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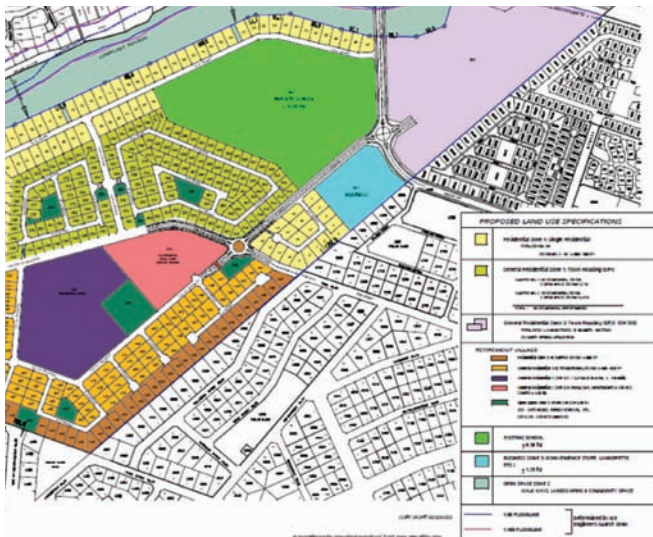
Hermanus	Telephone 028 313 8000	Fax 028 312 1894
Gansbaai	028 384 8300	028 384 0241
Kleinmond	028 271 8400	028 271 4100
Stanford	028 341 8500	028 341 0445

24-hour Emergency	028 313 8000/8111
Fire Brigade	028 312 2400

Bulletin

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SANDBAAI COMMONAGE OUT ON TENDER



The Sandbaai Commonage is, yet again, being offered for sale with a view to the development thereof.

The tender offers bidders two options: The first is to purchase and develop the whole of the remainder of Erf 2834 Sandbaai, which includes unregistered Erf 2837 (in extent ±39 ha), and the second is to purchase and develop unregistered Erf 2837 Sandbaai (± 14,3 ha) only.

As indicated on the development proposal, proposed developments on the remainder of Erf 2834 Sandbaai as a whole can comprise residential and business premises, as well as a retirement village, whereas the proposed development on unregistered Erf 2837 Sandbaai will be limited to a retirement village only. As a part of this development, the open space area between the development and the river must be rehabilitated and landscaped at the cost of the developer.

Details regarding the selling price and approved zoning of the proposed development can be found in the tender document.

Visit www.overstrand.gov.za and click on tenders.



WE BELONG. WE CARE. WE SERVE.



“Let these values drive every decision we take and guide our daily interactions with one another and the public,” Mayor urges.

On 31 August 2016, Council adopted a process plan that will guide the development of a new five-year Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for 2017-2021. In his directional

address, Executive Mayor Rudolph Smith confirmed that Overstrand's vision - “to be a centre of excellence for the community” - as well as its mission and strategic objectives will remain unchanged for the five-year term ahead.

He then asked his fellow councillors to reflect for a minute on their interpretation of “excellence”, stating that this abstract concept is determined by both measurable and immeasurable goals.

Measurable goals are outcomes-based targets, such as building houses, creating an environment conducive to job creation and ensuring that all the checks and balances are in place. Immeasurable goals, on the other hand, determine how services are delivered and how Overstrand approaches the communities it serves.

“In this term, I want us to focus on achieving not just measurable goals of excellence but to also reach immeasurable heights,” Smith urged, going on to state that this implies that Overstrand's values - **WE BELONG. WE CARE. WE SERVE.** - will have to be entrenched every step of the way.

According to Smith, “belonging relates to inclusivity, which implies that even

though our citizens' social standing may differ, they all deserve the same loyalty. Caring implies that serious attention or consideration be given to all matters in order to avoid damage or risk, but also relates to the human spirit. Serving suggests humility whenever help or assistance is required.”

In terms of progress made with developing the new five-year IDP, Smith reported that the focus during the past two months had been on identifying the needs Overstrand's communities are currently experiencing. Following on this needs assessment, agreement was reached by the Mayoral Committee as to the strategic direction that ought to be followed, and it will now be up to all role players, especially Overstrand's communities, to participate in crafting a new five-year IDP that is attainable, implementable and credible.

“Arriving at such a plan requires a lot of hard work, and I urge everyone to please make an effort to participate in IDP-related events. Your input is invaluable, so please use these opportunities to let your voice be heard,” Smith added.

The draft strategy for the new IDP was discussed by the Overstrand Municipal Advisory Forum (OMAF) on the 22 November 2016, whereafter a second round of consultation with the public will follow in February 2017. By the end of March 2017, the draft 2017/2021 IDP and the three-year budget will be tabled in Council, and the public will have yet another opportunity to comment in the course of April 2017 before final approval by Council at the end of May 2017.

Details regarding the public-participation process will be published in the local press and on Overstrand's official website.

GROTTO A SEASONED BLUE-FLAG CHAMPION

Standing to attention while the Blue Flag, the National Flag and Overstrand's own colours are being hoisted simultaneously is a poignant moment indeed - all the more so if one considers that this is the sixteenth year running...

A Blue Flag is an internationally recognised distinction awarded annually to those beaches the world over that meet a specific standard of excellence in the areas of safety, amenities, cleanliness, environmental information and environmental management.

A European-based panel comprised of international coordinators, in conjunction with the Foundation for Environmental Education, is responsible for compiling the strict criteria qualifying beaches must adhere to.

Locally, the Blue Flag programme is operated under the auspices of the Department of Environmental Affairs' coast-care initiative and coordinated by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa in cooperation with participating local authorities.

