

# People's Manifesto

**ST. JOHN**

**You. Me. Us** Shaping the  
Next Five years



# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVE



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**KERRYNE Z. K. JAMES**  
CANDIDATE FOR  
ST. JOHN



## To my fellow residents of St. John,

Over this term, I had the privilege of serving a constituency whose strength lies not only in the character of its people but also in the diversity of its communities, livelihoods, and ambitions. This experience has shown me that St. John's development cannot be reduced to a collection of projects. It has reinforced my belief that constituency, that we call home, requires clear direction and implementation, and development that expresses the daily lives of its patrons.

The People's Manifesto process was designed with that spirit in mind. Across nine engagements, using public meetings, house-to-house conversations, one-to-one discussions and written submissions, more than 200 residents and constituents contributed their experiences, concerns and ideas. We recognised that every community in St. John has its own challenges and priorities, and that hearing from residents meant going beyond public meetings to give everyone a chance to be heard.

What emerged was not simply a list of roads to repair, drains to clear or facilities to improve. Residents spoke of larger questions: how we strengthen the productive economy of St. John; how we protect and expand livelihoods in fisheries and agriculture; how we improve mobility and infrastructure; how we create greater opportunity for young people; how we support dignified housing and social well-being; how we strengthen our sporting and community institutions; and how public commitments are translated into measurable delivery.

Taken together, your message is clear: St. John needs stronger communities, expanded developments, and more opportunities for its people. That vision lies at the heart of this manifesto.

This manifesto reflects the priorities expressed by the people of St. John's while looking at the wider needs of the constituency. It acknowledges the work already undertaken, identifies areas needing further attention, and sets out a practical approach to address them through better planning, stronger accountability, and coordinated action across our communities. This document is not intended to be launched and forgotten.

This document is not intended to be launched and forgotten. It is intended to guide and implement the basis for measuring progress and ensuring that residents remain active and contribute meaningfully to determining the constituency's priorities. I remain committed to maintaining a strong and consistent presence in our communities. Therefore, by listening, communicating, and purposely ensuring that the priorities identified continue to guide the work that we do

The work ahead must be practical enough to respond to immediate needs, ambitious enough to prepare St. John for the future, and disciplined enough that residents can see the connection between what is promised and what is delivered.

Yours in continued service,

**Kerryne Z. K. James**  
CANDIDATE FOR ST JOHN

A top-down view of a red wooden fishing boat on turquoise water. The boat is filled with fishing gear, including a large pile of grey ropes, a blue and yellow buoy, and a white bucket. A yellow rope is visible in the upper right corner of the frame.

**TO BUILD A ST. JOHN WHERE  
EVERY COMMUNITY IS  
CONNECTED, SUPPORTED, AND  
POSITIONED TO THRIVE.**

# OUR VISION FOR ST. JOHN

The vision for St. John is not a catalogue of repairs. It is an integrated constituency in which the town of Gouyave and the surrounding villages reinforce each other economically, socially and physically; where coastal and inland communities are connected by safe, resilient infrastructure; where agriculture and fisheries generate stronger and more secure livelihoods; and where public facilities are designed to support learning, health, sport, enterprise and community life.

Gouyave must be treated as the constituency's principal civic, commercial and fisheries centre, not as a passing reference. Its fishery, market, public spaces, sporting infrastructure, sanitation, community facilities and transport connections are part of the wider development of St. John. Equally, the rural and interior communities require reliable roads, drainage, bridge access, adequate street lighting, better access to farmlands, dependable transportation and essential public services that respond to their specific needs.

**The next phase of development should therefore be organised around systems rather than isolated complaints.**

Incorporate proper drainage, technically sound culvert construction, retaining structures, pedestrian safety measures and regular maintenance. Housing assistance must revolve around safe and dignified living. Sporting investments must be planned as a constituency-wide network of playing fields, hard courts, pavilions and youth programmes. Prioritise healthcare by improving access to essential services and ensuring that residents in rural and outlying communities can receive quality care closer to home. Connect agricultural production to processing and reliable markets, creating greater opportunities for farmers and adding value to locally grown produce. Develop a fisheries policy that brings together safety, infrastructure, cooperative arrangements, fair market returns, and sustainable practices to support the sector's long-term development.

Some priorities can be implemented quickly. Others require design, land, financing, or multi-agency coordination. The purpose of this manifesto is to make that distinction visible and to create a programme in which short-term action and long-term ambition are part of the same plan. Every ambition here began as a sentence spoken in a July session. We held nine engagements, including community meetings, house-to-house sessions, one-to-one encounters, and written submissions from constituents.



