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**Electronic waste:** The Recycle Namibia Forum (RNF) and NamiGreen handed over two recycling bins to the CoW's Solid Waste division. Read more about this on Page 15



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do so without putting additional strain on the residents' already overwhelmed pockets? Some may argue that we are not aggressive enough in our debt collection activities as local government and should fully enforce our credit control policies. That is, indeed, the perfect situation. However, due to the impact of poor economic growth, certain members of our society are still recovering from income loss, and the Council allows the public to make payment arrangements where necessary. The payment arrangements allow municipal account holders to make commitments to settle their accounts without disrupting municipal services.

Windhoek, like other modern cities, is experiencing a persistent growth in population as people migrate to the capital in search of better living conditions. The world is striving toward sustainable development goal 11, which advocates for inclusivity and sustainable cities and communities. To achieve this goal, everyone should participate in the actions that lead us closer to achieving this goal. In response to this noble cause, the City of Windhoek has launched a number of initiatives aimed at making the city more sustainable. One such initiative is the Build Back Better programme, which is funded by the Japanese government and implemented at the City of Windhoek's Farm Okukuna in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform to enhance Namibia's food system, and this project has seen local communities benefit greatly.

Another significant initiative, Cllr Sade Gawanas, our mayor, recently initiated a Mayoral Blanket Drive, inviting companies and individuals to donate a blanket that will be distributed to those in need to assist them cope with the cold. So far, the response to the blanket drive has been positive and it is encouraging to see that, despite the various social challenges, we remain committed to the Ubuntu philosophy, which promotes the essence of human dignity and believes that it should be at the centre of our actions, thoughts, and deeds when interacting with others.

Let us continue to engage constructively in order to share ideas on how to improve our relations, co-exist and work towards a more sustainable city.

Keep warm until the next time!

Regards,

*Lydia*

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## Editorial

Dear residents,

Welcome to this issue of the Aloe. This is the final issue of the Aloe for the Financial Year 2021/22 which ended on 30 June 2022. The City began its 2022/23 Financial Year on 1 July 2022, and it will end on 30 June 2023. The end of this financial year also signaled the end of the City's Transformational Strategic Plan 2017–2022, and we are looking forward to the new strategic plan for the period of 2022–2027.

Each financial year comes with its own financial effects on municipal services, where possible and in accordance with Council decisions. With such adjustments and in accordance with the Local Authority Act, Act 23 of 1992 as amended, the budget for the local authority's final approval lies with the Minister of Urban and Rural Development. As a result, any tariff adjustment proposed by the Council, if any, will be implemented once the required statutory approvals have been obtained.

The above reminded me of one of the major trends affecting the sustainable management of most cities around the globe, which is finding alternative sources of income to enable the municipalities to continue to provide services to their inhabitants. The reliance on the adjustment of rates and taxes has proven to be unsustainable as most of the residents are already exhausted by the continuous increasing charges of basic commodities like fuel, electricity, food, water and other daily necessities. However, the question remains: how are local governments expected to make ends meet when there appears to be no alternative financing streams that could





# Mayor's corner

## Official statement by Mayor Sade Gawanas at the CoW monthly council meeting of 7 June 2022

In keeping up with the City's commitment to enhancing the quality of life of all our people, we are continuously challenged to ensure the provision of basic services to those who have no access to such services. Therefore, Council will today deliberate on; and adopt the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2022/2023. It is important to mention that as per provision of the Local Authorities Act, these budget estimates are still subject to Ministerial approval. Therefore, after adoption by Council today, the budget will be submitted to the line minister for final approval.

As a Council, we remain mindful of the scarce resources and the high demand for basic municipal services, such as housing, water, electricity and sanitation, amongst others. We also remain mindful of the expected contribution we have to make towards achieving our national goal and development plans. Therefore, in preparation of this budget, Council amongst others, considered critical economic factors, such as; inflation rate fluctuation, prime interest rate, fuel price increase, unemployment and indeed the adverse impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Another equally important emerging development to note is that the City of Windhoek is at the final stage of finalizing its 5-Strategic Plan 2022/2027. The strategic plan outlining our desired development initiatives was conceived on the basis of national development plans and Vision 2030. This plan will serve as our road map and guiding tool in the delivery of Municipal and public services. It is expected that the final document to be submitted to Council for approval before the end of this month and will be operational at the beginning of the next financial year, 2022/2023, starting 1 July 2022.

