



## The Bermuda Construction Safety Council

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**Police Headquarters**

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*To his Excellency the Governor John Rankin, the Honourable Premier David Burt, the Minister of Safety Wayne Caine's and the Commissioner of Police Stephen Corbishley.*

*We meet today to consider questions, of great moment. Covid 19 has demonstrated to the world its aggressive intentions. It has already infected Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas. On top of that it has reached our shores and claimed the lives of our very own citizens. Furthermore, overseas racial tensions have erupted from peaceful to violent protests. Simultaneously we are here preparing for an upcoming global recession. All while facing the beginning of a hurricane season.*

*Councilwoman, I believe these are all just causes for our Summit. I refer to: Section 1 of the Constitution. Whereas every person in Bermuda is entitled to the fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual, that is to say, has the right, whatever his race, place of origin, political opinions, colour, creed or sex, but subject to respect for the rights and freedoms of others and for the public interest, to each and all of the following, namely: life, liberty, security of the person and the protection of the law; freedom of conscience, of expression and of assembly and association; and protection for the privacy of his home and other property and from deprivation of property without compensation.*



*As part of our National self identity it is imperative that we continue communicating with each other, educating our selves and assessing the risks involved with our health and safety and our environment.*

*Which is why we have held the open forum at Bermuda College 2018, the International Speakers Conference in 2019, and our 2020 Summit on Headquarters Hill.*

*For it can be said; Not even a great threat can over a frail man when he is multiplied and supported by an army. As long as we support one another and render assistance to one another, your enemies can not gain an advantage over you. But you fight another your enemy can brake can like a frail man, one at a time. The strength of a community is neither greater nor less than the courage of those that defend it. All of us dream of life of happiness here together.*

*Let us not pass from our memories those that sacrificed their lives so that we may live free:*

*Mr. Abbott Harris, Dame Lois Brown Evans, Dr. Edgar Gordon, Dr. Roosevelt Brown, Sir Henry Tucker, Ms Mary Prince, Ms Gladys Morell, Sir Edward Richards & David Saul.*

*I would also make mention of those that pioneered our island: John Swan, Pamela Gordon, Jennifer Smith, Alex Scott, Ewart Brown, Paula Cox, Craig Cannonier, Michael Dunkley. And all us support and admire the dedication and perseverance Premier Burt.*

*The Charter of the United Nations expresses the noblest aspirations of man: abjuration of force in the settlement of disputes between states; the assurance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion; the safeguarding of international peace and security.*

*As I said in the our Open Forum "Race is defined by language" ... I will challenge any philosopher, educator, historian or attorney to that fundamental fact. All men were created equal. Under the Law of Nature.*

*In this day new threats spread across oceans and our borders Therefore, A new time of cooperation is required to ensure the growth and stability of our community. Economy that was stabilizing has been dealt another bad card with a global pandemic. We must dismantle the track of covid 19 and stop the spread, face a new emerging economic recession, and prepare for hurricane season confront climate change and diffuse racial tensions by promoting our national identity. return back to work to seek prosperity, freedom and peace and the dream of life of happiness here together.*

*Otherwise the Magna carta, bill of rights, magnus corpus, trial by jury and our very own constitution will remain but words until we turn them into deeds. We must absorb the wisdom*



*of history and apply it to the issues of the present. As those before us made provide a better reality to us we must provide for a new generation of Bermudians.*

*Maybe it can be said there not peace on earth, but as for us, we must remain true to ourselves. Bermuda is another world.*

*We must continue to nurture our health, unity, talent, education, professionalism, sophistication. We have the finest health care workers, educators, accountants and environmentalists here on these shores. We exemplify the ideal tourist destination, a prime international business community, the highest level of athletic competitors on the international stage who bring gold medals back to Bermuda.*

*For I believe that our close affinity will serve to be our strengths and our values will be uplifted and if continue to work together, we will overcome the threat of infectious diseases, diffuse racial tensions, restore our economic productivity, and survive another hurricane season, and we will continue to lead in the direction of the just. As we pursue our dreams of a life of happiness here together.*