



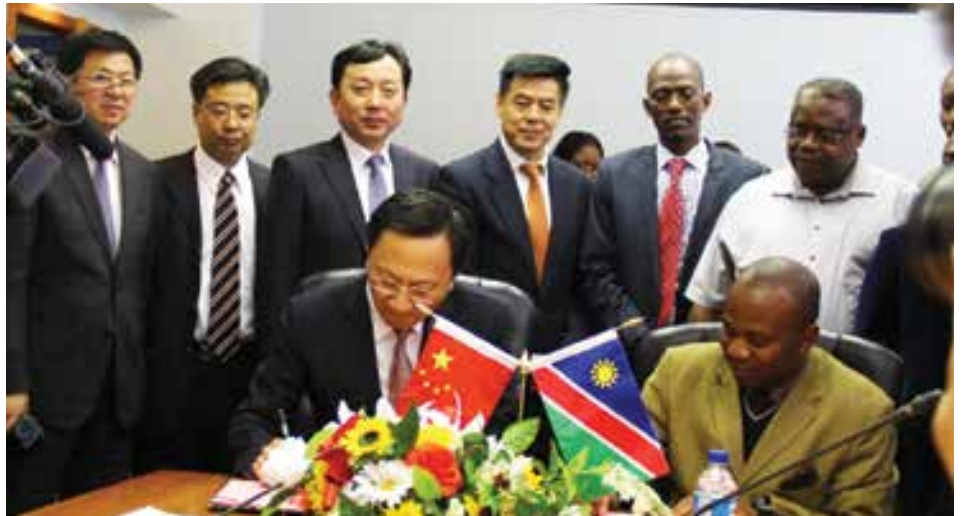
# Aloe



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City of many faces

## CITY OF WINDHOEK AND NANJING MUNICIPALITY ESTABLISH COMMITMENTS FOR FORMAL CO-OPERATIONS



L-R (seated): Mr. Miao Ruilin, Mayor of Nanjing Municipal Government and Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of the City of Windhoek confirming their intention to co-operate by signing the Letter of Intent.

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On 16th April 2015, the City of Windhoek and Nanjing People 's Municipality Government signed a letter of intent as a first step to demonstrate their eagerness and commitment to enter into formal city to city memorandum of co-operation expected to be signed in a near future. The main areas to be covered in the formal agreement as per the signed **Letter of Intent** by the two municipalities are: **Tourism and culture; Training and development in science and technology and Economic Development and Trade.**

During the signing ceremony, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of the City of Windhoek expressed gratitude towards Nanjing's willingness to offer scholarships to Windhoek municipality in the area of science and technology, a discipline topping the list of the country priority areas for training. Mr. Miao Ruilin, Mayor of Nanjing Municipal Government, who led his delegation, commended the China - Namibia relationship that is dating back to the years of Namibia liberation struggle, while emphasising the importance of formalising the relations in order to cement future co-

operations between the two cities.

The Nanjing People's Municipal Government as a token of friendship, donated to the City of Windhoek 110 solar energy products with the total value of more than N\$80 000. Accepting the donations, Cllr. Kazapua expressed his appreciation for the generous gesture, saying that, the donation has come at the right time as most residents in the informal areas have no access to electricity. The donated solar systems will further be distributed through the Mayoral Outreach Program to identified beneficiaries especially school going children and the elderly, once the ministerial approval for the donation is granted.



Solar power systems donated to the City of Windhoek



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I am delighted to welcome you to this edition of the Aloe! Since our April edition, a lot has happened pertaining to our operations which is worth sharing.

In the last edition, we spoke about our budgeting process being in motion and consultation having had started. Yes, that is right. In this edition, you will find a schedule for public meetings commencing on the 16 May 2015 in various suburbs, as part of our consultation process.

The schedule of these meetings has already been advertised in the local media and is visible at various strategic venues around the City for information. This year, the meetings were launched by His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, on Saturday 16 May 2015 at Hainyeko Community Hall in Hakahana.

Although not all proposed projects are considered at once, your inputs remain valuable and Council will apply its mind to ensure that priority is given to the most urgent developmental issues within constraints of the available resources. The draft budget is expected to be presented for approval at the next ordinary Council meeting scheduled for the end of June 2015.