On the external relations front, the City of Windhoek continues to enjoy fraternal relations with sister local authorities, both at national and international levels. At the national level, Council will today consider

proposed new cooperation agreement with our local sister authorities and the renewal of the cooperation agreement that had expired to continue co-operating on mutually agreed projects.

I am also delighted to inform you that last month, I led a Mayoral Cleaning and Weeding Campaign at Katutura Cemeteries, where our ancestries are resting. The cemetery clean-up was deliberately staged to reflect our collective commitment to solid waste management and clean city initiative. We all know that Windhoek is growing at a very rapid pace of urbanization. As a result, more and more waste is being generated and disposed of irresponsibly within the City by our residents. This situation puts undue pressure on the Council regarding demand by residents for service delivery, including proper solid waste management. I, therefore, urge all our residents to take part in the cleaning activities in their surroundings to ensure that we keep Windhoek clean.

As per Council Resolution No. 393/11/2010, the Council can award its long-serving members with appropriate awards and conferment. In this regard, long-serving Councillor are conferred with titles of 'Alderpersons' and other awards. It is for this reason that on our agenda today, Council will endorse conferment of a title of Alderwoman in honour of its longest serving member Fransina Kahungu, for a milestone of 10 years of service, as a Councillor of the Municipal Council of Windhoek. The date of the conferment ceremony will be announced soon.

Finally, Hon Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, allow me to use this opportunity to renew the assurances of our continued commitment to deliver effective and timely services to the residents of Windhoek.

With these few announcements, I Thank You!

Mayor Sade Gawanas



Mayor Sade Gawanas



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# Highlights from the Municipal Council of Windhoek

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2022

Compiled by **Botha Ellis** (Communication officer)

The Municipal Council of Windhoek has approved the following items amongst others:



### 1. Request for Council to accept a partial donation to conduct the pre-feasibility study of waste to energy from Smart City Sweden

The City of Windhoek (CoW) department of Electricity in the past invited local companies through a national bidding process for a consultancy for waste to energy feasibility studies. These efforts have been unsuccessful twice due to a lack of local experts. The department also attempted to have this done with the assistance of Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) without success. Smart City Sweden approached the CoW representatives at the Dubai Expo, as part of the Namibia Investment and Promotion Development Board's participation, and after discussions presented a proposal to conduct a waste to energy prefeasibility study in Windhoek. The work will be done by the Smart City Sweden Research Institute (IVL) with Smart City Sweden contributing 33% of the costs towards the study. The rest of the cost will be borne by the CoW Infrastructure, Water and Technical Services and Electricity departments. The total cost of the consulting fees amount to N\$4 159 911.25. The CoW will seek the ministerial approval for the donation of 33% of the study costs by Smart City Sweden before proceeding with the project procurement process.

### Sister Cities



### 2. Signing of co-operation agreements and familiarization visits to sister local Authorities

The City of Windhoek resolved to renew expired cooperation agreements with the following sister local authorities:

- Walvis Bay - Karasburg
- Oshikuku - Eenhana
- Helao Nafidi - Ondangwa
- Ongwediva - Oshakati
- Outapi - Otjiwarongo
- Okakarara - Rundu

Requests for the establishment of new cooperation agreements were received from:

- Berseba
- Bukalo
- Khorixas; and
- Okongo

Council resolved to approve the new requests and the signing of the agreements will be coupled with familiarization visits by the relevant CoW representatives.

### 3. Application to lease a portion of Farm 306/B/31, Windhoek Town and Townland (Old shooting Range) to establish a small arms training practice, competency testing centre

Applications by interested parties to lease a portion of Farm 306/B/31 Windhoek Town and Townlands were not supported. Instead, the portion will be reserved to be used as a shooting range to train City Police members and other council employees who use firearms in the course of their duty to be combat ready.



### 4. Bestowing and conferment of the title of Alderwoman to Councillor Ms. FN Kahungu in line with Council Resolution 393/11/2010

The Municipal Council of Windhoek had established a practice to honour councilors for meritorious service to Windhoek for more than 10 years. Hence, in recognition of her meritorious service rendered to the residents of the CoW, Councillor Fransina Kahungu was conferred with the honorary title of Alderwoman and received a bronze medal and certificate of acknowledgement. A ceremony in this regard will be arranged in due course.

