

**19.  
APPLICATION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL  
RATING AREA FOR THE PERIOD 2025 - 2030**

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18 February 2025**

**Acting Chief Financial Officer**

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**1. Executive Summary**

The purpose of the report is to submit an application to Council to consider the extension of the term of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area for a further 5-year term from 1 July 2025 until 30 June 2030.

**2. Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan - IGNITE**

Directorate: Finance  
Department: Revenue

**3. Compliance with Strategic Priorities**

Provision of democratic, accountable and ethical governance  
Provision and maintenance of municipal services  
Creation and Maintenance of a safe environment  
The promotion of tourism, economic and social development

**4. Delegated Authority**

None

**5. Legal Requirements**

Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) (MFMA)  
Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000)  
Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act (Act 6 of 2004)  
Overstrand Municipality: Special Rating Area By-law P.N. 7692/2016

**6. Background/Discussion/Evaluation/Conclusion**

**Background**

The Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area was established in terms of the Special Rating Area By-Law (promulgated as per Provincial Gazette Extraordinary 7692 dated 21 October 2016) for a term ending on 30 June 2025.

An application was received from the Chairman of the OVSRA NPC on behalf of the OVSRA for the extension of the term of the Special Rating Area from 2025 until 2030.

**Discussion/Evaluation/Conclusion**

The extension of the term of an SRA is dealt with in the Municipality's Special Rating Area By-Law and Special Rating Area Policy.

Item 15 of the Special rating Area By-Law provides for the management body of an SRA, if it so elects, to apply for the extension of the term of the SRA and such application must be made on or before 1 September in the year before the year in which the business plan is due to terminate. The OVSRA submitted its application via email on 19 August 2024 and the minutes of the AGM meeting held on 29 August 2024 were submitted on 30 August 2024.

The OVSRA was established after following due process and at a Council Meeting held on 25 March 2020 per item 5.20. There has been no amendment to the business plan and the SRA mapped area has also remained the same. The SRA business plan, budget, and implementation strategy were presented to the Annual General Meeting of the OVSRA held on 29 August 2024 and a majority support was obtained. In addition, the OVSRA members also mandated the Board (by unanimous decision) to apply for the extension of the term of the SRA at its AGM meeting held on 16 December 2023.

The budget of the OVSRA will be funded from a special rate to be approved by Council annually as part of the budget process.

**7. Financial Implications**

An additional rate will be levied on properties in the OVSRA in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Local Government Municipal Property Rates Act, Act 6 of 2004.

**8. Staff Implications**

N/A

**9. Comments from other Departments, Divisions and Administrations**

N/A

**10. Annexures**

Annexure A:	OVSRA Application Letter
Annexure B:	OVSRA Budget
Annexure C:	OVSRA Business Plan
Annexure D:	Ratepayers opinion survey
Annexure E:	Minutes of the OVSRA AGM – 29/08/2024
Annexure F:	Minutes of the OVSRA AGM – 16/12/2023

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL:**

1. that the application to extend the term of the OVSRA **be approved** for a further one year from July 2025 until June 2026;
2. that the OVSRA NPC be requested to conduct an urban management survey to determine whether or not the business plan should be amended in respect of the municipal services that the OVSRA seeks to enhance;
3. that a Finance Agreement be entered into between OVSRA NPC and Overstrand Municipality before July 2025;
4. that the additional rate to finance the OVSRA business plan be considered by Council during the annual budget process;
5. that the Municipal Manager be authorised to sign all documents to give effect to the extension of the term of the SRA; and
6. that payments to the SRA commence and be made in accordance with the Finance Agreement.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :****D LOUW  
E HOONEBERG****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****1 MAY 2025**



**Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area NPC**

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5 October 2024

The Municipal Manager & Chief Financial Officer  
Overstrand Municipality  
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Dear Dr O'Neill and CFO

Re: Application for Extension of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area (OVSRA) for the Period 2025–2030

On behalf of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area Non-Profit Company, the management body of the OVSRA, I hereby confirm that I support the request for the extension of the OVSRA for the period 2025–2030, as submitted on 30 August 2024. Our earlier submission was submitted under our previous Board Chair, and the previous OM CFO.

Following the unanimous proposal of OVSRA NPC members at the 2023 AGM (13 December 2023) that an application should be motivated to the OM Council for the continuation of the OVSRA post 30 June 2025, we designed a Satisfaction Survey to gauge the feeling of the wider community of Ward 13 to the five-year extension, as well as their perceptions of the services they are receiving from the OVSRA NPC. We also developed a Business Plan and five-year budget under the guidance of former CFO, Santie Reyneke-Naude.

These were presented to the OVSRA NPC members at the 2024 AGM on 29 August 2024, along with a formal proposal to extend the OVSRA for a five-year period 2025-2030. This resolution was unanimously approved, as was the Business Plan, with the five-year budget.

Most notable about the budget, as supported by the CFO, is a rates income that is increased by 7% per annum over the entire 5-year period. This increase is made up of a 5% increase in the OVSRA levy plus a further 2% from new and renovated properties. Our current budget is limited and noteworthy is the fact that an increase in the number of properties and residents results in an increase in services that must be provided, due to increased opportunities for crime and other safety incidents.

We value the collaborative relationship that we have with the Overstrand Municipality and look forward to continuing this partnership for the next five-year period.

Yours sincerely

*Caroline Gabb*

Caroline Gabb  
OVSRA NPC Chair  
(Signed electronically)

Registered Non-Profit Company 2021/537370/08

Directors: C.A. Gabb (Chair), R. van Wyk (Vice Chair), J.I. Barnardt (Treasurer), J. Orban, A.J. Smit

**ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL RATING AREA ANNUAL BUDGET (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030)**

EXPENDITURE	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
<b>1. EMPLOYEE RELATED</b>	374154	400344	428368	458354	490439
Salary General Manager <sup>1</sup>	374154	400344	428368	458354	490439
<b>2. CORE BUSINESS</b>	1788261	1932992	2089652	2259239	2442839
Camera maintenance <sup>2</sup>	219958	241954	266149	292764	322040
CCTV Controllers <sup>3</sup>	477127	510526	546263	584501	625416
Rental high site	52762	56455	60407	64635	69160
Patrollers <sup>4</sup>	569927	624048	683171	747751	811146
Response vehicle and patrollers <sup>5</sup>	341287	365177	390740	418091	454490
Environment upgrade, cleansing <sup>6</sup>	127200	134832	142922	151497	160587
<b>3. REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE</b>	60000	75000	175000	105000	175000
<b>4. GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	274034	294383	315353	363044	389130
Accounting fees	36519	39075	41810	44737	47869
Advertising	5488	5817	6166	6536	6929
Auditors	7478	7926	8402	8906	9440
Bank charges	5637	5975	6334	6714	7116
Computer expenses	8549	9062	9606	10182	10793
Insurance	19735	20919	22174	23505	24915
Store/parking <sup>7</sup>	19232	22117	25434	29250	33637
Stationary	439	468	496	524	555
Rent <sup>8</sup>	100794	107850	114321	121180	128451
Sundry expenses	5854	6203	6575	6969	7387

**Addendum 3**

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	2025/26 YEAR 6	2026/27 YEAR 7	2027/28 YEAR 8	2028/29 YEAR 9	2029/30 YEAR 10
<b>EXPENDITURE continued</b>					
Secretarial	2689	2850	3021	3203	3395
Marketing, promotions	0	0	0	25000	26500
Telephone, internet	19080	20224	21438	22724	24088
Vehicle expenses	8685	9988	11486	13209	15191
Annual duty	450	450	450	450	450
Casuals	8989	9528	10099	10706	11348
Consulting fees	7415	7861	8332	8832	9362
Office expenses <sup>9</sup>	12000	12720	13483	14292	15150
Protective clothing <sup>10</sup>	5000	5350	5725	6125	6554
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2496449</b>	<b>2702719</b>	<b>3008373</b>	<b>3185637</b>	<b>3497408</b>

**NOTES:**

1. Salary adjustment in 2026 and thereafter 7% increase pa.
2. Increases with additional cameras.
3. Controllers working 24/7.
4. Patrollers increasing to 4 in year 6.
5. Share response vehicle with ADT.
6. Budget of R120000 not spent in 2024 due to budget constraints. Will be spent in future.
7. Store/parking for OVSRA vehicle.
8. Rent for new office as from 2025.
9. Increase for new office and control room.
10. Clothing for patrollers.

