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## Message from the Executive Mayor

This issue comes in the build-up to the FIFA Soccer World Cup when all eyes will be focussed on South Africa. I want to wish all participating countries all the success in the tournament and may the best team win!

This issue also comes on the eve of the end of the term of the current Council, when we have to reflect on what we have achieved in the last five years.

As our term of office draws to a close it is with a sense of pride that we reflect back on the work that have been put in by both councillors and officials. We have picked up the baton from the previous Council and have preserved and even improved in some areas.

Some of the highlights of this period have to be the IDP process, which is of the highest quality in the Province; improvements on the budget planning and preparation procedures by preparing the budget according to the prescribed format as supplied by National Treasury;

the implementation of a more uniform financial management system "e" Venus both at the district municipality and the three remaining local municipalities; the successful implementation of supply chain procedures through the establishment of a supply chain unit; improvements with human resource management through the adoption of an institutional development plan and the development of a human resource strategy.

These are but some of the achievements. There are still numerous others to mention. However, we do acknowledge that we have had challenges as well and we will continue to have challenges but as a District Municipality we will tackle these challenges as a team to ensure that we hand over the baton on a very high note.



**The Executive Mayor  
Mr Achmat Florence**



# From the Municipal Manager's Desk

*It is here! Can you feel it? The current hype across the country is unprecedented in the history of South Africa as we prepare for the memorable kick-off of the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup, the most prestigious and most celebrated sporting event in the world that only a handful of countries shall be lucky to host and in our generation would be likely to repeat.*

We are in our fourth and last quarter of the 2009/2010 financial year. As we wind up our activities for the year, the last financial year seems to have been very short, or should I rather say that there were too many things that we had to do in terms of service delivery that we lost count of the time? During this quarter, Council approved the IDP and the budget for 2010/2011. The approved budget marks the final delivery mandate by this current council to address the remaining service delivery backlog as encapsulated in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of the district. All this takes place on the eve of the local government election scheduled to take place next year (2011).

It is common knowledge that local government is a key part of the reconstruction and development effort in our country. The aims of democratizing our society and growing our economy inclusively can only be realized through a responsive, accountable, effective and efficient Local Government system that is part of a Developmental State. FBDM has been striving to achieve this ideal. Reflecting back on the performance of the municipality over the past five years we managed to improve the significantly on infrastructure and basic service delivery needs of our communities. Access to water is currently standing at 97.4% compared to 93% in 2005.

Access to sanitation is currently standing at 88.6% compared to 79% in 2005. 78% of our communities in the district has access to electricity and access to refuse removal currently stands at 78.2%.

We are indeed on track to meet our 2014 timeframes set for the eradication of service backlogs. During the previous five years the District Municipality has spent an amount of R131,

951,263 on new infrastructure in the district. Operation and maintenance is an endemic challenge in most municipalities in South Africa. To assist municipalities to address O & M challenges, our initial investment of R350, 000, two years ago has grown to R10 million.

We are on course to improve our current institutional arrangements and are steadfast in system improvement for better service delivery. Our social responsibilities are being performed as per mandates by the council and special attention has been given to operationalize sector plans. Our success rate with regard to Drinking Water Quality Monitoring has increased to 83.3% (Blue Drop Management System). Awareness on sanitation and HIV/AIDS (TB; STIs) has been stepped up in rural communities.

In terms of legislation the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan will be tabled to the Executive Mayor for approval. The contracts of Section 57 employees will also be concluded with clear objectives and key performance indicators.

As we come to the end of the 2009/2010 financial year, I would like to thank the Executive Mayor, the Speaker, Council and Management for their leadership. I would further like to thank all officials for their commitment and loyalty and hard work for making this year remarkable. The struggle continues.



**Municipal Manager,  
Mr Thabo Nosi**



## The FIFA Soccer World Cup!

## “Feel it, it is here!”



# Public Viewing Area - bringing the Games closer

**“ The FIFA Football World Cup is not just a sporting event between countries , it is a phenomenon that has the power to unite a Nation, move a country and awake its people to their true potential”**

**I**t is with the above phrase in mind that the Frances Baard District Municipality has initiated their planning around the 2010 FIFA Football World Cup.

Even though the Northern Cape is not going to host any soccer match, nothing should prevent our community to share in this great and historic occasion.