**Please take note** that the above are only highlights of the council meeting that took place on 7 June 2022. More details about all the items discussed are available on our website through this link:

[http://www.cityofwindhoek.org.na/coun\\_agenda.php?fbclid=IwAR3Eou5NOtCwZuS7v9OTsYgUBQHmpS\\_Vy83s3-1julyBDOZIXzSbY4EOHC](http://www.cityofwindhoek.org.na/coun_agenda.php?fbclid=IwAR3Eou5NOtCwZuS7v9OTsYgUBQHmpS_Vy83s3-1julyBDOZIXzSbY4EOHC)



# CoW promotes the capital city at Swakopmund expo and business summit

By Botha Ellis (Communication officer)



**Connecting through trade:** Speakers from Namibia, Japan, and a number of African countries participated in the business summit where topics focusing on various economic sectors were interrogated.

The City of Windhoek supported the Africa Economic Leadership Council (AELC) trade expo and business summit from 23 to 25 May 2022 in Swakopmund. The event was hosted at the Swakopmund Hotel and Entertainment Centre with the theme "Discover Namibia - Unpacking trade and investment opportunities on the African continent." Heinrich Hafeni, the president of the AELC – with branches in Namibia, Botswana and South Africa – and organiser of the event, explained that the main aim was to connect entrepreneurs and business people and investors in Africa. Speaking at the official opening he said: "In Africa there is a trade margin of only 17% among Africans, while in Europe and Asia that trade margin is at least 50% among themselves." According to Mr Hafeni, Swakopmund has the potential to become Africa's Davos – a hub where economic leaders meet regularly to discuss and work on urgent issues affecting trade on the continent. "We must hold hands and move in one direction, together. Working together collectively we will have an exciting Africa in terms of trade and development," he said. Topics that were discussed during the business summit included the African Continental Free Trade Agreement and Area, trade policy formulation, infrastructure and logistics, customs and duties, tourism, innovation, youth entrepreneurship, agriculture, natural resources, and human capital.

The Minister in the Presidency, Honourable Christine //Hoebes, was the keynote speaker during the opening of the business summit. She said: "Africans need to take the lead to realise the vision of our leaders. Government supports pro-active initiatives like this that will empower more young people to play bigger roles in creating wealth. The time has come for young Africans to leave the continent out of choice and not because they are driven out by poverty. Government promoted a balanced, shared prosperity for all and included economic emancipation and diplomacy in its trade policies. Young people must develop an interest to participate in the country's economy and in the meanwhile equip themselves with the skills necessary for our economic sectors to grow." The United Nations defines the youth as those between the ages of 15 and 24. In Africa, 60% of the population is under the age of 25.

The Governor of the Erongo Region, Neville Andre-Itope, also attended the event. He said: "This initiative will connect and foster cooperation between African entrepreneurs. Please make time to explore the opportunities that the region has to offer with an eye on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement. I hope the summit will provide valuable insight on inter-African trade. Politically we are united, but economically we are not yet so now is the time to foster

people-to-people interaction and build a community with a shared future. I hope our African entrepreneurs will find attractive business opportunities and I wish you all success."

The City was represented by the Business Development, Tourism, and Marketing and Corporate Communication sections with a stand during the expo to promote Windhoek as a strategic investment and tourist location. "Windhoek is strategically located and linked to all major cities in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) by air and by road. Windhoek connects SADC countries via the Trans-Kalahari, Trans-Caprivi, Trans-Orange and Trans-Kunene corridors. These trade routes serve two-way trade between countries with a population of approximately 280 million people. As such we saw this event as an exciting opportunity to promote Windhoek as an important stakeholder when it comes to the economic development of the region," explained Grace Pujatura, the CoW section head for Tourism.

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) came into effect in 2021. The framework ties together the biggest number of member countries of any trade agreement since the establishment of the World Trade Organisation in 1995. The idea is to





build a single market for goods and services in Africa and it is one of the African Union's flagship projects as part of a plan to turn the continent into a global economic power over the next few decades. All African countries, bar one (Eritrea), signed the agreement and according to the AfCFTA Ratification Barometer, 43 have ratified it – including Namibia – thus making it officially valid.

