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1	2026/03/29	Cllr Veronica Maralack-Boonaarier Ward 27 <b>Appendix 1</b>	Speed bumps for Kiewiet and Swaweltjie Streets (IDP518) were requested as part of the 2024/2025 IDP. Both streets are cul-de-sacs frequently used by residents, particularly children, as there are no nearby playgrounds in the area. Reckless driving has been a longstanding community concern. My question, since this has been the cry of the community for so long, I would like to know whether the investigation as stated on the IDP has been done and trust that this safety measure for our pedestrians can become a reality.	Engineering Services	As for all such requests, these are subject to formal evaluation ito of The Drakenstein Traffic Calming policy as well as National Traffic Calming guidelines. Please note that any traffic calming project is subject to prioritisation and available budget. The traffic calming measures for Swaweltjie Street is on the implementation list for 2026/2027 financial year. No Traffic calming is warranted for Kiewiet Street.
2	2026/04/23	Trinity Equestria Club <b>Appendix 2</b>	We are concerned about the New Cemetery fencing which has not been erected as per plan put forward. Our property, Trinity Equestria is directly bordering the new cemetery. We gave our approval to the municipality, on the grounds that the perimeter fence was to be erected as part of stage 1. This has as yet not been done. It is imperative that perimeter fence goes up, for the following reasons: - the open piece of land invites "bush dwellers" who pose a direct fire risk to our property - illegal dumping takes place on a daily basis	Safety & Community	The fencing of the cemetery site is commencing during the current financial year (2025/2026) and will be completed during the 2026/2027 financial year.
3	2026/04/21	WA de Beer; Jermaine Didloff; Wilhelm Voges; Alan Julies; Angela Van Heerden; Cheslan Kock; Ulrich Enslin; Wilhelm Voges; Leana Ries; Kevin Shelley; Jannie Van den Heever <b>Appendix 3</b>	Drakenstein currently has no dedicated hockey facility available to serve the growing number of players, schools, and clubs in the area. Despite this need being raised on multiple occasions over the years, the current draft plans again make no provision for the development of an astro turf facility.  This omission limits the growth of the sport, restricts opportunities for youth development, and places local players and schools at a disadvantage compared to other regions.  I strongly urge the municipality to reconsider this position and to include provision for a hockey astro turf facility in the planning framework, in support of sport development and community wellbeing.	Safety & Community	We take note of this concern. Ongoing talks with the community on this matter will unfold. The need remains on the priority list for possible funding in future years.
4	2026/04/23	Groenvlei Buurtweg <b>Appendix 4</b>	<b>SAFETY AND SECURITY</b> 1.1 Have funds been allocated for the improvement and maintenance of street lights, as well as the installation of security cameras in the Groenvlei area, and what amounts have been set aside for this purpose?  1.2 Have funds been allocated for the regular maintenance and clearing of vegetation and trees along the firebreak on Paarlberg, adjacent to properties in Foxglove Street? The current condition — including overgrown trees, bush, and uncleared material — creates a serious fire hazard, a breeding ground for snakes, and a refuge for informal dwellers, all of which pose significant security risks to nearby residents.	Safety & Community	CCTV cameras have been prioritised for security hotspots across the municipality, two (2) such cameras have been installed in the Groenvlei area.  Yes, the establish and maintenance of the firebreaks on Paarl Mountain is an ongoing process, to date, 20.6km have been completed.  High growth areas and areas closest to the residential area (houses) are being prioritised for maintenance, on an annual basis.
5			<b>MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE</b> 2.1 Have funds been allocated for the upgrading and replacement of ageing infrastructure — including water pipes, sewer pipes, stormwater pipes, and the resurfacing of roads — in the Groenvlei area, and specify which streets are affected and what amounts have been set aside?  2.2 Is adequate provision made for the proactive expansion and installation of additional bulk services, to ensure that large-scale developments in the Paarl area do not cause interruptions in service delivery? Recent electricity supply disruptions have already been experienced in Groenvlei and Noord-Paarl.	Engineering Services	2.1 Funds have been allowed for pipe replacement on the 2026/2027 financial year, to the tune of R6 million. The priorities of the specific replacement areas are done in terms of our pipe replacement priority study. 2.2 For all large scale developments a proper engineering assessment is submitted by the developers, to the municipality, should any bulk upgrades be required, due to the new development, such upgrades are done by the developer.
