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Windhoek Mayor Cllr. Ndesihafela Larandja inaugurates Windhoek's first public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging port, donated by TESLA Energy Solutions, during the commemoration of Zero Emissions Week held recently. To read more, turn to page 9.





Editorial

September was a month of movement not only across the city's streets and transport routes, but in the collective spirit of its people. It was a period that captured the essence of leadership in action: listening, engaging, and innovating for a sustainable future.

The month began with the *Leadership in Motion: Commuter Experience Ride*, where City and national leaders boarded buses from Siyanda Bus Stop in Goreangab to experience firsthand what thousands of Windhoekers face each day long queues, overcrowding, and limited connectivity. What emerged from that journey was more than awareness; it was empathy. The experience reaffirmed that mobility is not just about infrastructure but about dignity, equity, and the right to accessible transport for all.

Equally important was the ongoing *Public Engagement Programme*, which saw the Mayor and Councillors visiting constituencies to account to residents as the current Council's five-year term nears completion. These gatherings have become spaces of dialogue where achievements are shared, challenges acknowledged, and the shared vision for Windhoek's growth reaffirmed. From new development and community initiatives, the engagements highlighted the tangible progress that comes from active citizen participation.

In the spirit of environmental leadership, September also marked the start of *Zero Emissions Week* launched with the unveiling of the City's first public electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the Municipal Head Office. Donated by TESLA Energy Solutions, the station represents a milestone in Windhoek's pursuit of

cleaner and smarter transport. Mayor Ndesihafela Larandja described it as "a spark of innovation," setting the tone for a week dedicated to sustainability.

Zero Emissions Week concluded with *Car-Free Day*, which once again saw residents, employees, and partners walking, cycling, and jogging from John ya Otto stadium to the City Police headquarter and proceeded to townhouse where the event concluded. The eco-friendly practices are a vibrant reminder that sustainable living begins with small, everyday choices.

The *Mayoral Clean-Up Campaign* also continued throughout the streets of Windhoek, reaching communities under the banner "My Waste, My Responsibility." Running until 18 October, the campaign continues to inspire civic pride and shared accountability for a cleaner, greener Windhoek.

Adding to the city's vibrant spirit, Windhoek's delegation represented Namibia with pride at the 2025 SAIMSA Games in Lesotho reinforcing wellness, teamwork, and solidarity across the SADC region.

From commuters and councillors to students and athletes, September showed that progress in Windhoek is people-powered. Every initiative whether it cleans our streets, conserves our environment, or connects our communities contributes to a shared story of transformation.

As we carry this energy into October, may we continue to move with purpose, engage with empathy, and build a city that reflects our collective pride and potential.

Until next month, stay inspired. Stay involved. Stay Windhoek.

Lydia

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Mayor's corner

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Under this section we bring you the voice of our city's leadership. This column features highlights of the latest announcements, speeches, and statements from the Mayor, providing valuable insights into the vision, plans, and actions that are shaping our community. Stay informed and engaged as we navigate the path of growth and development together, under the guidance of our Mayor.

September has been a month of action, reflection, and renewed commitment. It reminded us that the challenges we face as a city are not abstract problems, they are the lived realities of our residents. It also reminded us that leadership is not only about building infrastructure, but about restoring dignity, strengthening partnerships, and safeguarding our future. Allow me to take you through the journey of September 2025.

On 12 September, I launched the Legacy Backyard Gardening Project at the Nathanael Maxuillili Community Centre in Babylon. This was more than a ceremonial launch, it was a direct response to the fact that over one million Namibians are food insecure, many of whom live right here in Windhoek. Through this project, households will learn sustainable urban farming techniques such as composting, drip irrigation, and greywater reuse, turning unused plots into productive gardens that feed families, reduce hunger, and generate income.

This initiative could not have come at a better time, amidst rising food prices and shrinking household budgets. We are offering a solution rooted in resilience and self-reliance. It is my conviction that agriculture, even at the household level, can reduce poverty, combat hunger, and restore dignity to our people.

September also reminded us that leadership is about compassion. During a visit to Okahandja Park, I met two children asking for food. Their story led us to their family, where we were able to assist their mother in replacing her lost ID, securing birth certificates for the children, and extending relief through the Windhoek Residents Mayoral Trust.

We also visited the bereaved family of Emerencia Frederiks, a 19-year-old who sadly passed away, leaving her family unable to meet funeral expenses. Together with City officials, we assisted while also highlighting the urgent need to strengthen the Mayoral Trust. These encounters touched me deeply. They reminded me that while infrastructure is

essential, it is compassion that restores hope. I therefore appeal to all partners, corporates, NGOs, and individuals, to contribute generously to the Windhoek Residents Mayoral Trust, so that together, we can uplift more families in need.

From 15 to 22 September, Windhoek hosted Zero Emissions Week 2025, a bold step in our city's climate response. We inaugurated our first public electric vehicle charging port, donated by TESLA Energy Solutions. This milestone is not just about embracing technology, but about charting a path toward cleaner mobility and climate-resilient urban development. The week's activities also included Car-Free Day, where residents were encouraged to walk, cycle, or use public transport. I joined the walk and bus ride, reinforcing the principle that leaders must lead by example. The event concluded with a celebratory ceremony, but the real reward was witnessing Windhoekers embrace a vision of a city that is greener, healthier, and more sustainable.

From 15 to 20 September, Windhoek proudly joined the nation in celebrating National Heritage Week 2025 under the theme "Vahindi Verambi Iye Chizo Cetu", Torchbearers of Our Heritage. The Windhoek City Museum played a leading role, hosting activities that celebrated our cultural richness and community creativity. Each event was rich in spirit, reaffirming that heritage is not only about honouring the past, but about inspiring the future. It reminded us to safeguard indigenous knowledge, celebrate diversity, and instill pride in our cultural wealth, especially among our youth. Through Heritage Week, Windhoek reaffirmed its role as a torchbearer of Namibia's heritage, committed to preserving identity, fostering unity, and ensuring that the flame of culture continues to shine for generations to come.

Throughout September, we also engaged residents at the Havana Four Way Stop area, where relocation is necessary to pave the way for road and market developments. While concerns were raised, residents ultimately agreed to relocate, reassured that water, sanitation,

bridges, and electricity are being provided at the new site. This balance between development and compassion is the ethos of our Council.

September 2025 taught us that leadership requires three virtues:



Wisdom - to act at the right moment.



Credibility - to lead with discipline and accountability.



Compassion - to serve with heart.

Through family visits, we restored hope. Through clean-up campaigns and climate initiatives, we built a greener future.

Through service delivery, we reaffirmed accountability.

This is what defines the heartbeat of Windhoek, a City that listens, a City that acts, and a City that cares.

Let us carry this spirit forward as we continue building a Windhoek that offers dignity, opportunity, and sustainability for all residents.





Mayor Larandja Brings Hope to Families in Need

By: **Anna Shiimi** (Communication Officer in Training)



Her Worship Ndeshihafela Larandja engages with the !Horases family during her visit before handing over school supplies to them.

Her Worship, the Mayor of Windhoek, Ndeshihafela Larandja, showed her caring leadership once again when she visited a struggling family in Okahandja Park. The visit was a follow-up after she met two siblings, aged 14 and 17, begging for food and money at Katutura Metro two weeks ago. The children shared that they were trying to help feed their family.

Touched by their story, the mayor took their contact details and later met with their mother. She discovered that the family's challenges went beyond hunger. The mother had lost her ID and could not afford to replace it, and two of the children did not have birth certificates. With help from Section Commander for By-Law Enforcement and Operational Support, Cesilie Kolokwe, the Mayor assisted the family in applying for the necessary documents.

It was also found that the youngest child, aged 7, was not attending school. The mayor promised to help the children get placed in nearby schools in 2026. One of the children, Loveness !Horases, walks a long distance every day to attend Auas Primary School in Katutura. Her brother, who was last in Grade 4 in Walvis Bay, is currently out of school but wants to continue learning.

To support the family, Mayor Larandja

personally bought school shoes and a bag for Loveness and gave N\$1,000 from her own pocket to help with basic needs. She also donated a food parcel worth N\$300 through the Mayoral Trust Fund. The family thanked her deeply, saying her help brought relief after many years of hardship. The mayor said she was guided by faith and compassion and promised to keep checking on the family.

Later that day, she visited another family who had lost their 19-year-old daughter, Emerencia Frederiks, on 31 August. The family had asked for help on NBC, saying they could not afford funeral costs. With 21 people in the household and no one employed, they were struggling.

The mayor assured them that the City would help through the Mayoral Trust Fund, but also reminded the public that the fund depends on donations. She encouraged people to give, especially when families are in

urgent need. Although the Frederiks family had received a tombstone and coffin from kind donors, they still needed food for mourners. The mayor, through the Mayoral Trust Fund, gave them two food parcels and encouraged them to stay hopeful.

She reminded everyone that all Namibians deserve dignity and urged citizens to show kindness and share with others. "As a city, we try to help wherever we can. I encourage residents to reach out to the mayor's office when they need help. My role is to serve," she said.



Her Worship Ndeshihafela Larandja hands over a school bag and shoes to Loveness !Horases' mother, who receives them with excitement.



Windhoek Residents Run for a Cause: A Gift of Dignity to Mix Settlement

By Lydia Shifa (Online Communication Officer)

Contributions of Windhoek residents who participated in the 2024 Windhoek Vivo Marathon made it possible to fund the construction of a much-needed sanitation hub at Mix Settlement.

