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View of informal settlements on the outskirts of the City.



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AND MUCH MORE

The City of Windhoek council, management and staff convened a workshop to elaborate on issues pertaining to land delivery in the City.

The long awaited land re-treat held from 24-25 February 2015 reviewed amongst others systems of operations, looking at the existing policies, methods of land sales and finding workable medium term solutions.

The workshop was held at a critical time when the City is expected to make decisions on pressing issues such as dealing with close to 50 000 applications of land dating back to 2004.

Although land delivery is a national challenge affecting almost all municipalities in the country, the impacts of rapid migration is more severe in the bigger local authorities such as Windhoek. The exodus of people arriving in the capital is rated to about 4% per annum.

The search for employment and hope for better living conditions are some of the influencing factors for people relocating to urban centre.

These dynamics culminate into high demand of accommodation, and with the expenses of renting skyrocketing on a daily basis, the majority of the City dwellers resort into illegal occupation of land (land grabbing).

Unfortunately this situation manifests into pressuring the City of Windhoek as a local authority, with high demand for providing basic service. This is also a challenge on its own, and due to limited resources at Council's disposal, which is also heavily affected by non-payment amounts for service delivered.

His Worship, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua while officiating at the land re-treats workshop explains that, Windhoek population growth has an adverse impact on the planning and City's developmental efforts that affects the City's ability to cope with the demand for residential plots particularly in the low income categories.

He further added that, there is an urgent need to re-look at the local authority legal framework and operational policies that

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It is a new month and we have many reasons to be in a jubilee mood. This month of March brings us a lot of reasons to be proud and celebrate. On 21st March 2015 will be another historic day in the history of Namibia, as we celebrate our independence silver jubilee while witnessing the smooth transition of leadership to a new president.

While doing just that, Let us remember the selfless contributions and sacrifices of all our Heroes and Heroines, the gallant fighters who never wavered, but whose blood watered our freedom. It is now our turn to contribute, and the only way to do that is to ensure that we maintain peace and tranquillity in our beloved Namibia, that will enable us to create an enabling environment in which we prosper and build towards national development. The legacy of our heroes and heroines should continue to inspire us in enhancing the life of all our people.

Although as a country we have for 25 years been enjoying political independent freedom, we are still faced with a few challenges especially in urban areas such as lack of serviced land coupled with bureaucratic processes that affect our economic independence. It is in that light, that the City of Windhoek recently convened a workshop to zoom into this important aspect of our society and put forward tangible recommendations on how to address the land issue.

In conclusion, I would like to use this

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are not responsive to meet the demands for municipal services by our communities, in order to adapt to the prevailing operational environment.

Similarly there is an urgent need for the central government to significantly boost financial support to local authorities to enhance their capacities to service land.

The Mayor also announced that a total of 1000 residential plots will be made available for development in the first half of this year in Khomasdal Ext 16, Otjomuise Ext 4 and Academia Ext 1 phase 2.

The recommendations from the workshop will be shared with relevant stakeholders in Government as some of the legal instruments dealing with alienation of land are national laws.

INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS TO BENEFIT FROM ELECTRIFICATION THROUGH TIPEEG

Council at its 2nd ordinary meeting held on 26 February 2015 has approved the electrification of four (4) informal settlements such as Tweetheni – Ehangano Settlement of Okuryangava, Khaetani Settlement of Otjomuise Extension 2, Onghulumbashe and Okahandja Park.

The electrification of the above mentioned settlements will be done through the Targeted Intervention Program for Employment and Economic Growth (TIPEEG) with the total cost of about N\$11.1 million.

1. Khaetani Settlement - is a new settlement considered to be part of Otjomuise Extension 2. It is a new subdivision of the remainder of Erf 1304 with a total of 55 erven.

2. Tweetheni - Ehangano Settlement – the settlement is part of the Okuryangava extensions and it is between Ongava, Onguya streets and the Brakwater roads. There are about five hundred (500) erven in the area.
3. Streetlighting of Otjomuise Extensions 6 and 7 - the two (2) extensions are currently not electrified and it will be provided with lighting in the following streets: Cassamba, Kitunda, Kibondo, Arusha, Kigoma and Mpanda streets.
4. Lighting for Julius Nyerere, Ongava, Omuvapu and Tauno Hatuikulipi Streets – The area of Okahandja park only has high masts and the streets require lighting due to high demand in traffic and for safety of the residents at night.

opportunity to once again thank our long serving Councillor and former Mayor of the City of Windhoek, together with the rest of the Councillors for their great contribution in improving the living standards of our people during her 11 years tenure. Cllr. Kafula is on the list of the ruling party members

going to Parliament, and we can only wish her all the best.