According to Elia Haindongo, a CoW Investment Promotion and Liaison coordinator, Windhoek, as the capital city of Namibia, is politically stable with a robust macroeconomic environment. He said: "The capital city is home to major corporates and the base for most state-owned enterprises. Windhoek has an advanced financial services and banking sector and is the manufacturing and industrial hub of the nation with the highest number of skilled

workers." The City of Windhoek offers various investor support services such as assistance with visas and immigration, support with business registration, and facilitating business-to-business meetings with local enterprises.

liue Kauta of Marketing feels that the expo and summit was important. "The event was an excellent networking opportunity with participants from other local authorities, like Otjiwarongo and Swakopmund, and entrepreneurs from as far as Cameroon and Ghana attending as well. This created a platform for us to sell Windhoek as a tourism and investment destination. We don't want visitors to come to Namibia and use Windhoek as an entry and exit point only," she said. Ms Kauta highlighted the many museums, delicious local culinary stops – like the kapana stands at open markets and

smileys at Otjikaendu Den Restaurant, world-class wildlife attractions like N/ cankusê, and national and international sporting events as some of the attractions that Windhoek has to offer. "These are the kind of attractions in and around Windhoek that we need to promote to stop visitors from arriving at the airport, taking a shuttle and going straight to Etosha, Sossusvlei or Swakopmund," explained Ms Kauta.

Approximately 50 exhibition stands registered for the three-day event. Various speakers from Namibia, Japan, Nigeria, Ghana, Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Cameroon participated in a robust interrogation of topics focusing on various economic sectors including tourism and hospitality, banking and finance, fishing and mining, the blue economy, agriculture, ICT, logistics and trade.



**Support:** Swakopmund mayor, Her Worship Louisa Kativa (middle), met the CoW team at the Discover Namibia Expo and expressed her gratitude for our support of the event. She was welcomed at our stand by (FLTR) Grace Pujatura (Tourism section head), Elia Haindongo (Investment Promotion coordinator), and liue Kauta (Corporate marketing officer).



**High level endorsement:** The Minister in the Presidency, Honourable Christine //Hoebes (in red dress), was the keynote speaker during the opening of the expo and business summit.



**Engaging:** CoW Tourism section head, Grace Pujatura (left) engaging with visitors to the City's stand at the Discover Namibia Expo in Swakopmund.



**Promoting Windhoek:** The City of Windhoek stand at the expo. About 50 participants registered for the three-day event.



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# Improving Food and Nutrition Security in the City through the Build Back Better Project

By Cathrine Amutenya and Marcelline Murapo (Communication interns)

Located in the far north-east of Windhoek, bordering the informal settlement of Goreangab lies Farm Okukuna - a smart agricultural project that seeks to improve food security and nutrition in the city. Established in 2017 by the City of Windhoek and the World Future Council, Farm Okukuna is the nucleus that is transforming Windhoek's food system to be more sustainable, inclusive, safe and diverse and to provide healthy and affordable food to all.

Farm Okukuna is supporting efforts to strengthen food systems and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, emergencies, and related shocks as part of the Build Back Better (BBB) Project, which aims to help mitigate the effects of rapid urbanization

and the COVID-19 pandemic on food security. The project provides beneficiaries with land, training and facilities. Beneficiaries are able to grow their own food and generate income. The farm has also evolved into a training hub for schools and vocational centres in various integrated urban agriculture disciplines.

Local communities have benefited greatly from the BBB project. So far, the project has surpassed the target of 100 beneficiaries, with 353 benefiting in Windhoek alone. It has also been successfully rolled out to the Erongo, Hardap and Kavango East regions. Annatolia Shipale, a project beneficiary said that through the Project she is able to grow food and make

an income. "I can also pass my skills and knowledge on to members of my community," she said.

Within a span of five years since its inception, Farm Okukuna has achieved great milestones, especially in the areas of infrastructure development and capacity building. This includes:

- Building a chicken coop and procurement of chicken feeds and chicks
- Installation of five greenhouses
- Installation of drip irrigation in all greenhouses
- Drilling of a borehole
- Installation of water tanks and stands
- Renovation of the two flats with ablution facility
- Solar electrification
- Two containers for storage and

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*The Build Back Better Project partners and beneficiaries pictured during the Farm Okukuna visibility event*





cooling facility and building of the container stand

- Capacity building of community members in urban agriculture
- Upgrading of the nursery
- Fencing materials

To celebrate the project's accomplishments, the City of Windhoek and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) jointly hosted a visibility event on 21 June 2022. Speaking at the event, Windhoek Mayor Sade Gawanas reiterated the City's commitment to ensuring food security and addressing hunger at the

local level. "As a city, we are committed to improving food security and nutrition among households and community members, and we are working hard to transform our food system to be more inclusive and accessible to those in need."

In the same vein, Her Excellency Alka Bhatia, UNDP Resident Representative, applauded the City of Windhoek's leadership for demonstrating that integrated farming is viable in urban settings and urged the city to expedite Farm Okukuna's progress. She also reassured the continued support of the UNDP in efforts

to promote self-sufficiency and a sustainable food future for Namibia, for current and future generations.