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	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
<b>5. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>					
WCC High site <sup>1</sup>	0	80000	0	80000	0
Control room <sup>2</sup>	10000	10000	10000	20000	20000
Computer equipment	20000	20000	20000	30000	30000
Office equipment	5000	5000	10000	10000	10000
Cameras <sup>3</sup>	260000	245000	277000	275000	245000
Patroller equipment <sup>4</sup>	5000	25000	8000	0	40000
<b>TOTAL CAPEX</b>	<b>300000</b>	<b>385000</b>	<b>325000</b>	<b>415000</b>	<b>345000</b>

**NOTES:**

1. New sectors to be erected.
2. Control room furniture and solar.
3. Additional cameras and replacement of redundant cameras.
4. New and replacement bicycles.

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
<b>INCOME</b>					
SRA Levy <sup>1</sup>	2671825	2858853	3058973	3273101	3502218
Retention reserve <sup>2</sup>	-31171	-33353	-61855	-12020	-35022
Donations/grants <sup>3</sup>	0	150000	339000	365000	285000
Interest	47752	48230	53053	58358	64194
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2688406</b>	<b>3023730</b>	<b>3389171</b>	<b>3684439</b>	<b>3816390</b>

NOTES:

1. Income increases by 7% pa – 5% for inflation as well as a further 2% allowing for increased municipal valuations and additional new houses.
2. Two times monthly levy.
3. Donations for CCTV systems.

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>					
INCOME	2688406	3023730	3389171	3684439	3816390
EXPENDITURE	2496449	2702719	3008373	3185637	3497408
CAPEX	300000	385000	325000	415000	345000
<b>SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)</b>	<b>-108042</b>	<b>-63990</b>	<b>55798</b>	<b>83802</b>	<b>-26018</b>

## **BUSINESS PLAN**

**For the Continuation of the Onrus Vermont Special  
Rating Area (OVSRA) from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030**



**Compiled in accordance with the 2016 by-law for the  
establishment of Special Rating Areas in the  
Overstrand Municipal (OM) Area**

**Dated: 17 August 2024**

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**1. OVSRA INFORMATION**

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 Managed by: Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area NPC  
 Registration number: 2021/537370/08

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The OVSRA boundaries are defined as WARD 13 in the Overstrand municipal area.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply in this document:

*Additional rate* means a rate as contemplated in sections 19(1)(d) and 22(1)(b) of the MPRA read together with section 10 of the Municipality Property Rates policy and section 12(2) of the Municipality's Special Rating Area By-law

*Applicant* means the management body of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area viz Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area Non-Profit Company (OVSRA NPC)

*Board* means the OVSRA Board of Directors

*Business Plan* means the Business and Operational Plan originally established for the creation of a Special Rating Area in Onrus and Vermont known as Ward 13 in the Overstrand Municipality

*Council* means the Council of the Overstrand Municipality

*Directors* means the Directors of the OVSRA NPC

*Financial Agreement* means the agreement between the Overstrand Municipality and the OVSRA Non-Profit Company in terms of Section 12(6) of the By-law

*MPRA* means Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004 as amended from time to time

*OVSRA* means the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area

*OVSRA NPC* means the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area Non-Profit Company

*Public Open Space* means land that is in public ownership, used primarily for outdoor play, recreation, or as a park area or nature area, and includes associated infrastructure and uses. Reference is drawn to the Overstrand Municipality's Zoning Scheme Regulations

*Satisfaction survey* means a survey available to all ratepayers in Ward 13 whereby their satisfaction/dissatisfaction with the work that the OVSRA NPC has done to date, was documented, and whether they prefer the continuation thereof

*Special Rating Area* means the special rating area approved by the Council in accordance with the provisions of section 22 of the Property Rates Act (SRA)

*Special Rating Area Policy* means the policy approved by Council on 31 May 2022

## 3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Application for the continuation of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area for a period of 5 years from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030.

At a Council meeting dated 25 March 2020 it was resolved that the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area (OVSRA) be formed for Ward 13 in accordance with the Overstrand Special Rating Area By-Law of 2016. The duration of this Council approval commenced on 1 July 2020 and expires on 30 June 2025. At a subsequent Council meeting dated 29 July 2020 it was resolved that the commencement date would be 1 July 2021 instead (i.e. the second year of the 5-year period). This postponement was requested by the OVSRA steering committee because meeting publicly was not possible during COVID-19, and because of the ratepayers' financial constraints as a result of the epidemic.

#### 4. APPLICATION

The Chairman of the company, Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area Non-Profit Company (OVSRA NPC), Anton Du Preez, the registered owner of 228 Kidbrooke Place, Onrus River, hereby applies for Council approval for the continuation of OVSRA for a further period of 5 years commencing on 1 July 2025.

#### 5. MOTIVATION

The motivation for the continuation is as follows:

The purpose of the OVSRA since its inception has been to create a safe, clean and pleasant environment complementing the services that the OM provides to make Onrus and Vermont a sought-after place to live in, to work, to visit and to do business. These purposes have been implemented by the OVSRA since its beginning and it will continue to do so.

The main principles of the Business and Operational Plan pertaining to the 2021-2025 OVSRA period, and presented and approved by the OM in 2020, are to remain unchanged, except for the budget and finer details of the implementation plan, and will be the only approved guidelines for the provision of a safe and healthy environment and supplementary service delivery in the public open spaces of Ward 13.

The Special Rating Area Policy as reviewed in 2024 will remain unchanged and must be executed by the OVSRA NPC during the applicable extended 5-year period.

The Financial Agreement concluded between the OM and the OVSRA in terms of section 12(6) of the By-law (approved and signed on 27 August 2021) to remain unchanged and effective during the extended 5-year period.

At the quorate Annual General Meeting of the OVSRA NPC on 13 December 2023 it was unanimously resolved that application should be motivated to Council for the continuation of the OVSRA post 30 June 2025 (a copy of the AGM minutes is enclosed as an addendum to this document - refer point 4 under "The 2025 Year").

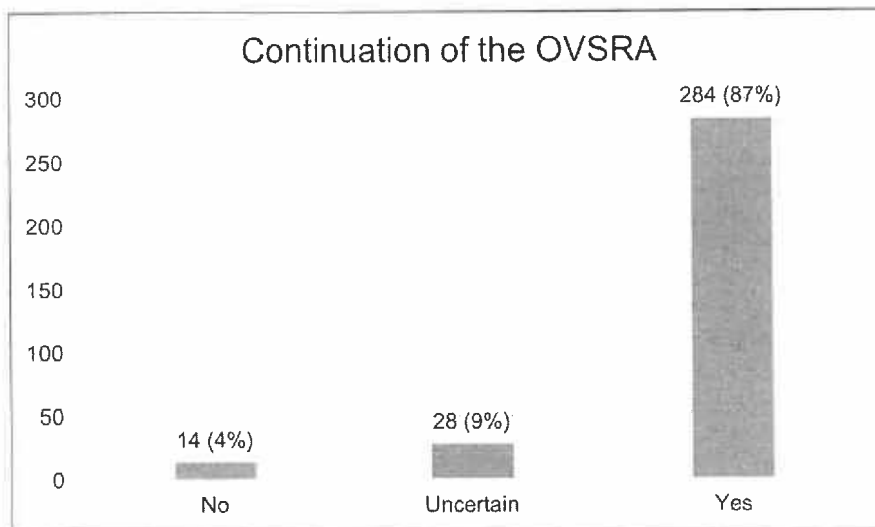
Regular feedback from the Onrus Vermont residents regarding the services that the OVSRA delivers, is with the exception of one or two individuals, very positive and supportive. Feedback is received at "Meet 'n Greet" sessions where the community is invited to engage directly with the Board of Directors in an informal setting in order to learn more about the role of the OVSRA, have an opportunity to address concerns or questions, and have a chance to meet the directors in person. General positive feedback is furthermore received in response to the newsletters that the OVSRA circulates to the community on the website as well as directly to individuals' e-mails.