While still discussing about consultations on the budgeting process, it is worth reminding you of the recent electricity tariffs increase of 9.53% by the Electricity

## HILENI ULUMBU SWORN IN AS CITY OF WINDHOEK COUNCIL



*New City of Windhoek Cllr. Hileni Ulumbu.*

The SWAPO Party member Hileni Ulumbu was sworn in as a City of Windhoek Councillor before the Windhoek District Magistrate Justine Asino, during the Council meeting held on 07 May

2015. Cllr. Ulumbu replaced former councillor Agnes Kafula, who became a Member of Parliament (MP).

The City of Windhoek has 15 Councillors, of which 11 are representing the Swapo party, 3 for RDP and 1 for NUDO. Witnessing the sworn-in of the new councillor are Members of Parliament, Hon. Laura Mcleoad-Katjirua, Hon. Agnes Kafula (former Mayor for the City of Windhoek) and Hon. Gotthard Kasuto.

His Worship Cllr. Muesee Kazapua welcomed Cllr. Ulumbu to the City of Windhoek and wished her all the best in her new role.

Control Board (ECB) to NamPower. The ECB granted approval of N\$ 1.28 per kWh, to allow the electricity producer NAMPOWER to meet its operational costs and fulfil its financial obligations. Since the City of Windhoek runs its operations on a cost recovery basis, it will have no choice but to adjust its tariffs in order to as well meet its operational costs and financial obligations. It is therefore for that reason, dear esteemed readers and residents of Windhoek, that your hereby cautioned to be prepared for the tariff adjustments in this regard effective from the start of our financial year, that starts in July.

In conclusion, I would like to use this

opportunity to remind the residents of this beautiful City that since no enough water was received in our dams the last rainy season, Windhoek is facing a very critical water shortage, a situation that needs our undivided co-operation in saving the minimal water left in our dams, if any. Your support in all measures to be taken by the City and the bulk water supply NamWater is of outmost importance, because if not, the consequence will severely affect us all.

I trust that you will find this edition informative, like many others, as it contains information pertinent to our well-being.

Until we meet again next month!

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# THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS AREBBUSCH RIVER NAMED IN HONOUR OF THE LATE MAGDALENA STOFFELS



*L-R: Cllr. Brunhilde Cornelius, Mr. Leevi Iлека of City of Windhoek, His Worship, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, representatives of the David Bezenhouth Secondary School Board, Mr. George Mayumbelo, Strategic Executive for Community Services of the City of Windhoek, Mr. Victor Ihuhwa and his wife Mrs. Magrietha Ihuhwa, the parents of the late Magdalena Stoffels at the official inauguration.*

The City of Windhoek in 2013 constructed a pedestrian bridge over the Arebbusch River, linking Andrew Kloppers Street with David Bezuidenhout Road in Khomasdal at a cost of about N\$8 million. The pedestrian bridge was constructed to address the safety of the David Bezuidenhout Secondary School learners and the general public who frequently cross over through the unsafe river. The bridge is 145m long, ±9m high at highest point, and is 2.5m in width.

## Why name it after Magdalena Stoffels?

It was at this bridge, that the late Magdalena Stoffels, a learner of David Bezuidenhout Secondary School was brutally raped and murdered in July 2010. The horrific news of the late Magdalena Stoffels murder sent shock waves to the community of Khomasdal, the entire community of Windhoek and the country at large. The brutal manner, in which the 17 years-old, David Bezuidenhout Secondary School learner's life was cut short, was condemned by all. In response Some members of the community held peaceful demonstrations denouncing and calling an end to the social evils in our society.

The late Magdalena Stoffels being the victim of the horrific incident along the same river, on which the bridge was built, makes it testimony enough for bestowing her with the memorial honour. It is against

that unfortunate background that the City Council resolved to construct the pedestrian crossing bridge, as a place of remembrance. This is to remind the Windhoek residents and Namibians in general of the horrific events happening in our society. It is out to serve as an appeal to all concerned to do whatever can be done to fight against such societal evils. The request to name the bridge after the late Stoffels was made by the Bezuidenhout Secondary school, and City Council approved it.

## Official inauguration of the Magdalena Stoffels pedestrian bridge

The official inauguration and naming of the bridge ceremony took place on 17th April 2015. While addressing the ceremony, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, City of Windhoek Mayor, strongly condemned the social evils that are threatening peace in the community, and he assured that the City of Windhoek will continue to use the limited resources at its disposal to ensure maximum safety of residents

and visitors in Windhoek at all times. The Mayor urged communities to instil discipline as an important component in social behavioural change of our community and future generations.