The 2010 event and complimenting opportunities cannot be ignored and both Government and communities should join hands in capitalizing on this unique occasion.

Local municipalities can team up with SABC, provincial departments, sponsors and the community to tap into the worlds largest sports tournament.

Various presentations on the 2010 FIFA Football World Cup by SABC, Department of Tourism and others have ensured that Frances Baard District Municipality engaged in early planning on various levels for this prestigious event.

Frances Baard District Municipality has secured an amount of R 573, 000 (five hundred and seventy three thousand rand) to stage a two match PVA in the district. A further R 20 ,000 (Twenty Thousand Rand) will assist SMME's in participating and securing their products at this event.

A stakeholders meeting consisting of LED Managers of Local Municipalities, Tourism Officials and SABC Staff was arranged and engaged in various planning meetings.

The District Organizing Committee is chaired by the District Portfolio Committee Councillor (Cllr. B. Maribe) and LED Manager (Mr B. Louw).

Four site inspections were held at the proposed venue which is the Mac Donald Pitso Sports Complex in Jan Kempdorp.

Both the Phokwane Local Municipality and the Frances Baard District Municipality have given approval for the use of the Mac Donald Pitso Stadium Sports Complex.

The Sports Complex is situated close to the residential area in Jan Kempdorp and can easily be accessed via tarred road.

The complex boasts a well structured concrete stand which could accommodate 100-150 people. The additional tennis and multi-court area provides additional parking.

The stadium is well fenced with one main entrance / exit gate and a pedestrian double ticket control gate.

Electricity and telephone cable networks run within close range of the Stadium with ample space for stalls, entertainment and parking.

Frances Baard District Municipality together with Phokwane Local Municipality and Magareng Local Municipality will stage the opening match live at the Mac Donald Pitso Stadium.

The Provincial Department of Tourism has undertaken to stage all other matches by making available

a mobile PVA for the duration of the FIFA World Cup.

On 11 June 2010 at 10h00 the program will kick off in Jan Kempdorp. Thereafter soccer fans will be entertained with the best of World Soccer.

The PVA will offer entertainment, games, lucky draws, a beer garden and SMME's will be selling food and drinks.

All facilities and infrastructure such as adequate toilet facilities, adequate drinking water, emergency services, marques will be available. Local artists will be providing entertainment.

Buses will transport soccer fans from Dikgatlong, Magareng and surrounding areas.

In addition to the PVA, the local municipalities of Magareng and Dikgatlong will also have Public Viewing Events (PVE's) in community facilities. PVE's are a more convenient indoor transmission facility for 2010 matches.

For more information regarding the event at the Macdonald Pitso Stadium members of the public may contact Mr Basil Louw at tel: 053 - 838 0911.

# THE BLUE DROP WATER ASSESSMENT PROCESS

*The South African Department of Water & Environmental Affairs (DWEA) recently launched the Blue Drop Certification system, a campaign that encourages local municipalities to improve their water quality management while empowering consumers with the right information about what is coming out of their taps. The programme is intended to focus attention on the management of tap water quality.*

The Department of Water Affairs initiated the drinking water quality (DWQ) regulation programme in 2005 with the objective of ensuring the improvement of tap water quality by means of compliance monitoring. In order to instill public confidence, an incentive-based regulation programme, termed Blue Drop Certification was initiated, which commenced on 11 September 2008.

A water supply system is certified with Blue Drop status once it has been determined through regulatory assessment/audit that it complies 95% with the requirements of the incentive-based regulation programme. Blue Drop status thus implies that a system is well managed and that it supplies water of excellent quality.

Significant changes were made to the Drinking Water Quality Regulation Information System, which has been renamed as the Blue Drop System (BDS). This will give water services institutions access to their own regulatory performance reviews and provides credible DWQ information to the public.

This system can be accessed at [www.dwa.gov.za/bluedrop](http://www.dwa.gov.za/bluedrop). A search engine-based web page ("My Water") was created secondary to the BDS where the public can be informed on the status of drinking water quality in an area of concern to them. "My Water" can be accessed at [www.dwa.gov.za/mywater](http://www.dwa.gov.za/mywater).

The South African National Standard, 241 (SANS 241) is used to monitor and evaluate sample sites and their analysis / test results. It determines the manner in which the drinking water is to be managed. The samples are sent to an accredited laboratory where it is analysed for microbiological and chemical compliance.