The annual marathon, a partnership between the City of Windhoek and Vivo Energy Namibia, goes beyond being just a sporting event. It is a platform where residents come together, run for a cause, and directly contribute to improving the lives of fellow citizens.

On 29 September 2025, the City of Windhoek, in collaboration with Vivo Energy Namibia, proudly handed over the completed sanitation hub to the Mix Settlement community. The facility, which includes eight toilets, two urinals, and a water point, was constructed at a total cost of N\$750,000. This investment was made possible through the generous contributions of marathon participants and additional support from the City of Windhoek.

The amount of N\$750,000 covered more than just the installation of toilets. The project included the construction of eight toilets, two urinals, and a water point. Since there were no existing services in the area, the contractor also had to construct a long water pipeline and a sewerage treatment tank, along with the necessary earthworks, to make waterborne sanitation possible at this location.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Windhoek Mayor, Cllr. Ndesihafela Larandja, emphasized the power of collaboration in addressing the city's pressing challenges facing our people in the City. "It is only through partnerships between local authorities, the private sector, and our communities that we can achieve sustainable solutions. This project is a shining example of how working together brings lasting benefits to our people," she said.

The Mayor remarked that the project is not just about infrastructure; it is about restoring dignity, ensuring health, and enhancing the quality of life for our people. She further noted that access to proper sanitation is a basic human right and by providing this facility, the

City is taking a decisive step towards improving hygiene, reducing health risks, and uplifting the living standards of our residents. The Mayor also appealed to residents to safeguard the new facilities, reminding the community that providing essential services in areas without sewer infrastructure comes at a significant cost.

Vivo Energy Namibia's Corporate Communications Manager, Lazarus Nafidi, noted that the sanitation hub represents a gift from the residents of Windhoek, who participated in the 2024 Windhoek Vivo Marathon, to their fellow citizens in need. Nafidi also reflected on the success of the 2025 marathon, which drew over 5,000 runners and raised more than N\$500,000. The proceeds from that event will be channeled into enhancing the city's security through solar lighting and surveillance installations at key locations. He encouraged residents to gear up for the 2026 Marathon in May and continue running for the greater good.

The City of Windhoek's Chief Executive Officer, Moses Matyayi, extended his appreciation to the technical teams and contractors for their efficient delivery of the project. He affirmed the City's commitment to advancing service delivery in line with government priorities, noting that additional developments are planned for Mix Settlement. These include electricity provision, with the demarcation and formalization of the area already at an advanced stage.



Vivo Energy Namibia's Corporate Communications Manager, Lazarus Nafidi, and Windhoek Mayor, Cllr. Ndesihafela Larandja, reaffirm the partnership between the two institutions



From left to right: Alderwoman Fransina Kahungu, Vivo Energy Namibia's Corporate Communications Manager, Lazarus Nafidi, Windhoek Mayor, Cllr. Ndesihafela Larandja, City of Windhoek Chief Executive Officer, Moses Matyayi, and External Relations and Networking Manager, Christopher Eita, during the handover of the new Sanitation Hub at Mix Settlement



The newly inaugurated Sanitation Hub at Mix Settlement





Leadership in Motion: A journey toward empathy and better urban mobility

By **Lydia Amutenya** (CPRP) Section Head: Corporate Communications (PRO)



Mayor Ndeshihafela Larandja and Deputy Minister Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele of Urban and Rural Development engages with commuters during the Leadership in Motion: Commuter Experience Ride



Early morning traffic along the Goreangab route as leaders joined commuters during the Leadership in Motion: Commuter Experience Ride.



Leaders and stakeholders gather after completing the Leadership in Motion: Commuter Experience Ride, reflecting on the morning's journey with Windhoek's commuters.

In a rare and symbolic display of leadership in action, the City of Windhoek recently hosted "Leadership in Motion: A Commuter Experience Ride", a morning bus journey that brought national and local leaders face-to-face with the daily realities of Windhoek's public transport users.

Held on 17 September 2025, the journey began before sunrise at the Siyanda Bus Stop in Goreangab, tracing a familiar route through Independence Avenue to the Ministry of Works and Transport. On board were key decision-makers, including the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development, Hon. Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele, City of Windhoek Mayor, Her Worship Cllr. Ndeshihafela Larandja, Alderwoman Fransina Kahungu, Cllr. Matheus Shoongo, and the City's Strategic Executive for Urban and Transport Planning, Mr. Pierre van Rensburg. They were joined by senior officials from the Roads Authority, the Ministry of Works and Transport, and members of the media.

Hon. !Nawases-Taeyele embraced the experience wholeheartedly, even dressing as a domestic worker and starting her day at 04:00 a.m. At the bus stop, she joined dozens of residents waiting in long queues, hoping to secure a seat on one of the few available municipal buses during peak hours. "It was an eye-opener," she said. "The struggle starts long before the bus arrives, from walking in the dark to the bus stop, to waiting in the cold, to squeezing onto an already full bus."

Mayor Larandja echoed the Deputy

Minister's reflections, noting that these daily struggles disproportionately affect women and children. "Many of our residents walk long distances in unsafe conditions just to reach the bus stop," the Mayor said. "These are the people we serve, and we must feel what they feel to truly make a difference."

The bus used for the ride, one of the City's oldest, at 33 years, served as a powerful symbol of both the resilience and the challenges facing Windhoek's transport system. Its continued operation, despite limited resources, emphasized the urgent need for investment and innovation in public transport infrastructure.

Yet, amid the challenges, the morning also highlighted inspiring stories of community spirit. One such story was that of Ms. Perietha Burtze, a commuter from Wanaheda who voluntarily organizes passengers each morning by assigning numbers, ensuring that the elderly and vulnerable are given priority when boarding. Her quiet act of kindness embodies the sense of solidarity that keeps Windhoek moving.

The journey concluded at the Ministry of Works and Transport, where participants reflected on their experiences. Hon. !Nawases-Taeyele described the event as both humbling and transformative. "We walked in the shoes of the public," she said. "Behind every bus stop is a story of mothers heading to work, children going to school, and families striving for a better life. Public transport is not a privilege; it is a

right and a necessity."

She reaffirmed her Ministry's commitment to collaborate with local authorities such as the City of Windhoek to promote inclusive, sustainable, and integrated urban mobility. "Without mobility, there is no access to jobs, education, or opportunity," she emphasized. "Collaboration is key, no single institution can deliver the transformation alone."

Mayor Larandja shared similar reflections, emphasizing that leadership must be rooted in empathy and lived experience. "You cannot solve a problem you have never experienced," she said. "We joined the queues, sat on the buses, and faced the same congestion that thousands endure every day. What we experienced was more than just a ride, it was a lesson in humility."

She further noted that public transport should not be perceived as a service only for low-income earners but as a cornerstone of a modern, connected city. "When public transport works, the whole city works," the Mayor said. "It connects people to opportunities and strengthens our economy." The Leadership in Motion initiative reaffirmed a shared vision to make Windhoek's public transport system one that embodies dignity, opportunity, and inclusion. More than a symbolic gesture, it was leadership that listened, learned, and acted, a meaningful step toward building a safer, more efficient, and equitable transport system for all residents.





Highlights from the Municipal Council of Windhoek ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2025

Compiled by **Cillie Kapolo** (Corporate Communication Officer)

1. City of Windhoek to Sign Memorandum of Agreement with Kosmos 94.1



Council approved the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with Kosmos 94.1 to formalize a collaborative partnership with the Windhoek City Police.

The agreement will sustain the continuation of the COPPS 94.1 Reality Show, a weekly live audio-visual programme that promotes community safety, road safety awareness, crime prevention, and public trust in law enforcement.

The show airs every Friday night on Kosmos 94.1, offering residents real-time insights into policing activities.

2. MVA Fund of Namibia Donates CCTV Cameras to Windhoek City Police



The Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Fund of Namibia is to donate Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and accessories valued at N\$140,918.24 to the Windhoek City Police. The cameras will be strategically installed at accident-prone areas and intersections to strengthen traffic surveillance, reduce road crashes, and enhance pedestrian safety.

3. FNB Namibia Donates CCTV Cameras to Enhance Crime Prevention



Council welcomed a donation from FNB Namibia, which will provide CCTV cameras and accessories worth N\$500,000 to the Windhoek City Police.

