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DRAFT BUDGET & REVIEWED IDP

BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY 3 MAY!

Since being tabled in the course of March 2024, both the draft budget and reviewed Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the 2024/25 fiscal year have been open for public comment.

As part of the public participation process, the Overstrand Municipal Advisory Forum was afforded an opportunity to render its inputs during a meeting held on 24 April while the draft documents were also discussed at length during special ward committee meetings convened throughout the Overstrand from 2 – 25 April.

Anyone who has not perused these draft documents yet and/or still wishes to comment on the latter should do so by no later than 3 May 2024.

Note that the same arrangement applies to the sectoral Draft Water Services Development Plan and Draft Disaster Management Plan that form an integral part of the IDP.

All inputs and comments received from the public and relevant stakeholders will be duly considered and will shape the amended IDP and final 2024/2025 budget that are to be tabled for Council approval on 31 May 2024.

Executive Mayor, Dr. Annelie Rabie, urged everyone with a vested interest in the Overstrand to take the time to read through and to comment on the IDP review and the draft budget.

"In particular, ask yourself whether you agree with the priorities identified as per the IDP for your ward: Do they truly reflect the needs and wants of those who live and do business there?"

"Keep in mind that the priorities agreed upon will determine capital expenditure for the 2024/25 fiscal year and, once that budget has been approved, it is cast in stone – implying that it will not be possible to allocate funds to a project not included in the IDP," she cautioned.

- The respective documents can be downloaded via the municipality's official website: www.overstrand.gov.za.

DRAFT 2024/25 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Income/expenditure:

The budgeted revenue (excluding capital grants) amounts to R1,829 billion and budgeted operational expenditure to R1,944 billion (including non-cash items like depreciation). Hence, an accounting deficit of R114,92 m is reflected. The amount budgeted for very specific capital projects amounts to R152,033 m.

Proposed percentage increase per main service:

- Property rates: 8%
- Water: 6%
- Sewerage: 8.9%
- Refuse removal: 11%

STANFORD HOUSING

PHASE 1 NEARING COMPLETION



In addition to Minister Tertuis Simmers and Executive Mayor Dr. Annelie Rabie, the Deputy Mayor Ald. Lindile Ntsabo; Cllr Ronald Nutt MAYCO, Community Services; Ald. Dudley Coetzee Ward 1; and Seon Swartz Director: Community Services were there to share in the joy of the 23 elderly beneficiaries who were handed the keys to their very first homes on 2 April 2024.

On 2 April 2024, twenty-three elderly beneficiaries of the Stanford Integrated Residential Development Programme were handed the keys to their very first homes by Tertuis Simmers, the Western Cape's Minister for Infrastructure.

In total, 300 Breaking New Ground houses will be delivered as part of Phase 1, of which 100 were handed over in the course of April with the balance to be handed over by the end of August 2024.

In his keynote address, Minister Simmers commended the unwavering commitment of both provincial and local government officials who went all out to provide dignified housing solutions to those in need in the shortest possible time.

"The fact that the first 100 units could be delivered within as little as seven months from turning the first sod in August 2023 is truly remarkable and attests to a commitment to improve the quality of life of all who reside in the Western Cape and to build hope," he said.

"On completion of all three phases of this R150-million project, we anticipate that the integration of the 783 erven zoned for single residential (770), communal (6) and business (7) purposes respectively will create ample opportunities to improve the wellbeing and livelihoods of all beneficiaries," Simmers added.

In her address, Executive Mayor Dr. Annelie Rabie underscored the main thrust of Minister Simmers' message by encouraging beneficiaries to become involved in their new community and to take pride in their homes and neighbourhood.

"You now have a place you can call your own but -- from this point forward -- it is up to you to take care of what is rightfully yours," she cautioned.

"First of all, make sure to draw up a will so as to ensure that your property will end up in the right hands should you pass.

"Secondly, do not attempt to sell or let your newly acquired property anytime soon. Also, please do not turn it into a spaza shop without the necessary approvals. If you do, you will end up being a backyard dweller without the prospect of ever qualifying for a government-funded housing opportunity again.

"Be ethical. Be honest and look after what you have," the Mayor cautioned.

1ST THURSDAYS

RECKLESS BIKERS A HUGE HEADACHE IN ONRUS/VERMONT



Deputy Mayor Ald Lindile Ntsabo (MAYCO member for protection services), Neville Michaels (Director: Protection Services), and Cllr Charmaine Resandt (Ward 13 Councillor) in an earnest discussion with concerned citizens on the dangers posed by young reckless bikers and how best to resolve the situation.

