTINE
- DOOKIE LANE, TUNAPUNA

BOX DRAINS

- LA SEIVA VILLAGE, MARACAS
- WHARF TRACE, MARACAS
- BAMBOO TRACE, TUNAPUNA
- MARACAS ROYAL ROAD, MARACAS
- THAVERNOT STREET, TACARIGUA
- ACHONG TRACE, TUNAPUNA
- MADOO HILL, EL DORADO

WATER RESOURCES

- WATER PIPING AND SUPPLY TO WHARF TRACE RESIDENTS
- WASA PIPELINE REPAIRS
- WATER SUPPLY TO NEEDY COMMUNITIES

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

As an MP who is young at heart, it was easy to gravitate to young people, from kindergarten to young adults. Visiting schools across the Constituency whether at SEA, graduation or sports day, it was easy to make the connections with young people. I enjoyed hearing their aspirations, speaking at their events and providing coaching and mentorship. Young people are the future of Tunapuna and as such, I felt my responsibility as a facilitator to encourage them to achieve their full potential.

Firstly, as M.P., our Office encouraged, supported and worked with the private sector and the Tunapuna Piarco Regional Corporation to facilitate growth in Tunapuna. Why? We want the Tunapuna business community to continue to grow so that Tunapuna will not just be a home for our youths but it can be a source of employment for our young adults. In addition as M.P. we assisted young people in the community with job placement in the national OJT programme, U.R.P, M.T.S., CEPEP and other establishments. We established a youth advisory desk to engage young adults who, having left secondary or tertiary schools, needed guidance from more experienced professionals from diverse fields. These coaching sessions were a valuable tool to young adults who had the benefit of hearing the lessons learnt and recommendations for success. We collaborated with the MIC Institute of Technology with respect to training of our young people.



Sport and Recreation - We cannot talk youth without speaking about sport! We are the home of Eddie Hart grounds, Auzonville Park and Honeymoon Recreation Ground. Working closely with the TPRC we maintained these grounds, we ensured they were properly lit and installed new FLOOD LIGHTING at LA SEIVA multipurpose court and ST JOHN ROAD multi-purpose court. Recently with SporTT we facilitated the refurbishment of Honeymoon Recreation Grounds.

We ensured that the youth had the facilities to nurture their talent. I was certainly no stranger to the several football clubs in the area and I was a phone call away! As a second tier of our work, I worked with the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs to ARRANGE ACCESS TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETES WITH FUNDING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS. And talk about Talent! I need not look any further than to my own Tunapuna family to compose my campaign song! Tunapuna has talent! Whether it is Republic Bank Exodus or Birdsong Academy, Tunapuna shines through and true and as M.P. I was there to support.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- NEW FLOOD LIGHTING AT:
 - LA SEIVA MULTIPURPOSE COURT
 - ST. JOHN ROAD MULTIPURPOSE COURT
- YOUTH ADVISORY DESK
- ACCESS TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETE FUNDING FROM MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
- JOB PLACEMENT IN URP, CEPEP, MTS & OJT
- YOUTH TRAINING AT MIC INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND TOY DISTRIBUTION





MY COMMUNITY NEEDS

A community that is heard is a community that grows. Over my five -year term, my constituents reached out to us on water issues, electricity, painting, street congestion and short term assistance. I gave you the assurance that every effort was made to contact and to follow up with the necessary statutory authorities to ensure performance.

Our electrification project for Upper Wharf Trace Maracas came to fruition after many months of follow up, visits and coordination with Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission. Through hard work, persistence and collaboration we achieved 9 lamp posts, electrical wiring and light connections for residential homes in the area, giving electrical connections to 18 families.

Another collaborative effort was with the Heliconia Foundation who orchestrated a free legal clinic at our head office in Caura, El Dorado. Many constituents came out and received legal advice from professionals about contracts, deeds, personal injury, Wills, getting a Grant of Probate of a deceased family member's estate among several other legal matters. Needless to say it was a very beneficial and important session which was well received by our constituents. And as such I was able to achieve success, some of which are noted to the right.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- TRUCK-BORNE WATER TO NEEDY COMMUNITIES
- T&TEC STREET-LIGHT BULBS NEW INSTALLATION AND REPAIRS
- RE-PAINTING OF HDC EL DORADO HEIGHTS APARTMENTS (300 HOME-OWNERS AFFECTED)
- HDC HOUSING AND RENTAL APARTMENTS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
- RE-PAINTING OF HDC EL DORADO HEIGHTS APARTMENTS (300 HOME-OWNERS AFFECTED)
- REDESIGN OF TRAFFIC FLOWS. ONE WAY STREETS AND FLOWS
- FREE LEGAL AID CLINIC



REFLECTIONS

Over my five-year term I believe reaching out to your M.P. should not be hard work. It is my work to listen to your needs and make as much as we can possible. It is not always successful, but we never gave up. Our constituents reached out to us and to date we have served 11,919 persons in our community and we want to keep going. I believe in Tunapuna. I believe in my hometown. This is my community and my passion is not based on winning a seat to put a party in power, per se, but I am interested in our growth, our development and our community. I thank you and my team for the support over the years. And I look forward to serving you for another term as your M.P. Stay onBOARD with Forde this August 10th, 2020.



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