May you find this Aloe edition enlightening!

Happy 25th Birthday Anniversary Namibia!

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GRAVEL ROADS IN WANAHEDA EXT 7 & 8 TO BE UPGRADED TO TAR



Orinoco Street in Wanahedda, one of the streets that are being upgraded from gravel to tar.

Living up to our promise of enhancing the quality of life of all our people, the dust gravel roads especially in Wanahedda extension 7 & 8 will soon be history, as the City also awarded a contract to Maketo Construction

Company to upgrade a total of 14 gravel roads to bitumen (tar) standard, to the value of N\$15 million, covering a distance of 3.304km. The earth work in some streets has started already in January 2015 and completion is

expected by December 2015.

The earthworks have started on some of the streets and the traffic accommodation is set out as follows:

No.	Street to be constructed	Planned commencement date	No.	Street to be constructed	Planned commencement date
Wanahedda Ext 7			Wanahedda Ext 8		
1	Yukon	9-Feb-15	8	Maseru	1-May-15
2	Saskatchewan	17-Feb-15	9	Kigali	29-May-15
3	Missouri	17-Feb-15	10	Gaberone	15-Jun-15
4	Uruguay	24-Feb-15	11	Pretoria	6-Jul-15
5	Amazon	6-Mar-15	12	Lusaka	20-Jul-15
6	Orinoco	6-Mar-15	13	Lilongwe	26-Aug-15
7	Parana	1-Apr-15	14	Harare	5-Oct-15

The affected adjoining streets are:

- Mersey Street;
- Omongo Street;
- Claudius Kandovazu; and

- City Street.

The public is therefore encouraged to drive safely and adhere to road

signs in affected areas. Please take note that the completion dates may change.



Cllr. Muesee Kazapua shaking hands with his predecessor, Cllr. Agnes Kafula. "Thanks cde Kafula, I wish you all the best in your future endeavours".

CLLR. AGNES KAFULA RETIRES TO PARLIAMENT ... after serving the City of Windhoek for almost 11 years.

Council at its monthly meeting held on 26 February 2015 bid farewell to one of the long serving Councillors, and former Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Cllr. Agnes Mpingana Kafula; who is on the list of the Swapo Party members to parliament.

Cllr. Kafula was first elected to the City Council of Windhoek in May 2004. She served as a member of the Management Committee (2005-2007), a Deputy Mayor in 2008 and the Chairperson of the City's Management Committee in 2011-2012, before being elected as Mayor and Chairperson of the Windhoek City Council for 2013 – 2014. She also served as a President of the Association of Local Authority in Namibia (ALAN), the national

umbrella body of local authorities, a position she occupied since 2011.

Announcing his predecessor's retirement, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of Windhoek has thanked Cllr. Kafula for her great contribution she made in serving the council in different capacities. "We have no doubt that Cllr. Kafula will continue to support municipal government in her would-be capacity; especially the Promulgation of the Local Authority Reforms of 2007, to which drafting she contributed dearly". On a personal note, Cllr. Kazapua explains that he was honoured to work with Cllr. Kafula and he has learnt a lot from her during their term of office.



DO YOU OWN A DOG WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK?

If the answer to the question above is yes, then you should remember that owning a dog comes with a set of responsibilities. One of the main requirements for your dog to be in the City is for it to be registered with the Municipality and get it licensed. There are lots of dogs in Windhoek, some in secured yards; while others are looming around the streets unleashed. Failing to take responsibility of your dog can impede your chances of getting it back once we pick it up and this can get you in trouble for transgressing the by-laws.

The following are some of the important reasons why you should have your dog licensed:

1. It's a municipal bylaw. It is mandatory that dog owners have their pets licensed. If you get caught without a license, which does happen, you will be fined. Dogs' license must be renewed each year, and the license tag must be displayed on your dog at all times.
2. If your dog goes missing, having it licensed drastically improves your chances of getting it back. A license tag quickly helps your dog to be identified and get it back to you. If your dog is found wandering the streets, the owner can also be traced via its license identifying number.
3. The cost of the license is far less than the penalty for being caught

without one. If a city official finds your dog without a license, you can end up paying more in fines, and there is a 10% interest charges after February each year.