## PILLAR 1

# STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE, MOBILITY AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: ROADS, BRIDGES AND A WAY OUT

St. John needs infrastructure that is better planned, maintained and built for the future. This means improving roads and drainage, strengthening connectivity, and reducing dependence on single access routes.

## WE WILL

### YEAR 1

Establish a constituency infrastructure programme covering major, intermediate and community-level works.

### YEAR 1–2

Introduce road rehabilitation standards that include drainage, slope/retaining protection, culverts, pedestrian safety and maintenance from the outset.

### YEAR 1–2.5

Assess priority bridges, including Joshua Bridge in Paradise, Dougaldston Estate, and Lower Mt. Nesbit. Elevate the flat bridge near the main road, improve alternative access routes, and install guardrails and retaining structures where needed.

### YEAR 1

Engage the Transportation Commission to develop and pilot a public transport improvement strategy to address unreliable and inadequate services in Florida, Clozier, and other underserved internal routes identified by residents.

### YEAR 1

Assess alternative routes from Sapotie Road to Chaddeau and Mt. Felix Road, explore connecting Mt. Senai Road to Barbay Road, and upgrade the Mt. Granby–Palmiste Road. Clear remaining Hurricane Beryl debris from farm roads to restore access for farmers and residents.

### YEAR 1

Expand the solar street lighting initiative in priority areas identified by residents to improve safety and visibility. Assess alternative routes from Sapotie Road to Chaddeau and Mt. Felix Road to strengthen road connectivity and ensure communities are not left isolated.

### YEAR 1

Resurface Bellevue Road and improve drainage to restore reliable access to surrounding farmlands.

### YEAR 1–2

Complete outstanding repairs that need to be done (Mongo Road), Taylor Road, and Clozier Main Road with drainage and lighting, and fix Top Hill Road in Dougaldston

### YEAR 1

Enhance road safety measures such as signage, mirror installation, hump installation, among others.



## PILLAR 2

# PRODUCTIVE ST. JOHN: FISHERIES, AGRICULTURE, ENTERPRISE & SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Agriculture and fishing remain central to life in St. John, but they need stronger support to grow. Our focus is on better farm access, more reliable markets, affordable inputs and greater local processing so farmers, fisherfolk and small businesses can earn more from what we produce.

## WE WILL

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| YEAR 1– 2.5 | Expand market access for locally grown crops, ensuring farmers have reliable outlets to sell their produce and earn a sustainable income.                                                                    |
| YEAR 1– 3   | Assess the feasibility of an agro-processing hub at the Gouyave or Concord Nutmeg Pool, including production capacity, ownership and financing.                                                              |
| YEAR 1      | Support access to appropriate inputs and modern production methods, including greenhouse and irrigation approaches where technically and financially suitable.                                               |
| YEAR 1      | Treat farm road rehabilitation as an economic infrastructure priority, not merely a road-maintenance issue.                                                                                                  |
| YEAR 1      | Engage the GCNA in discussions to improve nutmeg payments and secure better returns for farmers.                                                                                                             |
| YEAR 1–3    | Revitalise unused agricultural lands to increase local production and ensure farmers have reliable access to affordable fertiliser.                                                                          |
| YEAR 1      | Introduce a scheduled public transport service connecting Florida and Clozier to Gouyave, with operating hours aligned with residents' commuting needs.                                                      |
| YEAR 2–4    | Engage L.A. Purcell in discussions on developing the Plaisance lands for cottage accommodation, agriculture, improved road access, and local enterprises that create employment opportunities for residents. |



### PILLAR 3

# HOUSING, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND DIGNIFIED LIVING

Every family in St. John deserves a safe and secure home. Our focus is on improving access to housing and home repairs, strengthening sanitation and social services, and ensuring vulnerable residents can access support through a fair, reliable and responsive system. We will also work to make housing assistance easier to understand and access. The goal is to help more residents live with greater security, dignity and independence.

## WE WILL

### YEAR 1

Maintain an up-to-date constituency housing assistance register with clear, transparent criteria that prioritise households based on vulnerability, safety concerns, and urgency of need.

### YEAR 1

Coordinate roof repairs, bathroom and sanitation improvements, and essential structural repairs through a structured home rehabilitation programme that ensures safe and dignified living conditions.

### YEAR 1

Provide immediate assistance to households facing urgent housing needs while developing longer-term programmes to improve access to housing and homeownership.