Speaking on behalf of the family, in her acceptance speech, Mrs. Magrietha Ihuhwa, the mother of the late Stoffels thanked the City of Windhoek for the memorial pedestrian bridge in honour of their beloved late daughter. She called on the public to safeguard the bridge and ensure that it serves its purpose, of providing safety to those who are crossing through it. She concluded that the responsibility of ensuring safety should not be left in the hands of the City of Windhoek and law enforcement agencies alone, but it should be a natural joint community obligations to ensure that 'we all live in peace and without fear'.

## How prominent is Arebbusch River?

The Arebbusch River is a prominent topographical feature that runs through various suburbs of the City. It traverses through Khomasdal dividing the suburb into east and west. Many residents in this area would cross over it, using it as a direct shortcut to the other end of town. Pedestrians, especially scholars of nearby schools, had difficulty crossing the Arebbusch River.

The river formed an excessive steep embankment making crossing quite challenging. Crossing the river during rainy seasons was even more challenging due to the limited opportunities that were presented prior to the construction of the bridge. Therefore, the murder incident along this river confirmed the already feared safety concerns along this passage and it is the City of Windhoek's hope that with the construction of the footbridge, the safety of member of the community will improve.



# CITY OF WINDHOEK AND THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SIGN A CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT



*In the picture, San Antonio Mayor, Ivy Taylor and Cllr. Muesee Kazapua of City of Windhoek signing the co-operation agreement*

The Cities of Windhoek and San Antonio, Texas in the USA, signed an agreement of friendship in San Antonio, on 21 April 2015. The signing followed protracted discussions facilitated by the Namibian Embassy in Washington over a period of years.

The friendship city agreement will allow the two cities to promote trade and economic cooperation in areas of renewable energy, health services, cultural exchange, training and development, technical exchanges and tourism.

Attending the signing ceremony amongst

others was Windhoek Mayor Muesee Kazapua, Namibian Ambassador to the United States Martin Andjaba and Robert Braubach, Namibia's honorary consul in San Antonio.

Speaking at the signing ceremony Mayor Muesee Kazapua of Windhoek noted that, the world has become a global village where cities and towns cannot exist in isolation, but should form linkages that provide opportunities to share experiences and knowledge. The Mayor further noted that Namibia is a land of untapped business opportunities, in many economic sectors. Windhoek

being a capital city and heart of Namibia is a centre for commerce and entrepreneurship, a seat of Government which offers amenities and incentives conducive to business development and investment such as the world class banking facilities, 4G powered telecommunication network, uninterrupted water and electricity supply, good governance and rule of law. Mayor Kazapua, concluded with a call for hard work in order to realize tangible results in all identified areas of cooperation.

In her statement, Mayor Taylor expressed gratitude for the milestone achievement, thanking the Namibian Ambassador Martin Andjaba, for bringing the two cities together. She pledged San Antonio's commitment to the newly established relationship which will go a long way in the annals of the two cities and their citizen. She noted that, the signing of the agreement is a historic one, as it is the first ever San Antonio entered with an African city.

The two cities agreed to assign contact persons in their respective International relations offices who will come up with the implementation action plan and coordinate projects under the agreement.

## PROPERTY POLICY – LEVYING OF ASSESSMENT RATES ON UNDEVELOPED ERVEN.

The City of Windhoek Council at its ordinary meeting held on 26 March 2015, resolved that a penalty rate should be strictly applied to all undeveloped even purchased from the City of Windhoek.

The penalty rate is implemented in line with section 76 (1) of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992). The imposition of the penalty rate will be implemented as applicable to all properties sold after the year 2000 and remained unimproved for a period of 2 years or more. The Ministerial approval will be obtained in terms of section 76 (A) (1)(a) of the Local Authority Act, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) to implement the penalty rate as follows:

- For a period of two (2) years or more, from the date of first alienation to be levied two (2) times the rates as per section 73 (1) of the

Local Authority Act, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992); and

- For a period of five (5) years or more, from the date of first alienation to be levied four (4) times the rate as per section 73 (1) of the

Local Authority, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992).

- The penalty rates will also be implemented on all sections of subdivided properties, when the original property has remained unimproved for a period of two (2) years and more.





# BE WARNED OF CON ARTISTS DEFRAUDING THE BUSINESS OWNERS CLAIMING TO REGISTER THEIR BUSINESSES WITH CITY OF WINDHOEK



The public is hereby warned that there are swindlers defrauding the public claiming to assist them and demanding payment to speed up the business registration process. The business owners are therefore hereby cautioned not to pay any individuals for business registration, as the City has not contracted any intermediary to carry out its business registrations function.

