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Okuryangava residents acquainting themselves with the provided information during the campaign at Stop n Shop in Katutura.

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COMMUNITY RISK AWARENESS CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

The City of Windhoek continues with its proactive efforts to educate the residents particularly those in the informal settlement about its operations.

Several departments in the City of Windhoek run campaigns to educate the residents about disaster, emergency, health and solid waste management among other important activities of the City.

The informal settlement of the City of Windhoek is where many residents reside, and most of them live in informal structures which are prone to disaster and other emergencies such as fire and diseases due to lack of

basic services in their areas.

For many years now, these campaigns proved to bear fruits as some members of the public learnt how to react in cases of emergencies.

During the campaign, information materials are distributed ranging from fire and flood brochures, posters, solid waste management brochures (illegal dumping) cholera awareness brochures and general personal hygiene.

The campaign reaches approximately 250 - 400 people per session in each area.



Editor's Desk



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As I welcome you to the June edition of the Aloe, it is amazing to note that we are already half way towards the end of the year.

I therefore would like to say that if you have had plans or resolutions, as many may put it, and you haven't started to implement them, the possibility that you might not be able to accomplish any of them is growing higher.

We are pleased to note that the much needed maintenance work of our road infrastructure; most of which were left in a sorry state after the much appreciated rainfall received in the capital this year are nearing completion.

In the same vein, Council recently inaugurated the Omuvapu, Julius Nyerere and Ongava Streets, which were upgraded from being gravel roads to a bitumen status, as well as extensions of the other roads in the Goreangab Suburb.

These are some of the many reasons to believe in our vision, that of "enhancing the quality of life of all our people".

Dear readers, June month also marks the end of our financial year at the City of Windhoek as our 2014/2015 budget will be tabled on 26 June 2014. The City Council always ensures that priority is given to the most urgent developmental issues within the constraints of the budget.

It is therefore important to urge our

COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN JULY 2014

Date and Time	Area	Activities
27 June, 09:00 - 13:00 FRIDAY	Zoo Park	Distribution of flayers, brochures and public engagement & Screening Videos
05 July, 08:30 - 12:00 SATURDAY	Goreangab West	Community Meeting
18 July, 09:00 - 13:00 FRIDAY	Katutura Shopping Centre & Open Markets	Distribution of flayers, brochures and public engagement & Screening Videos
26 July, 08:30 - 12:00 SATURDAY	Dolam	Community Meeting

residents to jealously and vigorously guard our infrastructures, in order to prevent our limited resources from being continuously spent on maintenance, instead of developing new infrastructures.

In our efforts to instil leadership qualities and civic responsibilities in our younger generation, our 2014/15 Junior Council was recently inaugurated.

We wish these young minds well, and we trust that you will support their efforts in advocating for social change as we are confronted by social issues that affect us in our daily lives.

Lastly, we welcome the Council decision to re-appoint our long serving Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Niilo Taapopi to serve for six (6) more months while the recruitment process of appointing the next CEO is being completed.

We thank him for accepting to sacrifice his long-awaited departure and wish him renewed strength in all his endeavours.

Until next time, enjoy reading and keep warm, while you are watching the 2014 World Cup marked by a conspicuous absence of "The Brave Warriors". May the best country win!



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KATUTURA ROADS INFRASTRUCTURES EXPANDED

L-R: Hon Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Namoloh, Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development and Her Worship, Cllr. Agnes Kafula officially launching the Omuvapu and Julius Nyerere Streets in Tobias Hainyeko Constituency recently.

The 07th June 2014 marked another exciting milestone in the history of the City of Windhoek when it inaugurated the newly tarred roads and conducted a ground breaking ceremony to expand the roads network. The twofold event started with the official opening of the long awaited roads of Omuvapu, Julius Nyerere and Ongava streets, which have recently been upgraded from being gravel roads to a bitumen status. The tarring of the three roads was completed at a total investment of N\$22 million.

The tender was awarded to Messrs. Namibbeton (Pty) Ltd, in March 2011. The scope of work covered under this project, mainly comprised the upgrading of approximately 3.7km of existing gravel roads to bitumen standard roads, 7.6m wide, in the Northern Suburbs of Windhoek. Upgraded roads are as follows:

- Ongava Street (1.3km);
- Julius Nyerere Street (1.5km); and
- Omuvapu Street (0.9km)

In addition, the Works included the installation of approximately a 1.1km storm-water reticulation network; Bus and Taxi stops at frequent intervals, and appurtenant works. The residents also witnessed the ground-breaking for the tarring of Havana's Monte Christo extension, Walvis Bay and Bethanie streets, together with Lucia and Tolla streets of the Goreangab Suburb. The contracts for the work to turn these streets into tarmac have already been

issued and the work is expected to start shortly. The City is investing a total of N\$47 million for the tarring of these streets.