6			<b>PROPOSED TARIFFS</b> 3.1 In order to provide meaningful comment on the proposed tariff adjustments for 2026/2027, it is necessary to review typical pro forma accounts. Could you please provide examples of accounts based on both the current 2025/2026 tariffs and the proposed 2026/2027 tariffs, so that the total impact on consumers can be assessed?	Financial services	The 2026/2027 rates and tariff calculator was sent to the consumer in order to calculate the impact of the new tariffs. The calculator can also be downloaded from the municipal website.

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7	2026/04/20	Andy McWahon Appendix 5	<p>Despite commitments dating back to 2022, firebreaks along Paarl Mountain adjacent to residential properties – particularly around Carletta Street – remain inadequately maintained. Two fires have occurred since then, with the November 2024 fire seriously threatening nearby properties. Contractors appointed to clear the firebreaks have largely focused on harvesting wood for sale rather than completing the required clearance work. Alien vegetation, including Port Jackson and Blue Gum trees, is growing back prolifically following the last fire, and the risk of further fires is ongoing due to vagrant activity on the mountain slopes during summer months. Recent engagements with the fire chief, Wynand Els, have confirmed that work is required, but there appears to be no budget allocated for firebreak maintenance going forward. I wish to request that adequate budgeting and management of the firebreaks protecting properties adjacent to Paarl Mountain, particularly Carlette Street, be actioned as a matter of urgency.</p>	Safety & Community Engineering Services	<p>Yes, the establish and maintenance of the firebreaks on Paarl Mountain is an ongoing process, to date, 20.6km have been completed.</p> <p>High growth areas and areas adjacent to residential areas are prioritised for maintenance on an annual basis.</p>
8	2026/04/19	Angela and Ashley Van Heerden Appendix 6	<p><b>WATER AND WASTEWATER</b> There is a pressing need for proactive infrastructure renewal and regular maintenance of water and wastewater systems. Burst water pipes continue to disrupt services and pose health risks. Investment in modernising these systems will prevent frequent breakdowns and ensure reliable supply.</p> <p><b>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> Solid waste management is hampered by inadequate bin scratching controls, insufficient garbage truck capacity, and irregular recycling collection. These gaps contribute to unsightly streets and environmental hazards. Enhanced funding and improved logistics are required to address these issues.</p> <p><b>URBANISATION AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS</b> Homelessness, people living on the mountain, along Berg River and on the streets, and the proliferation of illegal structures are growing concerns. The municipality must develop comprehensive shelter programmes and enforce regulations to improve urban safety and dignity for all residents.</p>	Safety & Community Engineering Services	<p>Funds have been allowed for pipe replacement on the 2026/2027 financial year, to the tune of R6million. The priorities of the specific replacement areas are done ito our pipe replacement priority study. All pipe replacements are done via the pipe cracking method and only HDPE pipes are used, which are durable.</p> <p>A Law Enforcement Officer was appointed for Solid Waste Management. Additional refuse compactors have been procured to assist with the expansion of the refuse collection area.</p> <p>A comprehensive strategy is followed to address the challenge of street people and Law Enforcement undertakes regular operations in support of this strategy and enforce by laws. During the current year a second shelter was opened in Paarl and which is fully operational. Further extensions may be considered for the next financial year.</p> <p>The Green Rangers are deployed on the Mountain on a full time basis. Existing capacity are supplemented over the weekends and additional staff will be appointed in the 2026/2027 financial year.</p>
10			<p><b>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b> The needs of street children, those engaged in begging, and vulnerable families require urgent attention. Increased funding for social workers and targeted interventions will help address root causes and provide meaningful support. Collaborating with the Department of Social Development (DSD) and the South African Police Services (SAPS) enables a comprehensive approach to addressing social challenges within communities. These partnerships facilitate the sharing of resources, expertise, and information, allowing for more effective interventions in cases of child protection, gender-based violence, substance abuse, and other social issues. Joint initiatives often include awareness campaigns, community outreach programmes, and coordinated response mechanisms for vulnerable groups. By working together, DSD and SAPS can ensure that affected individuals receive both immediate protection and access to long-term support services, fostering safer and more resilient communities across Paarl.</p> <p>Establishment of a 'Cadet Program' and programs or academies like Chrysalis Academy for children in conflict with law.</p>		<p>The management and support of vulnerable childcare are carefully guided by the Childrens Act, the Department of Social Development takes responsibility for this function and the Drakenstein Municipality provides support and work closely with them.</p>