Business owners should register and renew their registration annually with the City of Windhoek at the Business Registration Counter in the Customer Care Centre, c/o Sam Nujoma Drive and Independence Avenue and make payment directly to the City of Windhoek's Cashiers (at the municipal offices) after which they will be issued with a receipt.

The public should also note that, the inspections on the premises is only carried out by City of Windhoek personnel, and that applications submitted are approved after all inspections are conducted as per legislations and other municipal by-laws.

Once the application meets all requirements and payment is done, a Certificate of Fitness/Registration will be issued which is valid for a year and it is renewable on yearly basis. It should be noted that, contravention of GN 202 of 2006 carries a penalty upon conviction of a fine not exceeding N\$2000.00 or

imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months or both.

## WHAT ARE THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES?

The City of Windhoek is mandated to control all business activities in Windhoek, by ensuring that all business activities for gain are registered and renewed annually in terms of the provisions of regulation 2(1) and 6 of the regulations relating to the registration of businesses, GN 202 of 2006, as well as the General Health Regulations, GN 121 of 14 October 1969 as amended.

**Step 1:** Obtain and complete an application form

**Step 2:** Obtain approval from the following stakeholders for compliance with applicable requirements:

- Urban Policy Division to obtain consent (business operating from home) or Town Planning Certificate (for businesses operating from

- business premises);
- Building Control Division ;
- Bulk and Waste Water Division (required for butcheries; dry cleaners / laundry & factory only);
- Emergency Management (for businesses operating from business premises)
- Health Services Division (Health Compliance Inspections conducted on both businesses operating from residential and business premises by a Health Inspector)

**Step 3:** Submit application forms with the required documents.

Documents to be attached:

- Copy of authentic Namibia ID; valid proof of permanent residence and a valid working permit (for Non-Namibians);
- Lease Agreement where applicable
- Proof of Registration as a Company

**Step 4:** Application considered by the Chief: Health Services

**Step 5:** Payment and Issuance of Certificate Registration Business

**Should there be any further enquiry, please don't hesitate to contact us at Tel: 061-290 2594 / 2496 / 3625 / 2489**



# WINDHOEK FACED WITH A CRITICAL WATER SHORTAGE

The bulk water supply, Namibia Water Corporation Ltd (NamWater), has informed us that, during the last rainy season, the catchment areas of the three main dams that supply water to the central area, namely: the Omatako, the Von Bach and the Swakoppoort dams have not received significant inflows to the extent that dam levels are appreciably lower compared to the same time, the previous rainy seasons.

The City of Windhoek has been on record cautioning Windhoek residents about the critical water shortage that expected to hit Windhoek if not enough water is saved. It is therefore disappointing to note that despite numerous pleas to save water by drastically cutting down on excessive water usage, there was not enough water saved, as the consumption demand continues unabated.

It should therefore be well-noted that this is a critical situation that needs to be taken seriously by all of us in Windhoek. Some argues that they are responsible for their own accounts in settling their bills, which is an undisputed factor, but the water shortage situation is no longer

about affordability (who can afford) but about the availability of the water from the sources, in this case the three dams serving Windhoek which we heavily rely on for about 65% of water consumed in the City.

Let us all take the responsibility to save as much water possible every day wherever we may find ourselves.

## SOME EFFECTIVE WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER

- 1. Detect and repair water leaks:** Fix anything you find leaking. A silent leak could waste a lot of water per day.
- 2. Save water from your taps:** Turn the taps off while you are brushing your teeth, shaving, washing your hands, doing dishes and so on.
- 3. Take short shower:** Take a timer, clock, or stopwatch into the bathroom with you and challenge yourself to cut down your showering time. It is advisable to take a shower than a bath.
- 4. Re-use water from the washing on the garden:** Collect water for re-use anytime

you are running the water waiting for a particular temperature especially during winter, while waiting for warm water, run the first water into a bucket and re-use for other purpose.

- 5. Cover your swimming pool when not in use:** Open swimming pools especially during the day waste a lot of water through evaporation. It is thus advisable that you cover your swimming pool whenever not in use.
- 6. Use a bucket to wash your car:** Use a bucket or trigger nozzle hose to wash your car than a hose pipe.
- 7. Don't wash the driveway or sidewalk with a hose:** Rather use a broom to clean your paved area than using a hose pipe as it will waste water.