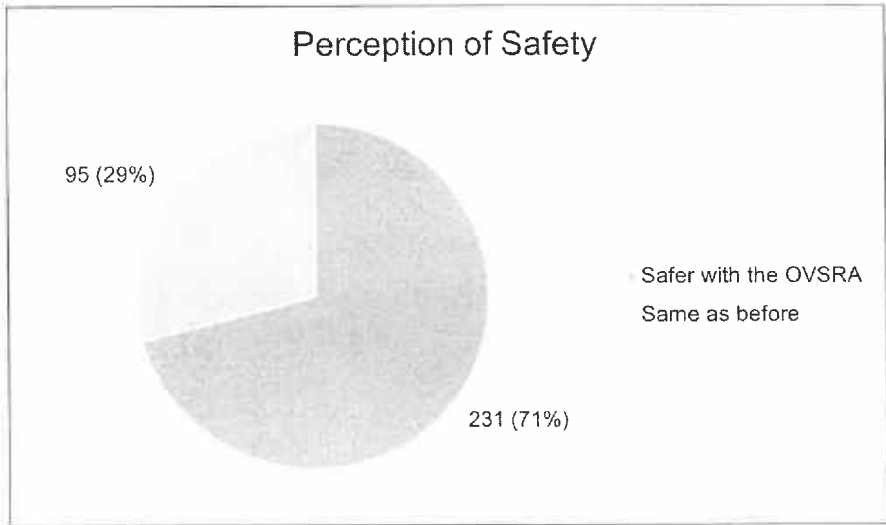
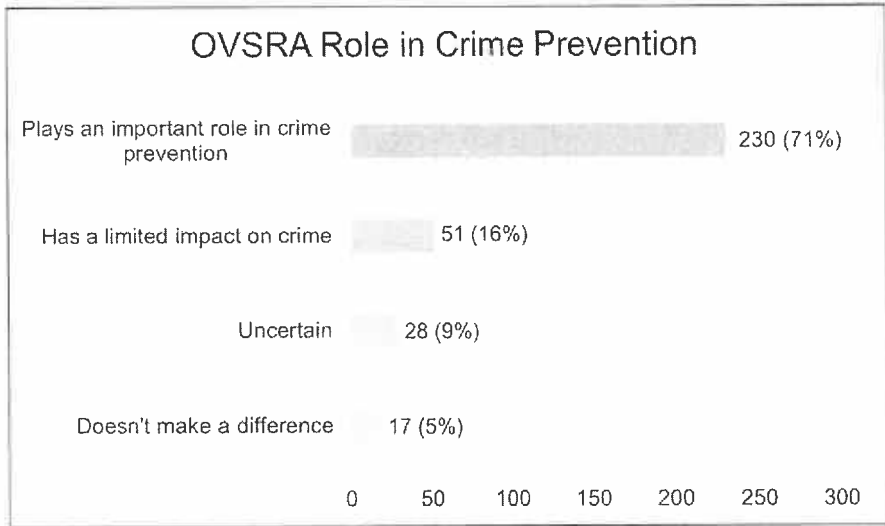
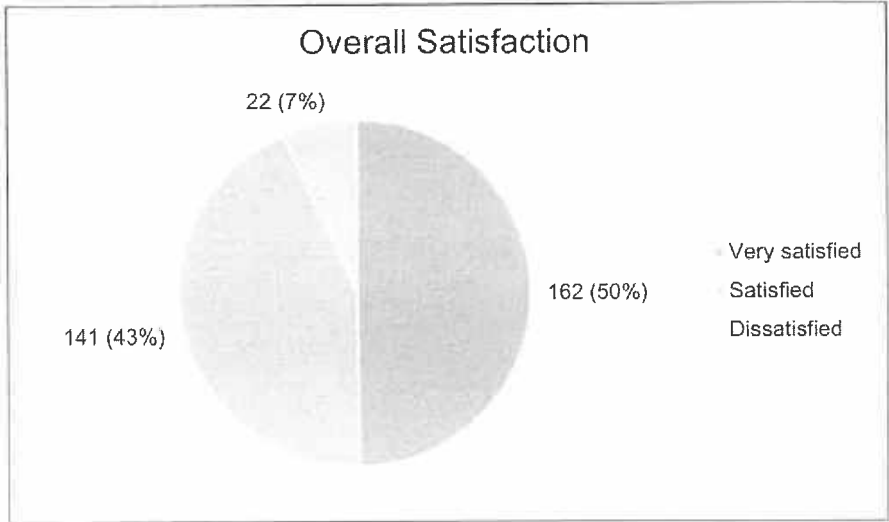
A satisfaction survey was circulated to all ratepayers in Ward 13 and is enclosed as an addendum to this document. The survey was circulated directly to ratepayers twice via e-mail and hard copies were available at the Onrus Pharmacy, Hermanus Hardware (Onrus) and at

an OVSRA Meet 'n Greet. Ratepayers were also notified and requested to complete the survey via WhatsApp, Facebook, and in local publications (The Village News and Splash magazine). A total of 326 unique responses remained after cleaning the database. The following conclusions can be drawn from these data:

- The vast majority of respondents are satisfied with the quality of services currently provided by the OVSRA and strongly support the continuation thereof;
- The majority of respondents are prepared to continue paying SRA rates in order to maintain and expand the services offered by the OVSRA;
- Most respondents feel safer since the OVSRA was established and believe that it plays an important role in crime prevention and
- Issues of public safety, litter and cleanliness, maintenance of public spaces and environmental compliance continue to be of greatest importance to the community.

The most pertinent satisfaction survey results are as follows:





The OVSRA works closely with the following organisations towards the prevention of crime in Ward 13 – South African Police Services, OM Law Enforcement, DFFE, Onverwag Neighbourhood Watch, Alfa Buurtwag, and all other security organisations in our area. With regard to the OVSRA assisting OM with environmental management and cleansing initiatives in public open spaces (e.g. green belts, roads and play parks), there is close co-operation with the OM Environmental Management Services, Onrus River Homeowners Association, Vermont Ratepayers and Environmental Association, Vermont Coastal Path Committee, Onrus River Estuary Forum and CapeNature. Regarding social interventions, the OVSRA works closely with the Department of Social Development concerning children and adults at risk, drug addicts, mentally unstable people, and vagrants.

The supplementary safety and environmental management services that the OVSRA provide are supported and valued by the relevant organisations that share similar goals to the OVSRA, and they support the continuation of the OVSRA post 2025.

The installation of additional cameras in the peninsula area of Onrus, as well as patrollers on foot and bicycles, resulted in crime levels in a previous hotspot area reducing drastically. It is imperative that CCTV cameras are installed at the western side of Vermont as this remains an easy entry into our area that needs to be monitored. With the expansion of new houses and increased semi-gration into the area, the security measures and services of the OVSRA must increase.

## 6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The experience gained thus far has provided the OVSRA NPC with valuable insights into the financial requirements necessary to deliver the comprehensive supplementary services envisioned for Ward 13. Presently, the revenue generated from levies is insufficient to fully support our plans. Although community donations for additional cameras were received, the ongoing maintenance and operational costs are borne by the OVSRA. As the number of cameras increases, so do these expenses.

The original approved budgets for income and expenditure compare as follows with the actuals to date:

INCOME	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Budget	1928989	2072119	2302600	2457915
Actual		1859528	2070466	2149740
Difference		(212591)	(232134)	(308175)

Actual SRA rates income was less than the budget.

EXPENDITURE	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Budget	1898600	1930752	2132591	2315911
Actual		1313755	2171287	3270332
Difference		(616997)	38696	954421

In 2023 and 2024 the actual expenses exceed the budget.

By containing overhead and administrative costs and sharing services such as a shared vehicle with Fidelity ADT, it was possible to cover the expenses.

The proposed 5-year budget commences on 1 July 2025. In accordance with the Financial Agreement the additional rate will be determined by the Municipality taking into account the property database, property value adjustments and the budget provided by the OVSRA NPC.

Notes on the proposed 5-year budget (the detailed budget is enclosed as an addendum and an integral part of this document):

- Rates income is increased by 7% per annum over the entire 5-year period. This increase is made up of a 5% increase in the OVSRA levy plus a further 2% from new and renovated properties. Noteworthy is the fact that an increase in the number of properties and residents results in an increase in services that must be provided, due to increased opportunities for crime and other safety incidents.
- The budget includes the purchase of security cameras to ensure that all the access areas to and from Onrus and Vermont are adequately covered with cameras. The purchase, installation and monitoring of these cameras is to be rolled out in phases so that coverage will have tripled by June 2030.

- The budget allows for the replacement of broken cameras and maintenance of existing cameras as an ongoing expense over the entire 5-year extended period.
- Provision is made each year for the purchase of new CCTV systems and monitoring equipment as well as the addition of new sector antennae for receiving of additional CCTV signals.
- The patrol vehicle is currently shared with Fidelity ADT as funding is limited.
- An additional foot/bicycle patroller is required (to add to the existing three patrollers) to ensure that the entire area (coastal paths, greenbelts and public spaces) is adequately covered. The patrollers' main function is crime prevention in public open spaces, but they also get involved in and report various cleansing issues such as building rubble and refuse. Provision was made for an additional patroller as from 2025/2026.
- Bicycles were not budgeted for in the original budget, but the temporary use of three bicycles was sponsored and proved indispensable for vastly improved response times by the patrollers. Bicycles have since been bought and the service and replacement thereof are now budgeted for.
- A 5% annual increase is assumed as CPI related increases over the period.