Onrus/Vermont residents and business owners made use of April's First Thursday outreach to raise their concerns regarding the serious danger young motorbike riders' reckless behaviour and total disregard for road safety poses to life and limb.

During the constructive engagement that ensued, a number of material issues were brought to the fore.

In their capacities as the Portfolio Head and the Director of Protection Services respectively, both Ald Lindile Ntsabo and Neville Michaels undertook to set the path for further engagement with the express intent to formulate possible interventions and measures that could help to remedy the situation at hand.

Having reached agreement on the way forward to address the biker issue, the attendees were yet again afforded an opportunity to engage face-to-face with Executive Mayor, Dr Annelie Rabie, and Municipal Manager, Dean O'Neill.



Typically, portfolio chairs and top executives of the respective directorates were also there to listen to and to offer advice on how best to address attendees' concerns.

In attendance were Cllr Stephen Williams and Santie Reyneke-Naudé (finance); Cllr Ronald Nutt and Seon Swartz (community services); Cllr Arnie Africa and Desireé Arrison (management services); Ald Elnora Gillion and Frieda Lloyd (local economic development); and Cllr Clinton Lerm and Stephen Müller (investment and infrastructure).

The Mayor was most pleased with the number of residents who showed up for the April meeting and encourages all who reside or do business in the Overstrand to make use of the First Thursday outreach events to raise their concerns or to pitch ideas as to how challenges can be addressed in a viable and sustainable manner.

"If you have a nagging question or gripe, or believe that you have come up with the ultimate solution to a problem, be sure to show up. Rest assured, we welcome all candid and constructive inputs," she said.

PEARLY BEACH WATER TREATMENT WORKS

EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS UNDERWAY



As reported in *Bulletin's* March edition, Overstrand Municipality initiated a process to upgrade the Pearly Beach water treatment works to a point where water from the Koekemoer Dam can be treated up to SANS 0241 drinking water standards without the need to blend it with water from the Pearly Beach Dam.

Initially, the upgrade was to be covered by the 2024/25 capital budget but given the dire state of affairs, the municipality committed R2 472 306 (excluding VAT) in the current fiscal year for emergency interventions and, if all goes according to plan, it is anticipated that the upgrade will be completed by the end of May this year.

Thanks to the excellent cooperation of the Pearly Beach community who adhered to the water restrictions that have been in force since February 2024, dam levels have seemingly stabilised somewhat with the Koekemoer Dam currently standing at 60% and the Pearly Beach Dam at 20%.

Nevertheless, given the low level of the Pearly Beach Dam and the intensified brownish colour of water sourced from the Koekemoer Dam, the existing process that was originally designed to treat a blend of water sourced from both dams can no longer cope – hence the decision to move the upgrade forward.

Emergency interventions despite, investigations into the feasibility of ground-water as a water source for Pearly Beach are ongoing, and residents can rest assured that every effort is being made to improve future water security and to reduce dependence on surface water only.

VOËLKLIP DROP-OFF NOW CLOSES EARLIER

Several residents and businesses in close proximity to the Voëlklip drop-off (situated next to the OK MiniMark in 7th Street) have expressed concerns about their safety and complained about the mess caused by vagrants who rummage through the bins after dark.

In response, a decision has been reached that the operating hours of the Voëlklip drop-off will in future be as follows:

- Mondays to Fridays: 08:00 - 17:00
- Saturdays: 09:30 - 15:30
- Sundays: 10:00 - 16:30
- Public Holidays: 09:30 - 13:30



Household waste will be removed as usual on Mondays, but those who let properties in the Voëlklip area must please bring the new arrangements pertaining to the drop-off to their tenants'/guests' attention as a matter of urgency.



home affairs

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HOME AFFAIRS EXTENDS HOURS

In light of the upcoming elections, the Department of Home Affairs has extended its hours to cater for those who wish to apply for/collect Smart ID cards and/or Temporary Identification Certificates.

Their offices will now also be open on:

- Saturday 4, 11, 18 and 25 May from 08:00 to 13:00
- Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 May from 16:00 to 19:00
- Wednesday 29 May from 07:00 to 21:00

*Note that these dates have been supplied by the Department of Home Affairs and are subject to change.