Microbial water quality is the state of the water with respect to the absence (good water quality) or presence (poor water quality) of micro-organisms. Microbial water is usually indicated by reporting the count (number) of indicator organisms present in a given volume of water. SANS requires 97% compliance.

Chemical water quality refers to the nature and concentration of dissolved substances such as salts, metals and organic chemicals.

All determinants with a possible threat to health are listed. SANS 241 requires a minimum of 85% compliance. If a sample point fails on a determinant, re-sampling of that point must be done.

A general improvement in 2010 Blue Drop performance was noted in the drinking water quality performance of the Northern Cape Authorities and water service providers in comparison to that of 2009. During the latest Blue Drop assessments 100% of municipalities prepared and availed themselves for Blue Drop assessment.

**The Provincial Top 5 Performers are as follows:**

1. Kgatelopele Local Municipality	97.4%
2. Frances Baard District Municipality & Dikgatlong LM (& Sedibeng Water)	83.8%
3. Tsantsabane LM (& Sedibeng Water)	74.7%
4. Hantam LM	68.5%
5. Emthanjeni LM	68.4%

## Criteria

The Water Services Authority responsible for the provision of water is required to ensure that the following criteria are met in each drinking water services system:

1. **Water Safety and Security Plans:** Comprehensive, preventative drinking water quality management must be practiced according to a Water Safety and Security Plan for the drinking water supply system. The Water Safety and Security Plan must be reviewed at least every 3 years
2. **Process Controllers:** The water works and Process Controllers are required to be registered according to the relevant legislation (Revised Regulation 17 of the Water Services Act (No. 108 of 1997) / Regulation 2834 under the Water Act of 1956; 1985 Requirements) and the Process Controllers must be licensed according to the Class of water treatment works. The water treatment works must have a site-specific Operator's Manual to guide Process Controllers.
3. **Drinking Water Quality Monitoring:** A suitable monitoring programme, in accordance with the requirements of the latest version of SANS 241 Drinking Water, is required to be implemented to sample the quality of potable water supplied to citizens in their drinking water services system
4. **Drinking Water Sample Analysis:** The samples are required to be analysed in laboratories which are either ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 accredited or are DWA-approved per method of analysis as defined in the Department of Water Affairs Drinking Water Quality Laboratory Strategy.

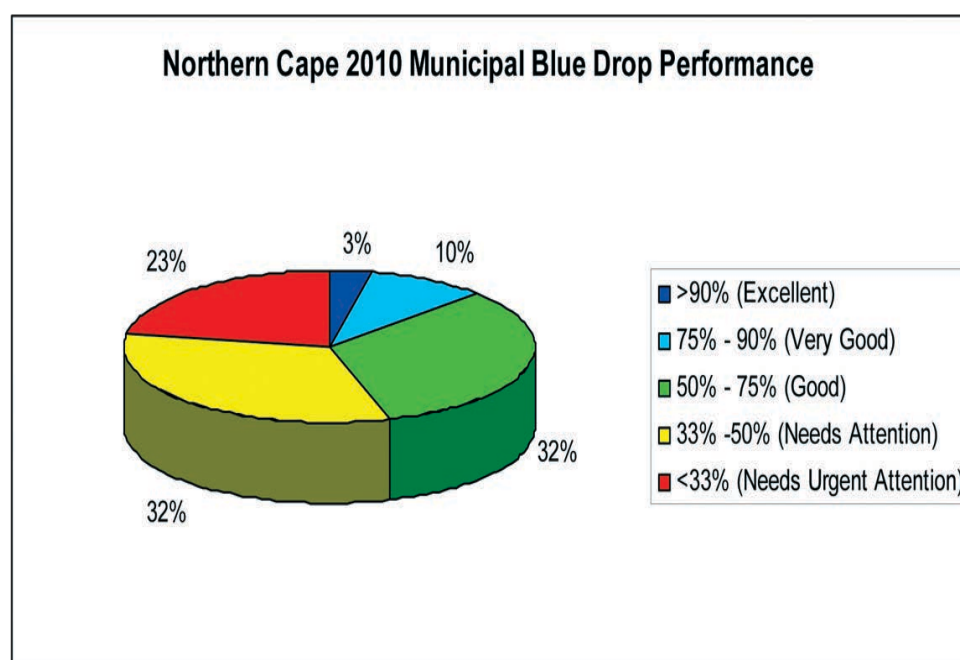
5. **Submission of Drinking Water Quality Results:** All results from the monitoring programme must be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs at a monthly frequency, or on request from the Department of Water Affairs.
6. **Drinking Water Quality Compliance:** The results of the water quality monitoring programme must comply with the requirements of the latest version of SANS 241: Drinking Water. The water supplied in the drinking water services system must be classified as EXCELLENT according to the latest version of SANS 241.