The scope of Work covered in PHASE 2 comprises of the upgrading of approximately 7.3km of existing gravel roads, 7.6m wide, in the Northern Suburbs of Windhoek to bitumen standards. The envisaged roads to be upgraded are listed below:

- Omuvapu Street (2.5km);
- Tauno Hatuikilipi Street (0.8km);
- Walvis Bay / Omutula Streets (1.8km);
- The extension of Monte Christo Street (0.6km);
- Tolla Street (0.7km);
- Bethanie Street (0.2km);
- Outapi Street (0.4km); and
- Lucia Street (0.3km)

The Work also includes the provision of a four-legged roundabout at the Monte Christo / Bethanie / Matshitshi Road Intersection; 7 x Bus – and 15 x Taxi Stops; associated storm-water infrastructure works and other

appurtenant works. It is also important to note that part of the road works on this project have been carried out by Small and Medium Enterprises and upcoming sub-contractors. The inclusion of the SMEs in our capital projects is in line with our fundamental commitment to absorb the previously disadvantaged majority of this nation and the upcoming entrepreneurs into the main stream of the economy.

The City of Windhoek has reiterated on several occasions, its uncompromising commitments towards improving and maintaining high infrastructure and service delivery levels. While we vow not to backtrack on our continued efforts to enhance the quality of life of all our people, which is quite evident as we strive towards investing in infrastructural development, resulting subsequently, in the creation of job opportunities. The event was officiated by Hon Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Namoloh, our Minister for Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development and Her Worship, Cllr. Agnes Kafula Mayor of the City of Windhoek.



L-R: Hon Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Namoloh, Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development and Her Worship, Cllr. Agnes Kafula officially breaking the ground for the extension of some streets in Goreangab



L-R: Mr. Fillemon Hambuda, Human Resources: Strategic Executive, Hon. Moses Shiikwa, Chairperson of the Management Committee and Mr. Niilo Taapopi, Chief Executive Officer for the City of Windhoek after signing the Memorandum of Agreement of Employment.

MR. NILO TAAPOPI RE-APPOINTED AS CITY OF WINDHOEK CEO FOR A 6 (SIX) MONTHS PERIOD

On the 12 June 2014, the City Council announced the re-appointment of Mr. Niilo Taapopi as City of Windhoek CEO for the period of 6 months.

Mr. Taapopi who served the City of Windhoek for the past ten (10) years, and whose term of office expired on Friday the 06 June 2014, has also reached his retirement age.

In the meantime, while the process of appointing a new CEO is on-going, the Council resolved at its special Council meeting convened on the 05th June 2014, to re-appoint Mr. Niilo Taapopi on a temporarily basis. The contract of employment shall be for a period of up to the finalisation of the recruitment process and handing over to the incoming Chief Executive Officer during

a minimum of six (6) months period commencing 16 June 2014.

We therefore would like to use this opportunity to welcome and thank Mr. Taapopi for agreeing to once again serve Council in this important portfolio of CEO, although he was supposed to be relaxing and enjoying his retirement.

RESIDENTS URGED TO COMPLY WITH BUILDING CONTROL REGULATIONS

The escalating cases of non-compliances to building regulations by the property owners has been noted with great concern. It is a legal requirement to seek building plan approval before a permanent structure is erected on municipal land. However, this is not usually the case, as many people continue to erect building structures without

following proper procedures.

The City of Windhoek re-emphasises the municipal requirements that, whoever wishes to erect a new buildings or to do structural amendments on existing buildings, must follow all the set procedures.

A new plan must be drawn by a qualified and competent person

(designers such as architects and engineers) and be submitted to the City of Windhoek for approval, and only after the approval has been granted, may the client go ahead and do alternations to his/her property as per the approved building plan.

In order to avoid inconveniences

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In the picture.....Her Worship Cllr. Agnes Kafula, Mayor of the City of Windhoek (2nd from left) accompanied by Cllr. John Moonde (far left) presenting a cheque to Mr. Immanuel "Imms" Sheefeni (middle) when he paid a courtesy call to the City of Windhoek, while Mr. Gerhardt Kauami, Manager of Occupational Health, Safety & Wellness and Mr. Leevi Illeka Mayoral Support Officer at the City of Windhoek are looking on.

IMMANUEL "IMMS" SHEEFENI VISITS THE CITY OF WINDHOEK

The City of Windhoek officially welcomed Mr. Immanuel "Imms" Sheefeni, an HIV/AIDS Activist who completed his 800 KM walk over 8 days from Ongwediva to Windhoek. Imms Sheefeni explained that he covered about 80 to 100 KM per day before resting.