4. Licensing ensures that your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccinations. A dog cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated. In case of a missing dog, it is easy for people who might find it to handle and care for it if they know that it is healthy and vaccinated.

The annual dog license renewal fees are:

- Licences must be obtained annually for all dogs older than six months
- Tax Amount: N\$ 15.00 per neutered or spayed dog.
- Tax Amount: N\$ 30.00 per unneutered or unsprayed dog.
- **NB:** A penalty of 10% of the tax amount will be added per month after the end of February of each year.

Where to get your dog licensed

Visit the nearest City of Windhoek cash halls to apply / renew your dog license.

What is required to get a license?

- In order to apply for a dog license, you must provide a certificate showing that your dog is up to date with its rabies vaccinations.

- Dogs over six (6) months and older must be licensed.

What to do if your dog gets sick.....

The men's best friend can also get sick and can die because he/she is a living being!!

If your dog or cat gets ill please do the following:

- Take your dog/cat or any other domestic animal to your private animal hospital/veterinarian!
- If you don't make use of a private veterinarian, you must report immediately the case to the State Veterinarian.

Please phone: 27 6580 or visit the State Veterinarian at Robert Mugabe Avenue Street Nr 130 to report any suspicious signs and symptoms of illness which might lead to the dog condition or death.

You can also report to:

- The City Police Dog Control Unit 290 3166
- Health Service Duty Office Tel: 2902594
- SPCA – Animal Welfare Tel: 238654

Please don't remove or bury your beloved animal before reporting it to the State Veterinarian for Post Mortem examination. It can help with the welfare of your next dog.

DISCONNECTION OF SERVICES FOR ACCOUNTS IN ARREARS

Windhoek residents whose accounts are in arrears are being reminded to settle their outstanding municipal bills to avoid the inconveniences of services disruption. Since February 2015, the City of Windhoek has started to disconnect services of accounts in arrears. Visit our Debt Management division to make arrangements on how to settle your account. The City will no longer tolerate defaulting. We would like to proudly thank some residents who have so far heeded our call and settled their bills.

1) When do you visit the Debt Management Division?

- When your account is in arrears and you would like to make arrangements for payment.
- When your water or electricity is disconnected and you would like to be reconnected.
- To have your credit check done when applying for connection of services.

2) When will my water or electricity be disconnected?

- For residential accounts, your services will be disconnected if your account is in arrears for 30 days or more.
- Businesses accounts are not allowed to be in arrears.

3) How much do I pay if my water or electricity is disconnected?

- For your services to be reconnected, a minimum of one third (33.33%) of your account must be paid if your services are disconnected for the first time.
- If services are disconnected for a second time, 50% of the account is due before reconnection will be made, and;
- If you had an arrangement and it was not honoured, a minimum of 50% of your

account must be paid.

4) Who is allowed to make arrangements on his municipal account?

- Any residential customer with a municipal account.
- An arrangement may be made only by the owner of the account. No third parties may act on behalf of the owner.
- No arrangements are allowed for business accounts.

5) When will water and electricity services be reconnected after a payment has been made?

The City of Windhoek will need up to 48 hours to re-open your services.

6) Does the Debt Management Division offer after hours services reconnection?

No after-hours services are available.



WINDHOEK'S WATER DEMAND REQUIRES URGENT INTERMEDIATE AND LONG TERM INTERVENTIONS.

(L-R): Front row: Cllr John Moonde; Hon. John Mutorua; Deputy Mayor Cllr Hanguapo Veico and Mr. Leevi Iлека. Middle row: Mr Christoph Kamukwanyama; Permanent Secretary Mr. Joseph Iita; His Worship Mayor Muesee Kazapua and Mr. Godfrey Pazvakawambwa, Back row: Strategic Executive, Mr. Pierre van Rensburg; Mr. Abraham Nehemia; Ms. Maria Amakali and Mr. Zahua Tjijahura

Should Windhoek not receive rain inflow during the year, it is likely that by July next year the City will run out of water. This was said by technical expert during a presentation to the Hon. John Mutorua, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry during a familiarisation visit to the WINGOC water reclamation plant of the City of Windhoek that took place on 23 February 2015.