## Management of Drinking Water Quality Failures

An Incident Management Protocol must exist to guide the Water Services Authority's response to resolution and communication of drinking water quality failures (failures as defined according to the latest version of SANS 241: Drinking Water).

This protocol must ensure that the Water Services Authority:

- Informs the Director-General of the Department of Water Affairs and the head of the relevant Provincial Department of Health within 24 hours of result confirmation.
- Informs its consumers -
  - (a) that the quality of the water that it supplies poses a health risk;
  - (b) of the reasons for the health risk;
  - (c) of any precautions to be taken by the consumers; and
  - (d) of the time frame within which it may be expected that water of a safe quality will be provided.





# TOURISM INDABA 2010



*INDABA is one of the largest tourism marketing events on the African calendar and one of the top three 'must visit' events of its kind on the global calendar. It showcases the widest variety of Southern Africa's best tourism products, and attracts international visitors and media from across the world.*

The annual Indaba Tourism Show took place at the Durban International Convention Centre (ICC) on 08 - 12 May 2010. Product owners from across the continent of Africa showcased their products. As always there were opportunities to network with old and new clients and to share business opportunities.

The Northern Cape stand this year stood out again and walked away with a number of prizes. Amongst these prizes were the Platinum Award in the Indaba Stand Awards.

In the Northern Cape Exhibitor Awards, Northern Cape entrants were honoured in the following categories:

Overall Winner	
Winner:	Repa Guest House (Kimberley)
Runner Up:	Tata Ma Tata Tours (Upington)
Best Stand	

Winner:	O'Kiep Country Hotel (O'Kiep)
Runner up:	Ekhaya Guest House (Kimberley)
Brand Ambassador	
Winner:	Richtersveld Tourism (Richtersveld)
Runner up:	Karoo Experience (Emthanjeni)





The Premier of the Northern Cape Province, Mrs Hazel Jenkins, announced the Bloodhound Project which was secured by the Northern Cape Tourism Authority last year. The project will unfold at Hakskeenpan which is located close to the north-westerly Namibian border with the Northern Cape Province in March/April 2011. Hakskeenpan was chosen because it offers a 12 mile-long track across a perfectly flat dried-up lake bed.

At the Indaba event, Karel Phentela, Chairperson of the Northern Cape Tourism Authority Board, introduced to the assembled officials, media and travel trade guests by live SKYPE broadcast on a big screen, UK-based Royal Air Force Wing Commander Andrew Green, who

is the current holder of the world land speed record. Green outlined progress made with development of the Bloodhound car, designed to be the world's ultimate fastest car as they attempt to break the 1 000 miles per hour at Hakskeen Pan in the Green Kalahari.

Another project which was launched was the Maloof Money Cup: the world's richest skateboarding event, which Kimberley has secured for 2011 until 2013. The owner of the event, Mr Joe Maloof also skyped in from America to talk about the event and to answer questions from the media.



The Bloodhound SSC, a pencil-shaped car powered by a jet engine and a rocket.



The Premier of the Northern Cape, Honourable Ms. Hazel Jenkins, and the Member of Executive Council responsible for Finance, Economic Development & Tourism, Honourable Mr. John Block, taking questions on tourism development and promotion in the Northern Cape at the media event during Indaba 2010.



Lerato Goeieman and Mary-Anne Snyders from the Tourism Section of the FBDM assisting a client during their shift at the generic stand.



Every day the NC stand was inundated with entries for the prizes that were given away at the stand. Of the prizes were three diamonds sponsored by De Beers.



A view of the Platinum Award winning stand.

# Spatial development in Phokwane Local Municipality

*The Spatial Development Framework of Phokwane Local Municipality has proposed various development activities to be implemented in the Phokwane area. Amongst these activities is the upgrading of the Central Business District (CBD) of Hartswater in order to make the core business area more attractive to investors. Frances Baard District Municipality Town Planning Unit has consequently developed Central Business District renewal plans for Hartswater.*

It is imperative to provide background information of the concept central business district and context in which the need for the renewal of South African towns and cities was borne as a starting point. In the light of this, the detailed Hartswater Central Business District renewal plans will be discussed in the next issue.