South Africa was the first country outside Europe to be granted Blue Flag accreditation for its beaches. Remarkably, though, the local beach that holds the longest uninterrupted association with this programme is Grotto.

On unfurling the flags on Monday 28



ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR:
Flanked by fellow councillors, protection services personnel, municipal officials and a number of stakeholders, Deputy Mayor, Ald Dudley Coetzee (centre), pledges to uphold Blue-flag standards.

November 2016, Overstrand Deputy Mayor, Dudley Coetzee, remarked: "Tourism plays a pivotal role in the local economy; it is therefore essential that we look after our beaches and maintain the necessary standards to ensure that both tourists and locals can continue to enjoy this natural asset."

In addition to Grotto, both Kleinmond's main beach and Hawston Beach have retained their Blue Flag status for eleven years running.

WHERE & WHEN GENERAL WASTE CAN BE DISPOSED OF

As a reminder of where and when you can dispose of general waste in the Overstrand, do keep this list handy.

All of the facilities listed here will accept domestic waste free of charge. Business, garden and industrial waste can also be disposed of, but may be subject to a disposal fee, depending on the volume and type of waste. Tariffs in this regard are determined from time to time by the municipality, and details in this regard can be obtained from your nearest administration.

Do note that no hazardous waste, including healthcare waste, of any quantity may be disposed of at these sites. However, household hazardous waste may be disposed in the special bins at Hermanus & Kleinmond Transfer Station, Stanford Drop-off and Gansbaai Landfill.

Transfer Station / Drop-off	Days	Times
Hermanus Transfer Station	Monday - Friday Saturdays & public holidays	08:00 - 18:00 09:00 - 14:00
Voëlklip Drop-off Station	Mondays Tuesday - Friday Saturdays & public holidays	08:00 - 16:00 08:00 - 18:00 09:00 - 16:00
Hawston Drop-off	Monday - Friday Saturdays Public holidays	08:00 - 18:00 09:00 - 16:00 09:00 - 14:00
Kleinmond Transfer Station	Monday - Friday Weekends & public holidays	07:30 - 18:00 07:30 - 16:30
Betty's Bay Drop-off Station Gansbaai Landfill	Monday - Saturday Monday - Friday Saturdays & public holidays	08:00 - 16:00 08:00 - 18:00 08:00 - 16:00
Stanford Drop-off Station	Monday - Friday Saturdays & public holidays	08:00 - 17:00 09:00 - 14:00
Pearly Beach	Monday - Friday Saturdays & public holidays	08:00 - 17:00 09:00 - 14:00
Municipal waste-disposal skips	24 / 7 / 365	24 / 7 / 365

Consultations on new IDP well underway but, cautions Overstrand's Director: Management Services:

"Needs far exceed available funding. We will have to prioritise."



An Integrated Development Plan (IDP) deals with a local authority's most critical developmental needs (external focus) as well as with its most critical governance needs (internal focus). This plan, which spans a five-year period, can only be finalised once an extensive and rather protracted process of public consultation has been concluded.

Currently, Overstrand is in the process of eliciting public participation to draft its new IDP which will cover the five-year cycle commencing 1 July 2017, ending 30 June 2022.

Following on a first round of consultation with the respective wards, identified needs were, amongst others, tabled during a meeting of the Overstrand Municipal Advisory Forum (OMAF) held on Tuesday 22 November 2016.

Given that identified needs directly feed into the budget for prioritisation, Desirée Arrison, Director Management Services, cautioned that the costs of all needs received total more than R790 million over the three-year budget. Presently, total needs identified for the fiscal year 2017/18 amount to R307 million, but the capital budget for the same year amounts to only R40 million from own funds (comprising a R30 million external loan and a R10 million surplus).

In essence, the top-ten municipal needs identified to date by all municipal wards relate to municipal planning, public places, municipal roads, local amenities, local sports facilities, water and sanitation services, public safety, storm-water management, public transport and street lighting as well as traffic and parking.

The top-ten provincial and national government needs identified encompass education, housing, safety and security, welfare services, nature conservation, youth development, environment, health, and libraries.

Nevertheless, following on a second round of consultation to be conducted in the course of February, it is envisaged that OMAF will propose a way forward that would be both viable and financially sustainable.

We yet again urge all residents and interested parties to partake in the second round of public consultation on the proposed 2017-2021 IDP. Please watch the press for all relevant dates or call Rochelle Louw on 028 313 8071 to obtain further details.



MUNICIPAL PLANNING TRIBUNAL CONVENED



Under the Constitution, municipal planning matters are the responsibility of local government which implies that all land-use, development, rezoning and other town planning applications must be processed by the municipality in question.

By implication, this means that a municipality has to legislate and adopt by-laws to regulate municipal planning matters to give effect to the provisions contained in the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act No 16 of 2013).

Against this background, Overstrand Municipality convened the first meeting of the Municipal Planning Tribunal on Friday 2 December 2016 - a tribunal which, in future, will be responsible for taking all decisions relating to planning applications.

Given that Overstrand's new By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning came into effect in February 2016, the intention here is to follow a more technical approach towards the enforcement of land use, building and development regulations. Consequently, it is envisaged that the tribunal will have a significant impact on the municipality's property, planning and development environment.

Members elected to Overstrand's Municipal Planning Tribunal are Municipal Manager, Coenie Groenewald; Director: Infrastructure and Planning, Stephen Müller; Director: Local Development and Tourism, Solomzi Madikane; and Director: Community Services, Roderick Williams. In the interest of oversight, a member of the provincial government will also serve on the tribunal.

Anyone interested in the workings of the tribunal are welcome to contact Riaan Kuchar on 028 313 8900 or direct an e-mail to rkuchar@overstrand.gov.za.