**7. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

The functions of the OVSRA will be implemented in accordance with the Budget and the Implementation Plan.

**7.1. Programme 1 - Management & Operations**

<b>ACTION STEPS</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>FREQUENCY per year</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR</b>
1. Direction & leadership for the Board of Directors and OVSRA NPC	CHAIR	ONGOING	Successful implementation of the business plan
2. Successful day-to-day management and operations	MANAGER	ONGOING	Regular feedback at board meetings and no. of complaints from members
3. Appointment of staff and consultants	BOARD	AS REQUIRED	Staff performance reviewed annually
4. Appointment of relevant service providers	BOARD	AS REQUIRED	Service provider compliance with terms and contracts
5. Board meetings	CHAIR	6	All meetings quorate; Councillor attends meetings
6. Financial reports to OM	MANAGER	12	Monthly reports submitted by manager
7. Audited Financial Statements	BOARD	1	Unqualified audit approved by board and members
8. Submit Management Report and Annual Financial Statements to OM SRA team	MANAGER	1	Confirmation of submission from manager
9. Feedback to Members and Annual General Meeting	CHAIR	2	Volume of queries from members
10. Updating membership list	MANAGER	ONGOING	Membership reviewed at each board meeting
11. Establish and maintain website	MANAGER	ONGOING	Reviewed by board at board meetings
12. Comply with all Company Act requirements	BOARD	ONGOING	Reviewed by board at board meetings
13. Interact with property owners	MANAGER	AD HOC	Managers response to members' issues
14. Meet with / visit OVSRA members	DIRECTORS	ONGOING	Feedback at board meetings and at AGM
15. Maintain and develop OVSRA NPC membership	DIRECTORS	ONGOING	New and potential membership reviewed at each board meeting

16. VAT reconciliation / tax returns	MANAGER	6	Confirmation from Accounting
17. Build working relationships with municipal management and relevant OM officials and departments that deliver services in the SRA	MANAGER	ONGOING	Feedback from manager and inspection of council facilities in SRA
18. Tax Clearance Certificate Apply Timeously for new TCC	MANAGER	1	Confirmation of collection of tax clearance certificate by manager (confirmation with Accounting)
19. Compile the SRA renewal application and survey	BOARD	1	Board and member approval at AGM

### 7.2. Programme 2 - Security / Law Enforcement Initiatives

ACTION STEPS	RESPONSIBLE	FREQUENCY per year	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
1. Identify the root causes creating an unsafe environment in conjunction with the SAPS, Law Enforcement and existing service providers.	BOARD & MANAGER WITH SERVICE PROVIDER	ONGOING	No. of incidents logged
2. In liaison with Law Enforcement, other security role players and the SAPS, identify current shortcomings and develop and implement effective strategies to improve a safe environment	BOARD & MANAGER	ONGOING	Regular feedback from security service provider
3. Develop a Security Management Strategy as a supplementary service with clear deliverables and defined performance indicators to guide services for a safe environment by the appointed service provider(s) and evaluate levels of service provided.	BOARD	1	Regular feedback from security service provider
4. Deploy resources accordingly and effectively on visible patrols.	SERVICE PROVIDER & MANAGER	ONGOING	Reviewed at each board meeting and annually with security service provider

Personnel and patrol vehicles to be easily identifiable.			
5. Assist Law Enforcement & SAPS through participation by SRA in the local Community Policing Forum.	BOARD	4	Attend Community Police Forum meetings
6. Monitor and evaluate the strategy and performance of all service delivery on a monthly basis regarding a safe environment.	MANAGER	ONGOING	Reviewed at each board meeting
a. Maintain incident records at operational centre	MANAGER	ONGOING	Reviewed at each board meeting
b. On-site inspection of patrol officers to ensure a safe environment	DIRECTORS & MANAGER	AD HOC	Vehicles and officers visible and well presented
7. CCTV camera monitoring at operational centre	SERVICE PROVIDER, MANAGER & BOARD	ONGOING	Report from service provider / staff

### 7.3. Programme 3 - Cleansing Initiatives

ACTION STEPS	RESPONSIBLE	FREQUENCY per year	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
1. Develop a cleansing strategy as supplementary with clear deliverables and defined performance indicators to guide cleansing and delivery from the appointed service provider	BOARD	6	Review efficiency of OVSRA supplementary service or that undertaken by a third party on behalf of the OVSRA.
2. Monitor and evaluate guidelines and performance of all OVSRA service delivery	BOARD	6	Report to board at board meetings
3. Identifying issues regarding healthy and safe environment within the area and reporting to Council	MANAGER & SERVICE PROVIDER	AD HOC	Reviewed by board as necessary

4. Monitor and combat illegal dumping	MANAGER	ONGOING	On-site inspections
5. Promoting waste minimisation through education and awareness on waste and water pollution	MANAGER	ONGOING	Participation of members in clean-up and recycling programmes
6. Encourage property owners to act responsibly in terms of waste management and encourage recycling initiatives	MANAGER	ONGOING	Participation of members in clean-up and recycling programmes

#### 7.4. Programme 4 - Urban Management Initiatives

ACTION STEPS	RESPONSIBLE	FREQUENCY per year	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
1. Identify problem areas with respect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. street lighting</li> <li>b. missing drain covers/cleaning of drains</li> <li>c. maintenance of road surfaces sidewalks</li> <li>d. cutting of grass / removal of weeds</li> <li>e. road markings / traffic signs Use the established municipal service levels to design the provision of supplementary services without duplication of effort</li> <li>f. parks, greenbelts and conservation areas</li> </ul>	MANAGER & SERVICE PROVIDER	ONGOING	Report to OM and inspections as necessary
2. Identify and report infrastructure supplementing existing Council Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Street lighting</li> <li>b. Dumping</li> <li>c. Refuse Removal</li> <li>d. Waterworks</li> <li>e. Sewerage</li> </ul>	MANAGER	ONGOING	Monthly inspections and report to board at board meetings

f. Roads and Storm water g. Traffic signals and line painting h. Pedestrian safety i. Road repairs			
3. Monitor maintenance required by council relating to upgrading and repair of roads, pavements, open spaces and street lighting.	MANAGER	ONGOING	Monthly inspections and report to board at board meetings
4. Compile a list of prioritised needs to enhance the objectives of the SRA and liaise with the relevant departments to correct	BOARD	1	Part of annual implementation plan review
5. Stray dogs/ animals	MANAGER & SERVICE PROVIDER	AD HOC	Circulate to members via social media

#### 7.5. Programme 5 - Social Intervention Initiatives

ACTION STEPS	RESPONSIBLE	FREQUENCY per year	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
1. Promote community upliftment by encouraging sustainability	BOARD	AD HOC	Member involvement through social media
2. Identify needs in community re municipal services and develop relationship with other role-players & organisations	BOARD	AD HOC	Review at board meetings
3. Sourcing labour from local community for clean-up operations etc	BOARD	AD HOC	Review at board meetings

#### 7.6. Programme 6 - Marketing Initiatives

ACTION STEPS	RESPONSIBLE	FREQUENCY per year	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
1. Regular newsletters and newsflashes	MANAGER	AD HOC	Reviewed by board at board meetings
2. Establish and maintain a website	MANAGER	ONGOING	Reviewed by board at board meetings

3. Regular member visits and meetings	DIRECTORS	ONGOING	Reviewed by board at board meetings
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**8. CONCLUSION**

The OVSRA has established itself as a valuable link in the provision of a safer, cleaner and pleasant environment for the residents and visitors to the Onrus and Vermont areas. Together with, and supplementing, the Overstrand municipal services the area has become sought after, attracting more and more new residents and incentivising investment into the area, and property values have increased as a result.

The present Board has established a strong company as a base for continuation and expansion.

Approval by the OM Council for the continuation of the OVSRA for the 5-year period from 1 July 2025 is strongly recommended (as motivated) by the residents of Ward 13 and unanimously supported by the Board of the OVSRA NPC.



Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Anton du Preez  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name & Surname

Chairman  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Designation

18 August 2024  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



## OVSRA Ratepayers Satisfaction Survey 2024

The Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area (OVSRA) is managed by the OVSRA Non-Profit Company (NPC), led by a voluntary Board of Directors who were chosen by the community, for the community. We are mandated to work in the public open space, and our vision is for Ward 13 to be a safe and healthy community where everyone can prosper. Our mission is to provide supplementary services that will improve the safety, service delivery and environment in our community.

This survey is to determine the general opinion of OVSRA ratepayers about the services that we provide. These services include 24/7 CCTV monitoring and armed response, foot and bicycle patrols throughout the residential area, green belts and coastal path, as well as supplementary environmental and cleansing services, and social interventions as necessary.

This survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete and requires your name and address in order to verify the integrity of the survey. Your personal information will be kept confidential and used for the stated purpose only.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name and Surname \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Trust or Company (if property is registered as such) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Address / ERF number of property in Onrus Vermont SRA \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_
5. Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### OVSRA SERVICES

6. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the services the OVSRA provides?
  - Very satisfied
  - Satisfied
  - Dissatisfied

7. Visibility of patrols
- Very visible
  - Somewhat visible
  - Not visible
8. How responsive has the OVSRA been when requesting assistance (answering calls, foot/bicycle patrollers or response vehicles)?
- Very responsive
  - Somewhat responsive
  - Not responsive
  - Not applicable
9. How do you rate the efficacy, professionalism and support of the response vehicles and foot patrollers?
- Excellent
  - Good
  - Fair
  - Poor
  - Not applicable
10. How do you rate your personal interactions with our patrollers/response officers?
- Excellent
  - Good
  - Fair
  - Poor
  - Not applicable
11. Since the establishment of the OVSRA in July 2021, do you feel safer?
- Yes I do
  - I feel the same as before
12. What is your perception of the role of the OVSRA in crime prevention?
- It plays an important role in preventing crime
  - It has a limited impact on crime
  - It does not really make any difference
  - Uncertain
13. What is your perception about the role of the OVSRA with respect to the environment?
- It plays an important role in environmental initiatives
  - It has only a limited impact
  - It does not really make any difference
  - Uncertain

**VALUE FOR MONEY**

As a ratepayer, you contribute a monthly amount towards OVSRA operations. This amount is determined by your property's municipal valuation and collected by the Overstrand Municipality.

14. How would you rate the value for money of the OVSRA services?

- Excellent
- Average
- Poor
- Uncertain

15. We would like to expand our services towards an even safer area. Would you consider adding value via:

- An increased monthly rate
- Once-off contributions to various projects
- No, leave things as they are

**GENERAL**

16. Would you like the OVSRA to continue the service in the area?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain

17. Do you have any other comments, recommendations, or concerns?

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**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY**

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR FORM AT THE ONRUS PHARMACY (ONRUS TRADING POST) OR AT  
HARCOURTS (RHEEZICHT CENTRE)**



## Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area NPC

Registered non-profit company 2021/537370/08

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### Resolution of the Directors of ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL RATING AREA NPC

Date: 29 AUGUST 2024

Place: Onrusrivier NG Church

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of OVSRA held an AGM on 29 August 2024 to discuss various matters concerning the operations and governance of the organization;

WHEREAS, a resolution concerning the following topics was presented for consideration:

1. Approve the Financial Statements for the year ending on 30 July 2024;
2. Approve the Budget for the 2025/2026 financial year;
3. Approve the extension of the OVSRA five-year term and Business Plan for 2025-20230;
4. Approve the re-appointment of CMV and C2M Chartered Accountants Inc. as auditors;
5. Approve that the two co-opted Directors viz. AJ Smit and John Barnardt be elected as full Directors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution concerning the 5 topics is hereby tabled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate committee or individuals tasked will sign the relevant documents on behalf of the Board

Signatures:

[Name] JANA SMITH  
[Title] VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
[Nonprofit Organization Name] OVSRA.

[Name] ANTON DU PREEZ  
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[Nonprofit Organization Name] OVSRA



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## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area Non-Profit Company**

The meeting was held on Saturday 16 December 2023 at the Dutch Reformed Church in Onrus River at 11h00. Registration started from 10h30.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Welcome**

The minutes from the previous meeting has been on the website for the past year and will not be included in today's meeting. There are no outstanding topics to be discussed and the minutes can be obtained by request.

#### **2. Apologies**

Verskonings ontvang van almal wat proxies ingehandig het.

#### **3. Quorum**

A quorum has been reached.

#### **4. Chairperson's report**

It is my pleasure and privilege to report on the activities of the OVSRA NPC for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

This report is also available on the OVSRA website - <https://onrusvermontsra.com/>

In the first year the challenge was to establish a new organisation. The focus in the past year was on the establishment of safety and security structures and systems - more later in the report.

#### Directors

Six elected directors were responsible for the overall management of the company and were assisted by an additional co-opted director with expert knowledge and background of Ward 13. The councillor of Ward 13 is an ex officio member of the OVSRA Board. In accordance with the agreement that OVSRA has with the Municipality, 2 directors must resign annually (both are available for re-election). In addition, the coopted Board member is also available for serving as an elected member of the company. To ensure that the company can continue to operate effectively the Board made proposals on how the Board ideally should be structured (refer the separate document on the election of Directors to be handled in the agenda of this meeting). My sincere thanks to the Directors for the time and value that each one contributed to the company during the past year.

### General Manager

We are pleased and privileged to have Meredith Thornton as our GM. Meredith does her job with enthusiasm and diligence. Her role in the community and specifically in Onrus and Vermont is very valuable. I thank Meredith for her excellent work.

### Communication

The quarterly newsletter was continued and circulated on our website and via e-mail. We often find that the newsletter ends up in the "spam" of ratepayers' computers - please be aware of this problem. We broadcast messages of importance to the heads of all the organisations for distribution in the area, and our Councillor, Charmaine Resandt, shares our messages on her Ward 13 groups. In addition, we share updates via our Facebook page and local Facebook groups. We initiated "Meet 'n Greet" sessions where everyone interested can meet with the directors and have an opportunity to be updated on the activities of the OVSRA. These sessions proved to be valuable and will be continued. In January 2023 a general information session was held in the Dutch Reformed Church. This meeting was well supported and in addition it gave holiday makers the opportunity to get information on the activities of the OVSRA. The AGM is arranged for 16 December 2023 to enable as many members of the company as well as all interested residents to attend as this is another opportunity to learn more about the work of the OVSRA. Various sessions were held with other role players in the community e.g. Onverwag and Afriforum Alfa Neighbourhood Watches, and Onrus and Vermont Home Owners Associations with the objective to work together and eliminate duplication of services.

### Safety and Security

The safety and security of Onrus and Vermont is, and remains, our prime focus area. A large number of successes were achieved, and perpetrators were arrested (refer to the enclosed schedule for details on the number of incidents during the past financial year).

However, OVSRA cannot operate in isolation to prevent crime. We work closely with Onverwag Neighbourhood Watch, Afriforum Alfa Buurtwag, Law Enforcement and the SAPS to prevent crime but home owners can assist us in our efforts by being vigilant e.g. not leaving items in their cars, leaving garage doors open (to name but a few) as such actions are an open invitation for potential crime.

OVSRA have 3 patrollers that cover the area by foot and bicycle on a daily basis with 2 always on duty during the day, 3 armed response officers in a vehicle, 1 of whom is on duty 24/7, as well as 3 controllers in the control room, with 1 on duty 24/7 - all in contact with one other by means of handheld radios. The OVSRA response team, General Manager, Operations Director and both neighbourhood watches are all connected via a 24/7 radio network for fastest possible response locally, whilst awaiting SAPS and Law Enforcement involvement when necessary. During December 2022 and January 2023 additional patrollers operating from their base at Onrus Beach, were employed to ensure 24/7 visibility in the peninsula - these patrollers were funded by the residents of the Onrus peninsula.

The residents reacted positively to our plea for funds to erect additional cameras on the peninsula. Onrus and Vermont were divided into areas viz the Peninsula, Bosplasia, Onrus North, Vermont, Onrus Central etc. so that funding for cameras in these areas can be generated which will be used exclusively in those specific areas. In the peninsula alone

R304,710 was raised enabling the installation of 14 additional cameras to secure the whole of the peninsula, a major egress and ingress area that impacts our entire ward's safety. With these funds a further three cameras will be erected at strategic positions in the peninsula and are awaiting approval from the municipality to erect poles on their property for these cameras. Cameras were installed at the two entrances of Bosplasië with the R33,800 contributed by Bosplasië residents. These cameras play a major role in our monitoring of the foot, bicycle and vehicle traffic that streams in and out of Onrus on a daily basis. Our focus now moves to the other areas where we will once again approach residents to provide funding for the cameras required at strategic positions with the objective to secure the whole of Ward 13. The monitoring equipment was upgraded to be able to accommodate the growing number of cameras. Our control room needs to be moved as the present facility will become redundant and we plan to move the control room to Onrus for even better management. All our cameras are now equipped with battery backup enabling continued functioning during power outages.

My thanks to all who contributed and to those who are going to contribute funds in the future so that we can secure our entire area with security cameras. As a safety and security stakeholder in the greater Overberg area the OVSRA General Manager regularly attends SAPS Joint Operational Committee (JOCOM) meetings at the Hermanus Police Station as well as Overstrand Public Safety Forum meetings convened by the Overstrand Municipality.