## Urban Renewal in South Africa

Urban renewal constitutes a fundamental intervention in the physical, economic, social and institutional space of cities to achieve particular policy objectives. In South Africa, the concept of urban renewal has its origin mainly from the Reconstruction and Development Programme white paper (RDP: 1994) and economic development documents.

The RDP white paper emphasizes the social transformation, and basic needs, and economic development policy documents emphasize the need for economic growth and transformation. Urban renewal in essence is closely linked to the RDP.

Urban renewal initiatives are mainly about transforming urban areas in an integrated way in order to address social inequalities, improve the social wellbeing of the people, create an environment conducive to economic development and growth, etc.

Urban renewal therefore is set to achieve goals of the Reconstruction and Development programme.

The Urban Renewal Programme (URP) is part of a national Urban Renewal Strategy, announced by former President Thabo Mbeki in his State of the Nation Address in February 2001. The URP, which focuses on areas of greatest deprivation, includes investment in economic and social infrastructure, human resource development, enterprise development, the enhancement of the development capacity of local government, poverty alleviation and the strengthening of the criminal justice system.

The main objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan are to:

- Promote local economic development to relieve poverty and unemployment
- Provide a safe and secure environment by fighting crime
- Create a quality urban environment
- Develop an integrated and accessible transport systems
- Job creation

## Central Business District

CBD renewal is a core component of the Urban Renewal Programme as discussed above. CBD renewal forms an important part of the entire Urban Renewal programme of providing strategies for the development of urban environments.

The main objectives of our CBD renewal plan are to:

- Improve the economic viability of the town
- Create an environment conducive to economic growth
- Revitalize existing infrastructure and commercial properties in the CBD

**Towns and cities are not static; it is a global phenomenon that because of their dynamic nature renewal initiatives are needed in order to meet the new demands. Irrespective of whether a town is growing or not growing anymore, strategies are needed to either deal with the demands dictated by growth or means of attracting business to encourage development. In some cases the new trend of decentralization of offices and other businesses to peripheral areas, development of shopping centres away from the CBD, etc lead to economic deprivation and decay in Central Business Districts for which strategies for regeneration are needed.**



- Make projection and preparations of the direction of future CBD growth
- Enhance social interaction through proper planning for easy and safe pedestrian movement, creating an environment that enhances social interaction and cultural activities

The rationale for continuous planning of the CBD as opposed to other land use areas i.e. industrial area is based on the irrefutable fact that the CBD is the focal point of almost all activities. It is where business is conducted, what is produced in the industries always finds its way into the CBD, it where people and businesses converge. Therefore a favourable atmosphere for such has to be created.