During the tour, the Strategic Executive: Infrastructure, Water and Technical Services, Mr. Pierre van Rensburg and other water experts made a presentation to the Minister on the looming drought and the current water situation in the central areas of the country. According to Van Rensburg, Windhoek receives water from three main sources: Domestic sewerage reclaimed water that is processed first by the Gammas Water reclamation plant and then forwarded further for final purification to the WINGOC water reclamation plant on the Western Side of Goreangab Dam.

The City also obtains water from boreholes while the rest of the water is supplied by NamWater from the Von Bach Dam. Some of the Von Bach water is further obtained via the Groot Fontein water pipeline. The

technicians briefed the Minister that urgent intermediate interventions is required in order to avert critical water shortages in the City, and that the intermediate remedial includes the recharging of underground aquifer, increasing boreholes in order to pump more water from underground and increasing the capacity of WINGOC, so that more semi purified water from Gammams Recycling Plant can be treated and thus increase the purified water output.

From the NamWater side intermediate remedial includes measures aimed at reducing water pollution to the Swakop Poort Dam, so that the water from that dam can get to acceptable levels of purification. It was also identified that the pumping of water volume from Groot Fontein can be increased should extra boreholes and water pumps be set up in order to pump water for the medium term from the Oanib Mine. The total estimates for to resolve the water shortage in the interim is about N\$ 1,4 billion, while the long term water supply from Kavango river is estimated at cost of N\$ 4 billion.

The Minister assured the stakeholders present that, there is a political will to address the situation as water is

essential for life and that his Ministry is ready to make sure that the situation is adequately addressed. The Minister further resolved that the technical teams should urgently complete and submit relevant technical documentation in order for the Minister to present the proposed project concepts to parliament. He cautioned commercial industries to refrain from causing pollutions to water sources; such as river beds, dams and underground aquifers, and that institutions engaged with the issuing of water discharge permits to the commercial sector should carry out regular inspections as this could help safeguard the environment and the water sources.



WINDHOEK SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL



Mayors Marcio Lacerda of Belo Horizonte (2nd from left) His Worship Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, of Windhoek (3rd from left) signing the Memorandum of cooperation while Rodrigo Perpetuo (left), Secretary for International Relation of Belo Horizonte and Chris Eita Manager for International (right) looking on.

The Cities Windhoek and Belo Horizonte signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on 06 February 2015. The Memorandum of Cooperation is the formalization of city to city ties between Belo Horizonte and Windhoek and aims to establish bases and conditions for mutual cooperation between the cities. It aims to promote the exchange and discussions of best practices, and institutional collaboration to enable actions in favor of social cohesion and inclusion and overcoming social and environmental imbalances.

The actions of cooperation between the cities contemplate three areas of activity: food and nutrition, culture, training and development. With regard to food security, experiences, ideas and practices carried out in the BH zero hunger programs will be shared. In the cultural arena, the two cities undertook to exchange performing arts groups. Belo Horizonte is known for the Black Arts Festival (FAN), the largest festival dedicated to black culture in Latin America and various carnivals celebrations. On training and development the two cities undertook to embark on attachment programs that will benefit their communities

including technical staff, students and teachers.

According to the Mayor Marcio Lacerda, cooperation between cities is a modern working tool for social development. "The City Council has prioritized internationalization policy in order to consolidate Belo Horizonte as an increasingly tuned metropolis with the political, economic, social and cultural advances occurring in the world today. The city of BH has therefore open arms to this partnership," he said.

The signing ceremony coincided with a technical study tour on BH food security systems by 3 Windhoek Managers. The technical study tour took place following participation of Mayor Muesee Kazapua in a similar tour to that city by African Mayors that was sponsored by a German NGO, the World Future Council. Other build up activities included a Workshop for Namibian Mayors on food security held in Windhoek and the first ever commemoration of World Food Day organized by the City of Windhoek in collaboration with the World Future Council. These activities also led to the subsequent approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with

the World Future Council, which was also signed in BH on 6 February 2015.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Mayor of the City of Windhoek Muesee Kazapua, acknowledged that the food security technical study tour by a Windhoek multi-disciplinary team that took place in BH from 3-6 February 2015 provided an opportunity for professionals to share experiences and best practices in urban food security. "When I visited BH in 2013 as part of the African mayors food and nutrition security study tour, I went back home motivated to establish relations with the City of BH which has so much to offer. I am very happy with this partnership and hope we can join hands for the common good of our two cities and peoples. The signing of this agreement will also strengthen the already cordial bilateral relations between Brazil and Namibia and the south-south municipal government cooperation", he said.