Notwithstanding all our efforts the problems with informal car guards, vagrants, vandalism, begging and opportunistic crime continues and requires constant attention.

#### Municipality

The 3 SRA's viz Hermanus, Kleinmond and Onrus Vermont, and soon to be followed by Sandbaai, are in regular contact with each other to share experiences and to ensure that we have one united voice in our communication with the municipality and the reigning political party. The support and partnership of the municipality are highly appreciated and necessary for the SRAs to be able to function properly.

#### Environment

The other focus area of the OVSRA is to ensure that our environment is clean and neat, supplementing the work done by the municipality. We work closely with the home owners associations who remove alien invasive plants, and keep parks, beaches and public spaces clean. Our patrollers are trained to report on environmental issues that require attention and are identified during their patrolling duties. The enviro-patrollers do clean-ups whenever necessary, participate in coastal cleanups with the Hermanus Swap Shop volunteers, do fence patrols along the western border of Ward 13 and check the green belts for dumping, signs of vagrants and other irregularities. (The damage caused to Onrus Beach in September 2023 is not covered in the time frame of this report, but I must mention how the various organisations and individuals, including your SRA, took hands to do everything possible to get the beach cleaned up prior to the holiday season.)

#### Finances

The OVSRA is a non-profit company. The audited financial statements for the year ending on 30 June 2023 realised a surplus of R 532,571.45 (the audited financial statements are available on the OVSRA website and are circulated with this documentation). This surplus results from donations for the installation of cameras being documented as an income, but in totality spent on cameras as a capital expense - R 331,518. If this is excluded the surplus would reduce to R 201,053.

Snyman Inc. sponsored a branded Nissan NP 200 bakkie for OVSRA which is used by the GM for the day-to-day management of the OVSRA. My sincere thanks to Snyman Inc. for their generous support of our work in the community.

My thanks to the bookkeeper, accountant and auditors for their work in the past financial year. It is proposed that the C2M Chartered Accountants be retained as auditors for the 2024 tax year.

#### The 2024 year

We are experiencing an increase in residents in our area. A greater population gives rise to more opportunities for crime and the high unemployment situation inevitably aggravates the situation. Security cameras that are monitored 24/7 is the best solution for preventing and reducing crime. The objective therefore is to install cameras (with sponsorship of the public) at all the strategic places throughout the Onrus and Vermont areas.

We have upgraded our network video recorder to enable us to monitor up to 64 cameras - at present we are monitoring 32 CCTV channels.

The levies that the municipality will obtain from home owners in the year that will end on 30 June 2024 will provide OVSRA with an income of R 2,040,606 (the amended property values and additional developed properties were taken into account in determining these levies and this amount is less than the original 5 year budget approved by the municipality and the Onrus Vermont home owners) - the actual levy income as per the audited financials for 2023 was R 1,933,328 thus a 5,5% increase year on year.

Operating expenses for the present year (up to 30 June 2024) are estimated at R 2,641,270 resulting in an estimated deficit of R 600,664 and will be partially funded from last year's profit and further by savings on the budget.

The capital budget for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 amounts to R 629,061 consisting of R 504,061 for new cameras and R 125,000 for office expenses. Donations will be sourced for the new additional cameras.

#### The 2025 year

On 30 June 2025 the initially approved 5-year term of the OVSRA will expire. The Board recommended that the work of the OVSRA must continue thereafter. The meeting unanimously supported the recommendation of the Board. The documentation such as budget and business plan will be provided in due course.

#### In closing

My sincere thanks to the following:

- The Overstrand Municipality for their cooperation and support.
- The service providers including Fidelity ADT and WCC Technologies.
- The property owners and residents of Onrus and Vermont for their financial and verbal support.
- The Directors for their time, support, contributions and dedication during the past year.
- Pieter Botha for the great work that he did on our CCTV project and his security expertise whilst serving as a co-opted member of the board.

- Meredith Thornton for the enthusiastic and diligent manner in which she performs her duties.
- I must mention Caroline Gabb for her contribution as co-opted member and for standing in for Meredith from time to time.

I thank you.

Anton du Preez  
OVSRA NPC Chairman

NO. OF INCIDENTS IN THE PAST FINANCIAL YEAR:

No. of INCIDENTS	SOURCE OF REPORT
992	Members of the Public
324	OVSRA Armed Response (vehicle)
748	OVSRA Enviro-patrollers (foot and bicycle)
851	OVSRA CCTV Operators (control desk)
<b>2915</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Of the above:

No. of INCIDENTS	BROAD SUMMARY
803	Crime-related
1549	Crime Prevention
563	Public Assistance
<b>2915</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

More detail:

No. of INCIDENTS	BROAD SUMMARY
865	Assisting Distressed Public/Animals
13	Missing Persons Reported/Found
608	Public Complaints/Vagrancy
20	Medical incidents
146	Property Related Crimes
923	Public Disorder
38	Recovery of Property
302	Law Enforcement Matters
<b>21</b>	<b>Arrests made</b>

## ONRUS VERMONT SPESIALE AANSLAGGEBIED NIE-WINSGEWENDE MAATSKAPPY (OVSAG) VOORSITTERVERSLAG - 16 Desember 2023

Dit is my voorreg en vir my aangenaam om verslag te doen oor die aktiwiteite van die OVSAG NWM vir die periode 1 Julie 2022 tot 30 Junie 2023.

Hierdie verslag is ook beskikbaar op die OVSAG webtuiste - <https://onrusvermontsra.com/>

Terwyl die eerste jaar die uitdagings wat gepaard gaan met die vestiging van 'n nuwe organisasie behels het, was die fokus in die afgelope jaar op die daarstelling van veiligheid- en sekuriteitsstelsels en strukture - meer hieroor later.

### Direkteure

Ses verkose direkteure was verantwoordelik vir die oorhoofse bestuur van die maatskappy en 'n verdere direkteur was ge-koöpteer vir haar agtergrond en kennis van Wyk 13. Die raadslid vir Wyk 13 is ex officio 'n lid van die OVSAG se Direksie. In ooreenstemming met die ooreenkoms met die Munisipaliteit moes 2 Direkteure bedank (albei is weer verkiesbaar). Die ge-koöpteerde lid is ook as volwaardige direkteur verkiesbaar. Om te verseker dat die maatskappy voortaan effektief bedryf kan word, beveel die Direksie sekere voorstelle aan oor die wyse waarop die Raad gestruktureer moet word (hierdie voorstelle is uiteengesit in 'n aparte dokument wat gedek word in die agenda van hierdie vergadering). My opregte dank aan die Direkteure wat soveel tyd en waarde toegevoeg het tot die OVSAG oor die afgelope jaar.

### Algemene Bestuurder

Ons is gelukkig en bevoorreg om vir Meredith Thornton as die Algemene Bestuurder van die maatskappy te hê. Meredith vervul haar take (en daar is baie) met toewyding en entoesiasme en haar rol in die gemeenskap en in die besonder in Onrus en Vermont is van onskatbare waarde. Ek bedank graag vir Meredith vir die uitstekende werk wat sy doen.

### Kommunikasie

Daar was voortgegaan om kwartaallike nuusbriewe te sirkuleer op ons webtuiste sowel as per e-pos. Daar word soms gevind dat die nuusbriewe in die "spam" van belastingbetalers se rekenaars beland - neem asseblief kennis hiervan. Ons stuur ook boodskappe van belang na die hoofde van al die organisasies wat werksaam is in die area en ons raadslid, Charmaine Resandt, versprei ook ons boodskappe op die Wyk 13 groep. Hierbenewens plaas ons ook boodskappe op ons Facebook blad en op plaaslike Facebook groepe. Daar was begin met "ontmoet en groet" sessies waar belangstellendes nader kon kennis maak met die direkteure en waar geleentheid was om eerstehands meer uit te vind oor die werksaamhede van die OVSAG. Hierdie sessies was uiters suksesvol en sal beslis voortgaan. In Januarie 2023 was 'n algemene inligtingsessie gehou in die Onrus NGK wat baie goed bygewoon was en aan vakansiegangers die geleentheid gebied het om dit by te woon en op hoogte te kon kom van die werksaamhede van die OVSAG. Die AJV is juis gereel vir 16 Desember 2023 sodat soveel moontlik lede van die maatskappy sowel as belangstellende inwoners die geleentheid kan bywoon, en meer te wete kan kom van die werksaamhede van die OVSAG. Daar was ook verskeie gesprekke met ander rolspelers in ons gemeenskap nl. Onverwag Buurtwag, Afriforum Alfa Buurtwag, Onrus Huiseienaarsvereniging en Vermont huiseienaarvereniging met die doel om saam te werk en duplisering van dienste te voorkom.