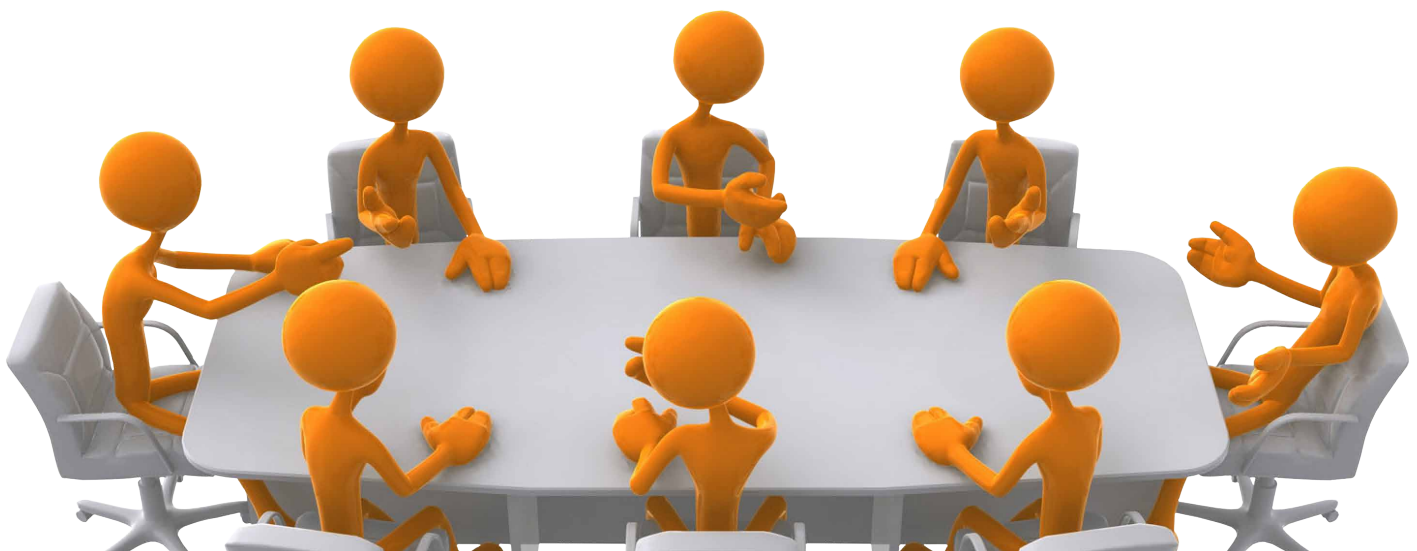
These cameras will be deployed at identified crime hotspots. The initiative aims to improve urban safety and security, support quicker police response times, and aid evidence-based investigations.

4. Council Grants Khomasdal Community Hall to Young Ones Football Club for Fitness Project

In line with the Council's commitment to promoting community wellness, permission was granted to the Young Ones Football Club to use the Khomasdal Community Hall for its Walking Football 4 Health Namibia (WF4HN) project.

The programme encourages men aged 50+ and women aged 40+ to engage in low-impact physical activity that supports not only physical fitness but also mental and psychological well-being.

Please note: The above items are highlights from the Ordinary Council Meeting. For more detailed information on all matters discussed, visit our website at www.windhoekcc.org.na.



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City of Windhoek Engages Moses //Garoëb residents on service delivery progress

By **Cillie Kapolo** (CPRP), Corporate Communication Officer



Windhoek mayor, Cllr. Ndesihafela Larandja engaging the residents of Moses //Garoëb

Windhoek Mayor, Cllr. Ndesihafela Larandja, reaffirmed the City's unwavering commitment to transparency, accountability, and improved service delivery during a public engagement meeting held recently at the Epanulo Open Space in the Moses //Garoëb Constituency. The gathering brought together community members, local leaders, and municipal officials in an interactive session aimed at updating residents on municipal progress and addressing their concerns.

Addressing attendees, Mayor Larandja reflected on the Council's financial turnaround since assuming office. She noted that the current Council inherited a City facing severe financial constraints,

with a record deficit of N\$663 million in 2022. Through the implementation of rigorous financial management measures, prudent budgeting, and revenue optimization strategies, the municipality has achieved remarkable improvements, recording surpluses of N\$47 million in 2024 and N\$32 million in 2025. "These results are a testament to stronger financial discipline, responsible resource management, and the commitment of our teams to restoring the City's fiscal health," she stated.

Mayor Larandja highlighted significant progress in the area of human settlements. She reported that all informal settlement boundaries in Moses //Garoëb have now been fully mapped and digitized, enabling more effective urban planning and service delivery. Over 16,500 structures have been officially numbered, and more than 6,000 Certificates of Recognition of Land Occupation have been issued. These certificates are crucial for residents as they provide official proof of residence, facilitate access to banking and financial services, and support applications for loans, education, and other government programs. "Securing land recognition is a foundational step towards improving livelihoods and empowering our communities," the Mayor emphasized.

On basic services, the Mayor detailed substantial improvements in water, sanitation, and electricity provision. Since 2019, an additional 47 communal

standpipes have been installed in the constituency at a cost of N\$1.7 million, bringing the total number to 347 standpipes to improve residents' access to safe water. The number of communal toilets has also increased to 339, with plans underway to establish modern sanitation hubs during the 2025/26 financial year to further enhance hygiene and public health standards.

In the area of electricity, the municipality has connected more than 7,000 zinc houses across Windhoek since 2017, directly improving the quality of life for over 35,000 residents. Specifically, in Moses //Garoëb, 2,224 structures have been earmarked for electrification under the next phase of the Electricity Universal Access Project, which aims to provide reliable and sustainable power to underserved communities.

Mayor Larandja highlighted that the transformation of Windhoek is a shared responsibility, urging residents to actively participate in governance processes. "The development and transformation of Windhoek are not the responsibility of the municipality alone. It is a shared journey that requires your voices, your ideas, and your partnership," she said, encouraging residents to continue engaging with municipal programs and initiatives. The engagement formed part of the City's ongoing strategy to bring governance closer to communities, promote transparency, and ensure inclusive development that responds to the needs of all residents.



Moses //Garoëb residents during a public meeting held recently at Epanulo Open Space



City of Windhoek Took Bold Strides Toward Sustainability During Zero Emissions Week 2025

By: **Anna Shiimi** (Communication Trainee)



City of Windhoek Mayor, Her Worship Ndeshihafela Larananja, delivering her remarks at the inauguration of the EV charging port.



Mayor Ndeshihafela Larananja demonstrating how to operate the EV charging machine.

The City of Windhoek successfully hosted Zero Emissions Week 2025 from 15 to 22 September, marking a significant milestone in its commitment to sustainable urban development and climate action. The week featured a range of engaging activities, including an electric vehicle (EV) exhibition, an environmental video awareness competition, cycling gear giveaways, corporate trivia, and a Car-Free Day, all aimed at promoting low-emission lifestyles and raising awareness about climate change.

In his opening remarks, Pierre Van Rensburg, Strategic Executive for Urban and Transport Planning and Acting CEO, reinforced the importance of local action. He stated that Zero Emissions Week was not about following global trends, but about addressing Windhoek's own challenges, such as transport-related emissions, traffic congestion, and deteriorating urban air quality. Van Rensburg highlighted that transport accounted for 25% of global CO₂ emissions, with vehicles contributing 70% of that figure. He encouraged residents to embrace public transport, cycling, and walking as viable alternatives.

A key highlight of the week was the inauguration of Windhoek's first public EV charging port, donated by TESLA Energy Solutions and valued at approximately N\$120,000. Mayor Ndeshihafela Larananja

described the installation as a landmark achievement in the city's journey toward climate-resilient development and sustainable mobility. She noted that the charging station would serve as a catalyst for expanding EV infrastructure and normalizing electric mobility across Windhoek.

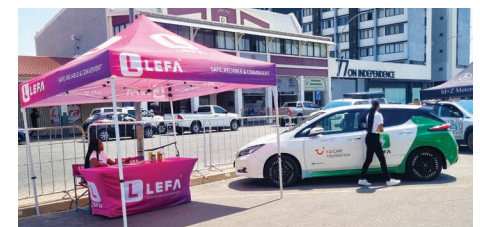
Kalipi Aluvilu, co-founder of LEFA, shared insights from their electrified mobility pilot project, launched in 2024. He revealed that 11% of rides on the LEFA platform had already been zero-emission, contributing to growing public awareness and acceptance of EVs. Aluvilu emphasized that a successful transition to electric mobility required systemic change, including infrastructure development, financial incentives, and cross-sector collaboration.

Elron Awase, CEO of TESLA Energy Solutions, provided technical insights into the newly installed charger, explaining that it is a 12V, 32-kilowatt unit capable of servicing two vehicle types simultaneously. He noted that a full charge costs approximately N\$120,000 and takes between 30 minutes and seven hours, depending on the vehicle model and charger specifications. Awase further highlighted that TESLA Energy Solutions also operates additional charging stations at Pupkewitz and DBL Electric, contributing to the expansion of Windhoek's growing electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem.

Zero Emissions Week 2025 aligned with Windhoek's broader sustainability initiatives, including the 25MW Solar PV Project, the Windhoek Solar Centre, and the Sustainable Urban Transport Master Plan (SUTMP). These projects prioritized accessible, low-carbon public transport and non-motorized transport infrastructure, reinforcing the city's commitment to a greener future.

The City of Windhoek extended its appreciation to all partners, sponsors, and stakeholders for their collaboration and support. Officials emphasized that the transition to a low-carbon future was a shared responsibility, requiring active participation from government, businesses, and residents alike.

Through these initiatives, Windhoek demonstrated its leadership in sustainable urban development. Zero Emissions Week 2025 was not just a campaign it was a call to action for lasting change.



A showcase of electric vehicles during the opening of Zero Emission Week.



Mayor Urges Road Users to Embrace Shared Road Responsibility

By Lydia Shifa (Online Communication Officer)



Mayor, Cllr Ndeshihafela Lalandja and Strategy Advisor on Smart Cities, Clarence Rupingena with cyclists who received cycling safety kits

Windhoek Mayor, Cllr Ndeshihafela Lalandja, has urged motorists to adopt a more considerate attitude towards pedestrians and cyclists, emphasizing the need for all road users to coexist safely.

“As stakeholders, we need to come together to raise awareness and promote a behavioural shift among motorists towards cyclists and pedestrians. This is essential in making our roads safer and supporting our broader efforts to reduce carbon emissions,” the Mayor said.