11					<p>We take note of this concern. Ongoing talks with the community on this matter will unfold. The need remains on the priority list for possible funding in future years.</p>
12			<p><b>SPORT AND RECREATION</b> There is a lack of accessible sports facilities, particularly for hockey and youth engagement. Investment in recreation infrastructure, especially hockey astro or hockey clubs with dedicated land and facilities, is essential to foster healthy lifestyles and constructive activities for the youth.</p> <p><b>PARKS AND OPEN SPACES</b> Maintenance of parks and open spaces is critical for community well-being. Fire prevention, clear signage, controlled access, and addressing homelessness within these areas must be prioritised to maintain safety and usability. Urgent allocation of funds and resources to Paarl Mountain Nature Reserve:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Fire break maintenance, plans and budget to prevent fires on the mountain</li> <li>•Jan der Poel's Drift open space – ward 3. No regular grass cutting</li> <li>•Homelessness, illegal structures and people living on the mountain, and risk of fires!</li> <li>•Signage for hotspots – theft out of motor vehicles – "Do not leave valuables in cars" etc.</li> <li>•Cameras and LPR cameras on Jan Phillips Road and entrances/exits</li> <li>•Access control to close mountain after closure time especially vehicles - Upgrading of Jan Phillips Road &amp; consider security measures</li> </ul> </p>		<p>Parks and Open Spaces has an annual schedule where it identifies when parks grass will be cut.</p> <p>A comprehensive strategy is followed to address the challenge of street people and Law Enforcement undertakes regular operations in support of this strategy and enforce by laws. During the current year a second shelter was opened in Paarl and which is fully operational. Further extensions may be considered for the next financial year.</p> <p>The Green Rangers are deployed on the Mountain on a full time basis. Existing capacity are supplemented over the weekends and additional staff will be appointed in the 2026/27 financial year.</p>
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14			<p>Additional Quadbikes and motorcycles - Paarl Arboretum and Paarl Mountain Nature Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Homeless - prioritise reunification and re integration—prioritise the Paarl Mountain Nature Reserve</li> </ul> <p>Funding for soil erosion plans and implementation: Secure financial resources to support the development and execution of strategies aimed at preventing and mitigating soil erosion. This includes investing in research, infrastructure, and community outreach to ensure sustainable land management.</p> <p>Removal of fuel: implement measures to safely remove and manage fuel sources that contribute to environmental degradation, such as excess vegetation or combustible materials. This action helps reduce the risk of wildfires and promotes ecological restoration.</p>		There are Quad bikes purchased and in operation for patrols at both Facilities, the plan is to further expand this capacity in the next financial year.
15			<p><b>CEMETERIES</b></p> <p>Funding for Nieuwedrifft Cemetery fencing is inadequate, leading to fire risks, illegal dumping, and drug use. Immediate action is required to secure these spaces, prevent hazards, and uphold respect for the deceased.</p>		The fencing of the cemetery site is commencing during the current financial year (2025/2026) and will be completed during the 2026/2027 financial year.
16			<p><b>FIRE, RESCUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Fire prevention efforts must be strengthened, with increased resources allocated to address arson and disaster preparedness. The current capacity is insufficient to meet growing risks and community needs.</p>		The recommendation is noted - currently in process to make contract and permanent appointments to bolster the capacity in the unit.
17			<p><b>BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY</b></p> <p>Public drinking, drug use, and insufficient law enforcement resources compromise community safety. A strategic increase in personnel and enforcement activities is necessary to ensure compliance and protect residents.</p> <p>Urgent bylaw enforcement is needed! Report Crime Faster App's like those used in Cape Town to report crime and by-law offences is recommended in Paarl. Technology to help keep communities safe!</p>		Regular targeted and also visible operations are undertaken across the Drakenstein Area. The purpose is to monitor compliance to by laws.  The team is currently busy with the recruitment of 10 more members and 2 seniors, which will substantially increase current capacity.  A dedicated whatsapp app line, linked to the control room is in use and monitored 24/7 by law enforcement officers - they are linked to SAPS, EMS, private security and other authorities. Members of the community are welcome to use this facility and also either of the 2 emergency control rooms.
