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## Drainage & Road Works To Alleviate Flooding In Parham Town Starts January

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Residents viewing the design at the meeting last evening, November 5, 2013  
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By mid 2014, residents of Parham Town are likely to have some level of relief from the flooding woes faced in recent years.

Last evening, November 5, the community was presented with the designs to improve the drainage and stretch of road in the area under the Parham Town Corridor Project.

The meeting was held at the East End/Long Look Community Center.

This project falls under the \$15.7M Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Natural Disaster Infrastructure Rehabilitation Loan.

Speakers at the meeting were consultant, Mr. Gilbert Fontenarde of FDL Consult Inc. out of St. Lucia and Dr. Drexel Glasgow, Project Manager and Chief of Infrastructure Planning Research and Development.

Mr. Fontenarde told BVI Platinum News that the tenders for the project will be out in some three weeks and works are expected to begin in January and completed in six months.

During the meeting, Dr. Glasgow made it clear that they will not be able to give the budget for the project since it will hinder the tender process as it relates to fairness.

He related to residents that during the aftermath of Tropical Storm Otto, various assessments were conducted and Parham Town was deemed a vulnerable area.

"Vulnerable to risk of flooding...It's because of inadequate drainage...So this is to alleviate drainage issues and it is also meant to minimize the risk of flooding...The project will impact the entire corridor and residents...During construction you can expect the road to be dug up in some areas...So we wanted to let the residents know what is going on," he stated.

Mr. Fontenarde during his presentation said the current situation is that there is flooding taking place, a very narrow road and also indiscriminate discharge of grey water.

He explained that they will do works to ensure most of the water is captured.

"And the outflow will end up in the main drain heading towards the sea. We also intend to upgrade the carriageway by improving the road surface. We intend to reconstruct the entire road and also do some retaining walls along the route."

He added, "And in terms of the earth and drain, do some realignment and more importantly, the intersection to remove the difference in elevation that exists now and have some....integration into the main road."

The consultant assured that they will be maintaining the carriageway, but will improve on its characteristics and functionality.

"In terms of the benefits to the community, we will see less flooding because not only does it flood during intense rainfall, Parham Town whenever it rains, because of the existing configuration of the drainage structure, floods..."

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Mr. Fontenarde told residents that one of the major constraints is that they are unable to widen the road since it will require acquiring land.

"We will not see improvement in the width of the road because of constraints associated with land take, but you will see an improved road surface...The design, as far as possible, try to avoid any land take."

The consultant said other challenges include a sewer line running down the center of the roadway. "Again, that limits the options that we have in terms of drainage consideration; we have difference in road levels so the design will hopefully capture some of these issues."

Residents were told that there will be major inconvenience once work starts and they were urged to exercise patience.

"There may be temporary road closures...We will work to ensure the inconveniences are limited..."

Meanwhile, Mr. Fontenarde assured that local contractors will be on the project.

He said in some cases, it will be done via joint ventures since some nationals may not have reached the requirements set out by CDB. "So in some cases two contractors have to come together to meet the requirements..."

On March 15, Government inked a \$499,500 contract with FDL Consult Inc., an engineering company that will oversee works under the CDB loan project. The signing was a requirement by CDB.



Gilbert Fontenarde of FDL Consult Inc speaking at the community meeting last evening, November 5, 2013. Photo Credit: Clifton Skelton/BVI Platinum News

The CDB loan project is designed to assist the BVI in rehabilitating infrastructure damaged by Tropical Storm Otto in 2010, while reducing risks associated with heavy rainfall.

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