She made the call during the handover of 150 cycling safety kits at the Katutura

Care Centre on 22 September, as part of Zero Emission Week activities. The beneficiaries were identified through constituency offices and the Physically Active Youth (PAY) organisation and included individuals who rely on bicycles for their daily commute to work.

One of the beneficiaries, Siegfried Salesus, shared that cycling is not only a means of transport but can also develop into a professional career. Salesus, who began cycling four years ago, has competed in several races and earned a spot to participate in the International Cycling Union (UCI) Championship in the

Netherlands later this year.

Representing the Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Fund, Ruben Uupindi highlighted that pedestrians account for 32% of reported road fatalities, emphasizing the urgent need for enhanced pedestrian and cyclist safety. He further stressed the importance of using safety gear, which not only helps prevent severe injuries but also aligns with legal safety requirements.

The event marked the official closing of Zero Emission Week, held from 15–21 September 2025, which aimed to raise awareness about reducing carbon emissions and promote sustainable transport alternatives such as walking, cycling, and the use of public transport.

The Zero Emission Week was made possible by the support and valuable contribution of various partners, including Namibia Breweries Limited, First National Bank, Ohlthaver & List, Puma Energy, Wingoc, Gondwana, Windhoek Country Club, Ebikes4Africa, Physically Active Youth (PAY) and Namibia Cycling Federation.

Concluding the event, the City of Windhoek’s Strategy Advisor on Smart Cities, Clarence Rupingena, presented the City’s Non-Motorised Transport Strategy, reaffirming Council’s commitment to improving road safety and promoting a more inclusive transport environment for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.



Windhoek Mayor, Cllr Ndeshihafela Lalandja during her keynote address at the commemoration of the Zero Emission Week



Strategy Advisor on Smart Cities, Clarence Rupingena delivering his remarks during the Commemoration of the Zero Emission Week



City of Windhoek unveils new fire safety initiatives and addresses community concerns in Katutura

By **Cillie Kapolo** (CPRP), Corporate Communication Officer

The City of Windhoek has announced a series of initiatives aimed at strengthening fire safety and improving emergency response services, following a recent public engagement meeting with residents of the Katutura Central Constituency.

As part of its commitment to enhancing emergency preparedness, the City has allocated land in Havana for the construction of a new fire station. This development is expected to improve response capacity, particularly in areas that are difficult to access. To further support emergency services, the City has procured 4x4 ambulances to ensure timely medical assistance in hard-to-reach neighborhoods, including informal settlements. A new firefighting tanker has also been added to the City's fleet, bolstering the overall capacity of the Fire Brigade.

During the engagement, residents were introduced to a new battery-operated smoke detector designed for household use. The detector has a battery life of up to 10 years and is available for approximately N\$400. While its use is not mandatory, the Fire Brigade strongly encourages households to install the device as a preventive measure against fire-related hazards. Officials also recommended the use of fire-retardant paint, which helps reduce the rapid spread of fires in residential properties. Fire Brigade officers advised that the paint is most effective when applied during routine painting, helping to minimize fire damage in the event of a house fire.

Beyond fire safety, the meeting provided a platform for residents to raise a variety of community concerns. One pressing issue was Erf 6296, popularly known as Herero Mall. A young resident noted that the area, which was previously a soccer field, has developed into an informal market and has contributed to social challenges, including alcoholism and teenage pregnancies. He urged the City to transform the site into a formal market

and youth development hub, offering economic opportunities and safer recreational spaces for young people.

Other requests raised by residents included:

- Converting open spaces into housing erven to address the high demand for accommodation in Windhoek.
- Making the City's call centre toll-free to improve accessibility.
- Installing CCTV cameras in crime-prone areas to enhance safety.
- Simplifying municipal account statements, as residents reported difficulty understanding charges such as the security levy, and requested clearer explanations of what each item covers.
- Increasing public transport services, including a higher number of municipal buses, to meet the growing demand in the constituency.

Not all feedback focused on challenges. One resident praised the prepaid water meter system, noting that it had significantly reduced household expenses and encouraged others to adopt the system as a cost-saving measure.

Residents also expressed satisfaction with the ongoing review of the shebeen policy, highlighting issues such as noise pollution, littering, underage drinking, and violence in residential areas. They welcomed the opportunity to provide input and emphasized that limiting the number of shebeens in residential zones is essential for creating safer and more peaceful communities.

In response, the City assured residents that while many questions were addressed during the meeting, several proposals would require further consideration, particularly those dependent on available financial resources. The City reaffirmed its commitment to working closely with communities to address their concerns and implement measures that promote safety, development, and improved quality of life.



Windhoek Mayor, Cllr. Ndeshihafela Laranjia, addressing residents of the Katutura Central Constituency.



A resident of Katutura Central sharing her views during the recent public engagement meeting.



Cllr. Sade Gawanas, Her Worship the Mayor, and Katutura Constituency Councillor Katjaimo listening to residents' concerns.



Katutura Central residents during the recent public engagement meeting.





Windhoek Mayor Launches Legacy Projects to Strengthen Urban Food Security

By Lydia Shifa (Online Communication Officer)



Windhoek Mayor Cllr Ndeshihafela Larandja launching the Legacy Backyard Gardening Project

Over 1.3 million Namibians are classified as food insecure, with a significant number residing in urban areas such as Windhoek. This was revealed today by Windhoek Mayor Ndeshihafela Larandja during the launch of her Legacy Backyard Gardening Project on 12 September 2025 at the Nathanael Maxuillili Community Centre in Babylon.

In her address, the Mayor noted that the initiative seeks to empower residents by providing them with the practical knowledge and skills required to establish and maintain productive backyard gardens. "I strongly believe that agriculture is one of the key sectors with the potential to reduce poverty, unemployment, and hunger, while contributing positively to climate action and gender equality," she said.



NamAFA founder and director, Leena Iipumbu,

The Mayor further noted that, like many urban centers in Namibia and across the globe, Windhoek continues to grapple with rising food prices and limited access to fresh, nutritious produce, challenges that negatively affect the health and well-being of residents. Against this backdrop, the Council identified an opportunity to transform unused spaces in households into sustainable sources of food and resilience.

As part of the initiative, participants will receive training in sustainable agricultural practices such as composting to improve soil fertility, water-efficient irrigation techniques like drip systems, and the reuse of greywater. The training will be delivered through workshops targeting households, community groups, schools, and vocational institutions.



Prof. Rachel Freeman delivering the remarks on behalf of UNAM Vice Chancellor.

The Nathanael Maxuillili Community Centre served as an ideal launch venue, as its community garden already supports a soup kitchen that provides meals to vulnerable residents. During the event, attendees were guided through hands-on demonstrations on seed planting, transplanting seedlings, and water conservation methods practiced at the centre's garden.

The project will leverage existing partnerships with the University of Namibia



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(UNAM), the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), and non-governmental organizations such as the Aspiring Farmers Association of Namibia (NamAFa) to enhance training and capacity building.

Delivering remarks on behalf of the UNAM Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rachel Freeman commended the initiative, stating that backyard gardens are not only a response to hunger but also a form of empowerment and therapy. "They provide families with nutritious food, reduce household expenses, create income opportunities from surplus produce, and strengthen community resilience against climate and economic challenges," she said. Prof. Freeman reaffirmed UNAM's commitment to supporting the project through research and practical solutions that address real-life challenges.

NamAFa founder and director, Leena lipumbu, expressed the organization's readiness to contribute by equipping youth and community members with practical, climate-smart gardening skills. She also pledged to assist with resource mobilization, including securing inputs such as seeds and tools to make the gardens a reality.

The first group of 50 participants began their theoretical training on the day of the launch at Katutura Community Hall and did their practical sessions at the City of



Attendees receiving hands-on demonstrations on seed planting, transplanting seedlings, and water conservation methods practiced at Maxwell Centre's garden.

Windhoek's Okukuna Farm in Goreangab.

One of the beneficiaries, Jafet Johannes, shared his gratitude for being part of the programme. "I feel fortunate to be selected for this training, and I look forward to starting my own backyard garden to feed my family," he said.

Another participant, Harmony Sitole, expressed her enthusiasm, saying, "I have always wanted to learn more about farming. This is an opportunity to take care of my family, provide them with food, and bring dignity to my home."



The first group of 50 participants starting their theoretical training at Katutura Community Hall





City of Windhoek signs an agreement Matsapha Town Council to guide their sister relationship

By Lydia Shifa (Online Communication Officer)



Windhoek Mayor, Cllr Ndeshihafela Larandja, delivers remarks during the signing ceremony of a twinning agreement with the Matsapha Town Council.



Matsapha Town Council Mayor, Lindiwe Dlamini, delivers remarks during the signing ceremony of the twinning agreement with the City of Windhoek.

The City of Windhoek has signed a twinning agreement with the Matsapha Town Council, an industrial town in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The agreement was signed on 11 September 2025 by Windhoek Mayor, Councillor Ndeshihafela Larandja, and Matsapha Town Council Mayor, Lindiwe Dlamini, and witnessed by Councillors and senior officials on both sides.

The partnership establishes a framework for cooperation in the following key areas:

- Economic development, with a focus on supporting SMEs and promoting investment.
- Environmental sustainability, through knowledge exchange and the adoption of practices that foster greener, more resilient cities.
- Education and innovation, by advancing knowledge-sharing, skills transfer, and capacity-building initiatives.
- Tourism, heritage, and culture by strengthening cultural exchanges that celebrate diversity and enhance people-to-people connections.