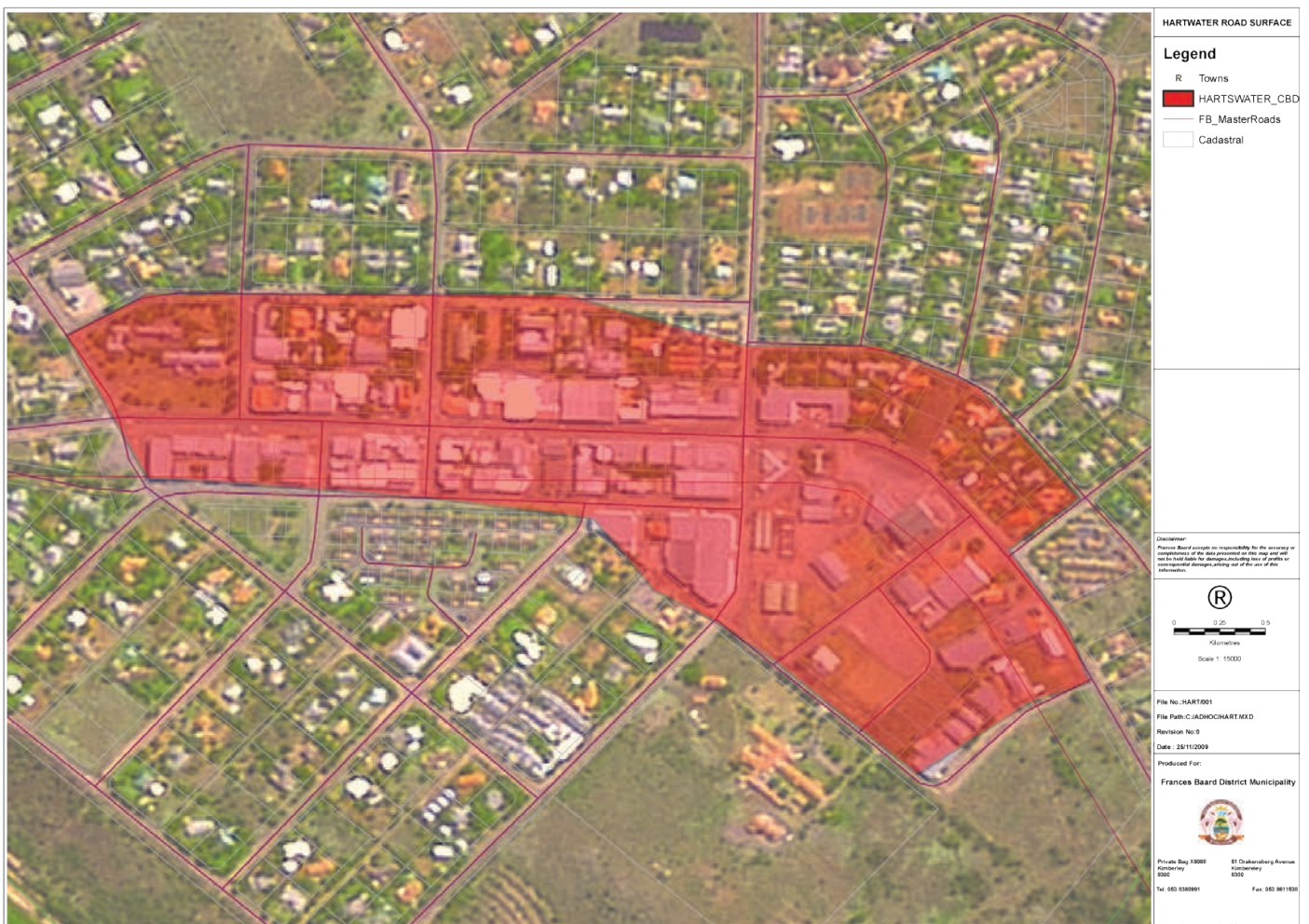
The CBD is commonly referred to as “downtown” in everyday language. Besides its commercial function, it has an important cultural and social function. It is often a place where there is entertainment after work in cinemas, night clubs, etc. People meet in restaurants, in public open spaces, while shopping. In short the Central Business District has a strong socio-cultural component which must be enhanced through proper planning.

## Characteristics of the Central Business District

The Central Business District is the commercial heart of an urban area; it is usually located at the meeting point of the city’s transport systems, which contains the highest percentage of shops and offices. It consists mainly of retail, office, hotel, entertainment, and governmental land uses with some high density housing. Central Business Districts are characterized by high land values because of high accessibility.

A Central Business District has distinct characteristics that are completely different from other land uses such as residential which are as follows:

- Land use patterns are different from the surrounding areas
- Zoning in the CBD is functional
- High concentration of public buildings and offices
- Maximum concentration of traffic.



Hartswater CBD map

Hartswater central business district (CBD)





# Budget Consultation Process / Die Raadplegingsproses rakende die Begroting

**Building local democracy is a central role of local government, and municipalities must develop strategies and mechanisms to continuously involve citizens, business and community groups in processes such as planning and budgeting.**

**One of the strengths of integrated development planning is that it involves the community in development, delivery and democracy.**

The FBDM gave notice to the public that the draft budget for the 2010/11 financial year was available for inputs. Only one comment was received with regard to the draft budget from the Koopmansfontein Agricultural Union. The Union complained about the proposed tariffs for property rates on agricultural land and wanted to re-negotiate a tariff based on R250.00 per valuation value on one million rand.