The Build Back Better Project would not be possible without the partners who bring in expertise and funding. The BBB project is a multi-stakeholder partnership established by the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, funded by the Government of Japan to a tune of over N\$1 million and jointly implemented through UNDP Namibia and the local governments from four regions in Namibia.



*Mayor Sade Gawanas with the project beneficiaries as they showcase and sell their produce at the Farm Okukuna visibility event*



*Mr. James Kalundu- Manager of Farm Okukuna giving a tour of Farm Okukuna while updating the participants on the latest developments at the Farm.*



*Mrs. Annatolia Shipale project beneficiary preparing the soil to grow food.*



*The Farm workers hard at work putting up some infrastructure at the farm*





# City employees join residents to cycle 15 kilometres on World Bicycle Day

By Botha Ellis (Communication officer)



**Safe travels:** The City Police escorted some 40 cyclists on a 15 kilometre journey from Maerua Super Spar down Robert Mugabe Avenue to the Katutura traffic circle in Independence Avenue and all the way back as part of the cycle to work initiative.

"Cycling is the future!" These were the words of the Namibian Cycle Federation's president, Axel Theissen, during the cycle to work initiative on 3 June in the capital. The City of Windhoek (CoW), together with our valued partners, the Namibia Road Safety Forum and the Namibian Cycling Federation, presented the initiative on World Bicycle Day to encourage residents to ride a bicycle to work and create greater awareness of the many benefits of cycling as a healthy, efficient, convenient and low-cost means of transport! About 40 cyclists, including a number of CoW employees, braved the cold on this Friday morning to start a 15 kilometre journey from Maerua Super Spar down Robert Mugabe Avenue to the Katutura traffic circle in Independence Avenue and all the way back. The City Police was on hand to lead the cyclists safe and sound through the rush hour traffic. "We noted with appreciation that the City of Windhoek started preparing cycling lanes and dedicated cycle areas in the city. Our aim

is to expand this even further and across Namibia in more towns. Thank you to all residents who came to support the cycle to work day and help create awareness on the benefits of cycling," said Mr Theissen after the riders returned safely.

The deputy director for transport policy at the Ministry of Works and Transport, Cynthia Haimbodi, was a speaker at the event. She said: "The ministry submitted designs for more cycle lanes to the CoW. We are available to offer support with the development of these lanes. We're there to try and ensure a safe environment for cyclists and call on stakeholders such as National Road Safety Council, law enforcement, and the CoW that we always ensure the safety of our cyclists as we implement these non-motorised activities."

According to Prisca Mayumbelo, CoW Business Development officer in the department of Urban and Transport Planning, non-motorised transport (NMT)

will become more and more important in the light of fuel prices that continue to rise. Traffic congestion is another, growing problem. According to the Roads Authority there are currently approximately 400 000 vehicles in Namibia of which about half of that amount is in Windhoek alone. "We need to reduce the amount of vehicles on the road in Windhoek. The city's Urban and Transport Master Plan includes NMT as one way of achieving this," said Ms Mayumbelo.

An excited Sara Sikabongo, CoW Traffic Flow technician, said that she felt great after the ride. "I decided to take part, because it was a challenge and I like challenges. The last time I was on a bicycle was ten years ago so I'm proud of myself for doing 15 kilometres today. I'm going to budget to buy bicycles for my whole family. It's a great activity for families to do together. I made so many new friends today, networked with different people, and the teamwork was amazing," she said.



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Conwell Beukes, CoW Senior Town Planning technician, also took part on behalf of the City and feels that the municipality has come some way in accommodating cyclists. "We are trying to promote the idea of cycling to work through events such as this one. There are many health benefits to cycling. Although we have started to install some cycle lanes in Windhoek, a lack of more lanes may be the only thing holding back even more cyclists from cycling regularly. I would like to encourage our leaders to, every now and then, support their teams who would like to cycle to work instead of taking a car. Maybe it can become a monthly activity for teams to do together," said Mr Beukes.

The United Nations (UN) established World Bicycle Day, on 3 June. It all started when U.S.-based Professor Leszek Sibilski initiated a grassroots campaign with his sociology class to promote a UN resolution that would designate a day for the advocacy and celebration of the humble bicycle all over the world. In 2015, Sibilski dedicated himself

to an academic project, exploring bicycles and their role in development. His project catapulted into a massive movement and eventually resulted in a dedicated international day set by the UN for the promotion of cycling. On 12 April 2018 the resolution declaring 3 June as World Bicycle Day was unanimously adopted by all 193 member states of the UN General Assembly.