### YEAR 1

Identify public or other suitable land opportunities only after verifying legal status, planning, and allocation mechanisms for constructing a housing scheme for the constituency.

### YEAR 1

Strengthen coordination among government agencies to support better residential care and community activities that reduce isolation among our elder citizens.

### YEAR 1

Run sanitation and anti-littering education in the villages, and install recycling bins at Mt. Granby

### YEAR 1

Assess the feasibility of reopening health clinic services in Florida and Clozier, while introducing a published schedule of doctor and nurse visits to ensure residents have reliable access to healthcare in the interim.

### YEAR 1

Equip community centres with essential emergency tools and supplies to support residents during natural disasters.



#### PILLAR 4

## EDUCATION, SKILLS, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, SPORT AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Every young person in St. John should have the opportunity to learn, develop their talents, and build a future for themselves. Residents asked for more practical skills training, stronger pathways into work, better access to technology and more opportunities for young people to participate in sports, culture and community life. They spoke about mentorship and the importance of giving young people positive spaces where they can learn and grow. The ability to create opportunities at every stage of their lives, from education and skills training to employment, sport and personal development, to build sustainability.

#### WE WILL

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| YEAR 1 | Expand practical skills and vocational programming through suitable community facilities and partnerships, including trades identified in the consultations.                                           |
| YEAR 1 | Develop mentorship, digital learning and career exposure opportunities for young people, including school leavers and young adults outside formal education.                                           |
| YEAR 1 | Support access to scholarships and training opportunities through a transparent information and referral mechanism.                                                                                    |
| YEAR 1 | Explore opportunities to introduce community libraries and dedicated learning spaces in areas where residents have identified a need.                                                                  |
| YEAR 1 | Make better use of community facilities by introducing structured programmes and activities for children, young adults and older residents, ensuring these spaces remain active and accessible to all. |



## FOR SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATION:

Sport has always been an important part of community life in St. John. It develops talent, brings people together, and gives young people positive ways to learn, grow, and participate. Residents want spaces to match that potential. They called for better-maintained playing fields and sporting facilities, safer recreational spaces and greater use of community centres for mentorship, practical skills and vocational training, particularly for young people who need another pathway after leaving school.

### WE WILL

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| FIRST 100 DAYS     | Assess the condition of playing fields, basketball courts, pavilions, lighting, and other sporting facilities across the constituency, and develop a plan to rehabilitate and improve them.                               |
| FIRST 100 DAYS     | Prioritise the full rehabilitation of the Concord and Mt. Granby hard courts under the constituency's sporting infrastructure improvement programme.                                                                      |
| YEAR 1 INTO YEAR 2 | Introduce a redevelopment plan for the Cuthbert Peters Park sporting complex, including the old spectator pavilion and the standard of the hard court, subject to design, land and funding verification.                  |
| YEAR 1             | Include improvements to playing fields, seating and lighting in Grand Roy, Clozier/Belvidere and other communities under the constituency-wide sporting infrastructure rehabilitation programme.                          |
| FIRST 100 DAYS     | Complement investments in sporting facilities with support for local clubs, coaching, recreational activities, summer programmes and community-led initiatives to ensure these spaces are actively and consistently used. |
| YEAR 1             | Create summer programmes for children and young adults, offering practical and creative skills training in cooking, arts and crafts, floral arrangements, crochet and other areas of interest.                            |



# COMMUNITY CENTRES THAT FUNCTION:

Community centres should host meetings, skills training, youth programmes, cultural activities, and emergency shelter. Residents across St. John want these spaces open, properly maintained, and serving the communities they were built for. In Gouyave, residents identified the need for a community centre and raised concerns about the condition of the old pavilion at Cuthbert Peters Park. Both spaces need careful assessment so the right facilities can be developed for the communities and used meaningfully.

## WE WILL

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| YEAR 1 | Equip the Florida, Grand Roy and Mt.Granby community centres with mentorship and IT training to create opportunities for the young people of the constituency.                                  |
| YEAR 1 | Expand vocational training opportunities in plumbing and other practical trades, equipping school leavers and young adults with skills that lead to employment and self-employment.             |
| YEAR 1 | Rehabilitate the Cocoa Groove Community Centre and provide a dedicated space for our steel pan orchestras to practise, store their instruments and develop their musical talents.               |
| YEAR 1 | Form community development committees in Mt. Granby, Dougaldston and surrounding villages to coordinate weekly clean-ups, beautification activities and other community improvement initiatives |



## PILLAR 5

# ENVIRONMENT, RENEWABLE ENERGY & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

A cleaner, safer St. John requires better waste management, more recycling, regular community clean-ups and stronger disaster preparedness. Our focus is on protecting the environment while helping communities respond and recover more effectively.