The suggestion was carefully considered based on the following principles:

- Farmer Unions were consulted last year before the final approval of the Property Rates Policy and proposed tariffs in respect of the 2009/10 financial year which will form the basis in determining any new proposed tariff increases for the 2010/11 financial year
- No tariff increases on the standard rate for agricultural land were proposed from the previous financial year except for the normal phasing in of the property rates tariff as approved in consultation with the farmers unions during the 2009/10 financial year

**'n Sleutelrol van plaaslike regering is om demokrasie op plaaslike vlak te bevorder. Munisipaliteite moet dus strategieë en meganismes ontwikkel om inwoners, die sakektor en gemeenskapsgroepe by prosesse soos beplanning en begroting te betrek.**

**Een van die voordele van geïntegreerde ontwikkelingsbeplanning is juis dat dit die gemeenskap betrek by ontwikkeling, dienslewering en die demokratiese proses.**

Die FBDM het die publiek in kennis gestel dat die voorlopige begroting vir die 2010/11 boekjaar beskikbaar was vir insette. Die enigste reaksie wat op die voorlopige begroting ontvang is het gekom van die Koopmansfontein Boerevereniging wat ontevrede was oor die voorgestelde tariewe vir eiendomsbelasting op landbougrond. Die Boerevereniging wou weer 'n tarief gebaseer op R250.00 per gewaardeerde waarde per miljoen rand onderhandel.

Die voorstel is deeglik oorweeg op grond van die volgende beginsels:

- Boereverenigings is verlede jaar voor die finale goedkeuring van die Beleid op Eiendomsbelasting en voorgestelde tariewe vir die 2009/10 boekjaar geraadpleeg. Sodanige tariewe is die basis waarop enige nuwe voorgestelde tariefverhogings vir die 2010/11 boekjaar bepaal word.
- Geen tariefverhogings op die standaardkoers vir landbougrond is vir die nuwe boekjaar voorgestel nie.



- When determining property rates tariffs comparison with regard to competitiveness with neighbouring district / local municipalities and;
- Tariff increases must as far as practical be contained within the consumer price index rate

Based on investigation done to compare the proposed property rate tariffs of R450.00 per valuation value of one million rand with the other district / local municipalities it was found that the district municipality's proposed rate for agricultural land inclusive of the phasing in of 50% on the standard rate, is still the lowest compared to all the neighbouring district and local municipalities.

During a budget consultation process held on 13 April 2010 members of the public and sector departments interacted with the district municipality on the budget.

### Questions and Answers

**Q** Clarity as to why property rates only contribute to 0,08% of income.

**A** Property rates were implemented over a period of 4 years. In year one only 25% was charged, in year two 50%, year three 75% and in year four the full amount.

**Q** Why is refuse removal charged at an amount of R15 per month for the District Management Area (DMA)?

**A** Indigents would only pay R7.50 of the R15.00 as a percentage of the service is free. It will still reflect as R15.00 on the account but the difference will be a contribution from equitable share by the district municipality.

**Q** How many graders are available for road maintenance?

**A** Five graders for provincial roads. The FBDM has one grader which will be rented out according to the municipality's policy.

**Q** Is money for housing also allocated to local municipalities?

**A** R2.7million has been budgeted for the Housing Unit of the FBDM, which include the accreditation of the district municipality to render this service.

**Q** Has the 2010/2011 budget increased or decreased?

**A** The budget has increased. According to legislation the growth rate of the budget may not exceed 6%.

- Slegs die normale infasering van die tarief vir eiendomsbelasting waarop gedurende die 2009/10 boekjaar se raadpleging met die boereverenigings ooreengekom is, is van toepassing.
- Tydens die bepaling van tariewe vir eiendomsbelasting word naburige distriks- en plaaslike munisipaliteite se tariewe vergelykenderwys in ag geneem
- Tariefverhogings moet so ver as prakties moontlik binne die verbruikersprysindeks vervat wees
- Tydens die vergelyking van die voorgestelde eiendomsbelastingtarief van R450.00 per gewaardeerde waarde van een miljoen rand met ander distriks- en plaaslike munisipaliteite is gevind dat die distriksmunisipaliteit se voorgestelde tarief vir landbougrond, met inbegrip van die infasering van 50% van die standaardtarief, steeds die laagte is van die vergelykende naburige distriks- en plaaslike munisipaliteite.

Tyens die raadplegingsbyeenkoms oor die begroting wat op 13 April 2010 gehou is het lede van die publiek en sektordepartemente deelgeneem aan die bespreking van die distriksmunisipaliteit se begroting.