During the signing ceremony, Mayor

Larandja noted that the agreement was more than just a formal document, but a shared vision of collaboration, innovation, and prosperity for the two communities.

"Our partnership is not only about local development but also about contributing to the broader vision of an integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa, as outlined in the African Union's Agenda 2063," she said.

Mayor Dlamini led a four-person delegation on a five-day familiarisation visit to Windhoek from 09 – 13 September 2025. The delegation included Councillor David Nkambule, Chief Executive Officer Lucky

Sukati, and Mancoba Zwane, Manager of Environmental Health & Community Services at Matsapha Town Council.



Matsapha Town Council Mayor, Lindiwe Dlamini, and Windhoek Mayor, Cllr Ndeshihafela Larandja, sign the twinning agreement between the two municipalities, witnessed by City of Windhoek Acting CEO, Pierre van Rensburg, and Matsapha Town CEO, Lucky Sukati.



Matsapha Mayor Explores Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Collaboration in Windhoek

By: **Anna Shiimi** (Communication Trainee)

In a spirit of regional cooperation and knowledge exchange, Her Worship Lindiwe Dlamini, Mayor of Matsapha Town Council in the Kingdom of Eswatini, embarked on an insightful tour of Windhoek's innovation, manufacturing, and entrepreneurial hubs. She was warmly welcomed by Her Worship Ndesihafela Larandja, Mayor of the City of Windhoek.

The visit began at the High-Tech Transfer Plaza Select (HTTSP) at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST). As NUST's flagship innovation and technology hub, HTTSP serves as a collaborative platform linking academia, industry, government, and international partners. The delegation was introduced to the centre's role in advancing research, innovation, and cross-border partnerships.

Next, the delegation explored the vibrant Oshetu Market, popularly known as Single Quarters. Renowned for its lively atmosphere and iconic kapana (braised meat), the market offered a taste of Namibian culinary culture. The visitors enjoyed the famous okapana served with mahangu pap and praised the market's cleanliness and variety of goods.

The tour continued to Dinapama Manufacturing and Supplies, a 100% Namibian-owned garment manufacturer. Managing Director David Namalenga welcomed the delegation and emphasized the importance of regional collaboration.

"Africa is in our hands. We must share skills, learn from one another, and create an environment where our people can thrive." Mayor Larandja echoed this sentiment, highlighting Namibia's potential to learn from Eswatini's robust textile industry. Mayor Dlamini, who also serves on the Matsapha Business Forum, shared that Matsapha is home to over 20 clothing factories employing more than 20,000 people. These factories supply major retailers such as Mr. Price, Foschini, and Woolworths, and even produce zippers for global brands like Levi's through YKK. "Working together as neighbours in business and manufacturing is exactly why we are here, for collaboration and shared growth," she affirmed.

The delegation also visited the Bokamoso Entrepreneurial Centre, managed by the City of Windhoek. The centre hosts

43 business units, with 35 currently occupied by SMEs producing traditional clothing, furniture, and food products such as omahangu millet. One standout was Okahadi, a business specializing in Oshiwambo traditional attire. The enterprise not only thrives in production but also trains young people in dressmaking.

The final stop was the City of Windhoek Waste Buy-Back Centre, an EU-funded initiative encouraging residents to sell recyclable materials. The delegation commended Windhoek's innovative approach to waste management. Mayor Dlamini noted the contrast with Matsapha, where waste is managed through landfills and only about 20 residents are registered to sell waste under controlled conditions.

The visit underscored the value of city-to-city collaboration, with both Windhoek and Matsapha reaffirming their commitment to learning from one another, strengthening regional ties, and building sustainable futures for their communities.



Her Worship Lindiwe Dlamini, Mayor of Matsapha Town Council in the Kingdom of Eswatini, during a visit to Bokamoso's Peckers Investment CC, looks on admiringly as a young upholsterer sews a chair cover, jokingly saying, "When you're done, I'll take a share of your pay since I helped too!"



City of Windhoek officials and the Matsapha Town Council delegation enjoy vetkoek and kapana during their visit to the Oshetu Market, famously known as the Okapana Single Quarters.





CoW strengthens business tourism drive at Namibia's first MICE Training Workshop

By *Nsala Simasiku*, (Investment Promotion Officer)



Olehile Thataone, Coordinator: Tourism Information Management; Emma Shaanika, Tourism Information Officer; Dr. Linda Pereira; and Nsala Simasiku, Investment Promotion Officer, pictured during Namibia's first National MICE Training Programme held in Swakopmund.

The City of Windhoek reaffirmed its commitment to positioning the capital as Namibia's leading business tourism destination through its participation in the country's first-ever Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) Training Workshop, held recently in Swakopmund.

The workshop, jointly organized by the Namibia Tourism Board (NTB) and the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB), marked a significant milestone in Namibia's efforts to establish a competitive presence in the global MICE industry. The training was facilitated by internationally acclaimed expert Linda Pereira, whose three decades of experience advising governments and destinations worldwide brought invaluable insights into developing new markets and driving tourism-based investment.

Representing the City of Windhoek were Nsala Simasiku, Investment Promotion Officer; Emma Shaanika, Tourism

Information Officer; and Olehile Thataone, Coordinator: Tourism Information Management. Their active participation underscored the City's strategic vision to leverage MICE as a catalyst for economic growth, innovation, and global engagement.

Segments of the workshop's opening day were televised nationally on NBC, providing audiences across Namibia with a glimpse into Windhoek's ambition to establish itself as a hub for high-profile meetings and events. The City's delegation made valuable contributions throughout the sessions, engaging with tourism and investment stakeholders on strategies to strengthen Namibia's position in the international MICE landscape.

Through open dialogue and collaboration, the City of Windhoek team showcased the capital's readiness to host business events, emphasizing its growing infrastructure, accessibility, and conducive investment climate. Their engagement also reinforced Windhoek's

broader commitment to sustainable urban development and inclusive economic participation through tourism and enterprise.

The workshop covered global MICE trends, sustainability practices, and destination branding. For Windhoek, the key takeaways aligned closely with the City's strategic priorities, focusing on infrastructure development, capacity building, digital transformation, and stakeholder collaboration to enhance competitiveness in the regional and global market.

By the conclusion of the workshop, Windhoek's profile had been further elevated as a credible and forward-looking destination for business tourism. The City's involvement not only demonstrated leadership within Namibia's emerging MICE industry but also reaffirmed its vision of becoming a preferred gateway for investment, innovation, and international partnerships.



The Windhoek Jazz Festival Returns in Style

By Lydia Shifa (Online Communication Officer)



Windhoek Mayor, Cllr Ndeshihafela Larandja, delivers remarks during the official launch of the Windhoek Jazz Festival 2025.



Jazz artist Sydney Haufiku captivates the audience with his smooth and soulful performance.



Enthusiastic spectators and jazz enthusiasts enjoying the vibrant atmosphere of the event.



Mayor Larandja and Acting Chief Executive Officer, Obrien Hekandjo, unveil the star-studded lineup for this year's festival.

The Windhoek Jazz Festival makes its highly anticipated return after a brief hiatus. Officially launched on 11 September 2025 by Windhoek Mayor, Cllr Ndeshihafela Larandja, the festival promises a spectacular night of world-class music, culture, and celebration.

The launch event also featured the unveiling of this year's star-studded lineup by Mayor Larandja and Acting Chief Executive Officer, Obrien Hekandjo, marking the start of an exciting countdown to Namibia's most prestigious music event.

Speaking at the launch, Mayor Larandja emphasized the festival's broader impact beyond entertainment. "The Windhoek Jazz Festival has grown into a platform that celebrates creativity, diversity, and unity through the universal language of music. It plays a vital role in positioning Windhoek as a vibrant cultural hub that promotes arts, tourism, and investment," she said.

Headlining this year's event is the legendary **Sipho "Hotstix" Mabuse** from South Africa, whose timeless sound continues to inspire generations. He will share the stage with some of Namibia's finest talents, including **Bongani Soul, Sigera Jazz Jazz, Swingers Jazz Band, Ugly Creatures, Esme Songbird, and Harmonic Grooves**. Additional artists are expected to be announced in due course.

Tickets are available through **Webticket at N\$350 (1–31 October 2025)** for standard entry and **N\$400 at the gate**.

Festivalgoers can look forward to an evening filled with soulful melodies, nostalgic rhythms, and an atmosphere of pure joy, complemented by a variety of delicious food and refreshing beverages.

Bring your camping chairs, an empty cooler box, and your cool vibes, and let us groove to the soulful sound of Jazz in the heart of the City.





Windhoek Learners Lead the Green Revolution: Celebrating the 2025 Secondary Schools Recycling Competition Prize-Giving Ceremony

By Lydia Amutenya (CPRP) Section Head: Corporate Communications (PRO)

The City of Windhoek proudly hosted the 2025 Secondary Schools Recycling Competition Prize-Giving Ceremony on 19 September at Havana High School. The event brought together learners, teachers, community leaders, and stakeholders to celebrate the transformative power of creativity and innovation in building a cleaner, greener city.

Officiating the ceremony, Mayor Cllr. Ndesihafela Larandja commended the learners for their outstanding efforts in transforming waste into art, fashion, and science projects. "I am especially encouraged by the active participation of our learners, whose creativity, innovation, and energy are vital drivers of behavioural

change and sustainable progress. Our children are not only the future they are powerful agents of change today," said Mayor Larandja.