### WE WILL

#### YEAR 1

Develop a St. John Environmental and Community Resilience Action Programme, identifying priorities for waste management, recycling, environmental education, village stewardship, emergency readiness and community-based resilience.

#### YEAR 1 – CONTINUING

Introduce a structured community cleanliness and beautification programme, supporting regular village clean-ups, tree planting, flowering, public-space care and environmental education in partnership with schools, community groups and residents.

#### YEAR 1

Pilot community recycling and waste-separation arrangements in areas where residents have requested them, beginning with Mt. Granby, subject to appropriate collection and processing arrangements being in place.

#### YEAR 1

Strengthen anti-littering and responsible-waste education, especially for white goods, particularly around heavily used public areas, community spaces, markets, and areas where indiscriminate dumping or poor waste practices affect environmental quality.

#### YEAR 1

Undertake a community disaster-readiness assessment, identifying what designated shelters and community facilities require in emergency tools, supplies, communications, and basic operational readiness.

#### YEAR 1

Develop a basic emergency-equipment and community-readiness programme for designated facilities, guided by the readiness assessment and coordinated with the appropriate disaster-management authorities. Residents specifically asked for tools that communities can access during disasters.

#### YEAR 1– 3

Integrate renewable energy and energy-efficient solutions into suitable public and community facilities, complementing the Solar For All programme for vulnerable households and small businesses.

#### CONTINUING

Incorporate environmental protection, climate resilience, and long-term maintenance into the planning and design of future community, tourism, and infrastructure projects.



# TOURISM, HERITAGE AND PLACE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

St. John's landscapes, cultural traditions and historic sites offer strong potential for tourism and local development. Our focus is on improving access, maintenance and promotion so these assets can support local businesses, create jobs and showcase the constituency's heritage.

## WE WILL

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| YEAR 1   | Create a St. John Tourism, Heritage and Community Asset Register, identifying priority beaches, caves, historic sites, cultural assets and community attractions, and classifying them by readiness for development.            |
| YEAR 1   | Introduce visitor and heritage signage at priority sites, including directional, identification and interpretation signage where appropriate.                                                                                   |
| YEAR 1-2 | Develop a comprehensive plan for Black Bay that brings together the black sand beach, cave and historic sites, with improved visitor access, public amenities, environmental protection and opportunities for local businesses. |
| YEAR 1-2 | Prepare the Gouyave Town and Waterfront Improvement Framework focused on the town's heritage, public realm, waterfront character, visitor experience and better integration of existing attractions.                            |
| YEAR 1-2 | Assess the feasibility of a Gouyave ferry/water-transport facility, including demand, engineering, land, coastal impacts, parking, customs/immigration requirements and financing.                                              |
| YEAR 1-3 | Advance Palmiste and other high-potential community tourism opportunities through phased planning that protects local character, supports cultural heritage, and creates space for community and small-business participation.  |



# ACCOUNTABLE REPRESENTATION, PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE AND DELIVERY

Residents of St. John want to know that when issues are raised, someone is listening and that transparency is available. They called for regular community meetings, better access to their representatives and clearer updates on the work being done across the constituency. The People's Manifesto is more than just a list of commitments. It will let residents follow the work, see what is being delivered, and keep a say in the decisions affecting their communities.



# TRACKING OUR PROGRESS

**A PLAN ONLY MATTERS IF  
PEOPLE CAN SEE WHAT IS  
BEING DELIVERED.**

The People's Manifesto will not end with its publication. We will use it as a working document to track the commitments made to your community over the next five years.

We will review progress against the priorities identified in the manifesto, with updates showing what has been completed, what is underway, and what still requires attention.

This will give residents a clear way to follow the work, see how priorities are advancing, and understand where progress is being made.

**YOU HELPED SHAPE THE PLAN. YOU SHOULD  
ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE HOW IT IS BEING  
DELIVERED.**



## **Online Progress Tracker**

A dedicated website will list the commitments in the manifesto and show the status of each one — including what has been completed, what is in progress, and what is still to come.



## **Annual Community Review**

Each year, we will return to the community to review progress, discuss what has been delivered, and hear directly from residents on what still needs attention.

# ST. JOHN

Thank you for your voices - all seven hundred  
and seventeen of them.

**You. Me. US. Ready for More.**



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