Receiving a N\$7600-00 cheque, Sheefeni explains that the money came in handy, as it will assist him in realising his dream of registering his

Foundation to be called "Immanuel Sheefeni HIV Positive Living Foundation". The awareness creation campaign received wide support and he thanked all those who supported him. He mentioned that a lot of activities have been planned for this campaign which include sharing information with sex workers, truck drivers, schools, as well as a planned trip to Swakopmund where he will be heading a swimming campaign as part of sensitising the public and create awareness with

regards to the virus.

Her Worship Cllr. Agnes Kafula applauded Sheefeni for his dedication and commitment in raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, while calling on all members of the public, particularly Windhoek residents, to emulate his braveness in coming out publicly about his status, while at the same time urging the public to stop discrimination and stigmatisation towards people living with HIV/AIDS.

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regarding the compliance to building regulations, it should be noted that, no transfer will be approved for a property that has been sold, if the structure differs from the plan or if any part of the structure does not correlate with an approved plan.

This therefore means that, if you have a structure that is not corresponding with the plan approved by the municipality, you will not be issued a Compliance Certificate, until you have rectified the discrepancies. It is very important for

prospective property owners to ensure that, the properties that they are about to acquire conform with the building regulations before any transaction is ventured into.

The City of Windhoek building plans Unit has the responsibility to ensure that plans are scrutinised and approved or disapproved within a period of 28 working days as per the regulations.

However, it should be noted that sometimes there might be corrections that need to be made in the plans by the clients' s plan designer and if

that is the case, the client is informed to collect and correct the plan and amend it accordingly before re-submitting for approval. In all such cases, the City always endeavours to approve/disapprove such building plans submitted, within the stipulated time period.

Therefore clients are urged to deter from altering their properties without approved plans by the municipality, because it is an expensive undertaking which is also time consuming to both the client and the City of Windhoek.





PROPERTY CORNER: ALIENATION OF MUNICIPAL OWNED LAND

In terms of the Local Authority Act 23 of 1992, 63 (2), Property Management Division within the Department of Urban Planning and Property Management is mandated to alienate City Council owned land through four (4) methods of sale which are: by way of offer to purchase; public auction; tender transaction and private treaty (through ministerial approval) before any immovable property so referred to is sold, disposed of, or let, hypothecated or otherwise encumbered, whether by way of methods stated above cause a notice to be published in at least two newspapers circulating in its area on one occasion in a week for two consecutive weeks.

It is important to note that there are essentially two contracts that Property Management and in particular the Property Manager has been mandated through delegated authority to execute, manage and administer for and on behalf of the City Council.

These are the Sale Contract for serviced land or parcel generally known as an erf irrespective of the zoning as prescribed by the town planning scheme.

The other is the Deed of Transfer otherwise known as the documents evidencing transfer of title executed by a conveyancer in the Deeds office.

Conditions of Sale

There are certain terms and conditions aimed at ensuring that certain objectives of Council are achieved that normally form part of the Sale Contract and are duly registered by way of notarial deed of imposition in the Deed's office.

In this issue the conditions known as the Pre-emptive right is explained for the benefit of the public at large.

Pre-emptive right

A pre-emption right, or right of pre-emption, is a contractual right to acquire certain property newly coming into existence before it can be offered to any other person or entity. Also called a "first option to buy."

It comes from the Latin verb *emere*, *emi*, *emptum*, to buy or purchase, plus the inseparable preposition *pre*, before. A right to acquire existing property in preference to any other person is usually referred to as a right of first refusal.

Waiver of Pre-emptive right in line with provisions of Section 59 of the Local Authority Act read together with section 59(4)(b) (where purchase price and improvements value are considered to make a determination).

That waiver is subject to a condition that a property is improved. In the event the property is not improved 20% of the purchase price is payable

to the seller on the date of transfer.

(This waiver is applied in the so-called designated areas of the City and is subject to the Allocation Principles CR 367/10/1999) or where property is sold in execution to safeguard preferred rights of a Bank. The Strategic Executive: Planning is delegated to approve waiver of pre-emptive right under CR 284/09/2002.

Waiver of restrictive Resale and Reversion conditions is applied slightly different in other parts of the City in case of non-compliance to erect improvements in other parts of the City.

Period within which the property needs to be improved is prescribed depending on a given Township or extension within which the property is situated.

Five Years (5) is the standard time within which improvements are expected to be erected in the property equal to the minimum building value as set out in clause 39 of the Town Planning Scheme.

If the seller waive its restrictive resale condition or reversionary right in favor of the buyer or secured creditor without improvements being erected a penalty of 20% of the purchase plus occupational rental at 10% of the purchase price per year will be payable to the seller.





IGNITING BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE THROUGH FEMTECH

A group of 20 women entrepreneurs who attended the Femtech training programme at the Community Development Centre in Katutura

The first really cold winter morning of 2014 descended upon Windhoek on 20 May, but this didn't deter a group of more than 20 enthusiastic women entrepreneurs from all walks of life, whom had gathered at the Community Development Centre in Katutura, as part of the Femtech training programme.