The two mayors further tasked their respective international relations Offices to compile an action plan, with a schedule of activities, noting that the signing of the agreement symbolizes political commitment which requires technical implementation.



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DATES AND INFORMATION ON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND WINDHOEK



WHEN		WHAT	WHERE
13 March	8:00-20:00	Have-a-Heart Spayathon	SPCA
13-15 March		Old Mutual Squash Open	Klein Windhoek Squash Club
13 March	8:00-17:00	Lead Namibia Summit 2015	Safari Hotel
14 March	10:00	Storytelling Hour - Independence	Franco Namibian Cultural Centre
18 March	14:00	Celebrating the Francophonie	Franco Namibian Cultural Centre
21 March	14:00	Beats in the Wild presents: The Ghost House	Ghost House
24 March	19:30	German Foto-Show: Adventure Africa by Renate und Gerhard Henkel	Scientific Society
25 March	21:00	Shungu and The Legends @ The Boiler Room	Warehouse Theatre
26 March	19:00	wort.kraut 25 word + sound festival	Warehouse Theatre
26 March	19:00	Theatre Sports: Happy birthday, Namibia!	Franco Namibian Cultural Centre
27 March	8:00-17:00	TEDxWindhoek 2015 "Playing Beyond"	Safari Court
27 March	19:00	We are Women, We Bend, We don't Break	Safari Court
27 March	20:00	Crazy Concert with Pianotainment	National Theatre of Namibia
28 March		WIKA - Windhoek Karneval (Biwak)	SKW
28 March	8:00-13:00	Boeremark / Farmers Market	Show Grounds
28 March	10:00	Independence Special! Inspiring Young Imaginations. Namibian Short Films for Children	Franco Namibian Cultural Centre
28 March	19:00	Namibian Premiere: Death for Sale. Moroccan Oscar entry 2013	Goethe Centre
28 March	20:00	Moving Minds Benefit concert	Warehouse Theatre
2 April	18:30	Poetry Evening - Soirée Poésie	Franco Namibian Cultural Centre
3-5 April		Boeremusiek Kamp naweek	Farm Lucia, Gobabis
8 April	18:30	AfricAvenir presents Namibian Premiere: A pair of boots and a bicycle	Franco Namibian Cultural Centre
10 April	20:00	Dance Showcase - OYO dance troupe	Franco Namibian Cultural Centre
10 April		WIKA - Windhoek Karneval (Prinzenball)	SKW
11 April		WIKA - Windhoek Karneval (Street Karneval)	City Centre to SKW
11 April	9:00-17:00	Namibia Youth to Business Forum	Safari Court Hotel
12 April		WIKA - Windhoek Karneval for Children (KiKaWi)	SKW
15 April		WIKA - Windhoek Karneval (HeDaMa)	SKW
17 April	20:00	Acoustic Friday - Freedom Songs	Franco Namibian Cultural Centre
every Monday	19:00	Ballroom Dance	Goethe Centre

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WATER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

City Of Windhoek Sustainable Water Development Projects For 2015

- Progressive development on Windhoek's ground water recharge project.
- Upgrading the Gammams sewer treatment plant, to improve the water quality. This will increase the capacity of the reclaimed water produced at WINGOC.
- Connect existing parks and sport fields to semi-purified water to save drinking water.
- Reducing operational water losses by replacing old water supply pipe lines.
- Consumer awareness raising for leak management / reporting, to reduce water losses.
- Campaign that all Consumers reduce their water consumption by 10%.



What is the water situation of Windhoek

The City of Windhoek's target is to save at least 10% water to accommodate the water supply target of NamWater, to supply only 60% of Windhoek's water for the 2015/2016 season.

NamWater has activated the water sources from the Karst Area to compensate for the possible shortfall. However the appeal to the public is to save water, in order to compensate for the possibility of a drought.

If the remainder of this rain season and that of 2015/2016 does not provide sufficient runoff into the Omataku, Swakoppoort & Von Bach dam, a water shortage is projected to arise after June 2016 all three supplying dams may become dry.

Share the responsibility to save water
and avoid the burden of water restrictions.

More info: www.cityofwindhoek.org.na