### Vrae en Antwoorde

**V** Duidelikheid oor hoekom eiendomsbelasting slegs 0,08% van die inkomste beloop.

**A** Eiendomsbelasting word oor 'n tydperk van 4 jaar ingestel. In jaar een is slegs 25% van die tarief gehef, in jaar twee sal 50% gehef word, in jaar drie 75% en in jaar vier die volle tarief.

**V** Waarom word vullisverwydering vir die Distrikbestuursgebied (DMA) gehef teen R15 per maand?

**A** Aangesien 'n persentasie van die diens gratis is, sal armlastiges slegs R7.50 van die R15.00 betaal. Dit sal steeds as R15.00 op die rekening aangedui word, maar die verskil word goedgemaak deur 'n bydrae uit die distriksmunisipaliteit se "equitable share".

**V** Hoeveel skrapers is beskikbaar vir die onderhoud van paaie?

**A** Vyf skrapers vir provinsiale paaie. Die FBDM het een skaper wat uitgehuur sal word ingevolge die munisipaliteit se beleid.

**V** Word geld vir behuising ook aan plaaslike munisipaliteite toegewys?

**A** R2.7miljoen is vir die Behuisingseenheid van die FBDM begroot, wat die akkreditasie van die distriksmunisipaliteit om die diens te verrig insluit.

**V** Het die 2010/2011 begroting gegroei of gekrimp?

**A** Die begroting het gegroei. Ingevolge wetgewing mag die groeikoers van die begroting nie 6% oorskry nie.

## NATIONAL HEADLINES

### Mayors to sign performance agreements to improve service delivery

Minister Sicelo Shiceka has outlined the areas which will inform the performance agreement with mayors in all municipalities. The Minister shared this information with local government leadership at the National Members Assembly of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) which took place from 11 - 12 May 2010 in Kimberley.

In his address to over 1000 delegates comprising of councillors; mayors and senior municipal officials, Minister Shiceka revealed that on April 29 he had signed his performance contract with the President of the Republic committing himself to specific targets he must achieve by the end of term for the current administration in 2014.

The same ministerial performance agreement will have enormous bearing on the performance agreement that all mayors will in turn sign with the Minister. The Minister told delegates that in his performance agreement, he has agreed with the President to deliver on the following critical areas:

The delivery of basic services which include water, sanitation, electricity and waste management

- Creation of 4,5 million job opportunities by 2014 through the Community Works Programme
- Transformation of administrative and financial systems of local government, which includes Supply Chain Management
- The filling of six critical senior municipal posts, namely Municipal Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Town Engineer, Human Resources Manager and the Communications Manager as the basic minimum for every municipality
- That all municipalities in the country achieve clean audits by 2014
- Building municipal capacity to enable municipalities to collect 90% of their revenues

The latest development comes after a concerted effort by CoGTA to improve service delivery in local government by introducing a Local Government Turn Around Strategy to garner support for municipalities from private companies, civil society, state owned enterprises and the other two spheres of government.

The Minister also reiterated that local government has to do things differently and that partnership must be forged with all sectors of the society to encourage them to rally behind municipalities.

Source: [www.cogta.gov.za](http://www.cogta.gov.za)

### Editorial Note

The 2010 Soccer World Cup is almost here and everyone is counting down with a mixture of excitement, apprehension and steadfast support for Bafana Bafana. We are all hoping and believing that the boys will pull a miracle from the hat and surprise every critic and loyal fan!

The budget consultation process forms such a critical part of the whole budgeting and planning activities of the municipality that we had to focus on the discussion that came from this contact session. This is but one of the forms of public participation that the municipality employs but it is definitely one of the most critical as it informs the annual budget.

Through this consultation process we are providing you with background information and inviting your suggestions on the development of the district municipality's budget. The inputs received are then used to shape the budget for the next twelve months.

The article which discussed the blue drop status of the province and in particular the status of the water quality of the district should have been of interest to most of our readers. Do note that we will carry a column in future issues to keep you informed of performance reviews as and when they are available.

Your inputs on this newsletter ensures that we bring you articles of interest and value. Any comments from the public is therefore very important to us.

*Gerline Roman*  
Editor

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### JUNE 2010

Provincial LED Forum Meeting

11 June - Jan Kempdorp PVA (SA vs Mexico)

Tourism Association Meeting

### JULY 2010

Tourism Route Meeting (Magareng Local Municipality)

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