Femtech is "an experiential learning programme for women-owned technology-enabled start-ups" and is being hosted as the second of its kind, in collaboration with the City of Windhoek, Bokamoso Entrepreneurial Centre and the Southern Africa Innovation Support (SAIS) programme.

Cups of coffee and enthusiastic meet and greets between "femmies" were settled by Leonora Joodt, Section Head of the SME Development and Promotion for the City of Windhoek as she introduced herself, along with the training facilitators, namely Claudine Mouton from SMEs Compete, Prisca Mbereshu from Bokamoso Entrepreneurial Centre, Leah Olu-King from City of Windhoek and Augustina Kint from CEFE.

We were lucky enough to have with us, Dr Jill Sawers, one of the co-founders of the Femtech programme and moderator for this specific workshop.

As a consultant and founder of a business incubation centre, to mention a few, Jill welcomed us to the program

citing its successes, which would soon become apparent to everyone in the room.

After her introduction we were introduced to Silas Newaka, SAIS Country Coordinator for Namibia, who gave a presentation on the role of SAIS and the plethora of innovative projects that the organization is backing.

It was amazing to see how much is being done by grass roots and government organization alike, to improve entrepreneurship and innovation in Namibia and Africa at large. Namibia is playing an active role in this transformation and the onus is on entrepreneurs to capitalise on these opportunities.

At the root of the Femtech programme, and much of what we experienced through the first week of training, is "modularised experiential learning offering which places emphasis on practical learning although basic theoretical content."

Each day was filled with progressively more challenging activities and exercises, ranging from positioning statements, to marketing, business cycles, product innovation, social media and even visualisation techniques.

The range of different learning techniques employed was relevant and engaging, often starting with

a humorous energizer exercise. Each module was presented by a knowledgeable facilitator, keeping the pace of the workshop quick and applicable to our own businesses.

The Femtech training had me feeling invisible as both an entrepreneur and a woman. Three days after the first workshop ended, I attended a strategic brand development meeting for middle and senior managers of Namibia's largest hotel - one of my clients.

While planning for the presentation I was really able to draw in some of the key touch points of the Femtech training.

Some of these included unique selling points, cost management, brand consistency and working systems structure, which I could weave into my presentation that mostly dealt with corporate identify design.

It made me realise again, how business can and should imitate life.

Everything is connected and the Femtech programme has proven that in only the first week of training.

Femtech participants are currently completing assignments and meeting with their business mentors.

The second week of training will take place from 15 to 17 July 2014.



2014/15 CITY OF WINDHOEK JUNIOR COUNCIL INAUGURATED

The 2014/15 City of Windhoek Junior Council was officially inaugurated on the 04 June 2014 by Mr. Niilo Taapopi, Chief Executive Officer.

The Junior Councillors are taking over the reign from the 2013/2014 council whose term of office came to an end in April 2014.

During the inauguration, Windhoek Deputy Mayor, Councillor Muesee Kazapua, encouraged the Junior Council to be exemplary leaders during their tenure as they fulfil their civic duties which entail active participation in the public life of the community in an informed, committed and constructive manner.

The Junior Council has been encouraged to demonstrate social transformation through core projects such as those in aid of senior citizens and cancer patients, especially children who are being treated at the Windhoek Central Hospital's oncology department and those

accommodated at the Cancer Association of Namibia's House Acacia.

"By undertaking all these and other projects, you are truly exercising your civic duty while at the same time enhancing your belief in the possibility of developmental changes," concluded Deputy Mayor.

In her acceptance statement, the Junior Mayor, Her Worship, Cllr. Wilmari Horn who was accompanied to the inauguration by her parents, thanked her predecessor former Mayor, Cllr. Emma Theofelus and the 2013/2014 Junior Council for a job well done in paving the way.

She pledged their unwavering commitments to continue fulfilling the Council civic responsibilities, with the focus on their core project for this year, under the theme: "Love Yourself - Respect Yourself", which advocates for self-love in order to love others.

"Through this year's core project, we hope to deal with most social evils predominantly facing us as young people, like bullying, drug and alcohol abuse, passion killing and teenage pregnancy. My Council is deeply rooted in the belief that for one to love yourself and others, it starts by self-respect".

In attendance was Mr. Hans Engelbrecht former Junior Mayor who served the Junior Council between 2007/2008. Engelbrecht is a Law student with the University of Namibia, and he presents news on NBC - TV.

Another successful figure is the well-known Big Brother the Chaser Winner, Ms. Dillish Mathews a former Junior Mayor in 2008/2009.

For the first time in the history of the Junior Council, this year's Council is led by four all-female Executive Committee members.