### Veiligheid en Sekuriteit

Die veiligheid en sekuriteit van Onrus en Vermont is en bly ons hooffokus. Heelwat suksesse is behaal en verskeie misdadigers was in hegtenis geneem ( verwys na aangehegte skedule vir die aantal insidente tydens die afgelope finansiële jaar ).

OVSAG kan egter nie in isolasie die misdaad probeer bekamp nie. Daar is dus uitstekende samewerking met Onverwag Buurtwag, Afriforum Alfa Buurtwag, Wetstoepassing en die SA Polisie diens om oortreders hok te slaan, maar inwoners kan ook bydra tot die bekamping van misdaad deur waaksaam te wees, nie voorwerpe in motors te los nie of motorhuise oop te los nie (om maar 'n paar voorbeelde te noem), want sodanige aksies is 'n uitnodiging vir potensiële misdaad.

OVSAG het 3 patroleerders waarvan 2 bedags per fiets en te voet in die area ontplooi is. Ons voertuig wat 24 uur per dag beskikbaar is, word beman deur 1 offisier (daar is 3 offisiere in totaal om voorsiening te maak vir aflosse). Die beheerkamer word op 'n 24 uur basis met 1 persoon beman (daar is 3 in totaal om voorsiening te maak vir skofte). Die OVSAG reaksiespan bestaan uit die Algemene Bestuurder, Operasionele Direkteur sowel as albei buurtwagte en almal is op 'n deurlopende basis met mekaar in verbinding op die radionetwerk sodat vinnig opgetree kan word terwyl op die SA Polisie diens of Wetstoepassing gewag word, indien nodig. Gedurende Desember 2022 en Januarie 2023 was daar addisionele wagte wat vanaf hul basis by Onrusstrand die Onrus Skiereiland gepatrolleer het - hul koste was deur inwoners van die Onrus Skiereiland betaal.

Die inwoners het uitstekend gereageer op ons versoeke om addisionele fondse beskikbaar te stel vir die oprig van meer kameras. Onrus en Vermont was verdeel in verskeie areas soos die Skiereiland, Bosplasia, Onrus Noord, Vermont, Onrus dorp, ens. en fondse was en sal van die inwoners van die verskillende areas versoek om kameras aldaar op te rig. Die Skiereiland en Bosplasia het voldoende fondse gegenereer om die gebied met kameras te voorsien wat die volle area kan dek. In die Skiereiland was R 304,710 deur inwoners geskenk en 14 addisionele kameras was opgerig om die hele skiereiland te beveilig want dit is 'n groot uitgang- en ingangsgebied wat ons hele wyk se veiligheid invloed. Met hierdie fondse sal 'n verdere 3 kameras op die skiereiland opgerig word op strategiese plekke sodra die goedkeuring van die munisipaliteit verkry is vir die oprigting van pale op hulle eiendom. Kameras was by die 2 ingange van Bosplasia opgerig met die R 33,800 wat deur inwoners bygedra was. Hierdie kameras speel 'n groot rol in die daaglikse monitering van die voet-, fiets- en voertuigverkeer in Onrus se Hoofweg. Die fokus gaan nou uitgebrei word na die ander gebiede sodat die nodige fondse bekom kan word om kameras op strategiese plekke aan te bring en sodoende die hele Onrus en Vermont te dek. Die moniteringstoerusting was vergroot om die groeiende aantal kameras wat gemoniteer moet word, te akkommodeer. Die kamerabeheerkamer moet geskuif word, want die huidige fasiliteit is nie meer geskik nie en die plan is om dit na ons Onrus kantoor te verskuif vir beter kontrole en bestuur. Al die kameras is toegerus met battery rugsteen sodat dit steeds tydens beurtkrag kan funksioneer.

My dank aan elkeen wat bydraes gemaak het of steeds bydraes gaan maak sodat ons hele area voldoende met sekuriteitskameras toegerus kan word. As 'n veiligheid- en sekuriteit- belanghebbende in die groter Overberg area, word SA Polisie diens se Gesamentlike Operasionele Komitee vergaderings (JOCOM) sowel as die Overstrand Publieke Veiligheids Forum, deur ons Algemene Bestuurder bygewoon.

Desondanks al ons pogings bly informele motorwagte, bergies, vandale, bedelaars en geleentheidsmisdadigers 'n bron van kommer waaraan voortdurend aandag gegee word.

#### Munisipaliteit

Die 3 bestaande SAGs nl. Hermanus, Kleinmond en Onrus Vermont (en binnekort ook Sandbaai) het op 'n gereelde basis kontak via die Overstrand SAG Forum, om ondervinding te deel, maar veral ook om as een gesamentlike mondstuk sake met die Munisipaliteit en die regerende politieke party op te neem. Die ondersteuning van die munisipaliteit word waardeer en is uiters noodsaaklik vir die SAGs om doeltreffend te werk.

Omgewing

Die ander fokusarea van die OVSAG is om die omgewing waarin ons woon skoon en netjies te hou ter aanvulling van die werk wat die Munisipaliteit in die verband doen. Nuwe samewerking bestaan tussen die Huiseienaarverenigings en die OVSAG om indringerplante te verwyder, parke, strandgebiede en openbare areas skoon en netjies te hou. Die omgewing-patrollerders is ook opgelei om omgewingsaspekte wat aandag moet geniet te identifiseer en te rapporteer. Hulle doen skoonmaakwerk waar nodig, werk saam met strandskoonmaak wat onderneem word deur die Hermanus Herwinningwinkel, doen heiningpatroliering van die Westelike grens van Wyk 13 en gaan gereeld die groenareas na vir verwydering van vullis en bergies.

(Die skade wat aan Onrusstrand aangerig was in September 2023 word nie in hierdie verslag gedek nie, maar ek moet melding maak van die samewerking tussen verskeie organisasies en individue, ingesluit die SAG, om alles moontlik te doen om die strand weer skoon te kry vir die vakansieseisoen.)

Finansies

Die OVSAG is 'n Nie-Winsgewende Maatskappy. Die geouditeerde state vir die jaar wat eindig op 30 Junie 2023 toon n surplus van R 532,571.45 (die geouditeerde state is beskikbaar op die OVSAG webwerf en word ook saam met hierdie dokumentasie versprei). Hierdie surplus is die resultaat van die volgende: donasies vir die oprigting van kameras verskyn as 'n inkomste, maar is ten volle uitbetaal as 'n kapitale uitgawe - R 331,518. Hieronder sou die surplus verminder na R 201,053.

Snyman Inc. het 'n Nissan NP 200 bakkie geskenk aan OVSAG wat voltyds deur die Algemene Bestuurder gebruik word - my opregte dank aan Snyman Inc. vir hul vrygewige ondersteuning van ons werk in die gemeenskap.

My dank aan die boekhouer, rekenmeester en ouditeure vir die werk in die afgelope finansiële jaar gedoen. Daar word aanbeveel dat C2M Chartered Accountants as ouditeure behou word vir die 2024 belastingjaar.

Die 2024 Jaar

Daar is n groot toename in inwoners in ons area. Ongelukkig beteken groter inwonergetalle ook dat daar meer geleenthede is vir misdaad en die hoë werkloosheid vererger die situasie. Sekuriteitkameras wat voltyds gemonitor word, is belangrike toerusting in die bekamping en voorkoming van misdaad. Die doelwit is dus om sover moontlik met behulp van skenkings van die publiek, kameras op te rig op al die strategiese plekke in die hele Onrus en Vermont areas. Die opgradering van ons netwerk video opnemer stel ons in staat om 64 kameras te monitor - tans het ons 32 kameras.

Die heffings wat die munisipaliteit van huiseienaars verhaal in die jaar wat op 30 Junie 2024 eindig, realiseer in 'n inkomste van R 2,040,606 aan die OVSAG (die aangepaste eiendomwaardasies en addisionele ontwikkelde eiendomme was in ag geneem by die berekening van hierdie heffings en die hierdie bedrag is minder as die 5 jaar begroting wat deur die Munisipaliteit en die inwoners van Onrus en Vermont goedgekeur was) - die werklike heffingsinkomste soos per die geouditeerde state vir die 2023 jaar was R 1,933,328 dws 'n jaar op jaar verhoging van 5,5 %. Bedryfsuitgawes vir die jaar (tot 30 Junie 2024) is beraam op R 2,641,270 wat 'n tekort van R 600,664 tot gevolg sal hê en gedeeltelik uit verlede jaar se netto surplus gefinansier sal kan word, en verder beheer sal word deur besparings op die begroting.