Cycling allows us to exercise our muscles, cut back on fuel consumption as it is quite a popular alternative to driving a car, and feel the wind in our hair. Really, there is nothing quite like the exhilaration of riding a bicycle. World Bicycle Day acknowledges this and the durability and longevity of the bicycle. Providing a simple and sustainable means of transportation, bicycling is rejuvenating for our physical and mental health, and good for the economy, and the environment. Always remember that the impact of the bicycle on society is quite transformative - even the poorest people get access to basic transport with the bicycle!



**Family activity:** Saara Sikabongo, CoW Traffic Flow technician, says that cycling can be a great activity for the whole family to take part in.



**Expansion on the cards:** The president of the Namibian Cycle Federation, Axel Theissen, says although Windhoek took the lead with installing cycle lanes and dedicated cycle areas, the aim is to expand this to all towns in Namibia.



**More cycle lanes on the way:** The deputy director for transport policy at the Ministry of Works and Transport, Cynthia Haimbodi, says that the ministry submitted designs for more cycle lanes to the CoW.



**Cycling is the future:** Conwell Beukes, CoW Senior Town Planning technician, rode 15 kilometres with his bicycle on World Bicycle Day to help promote the idea of cycling to work.



**Cycle to save money:** According to Prisca Mayumbelo, CoW Business Development officer in the department of Urban and Transport Planning, non-motorised transport (NMT) will become more and more important in the light of fuel prices that continue to rise.



# Media releases and public notices

We often release important information to the public, through the media, in the form of media releases and public notices. Many of these only appear once in some media, so to support the longevity of public messages, and to help ensure that our residents remain updated, we include selected ones in the Aloe.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Financial relief of 15% upfront payment and extended payment arrangements ended on 31 May 2022.**

3 June 2022

In November 2021, the Municipal Council of Windhoek approved a reduction from 33.3% to 15% for the upfront payment that customers are required to pay to have their disconnected municipal services reconnected. This arrangement ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022, and the current credit control fully applies to all residents from this date.

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**Happy Birthday!**

**Cllr Jürgen Hecht**  
31 May

Best birthday wishes from Council, Management and all employees!

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**Mayoral Blanket Drive**

Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Sade Gawanas would like to request organisations and individuals to donate a blanket to the needy through the City of Windhoek **Mayoral Blanket Drive**. You can drop your blankets at any of the City of Windhoek offices and Cash Halls or we will collect it from you.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Mayor at 061 290 2011

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Early Childhood Development (ECD) including Pre-Primary Education Enrolment for 2023**

Enrolment for early childhood development and pre-primary for children between the ages of six months and five years at the City of Windhoek early childhood development (ECD's) centres is now open for the development year 2023. Please note the following:

- Application forms are available from Wednesday, 8 June 2022, between 8:00 and 16:30 daily from the three ECD centres indicated below, at a cost of N\$50.00 per application form:
  - Rocky Crest ECD Centre, located at the corner of Liberty Island and Lanzarote Streets in Rocky Crest, next to the playground; (6months applicable here only)
  - Jonas Haiduwa ECD Centre, situated in Onyarayongongwe Street in Okuryangava; and
  - Aam Been Dee ECD Centre, situated at the corner of Xammi and Etetewe Streets (opposite Woermann Brock), Okuryangava.
- Applications will be open for all Windhoek residents.
- The closing date for applications is 31 July 2022.

The following documents should be submitted with all application forms:

- Two certified copies of the applicant child's full birth certificate or passport; and
- Two colour passport photos of the child applying for enrolment.

Please note that enrolment can only be done by a parent / legal guardian responsible for the care of the specific child.

For any enquiries, please contact Ms. Tella Ortmann on 061 - 290 3053 / 3790

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**LET'S SAVE ENERGY AT WORK**

I think I can do without the lights. Use natural lighting whenever possible. Architects are a great gift and the light through the window is amazing.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Scheduled water interruption on 15 and 29 July 2022

5 July 2022

Residents are hereby informed of two planned water interruptions on **15 July 2022** from 18:00 and again on **29 July 2022** from 18:00 due to planned shutdowns of the Von Bach- Windhoek supply line by NamWater for **48 hours**.