This year, 72 schools across Windhoek were engaged in promoting recycling, upcycling, and the creative reuse of waste materials, reflecting the City's commitment to instilling environmental consciousness from a young age through the Catch Them Young approach. The competition is part of the City's Integrated Waste Management Plan (2022–2027) and the €2.1 million EU-funded Improving Solid Waste Management project, run in partnership with the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen. These initiatives aim to promote

recycling, reduce waste, and achieve a zero-waste-to-landfill future by 2027.

An invitation to participate was extended to all secondary schools in Windhoek. A total of 30 applications were received, of which 17 schools successfully took part, comprising 11 mainstream schools and six special schools.

A highlight of this year's ceremony was the announcement of the ten winning schools—both special and mainstream which shared N\$57,000 in prize money for their remarkable creativity and commitment across various categories:



Learners from various special and mainstream secondary schools proudly receive their prizes during the award ceremony for the 2025 Secondary Schools Recycling Competition hosted by the City of Windhoek.



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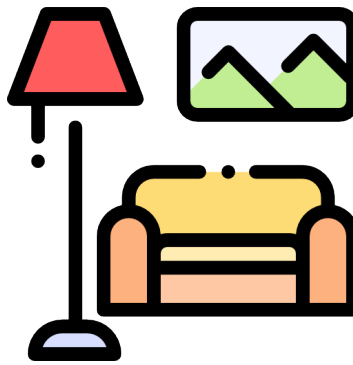
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Special Schools Winners. Fashion Category:

- School of the Visually Impaired – 1st Prize (N\$5,000)
- School of the Hearing Impaired – 2nd Prize (N\$3,000)
- Môreson Special School – 3rd Prize (N\$1,500)



Special Schools Winners. Decorations, Accessories, and Furniture Category:

- Pioneers Boys School – 1st Prize (N\$5,000)
- School of the Visually Impaired – 2nd Prize (N\$3,000)
- Môreson Special School – 3rd Prize (N\$1,500)



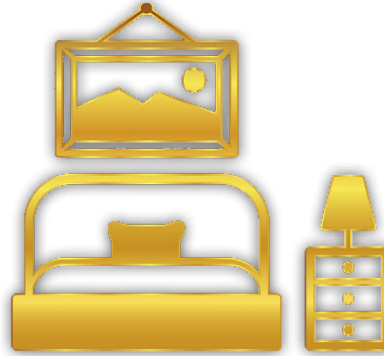
Special Schools Winners. Engineering, Science, and Technology Category:

- School of the Visually Impaired – 1st Prize (N\$5,000)
- Môreson Special School – 2nd Prize (N\$3,000)
- Pioneers Boys School – 3rd Prize (N\$1,500)



Mainstream Schools Winners. Fashion Category:

- David Bezuidenhout Secondary School – 1st Prize (N\$5,000)
- Cosmos Secondary School – 2nd Prize (N\$3,000)
- CJ Brandt Secondary School – 3rd Prize (N\$1,500)



Mainstream Schools Winners. Decorations, Accessories, and Furniture Category:

- David Bezuidenhout Secondary School – 1st Prize (N\$5,000)
- Khomastura Secondary School – 2nd Prize (N\$3,000)
- Cosmos Secondary School – 3rd Prize (N\$1,500)



Mainstream Schools Winners. Engineering, Science, and Technology Category:

- Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School – 1st Prize (N\$5,000)
- Jan Jonker Afrikaner Secondary School – 2nd Prize (N\$3,000)
- CJ Brandt Secondary School – 3rd Prize (N\$1,500)

The winning schools presented an inspiring range of projects made from recyclable materials from cars, computers, and furniture to accessories and fashion pieces demonstrating that waste can be transformed into valuable resources. The ceremony was further brightened by musical performances from Havana and A. Shipena Secondary Schools, last year's competition winners, who entertained attendees with lively melodies.

In addition to celebrating the competition, the City announced the launch of the Waste Buy-Back Center Challenge, aimed at encouraging schools to collect and recycle more waste than ever before, turning trash

into opportunity. A second Waste Buy-Back Center is also being constructed in Okuryangava, Tobias Hainyeko Constituency, as part of efforts to create sustainable business models, generate income, and improve waste management services.

Special guests included Moses //Garoëb Constituency Councillor Stefanus Ndengu, Petrina Shigwedha, Deputy Director of Education: Khomas Region, and Innocent Mwetli, Principal of Havana High School, who commended both the City and the participating schools for their commitment to environmental stewardship.

Together with partners, schools, and

various communities, the City of Windhoek continues to build a future where sustainability, innovation, and inclusivity drive the transformation of the capital.

Quick Facts: 2025 Recycling Competition

- 72 schools engaged in the recycling initiative across Windhoek
- 17 schools participated in the Secondary School Competition
- N\$57,000 awarded in prize money
- 10 winning schools showcased innovative recycling projects
- Part of the €2.1 million EU-funded Improving Solid Waste Management project with Bremen
- Goal: Zero Waste to Landfill by 2027





City of Windhoek Dominates at SAIMSA 2025 Games in Lesotho

By **Cillie Kapolo** (CPRP), Corporate Communication Officer



CoW netball team ready to shine at the SAIMSA Games 2025 in Maseru, Lesotho



Owela team secured top finishes, bringing home gold

The City of Windhoek Sports and Recreation team has once again flown the Namibian flag high, delivering a spectacular performance at the Southern Africa Inter-Municipal Sports Association (SAIMSA) Games 2025, held in Maseru, Lesotho, from 22 to 26 September 2025.

Competing against strong contenders from Namibia, South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, and Eswatini, the City of Windhoek athletes displayed remarkable skill, discipline, and teamwork, making their presence felt across multiple sporting codes.

The team's outstanding performance earned them a total of 16 medals across various disciplines, including five gold,

six silver, and five bronze medals, a remarkable achievement that cements Windhoek's place among the top-performing municipalities in the region.

The City's golden streak was led by Jeremia Kiiyala, who claimed two gold medals in the 10km marathon (40+) and hiking (40+ male) categories. The Darts, Ringboard (Doubles), and Owela (Singles) teams also secured top podium finishes, bringing home gold for Windhoek.

Other standout performances included silver medal wins in Tug of War, Volleyball (Mixed), and Pool/Snooker, while Gideon Nuuyoma, Willy Ithikwa, and Julien Mayanga each claimed individual silver medals in their respective marathon and

fun walk events. Bronze medals were also proudly earned in Netball (40+), Owela (Doubles), and Volleyball (Male), showcasing the team's strength across a diverse range of sports.

Beyond the medals, the City's participation reflected the true spirit of unity, resilience, and camaraderie that defines the Windhoek workforce. Competing in challenging conditions, the athletes demonstrated how teamwork and perseverance can achieve extraordinary results. "The City of Windhoek's success at SAIMSA 2025 is not just about winning medals, it's about celebrating the dedication, sportsmanship, and community spirit of our employees," said the Sports and Recreation Team Coordinator.

The SAIMSA Games bring together municipalities from across Southern Africa to promote sportsmanship, wellness, and regional cooperation among local authorities. The 2025 edition featured group-stage competitions, Top 16 playoffs, and exciting knockout rounds that tested endurance, skill, and determination.

The City of Windhoek congratulates all its athletes and extends heartfelt appreciation for their hard work, commitment, and passion. Their achievements have not only uplifted the City's name but also inspired colleagues and residents alike to embrace a culture of wellness and excellence.

Well done, Team CoW, you have made us proud!



CoW colleagues rallying behind their teams



Teamwork in motion, the CoW netball team giving it their all at the SAIMSA Games



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#SOCIAL MEDIA CHATS

Your questions answered

By **Lydia Shifa** (Online Communication Officer)

We share a lot of valuable information with residents on our social media channels and thought it's only fair that we share that with our Aloe readers as well. You can be part of the conversation with #Social Media Chats every month, where we share a selection of informative questions and answers that were discussed on our social media channels.



Question: I do not understand why the City of Windhoek insists on Fitness Certificates for businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises (SMEs), while public institutions such as Katutura Hospital appear to operate under questionable conditions. Why are City health officials, who are responsible for building clearances, not addressing this matter? Surely, this building is not fit for occupation. How long will this situation persist?

Response: Thank you for raising this concern. Please note that the Municipal Council of Windhoek does not have the jurisdiction to enforce requirements on government institutions. Matters of this nature should be directed to the Ministry of Health, through the Environmental Health Practitioners in the Khomas District, as well as the Ministry of Works, which is responsible for the maintenance of government facilities.

Furthermore, it is important to clarify that Fitness Certificates are only applicable to business entities operating for profit within the municipal boundaries. As a government institution, the hospital does not fall under this category.

Question: I have noticed that my water and electricity meter readings have not been taken for the past year. Instead, my account has been based on estimated readings, which I believe are being overestimated, resulting in unnecessary charges. I kindly request that the Meter Reading Department conduct an actual reading at my Erf.

Response: Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We will refer your concern to our Customer Contact Centre for investigation. To help avoid estimated readings in the future, we encourage you to register as a self-reader and submit your own readings between the 21st and 30th of each month. Each SMS submission costs 40 cents. For your convenience, we have attached a leaflet with step-by-step instructions on how to register.