Die kapitaalbegroting vir die periode 1 Julie 2023 tot 30 Junie 2024 beloop R 629,061 bestaande uit R 504,061 vir nuwe kameras en R 125,000 vir kantoortoerusting. Donasies sal weereens versoek word vir die oprigting van kameras.

Die 2025 Jaar

Die goedgekeurde termyn van die OVSAG verval op 30 Junie 2025. Die Direksie het aanbeveel dat daar voortgegaan moet word met die werk wat gedoen. Die vergadering het die Direksie se aanbeveling eenparig ondersteun. Die nodige dokumentasie soos begroting en besigheidsplan vir die daaropvolgende jare, sal voorsien word.

Ten slotte

My opregte dank aan die volgende:

- Die Overstrand Munisipaliteit vir hul samewerking en ondersteuning.
- Die diensverskaffers insluitend Fidelity ADT en WCC Technologies vir hul dienste.
- Die eienaars en inwoners van Onrus en Vermont vir hul ondersteuning beide

finansieel en verbaal.

- Die Direkteure vir hul tyd, ondersteuning, bydraes en toewyding oor die afgelope jaar
- Pieter Botha vir sy enorme bydrae tot die CCTV projek en vir sy kennis en ondervinding van sekuriteit tydens sy diens as ge-koopteerde direkteur.
- Meredith Thornton vir die entoesiasme en toewyding waarmee sy die maatskappy bestuur.
- Ek moet ook vir Caroline Gabb uitsonder wat nie alleen as ge-koopteerde direkteur haar bydrae gemaak het nie, maar ook vir Meredith ingestaan het wanneer nodig.

Baie dankie.

Anton du Preez  
OVSAG Voorsitter

## 5. Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2023

Attached as addendum.

Q: Can the community not get funds following a natural disaster.

A: Funds were made available for the recent beach disaster, together with funds raised by the community.

Q: The SRA spent very little money on the environment in the last year.

A: R100 000,00 has been budgeted in the next financial year. Collectively we should be putting pressure on the municipality for basic services, for the services we pay for. This is not solely the SRA's responsibility.

Q: Cecilia asked about the additional three cameras for the peninsula.

A: These will be on municipal grounds, therefore waiting on municipal approval. Mention has been made that the last feedback received was in January 2023 and nothing since. Also asked about the Green/ Tuna Street camera that needs to be replaced. We're waiting on the supplier which will reopen again early next year. The camera at the beach will be installed before Christmas and updates will be posted on the peninsula WhatsApp group.

## 6. Appointment of auditors

C2M chartered accountants.

## 7. Election of Board members

At present the Board consists of the following six (6) elected members:

- Anton du Preez - Chair
- Jana Smith - Vice-Chair
- Duncan Heard - Environment/Treasurer
- Hennie Greeff - Secretary/Cleansing
- Jean Orban - Marketing/Events/SOPS
- Renate van Dyk - Legal/Policies/SLA
- One (1) Co-opted member - Caroline Gabb - Communication/Ops second
- The Ward Councillor - Charmaine Resandt

In accordance with our rotation policy, two Directors viz, Anton du Preez and Duncan Heard had to resign but both are available for re-election. Caroline Gabb has been a co-opted member of the Board, is a valuable addition to the Board and provides the necessary back-up for our General Manager (Meredith Thornton) when necessary.

To enable the Board to continue functioning properly and to ensure continuity it is proposed that Anton du Preez and Duncan Heard be re-elected as members and that Caroline Gabb be elected as the seventh Board member.

During the course of the past 2 years, 3 Board members resigned resulting in the all-important portfolios of Safety and Security (including the CCTV cameras) and Finance being vacant. Whilst the remaining Directors and the General Manager made an effort to cover these vacant portfolios, it has become clear that these two vital positions need to be filled. As these are positions that require candidates with specific and relevant skills, the Board decided to source suitable candidates from our community rather than having an open nomination and election process.

Board proposal for approval at the AGM:

1. Anton du Preez (Chair) and Duncan Heard (Environment) be re-elected;
2. Caroline Gabb (Communication/Operation back-up) be elected to the Board;
3. A suitable candidate be co-opted to the Board until the next AGM in 2024 with the portfolio of Safety and Security;
4. A suitable candidate be co-opted to the Board until the next AGM in 2024 with the portfolio of Finance.

Die Raad van Direkteure bestaan tans uit die volgende ses (6) verkose lede:

- Anton du Preez - Voorsitter
- Jana Smith - Visie-Voorsitter
- Duncan Heard - Omgewing/Tesourier
- Hennie Greeff - Sekretaris/Reiniging
- Jean Orban - Bemarking/SOP
- Renate van Dyk - Regte/Beleid/DO
- Een (1) ge-koopteerde - Caroline Gabb - Kommunikasie/Ops Bystand
- Die Raadslid - Charmaine Resandt

In ooreenstemming met ons roteringsbeleid moet twee Direkteure tw. Anton du Preez en Duncan Heard bedank, maar beide is beskikbaar vir herverkiesing. Caroline Gabb is 'n

waardevolle toevoeging tot die Raad en staan ook in vir die Algemene Bestuurder wanneer nodig.

Ten einde te verseker dat die Raad voortaan na behore kan funksioneer en kontinuiteit sal behou, word voorgestel dat Anton du Preez en Duncan Heard herverkies word en dat Caroline Gabb as sewende Direkteur verkies word.

Gedurende die afgelope 2 jare het 3 Direkteure bedank en gevolglik is die belangrike portefeuljes van Veiligheid en Sekuriteit (insluitend veiligheidskameras) sowel as Finansies, vakant. Die huidige Direkteure en die Algemene Bestuurder het voorlopig ingestaan, maar dit is duidelik dat hierdie 2 belangrike portefeuljes deur Direkteure gevul moet word. Aangesien hierdie posisies gevul moet word met kandidate wat beskik oor spesifieke en relevante kennis en ervaring, het die Raad besluit om geskikte kandidate vanuit ons gemeenskap te soek eerder as om 'n oop nominasie en verkiesing proses te volg.

Die Direksie versoek goedkeuring vir die volgende tydens die AJV:

1. Anton du Preez (Voorsitter) en Duncan Heard (Omgewing) word her-aangestel;
2. Caroline Gabb (Kommunikasie/Operasionele ondersteuning) verkies tot Direkteur;
3. Geskikte kandidaat ge-koopteer word as Direkteur met die portefeulje van Veiligheid en Sekuriteit tot die volgende AJV;
4. Geskikte kandidaat ge-koopteer word as Direkteur met die portefeulje van Finansies tot die volgende AJV.

## 8. Certificates of Appreciation and Community Awards

### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Co-opted OVSRA Director - Caroline Gabb

Snymans Inc. - Marlene Strauss

Afriform Alfa Buurtwag – Lourens Theron

Onverwag NHW - Anne Droomer

Recycle Swap Shop - Narina Howard

I Love Onrus Deli - Charlene Hendrickse

Hermanus Public Protection - Marcia Bown

### COMMUNITY AWARDS

Hester Finberg

Peta Kennedy

Peter Wilson

## 9. General

- Community thanked the Directors for their assistance with crime prevention. The community feels safer.
- Hester: Each of the men helping to clean the beach now wears a sponsored jacket. Each jacket has their own QR code, which can be scanned to obtain their information. This will assist in picking up reliable people (with access to personal details, ID, etc.) instead of untrustworthy job seekers.
- The electricity issue was raised, specifically breakers not coming back on after outages. It was said that it's understood that this is not the SRA's responsibility and that the Mayor and councilor have been abused, but how can we proceed to deal with this problem? It is a serious problem, unfortunately SRA as such cannot do anything about the electricity.

We can however add pressure through the councilor and mayor. Charmaine: Onrus/ Vermont is unfortunately an Eskom direct area. That means the municipality doesn't have any say. They are however trying their best to add pressure, etc. The Mayor met with two Eskom executives to try and schedule a public meeting. There is strong push for that meeting early next year. Charmaine will inform the community as soon as a date has been scheduled. Maybe the SRA can support this meeting by composing a letter to Eskom to help push for a public meeting.

- Q: Noise pollution (bikers). It has been stated that these guys are a major nuisance, is rude and that something has to be done. One member have registration numbers, but not sure what to do next. (The guys can be identified). The key is to apply pressure on traffic services to come and sort it out. The more people to complain, the faster something can be done. We have to keep on applying pressure. The municipality doesn't have the trained officials and equipment to measure the decibels. Charmaine will keep pushing for this.