The City of Windhoek will commission the borehole scheme to augment the water shortage as a result of the interrupted supply from NamWater. Residents are urged to use water sparingly during these periods to avoid running out of water.

Residents in the Brakwater area who get water directly from the Okahandja-Windhoek line, should make alternative arrangements for this period as they will have no water.

For more information, kindly contact our customer contact centre on 061- 290 3777 or e-mail: [enquiry@windhoekcc.org.na](mailto:enquiry@windhoekcc.org.na)

Regards,

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Planned power outage in Rocky Crest Area

6 July 2022

The public is hereby notified about the scheduled power outage in Rocky Crest area on **Tuesday, 12 July 2022** from **8:00 to 14:00** due to planned relocation work at Virgin Miniature Substation.

The power outage will affect the following streets:

- Virgin Island Road
- Sando Island Road
- Gotland Island Road
- Small Island Road
- Liberty Island Road

Residents are cautioned that all electrical installations must be treated as live at all times during any power outage, as the City of Windhoek will restore the power supply without prior notification.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and remain committed to delivering efficient services, enhancing the quality of life of all our people.

For further enquiries, kindly contact our Customer Contact Centre at 0612903777 or at [enquiry@windhoekcc.org.na](mailto:enquiry@windhoekcc.org.na)

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## ROAD CLOSURE ON SUKKOT STREET AND SPERLINGSLUST STREET DUE TO CONSTRUCTION WORKS

The public is hereby notified of the Works along Sukkot Street and Sperlingslust street, Windhoek. The upgrading of existing stormwater Culvert crossing on Sukkot Street will be carried out on a road section indicated on the map, however the adjacent roads linking with Sukkot Street will be open to traffic with "caution" due to continuous movement of Construction Vehicles on the affected road.

Similarly, a new paved road complete with Stormwater, Water and Sewer infrastructures will be constructed on Sperlingslust Street, however adjacent Streets (Schwerinsburg & Heintzburg) be open to traffic with "caution", due to continuous movement of construction Vehicles on the respective affected roads. Sections of Sperlinglust Road will be accessible to Residents only.

### Duration:

Construction works at Sperlinglust and Sukkot Streets will commence from 17 May 2022 to 17 December 2022. The CoW urge all road users to adhere to traffic signage, speed restrictions and barricading around the two construction areas. We apologize for any inconvenience while the necessary construction Works is underway.

### Locality Maps:



### Enquiries:

Department of Infrastructure, Water and Technical Services

### Engineer's Representative:

Contract Management:

Francois Gouws

**Tel:** +264 - 61 - 290 3642

**E-mail:** Francois.Gouws@windhoekcc.org.na

### The Engineer:

Contract Management:

Nicholas Lensen

**Tel:** +264 - 61 - 290 3613

**E-mail:** Nicolas.Lensen@windhoekcc.org.na

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# Air Pollution



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

# 05 JUNE 2022

### Air Pollution is a leading cause of many common killers

- 7% of lung cancer deaths
- 18% COPD (pulmonary disease) deaths
- 20% of stroke deaths
- 34% of heart disease deaths (United Nations, 2022)



### Main types of Pollutants

- **Particulate Matter (PM)**

#### Source:

PM is generated from combustion of wood and fossil fuels, construction and demolition activities, unpaved roads, wild fires and dust storms.

#### Impact:

Exposure to these fine particles can cause short-term health effects such as eye, nose, throat and lung irritation, coughing, sneezing, runny nose and shortness of breath.



#### Reduction:

Use cleaner energy, and make use of good dust suppression methods.

- **Black Carbon**

#### Source:

Most often produced by diesel engines, burning trash, and cooking or heating stoves that burn coal, kerosene or biomass (organic matter such as wood or animal waste).



#### Impact:

Black carbon particles are so fine they penetrate deep into the lungs, bloodstream, heart and brain. This causes inflammatory responses and other long-term health effects. It is also the main pollutant aiding in global warming. Black Carbon has a lifespan of up to ten days.

#### Reduction:

By using cleaner energy sources and changing from "dirty" vehicles to newer, and more efficient vehicles we will dramatically reduce the earth's warming rate in the next few years.

- **Ground-level ozone**

#### Source:

This forms when emissions of methane, nitrogen oxides, and Volatile Organic Compounds from industries, traffic, and waste and energy production interact in the presence of sunlight.

#### Impact:

Depletes in a few days, but traces can remain for 1-2 months, acting as climate warming agents. Respiratory illness and has been shown to decrease crop yields

#### Reduction:

Greener and more sustainable lifestyles reduces ozone which helps prevent climate change impacts.