Should you require further assistance, please contact our Customer Contact Centre at 061 290 3777.

Question: Good day, I have a large tree in my yard that is starting to damage my wall. Could you please direct me to the relevant department responsible for tree cutting, as I would like the City to remove it?

Response: Good day. Please note that the City of Windhoek is not responsible for cutting or removing trees located on private properties, as this falls outside the Council's jurisdiction. You will therefore need to engage a private company to assist with the removal, provided the tree is not a protected species.

For further guidance, you may contact our Parks Division at 061 290 3545.

Question: Good day, The water meter at my house seems to be stuck. What should I do and how can I submit my readings now that the meter is no longer reading?

Response: If you experience a stuck water meter at your premises, please follow the steps below:

1. Report it immediately

Report your stuck meter at our Customer Contact Centre at 061 290 3777 or email enquiry@windhoekcc.org.na

2. Continue making payments

While waiting for your meter to be replaced, please continue paying for water consumption based on your average monthly bills from previous months. This will help you stay up to date with your municipal account and prevent an excessive bill once the meter is repaired.

3. Manage your water usage

Continue practicing water-saving measures by fixing leaks and reducing water wastage on your premises to maintain your average consumption.





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.

City of Windhoek

Vision: To be a Sustainable and Caring City by 2027



REPAIR WATER LEAKS

Read water meter regularly, (DAILY, minimum Weekly)
Calculate monthly consumption:

- To evaluate your water consumption,
- to reduce water consumption (save water)
- Identify water leaks. Isolate leaks immediately!

To Consumer: Maintenance of pipes after meter is Customer's Responsibility



Water supply from City of Windhoek

How to Test for water leaks:

- Read water meter.
- Do not use water during test.
- Take reading after ± 6 hours.
- No change in reading = no leaks.

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Your Smart Lifestyle

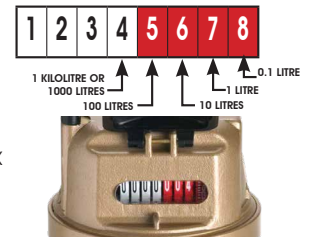
WATER MANAGEMENT

Your Smart Lifestyle

Consumer's social responsibility for sustainability

Institution and Industry:

- Daily water meter readings!
- Recommended beginning and end of business daily.
- Evaluate water consumption with Water Quota.
- Daily Water quota / Person: No. of staff X 20ℓ or 10ℓ
- ½ Daily Water Quota / Person x 10ℓ or efficient x 5ℓ



Household:

- Weekly water meter readings (on waste removal day)
- Evaluate consumption with target consumption for no. of persons. Reference to the tables below OLD Water Consumption or Efficient Water Consumption

TIPS:

- Close water mains during weekends and holidays.
- Isolate water leaks immediately and implement emergency water plan.
- Recommended: electronic water management or prepaid meter.

No. of Persons	Water Consumption Target (90ℓ/person/day)		
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
2	0.18	1.26	5.4
4	0.36	2.52	10.8
6	0.54	3.78	16.2
8	0.72	5.04	21.6
10	0.90	6.30	27.0
All volumes in kilo-litres (kl) = (m ³) 1kl = 1000 Litres			

No. of Persons	Water Consumption Target (50ℓ/person/day)		
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
2	0.10	0.70	3.00
4	0.20	1.40	6.00
6	0.30	2.10	9.00
8	0.40	2.80	12.00
10	0.50	3.50	15.00
All volumes in kilo-litres (kl) = (m ³) 1kl = 1000 Litres			

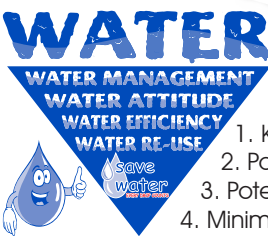
WATER MANAGEMENT CALCULATION TABLE				
Date	Period No. of days	Reading	Consumption Current - previous	Average daily Consumed/ days
First date	NA	111.111	NA	NA
Second day	1 day	111.222	0.111	0.111
8 days later	7 days	111.999	0.777	0.111

To Measure = To Know

Consumption = current reading – previous reading

Enquiries:

Department of Infrastructure, Water & Technical Services • Bulk Water & Waste Water Division • **Help Desk (REPORT WATER LEAKS)**
Tel: +264 61 290 2402 / 2162 / 2224 / 2222 / 2241 / 3668 • Fax: +264 61 290 2583 • Email: Dieter.Tolke@windhoekcc.org.na



Water Management and Water Efficiency contribute to Water Sustainability.

1. Know your consumption, be in control
2. Positive attitude to save/reduce water
3. Potential to reduce 50% consumption
4. Minimise demand and preserve water

Recommended: Toilets < 4.5ℓ per flush; Showers < 8ℓ per min;
Taps: Kitchen < 8ℓ per min; Bathroom & Ablution taps < 2ℓ per min



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Relocation of Households at Matshitshi & Eneas Peter Nanyemba Intersection

19 September 2025

The City of Windhoek wishes to inform the public that households currently residing within the Havana Community Market and Taxi Rank area have been allocated plots at the newly established Havana Extension 8 and Extension 11 townships.

These townships are already serviced with communal water points and toilets, while bulk electrical infrastructure is currently under construction to enable the installation of street lighting. To improve accessibility during the rainy season, culverts will be constructed in advance of the rains. Furthermore, under the Informal Settlement Upgrading Project, plans are at an advanced stage to provide full services, including individual water and sewer connections, as well as roads and stormwater infrastructure.

The City of Windhoek therefore requests all affected households to vacate the Community Market and Taxi Rank area to allow for the following:

- Allocation of proper trading spaces for vendors currently operating within the road reserve.
- Completion of road and bulk water pipeline works at the Matshitshi & Eneas Peter Nanyemba (Havana 4-Way) intersection, which will reduce traffic congestion.
- Construction of the planned Community Market and Taxi Rank facilities.

Following engagements with the affected households, City of Windhoek Councillors and officials, the planned relocation of household structures (excluding businesses) from the Community Market and Taxi Rank area to Havana Extensions 8 and 11 is scheduled to take place from **01 October 2025 to 31 October 2025**.

Your cooperation is essential to ensure the timely completion of these key infrastructure developments, which will benefit the entire Havana community.

For more information:

- **Vendors' concerns:** Contact the Economic Development and Community Services Department at **Tel:** +264 61 290 2569 or **Email:** Claudius.Kaverua@windhoekcc.org.na
- **Households' concerns:** Contact the Housing, Property Management and Human Settlement Department at **Tel:** +264 61 290 2214 or **Email:** Hileni.Wilhelm@windhoekcc.org.na



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PUBLIC NOTICE

WEED CONTROL ACTIVITIES AROUND WINDHOEK

22 September 2025

The public is hereby informed that the City of Windhoek has commenced with weed control activities across the city as part of its Open Spaces Management Plan.

These activities include:

- Cutting of grass on unpaved areas.
- Physical removal of weeds on paved areas, traffic islands, road shoulders, and intersections.

This initiative is aimed at improving road safety through enhanced visibility and maintaining the overall cleanliness and aesthetic appeal of the City. All activities are carried out by contractors under the direct supervision of the City of Windhoek's Horticultural Management team.

Please be assured that the City remains committed to preserving environmental and ecological integrity in line with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007), while maintaining roadways and suburbs.

We encourage residents to play their part in ensuring a safe, clean, and habitable environment. Your cooperation and support are highly appreciated.

For enquiries, concerns, or further clarification, please contact:

- Customer Care: 061 290 3777
- Parks Division: 061 290 3540 / 3541
- Mr. A. Philander: 081 348 3655



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NO SOCIAL GATHERINGS IN CEMETERIES

The City of Windhoek reminds the public that cemeteries are sacred spaces reserved only for burials and remembrance of the deceased. Social gatherings, alcohol consumption, and littering within cemetery grounds are strictly prohibited.

This reminder follows a recent incident at Gammams Cemetery in Pioneerspark, where mourners were reported to have hosted a social gathering after a burial. The incident, widely circulated on social media, showed seating arrangements, cooler boxes, and alcohol within the cemetery. City officials also discovered large amounts of litter, including bottles and cans, scattered across graves and walkways. Such behaviour is unacceptable, as it disrespects the dignity of the deceased, disturbs other grieving families, and undermines the solemn atmosphere of cemeteries.

Residents are reminded that:

- Cemeteries are reserved for burial services only.
- Any form of social gathering, consumption of alcohol, or celebration after burials within cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited.
- Leaving litter, bottles, or any waste behind is an offense and will not be tolerated.

The City has a duty to safeguard the integrity of cemeteries and the rights of bereaved families. Strict monitoring and enforcement will continue to ensure cemeteries remain places of peace, reverence, and dignity.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

ROAD WORKS ON AUAS ROAD MANDUME NDEMUFAYO AVENUE INTERSECTION

30 September 2025

Description of the Affected Roadworks:

The public is herewith informed of the temporary partial closure of and change in traffic conditions at the Auas Road – Mandume Ndemufayo Avenue Intersection, for construction purposes.

The construction works, and partial closure and change in traffic conditions will affect the whole Auas Road – Mandume Ndemufayo Avenue Intersection. The construction works will be to upgrade the intersection, therefore the slip left bound slip lane from Auas road into Mandume will be closed, and the traffic conditions will be adjusted accordingly.