## CITY OF WINDHOEK TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL



*Together We can  
Save Millions  
of Lives.*

The City of Windhoek was approached by the National Road Safety Council (NRSC) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City Police in order to co-operate and develop mutual beneficial programs aimed at the curbing road accidents within the Windhoek Municipal Area.

The National Road Safety Council (NRSC) is a statutory entity established in terms of section 2 of the National Road Safety Act, 1972 (Act 9 of 1972), the entity falls under the Ministry of Works and Transport and is responsible for co-ordinating all road safety matters in the country.

The objective of the Memorandum

of Understanding to be signed is to formalise the parties collaborative efforts aimed at promoting wider stakeholders involvement in the implementation and management of road safety related projects that are aimed at enhancing safety, efficiency and effectiveness in road transportation. The parties, using their capabilities, expertise and experiences gained in their respective fields of specialisation, pledge to co-operate and assist each other in implementing mutually agreed upon programmes and projects aimed at serving the road users.

The National Road Safety Council (NRSC), subject to availability of funds, and undertook to annually assist the City Police by providing necessary equipment for traffic law enforcement, accident data capturing, management transmission, or any other equipment

and assistance aimed at enhancing road safety. So far, the Windhoek City Police was a recipient of twenty (20) alcohol testing devices (alco-tester) with a total value of N\$170 000.00 donated by National Road Safety Council (NRSC) IN November 2014.

The City Police in turn undertook to provide dedicated staff for accident data capturing, optimum utilisation of donated equipments and create appropriate control mechanism to prevent misuse.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is expected to be signed soon.



# PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Windhoek City Council invites all residents to a series of informative and consultative meetings, to explain its programmes and operations and to seek input from the residents to the City's projects in order to strategize on further course of action.

## Suiderhof, Olympia & Ausblick (Zone 9)

Wednesday, 20/05/2015  
Delta Secondary School  
18h00 – 21h00

## Windhoek North (Zone 5)

Wednesday, 20/05/2015  
Van Ryjin Primary School  
18h00 – 21h00

## Whk. West, Dorado Park & Hockland Park (Zone 5)

Wednesday, 20/05/2015  
Pioneers Boys School  
18h00 – 21h00

## Klein Whk, Ludwigsdorf & Avis (Zone 7)

Thursday, 21/05/2015  
Windhoek East Constituency Office  
18h00 – 21h00

## Eros Park (Zone 7)

Thursday, 21/05/2015  
Eros Girls School  
18h00 – 21h00

## Pioneers Park (Zone 8)

Thursday, 21/05/2015  
Windhoek International School  
18h00 – 21h00

## Academia (Zone 9)

Thursday, 21/05/2015  
NG Church  
18h00 – 21h00

## Brakwater

Saturday, 06/06/2015  
Umti Lodge  
14h00 – 17h00

## Brakwater – Mix Settlement

Saturday, 06/06/2015  
Mix Settlement Open Space  
14h00 – 17h00

## Wanaheda (Zone 3)

Saturday, 06/06/2015  
Martti Artiscari Primary School  
14h00 – 17h00

## Okuryangava Ext. 1 - 4

Saturday, 06/06/2015  
Open Space: Omuvapu St. (Between Ebandulo & One Nation)  
14h00 – 17h00

## Informal Townships: Babylon

Sunday, 07/06/2015  
Nathaniel Maxwell Centre  
14:00 – 17:00

## Katutura Proper (Zone 3)

Sunday, 07/06/2015  
Katutura East Constituency Hall  
14h00 – 17h00

## Khomasdal (West of Begonia St.) (Zone 4)

Sunday, 07/06/2015  
Ella du Plessis School  
14h00 – 17h00

## Informal Townships – Goreangab Ext.2 & 3

Sunday, 07/06/2015  
Green Mountain Road Open Space  
14h00 – 17h00

## Informal Businesses

Sunday, 07/06/2015  
Oshetu Market  
14h00 – 17h00

## Groot Aub Settlement

Sunday, 07/06/2015  
Open Space: Groot Aub Constituency Office  
12h00 -15h00

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# WATER

## Our scarce resource

Windhoek needs to **save water**  
to support sustainable development



### REDUCE YOUR WATER CONSUMPTION:

Water supply to Windhoek is very limited.  
Make it your monthly target to reduce your  
water consumption by **15 %**

**Target Consumption = Monthly Consumption x 0.85**

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

More info: [www.cityofwindhoek.org.na](http://www.cityofwindhoek.org.na)