- **Methane**

#### Source:

40% of human-generated methane emissions come from agriculture - livestock production, sewage and solid waste, and oil and gas production.

#### Impact:

Methane emissions contribute significantly to the development of ground level ozone; chronic exposure to ozone is a factor in asthma and other chronic respiratory illnesses. Methane remains present for about a decade

**Reduction:** Improving waste management methods, including capturing and combustion of methane as a clean energy source.

#### City of Windhoek

Namibia's awareness on air pollution is very negligible, the laws governing air emissions are limited to the old Atmospheric Pollution Control Ordinance of 1976 and to some extent in the Public and Environmental Health Act of 2015 and The Environmental Management Act of 2007. The City of Windhoek is underway with developing a Framework to govern and monitor air emissions in Windhoek.

We would like to hear your views on Air Emissions and pollution in Windhoek!



# Aloe “seen around”



Cllr Sade Gawanas, the Mayor of Windhoek, took part in a two days meeting of the Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Network held in Cape Town, South Africa from 30-31 May 2022. For these two days, the Mayor also joined other African Local Government leaders taking part in a two-weeks long training on Good Governance in African Cities, which began this week at Stellenbosch in collaboration with the School of Decentralization. The training brings together local government practitioners, executives, mayors and researchers from 25 African countries where to exchange experiences and discuss interdisciplinary models for Good Governance in African cities. This year's training focuses on appropriate policies to advance the well-being of cities and the effectiveness and integrity of the city structures and means of pursuing those policies in accordance with SDG 11 and the objectives of cities to be inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. The training will address the following issues:

- The context and challenges affecting cities domestically, regionally, and globally and how cities are structured and empowered to meet these challenges
- How the cities' financing and financial management enable them to deliver on their mandates
- Major governance issues related to environmental sustainability, climate change, gendered and safer cities

(Photo contributed)



Windhoek Mayor Cllr Sade Gawanas today (4 June 2022) handed over a total of 1120 Certificates of Land Occupation to residents of the Patrick Iyambo and Gabes Shihepo areas in Havana-Moses Garoeb Constituency. The Certificates of Land Occupation ensure registration of the informal structure and acknowledgement of occupation of the piece of land occupied. The residents will sign lease agreements for the piece of land they are occupying. In total, approximately 80 000 Certificates of Occupation will be issued to targeted informal settlement areas. This initiative is part of the Council's decision to formalize the informal settlements and to be able to deliver more services in a coordinated manner. (Photos contributed)



Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love. Mayor Sade Gawanas spent the afternoon with the children at Orlindi Orphanage in Katutura East Constituency last Friday. Her heart melts as she hears each child's story from the caretakers. "As a mother, it breaks my heart to hear what these children have gone through. I hope we can make a difference by helping them in becoming the best versions of themselves," she said. On the bright side, despite the odds stacked against them, some children who grew up at the orphanage are currently enrolled in university and others have graduated and are standing on their own. (Photo contributed)



As part of its commitment to enable communities to have a collection point for their recyclables, the Recycle Namibia Forum (RNF) and Nami Green handed over two recycling bins to the City of Windhoek's Solid Waste Division recently. The igloo will form part of a collection hub set up at the Solid Waste Management office in the Northern Industrial Area. This will make it possible for residents in the area to correctly dispose of a variety of items, including recyclables, household batteries, and electronic waste. The Recycle Namibia Forum donated the first igloo in March 2021 to the Development Workshop Namibia sanitation point in Samora Machel constituency, a community project supported by the City of Windhoek and has grown tremendously. The donation of the recycling bins comes at the right time when the City of Windhoek is joining the rest of the world in celebrating World Environment Day on 5 June 2022, under the theme "Only One Earth". World Environment Day is celebrated to encourage people to take action and protect the environment. The bins have a combined value of N\$15 000 and were handed over by Jose-Luis Pretorius, (Chairperson of the RNF) and Per Hansen of NamiGreen to Gideon Hengari of City of Windhoek Solid Waste Management. (By Sergeant Marcelline Murapo - City Police communication intern)

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# CYCLING in WINDHOEK

## Fun Ride

& Cycling training for beginners

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

@ KATUTURA MULTI-PURPOSE YOUTH CENTRE

TIME: 07H00 for 08H00

Contact numbers: Horst: 081 272 3413 • Hilda: 085 333 4742