Duration:

The construction works will commence on 12 October 2025 and is expected to continue until 30 August 2026. Road users are requested to be cautious whilst using the roads during the continued upgrade and to strictly adhere to the traffic signage, speed restrictions and barricading around the construction areas.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused while this necessary work is underway. The public support and assistance in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Enquiries:

Department of Infrastructure, Water and Technical Services

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Locality Map:



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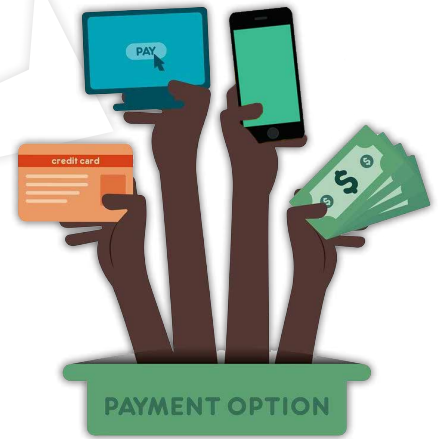


PUBLIC NOTICE DIFFERENT PAYMENT PLATFORMS

Esteemed customers,

The City of Windhoek has also the following payment options available besides Cash Hall payments. Residents are encouraged to make use of these payment methods.

- Debit Order;
- Direct deposit at any Commercial Bank;
- Electronic / Online Banking;
- ATM payments (FNB clients only)
- Cellphone Banking;
- Standard Bank Paypulse;



BANKING DETAILS

Account Holder: City of Windhoek
Bank: First National Bank
Account number: 55500033613
Branch: FNB Business
Swift / BIC Code: FIRNNANX

Reference: Always quote the 8 digit account number reflecting on the municipal account statement as beneficiary reference when making payments.

Payment confirmation can be send to email: payments@windhoekcc.org.na

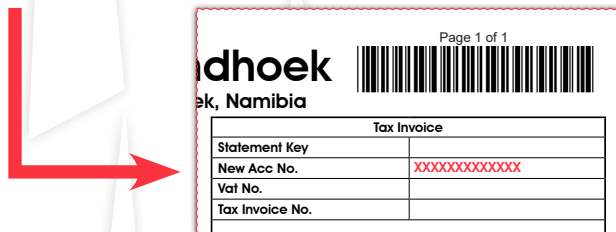
Please note: Only **genuine proof of payment** should be submitted to our office. Kindly take note that **submitting fake proof of payment is a criminal offense.**

Important to Note

1. Wrong referencing leads to payments not being allocated promptly. The Council will not be responsible for any unallocated payments where incorrect beneficiary reference was used.
2. Scrutinize the accuracy of your monthly municipal account to confirm that payments done do reflect on your account. Should a payment not reflect on your account, kindly contact our office at Town house building or alternatively call **290 3777**.
3. Keep your proof of payments in a safe place for future reference.

Always use your **New account number** on your monthly statement as payment reference when making payments.

Always quote the **INV number** on your **Sundry invoice** as payment reference when making payments"



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PUBLIC NOTICE

UPGRADING OF WINNIE-MADIKIZELA MANDELA ROAD INTO DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.

30 September 2025

Description of the Affected Roadworks:

The City of Windhoek wishes to inform the public of the commencement of construction works for the upgrading of Winnie-Madikizela Mandela Road, from Sam Nujoma Drive to Eneas Peter Nanyemba, into a dual carriageway.

The ongoing works affect the portion of WINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA Road, between CLAUDIUS KANDOVAZU Street and SAM NUJOMA Drive

Duration:

The construction works commenced on 22 September 2025 and is expected to continue until 31 December 2027. Road users are requested to be cautious whilst using the roads during the continued upgrade and to strictly adhere to the traffic signage, speed restrictions, and barricading around the construction areas.

The City of Windhoek sincerely apologises for any inconvenience caused during this necessary upgrade, and appreciates the public's cooperation and support.

Enquiries:

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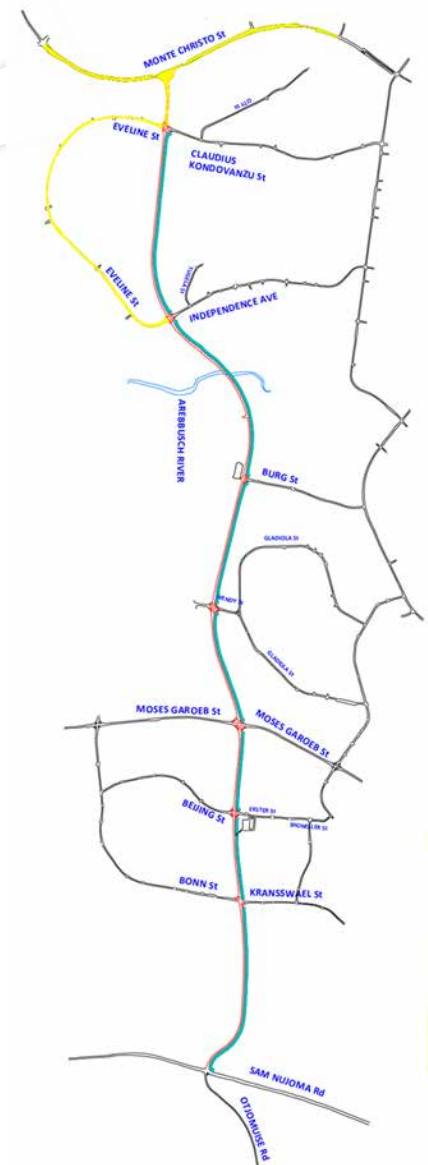
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SELF-READING (SMS)

This service allows you to submit your monthly water / electricity meter reading via SMS. Below is the information on how to register and submit your reading.

1. Registration

You will be required to register your cell phone number to an Account by sending an SMS with your account number and statement key to 269600. Please note, only one registration per Account is allowed but a single mobile phone can register to more than one Account.

Your SMS should look like this: **EXAMPLE**
mreg (space) accountNo*statementKey → send to 269600

Send To: 269600
mreg 123456*ABCD123

The Account Number and Statement Key can be found on your monthly statement at the [indicated the position on the statement where the key is found]. Please note only the Statement Key on the latest statement will be accepted.

WHERE TO FIND THE STATEMENT KEY ON YOU STATEMENT

Tax Invoice	
Statement Key	ABCD123
New Acc No.	123456

2. Reading Submission

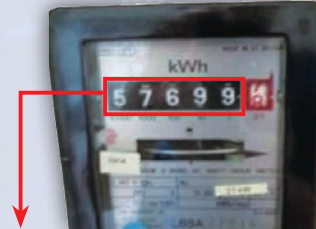
Once your cell phone number is registered to an Account, you are eligible to submit your monthly reading by sending an SMS to 269600. Send separate SMSes for water & electricity readings.

Your SMS should look like this: **EXAMPLE**
mread (space) MeterNo*Reading → send to 269600

Send To: 269600
mread XYZ123*100

The Meter Number will be indicated on your statement. The reading to submit must be collected from your meter at home. Please note that only one reading per month will be accepted.

How to read your electricity meter



Read only the 5 white digits

How to take your water reading



Read only the first 4 black digits

NB: A FEE OF N\$0.40 WILL BE CHARGED PER SMS.

READINGS TO BE TAKEN AND SUBMITTED BETWEEN 20TH AND 31ST OF EVERY MONTH.

E-MAIL SELF-READINGS AND FAX READINGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The City of Windhoek is experiencing challenges in accessing some properties to take meter readings. Clients are however encouraged to register and submit readings via sms.

TO AVOID ESTIMATIONS ON THE ACCOUNT, CLIENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER FOR SELF – READINGS VIA SMS.

For further enquiries on sending readings via SMS kindly contact our Customer Contact Centre at 290 3777.

By submitting your water and electricity meter readings you will then ensure that your statement reflects the actual charges for both electricity and water consumption.

Your cooperation in this regard will be much appreciated.

The City of Windhoek remains committed to deliver effective and efficient municipal services, thereby enhancing the quality of life of all our people.

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Aloe “seen around”



City Police Deputy Head of Operations, Deputy Chief Eliaser Iiyambo; Alderwoman Fransina Ndatelela Kahungu; and Manager of Evaluations Isack Hendjala, during the handover of the sanitation hubs at Mix Settlement.



Her Worship, Cllr Ndeshihafela Lalandja, together with City officials, pictured with some of the winners of the recycling competition from Havana Secondary School, proudly displaying their prize.



Lydia Amutenya, Section Head for Corporate Communication, Monika Sheefeni, Coordinator of Intergovernmental Relations, and Martha Haimbodi, Coordinator of the Management Committee Affairs at the mayor's office, pictured during the launch of the Windhoek Jazz Festival.



Inanus Fortune, Section Head of Marketing & Events Management, pictured during the launch of the Windhoek Jazz Festival.



City of Windhoek officials pictured with school learners who participated and won the traditional games recently held at the Patjies in commemoration of Heritage Week.



City of Windhoek officials pictured together with the overall winner at the traditional games.

Aloe "seen around"



Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development, Hon. Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele and Her Worship, Cllr Ndeshihafela Larandja, pictured during the commuter experience with other City of Windhoek officials.



Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development, Hon. Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele and Her Worship, Cllr Ndeshihafela Larandja, pictured after the commuter experience with other City of Windhoek officials.



Neville Basson pictured with the Mayor, Cllr. Ndeshihafela Larandja during the Windhoek Jazz Festival Launch

Learn more about the stories behind these photos on our social media channels!

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