18	2026/05/04	Frikkie Van Zyl Appendix 7	Since the opening of Aandblom Street, traffic volumes in Noorder Paarl have increased significantly, making the four-way stop and stop street in Alant Street a serious concern. Vehicles are travelling at high speeds along Alant and Prins Streets and frequently disregarding stop signs. The existing speed bump at the corner of Prins, Gericke, and Merten Streets is ineffective and serves little purpose. We would like to request effective speed calming measures in this area to address the growing traffic safety risk.	Engineering Services	Traffic Calming is present and sufficient in Prins Street. This is a Traffic Services matter as motorists are disregarding stop signage and roadmarkings.
19	2026/05/05	Carla Arnold Appendix 8	<p>Following reports of assaults on learners at the Arboretum in November/December of last year, serious concerns have been raised about safety at this valued public facility. As a Grade 9 learner at Girls' High in Paarl, and in accordance with the rights afforded to community members under the Municipal Systems Act — including the right to submit written recommendations to the municipal council and the right to the use and enjoyment of public facilities — the following proposals are respectfully submitted for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- adequate security measures to ensure the safety of learners and all residents;</li> <li>- the installation of perimeter fencing and a controlled access gate;</li> <li>- CCTV cameras to deter crime;</li> <li>- sufficient and regularly maintained refuse bins;</li> <li>- the possible leasing of a portion of the space for a small coffee shop, restaurant, or pop-up facility to activate the area and generate municipal income;</li> <li>- the appointment of a security guard at the entrance to improve safety and create employment opportunities?</li> </ul>	Safety & Community	The Section is in full agreement with the comment and will prioritise the safety improvements at Arboretum over a number of years as budget becomes available. For the interim maintenance of trees in the arboretum will be done to ensure good visibility, we have installed new lights and will continue with the green ranger program to maintain safe security measures.
20	2026/05/05	Breadline Africa Appendix 9	Breadline Africa, a non-profit organisation with over thirty years of experience in educational infrastructure development and more than 2200 projects implemented across South Africa, has identified Drakenstein Local Municipality as a priority partner in its Infrastructure Strategy for 2026 to 2030. The organisation proposes a collaborative partnership to mobilise and coordinate external and co-funded investment in educational infrastructure, including new classrooms, libraries, kitchens, ablution facilities, and the refurbishment of existing buildings for use as ECD centres, primary schools, high schools, and satellite TVET colleges. By including this partnership in the Integrated Development Plan, the municipality creates a framework for coordinated planning and investment in education infrastructure, enabling external partners such as Breadline Africa to align resources with local development priorities. This collaboration will support sustainable improvements in Early Childhood Development centres, primary schools and high schools, strengthen safe and resilient learning environments and contribute to long term community development across the municipal area.	Safety & Community	Drakenstein Municipality welcomes any potential partnership - this will be explored in line with pre-validating Rules and Regulations.

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21	2026/05/05	Fabian Pfaatjies Appendix 10	<p><b>1. SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET</b></p> <p>1.1 How are budgets allocated between the various service departments, including salaries, water, stormwater, refuse, and related services?</p> <p>1.2 Which projects in Paarl-East are already funded in the medium-term budget, and which are dependent on future funding?</p> <p>1.3 How does Drakenstein Municipality measure the success or completion of an IDP project?</p>	<p>IDP Section Corporate and Planning Services Safety &amp; Community Engineering Services Financial Services</p>	<p>The municipal budget is allocated between the various service departments based on the strategic priorities of Council, legislative requirements, service delivery obligations, operational needs, and available funding sources. The allocation process aims to ensure that all core services are adequately funded while maintaining the long-term financial sustainability of the municipality.</p> <p>In determining budget allocations, departments submit their operational and capital budget requirements for consideration during the annual budgeting process. These submissions are assessed against factors such as historical expenditure trends, service delivery demands, contractual commitments, infrastructure maintenance requirements, inflationary increases, and the municipality's overall financial position.</p> <p>Budgets for water, sanitation, electricity, refuse, and other trading services are largely informed by anticipated operating costs, bulk purchases, repairs and maintenance requirements, asset management plans, and projected consumer demand. Consideration is also given to regulatory compliance, environmental obligations, and the need to maintain and upgrade ageing infrastructure. Most capital projects are not directly linked to a specific area such as Paarl-East as many of these large-scale municipal infrastructure projects that provide broader benefits across multiple communities and service areas within the municipality.</p> <p>The municipality measures the success of an Integrated Development Plan (IDP) project through a combination of performance management, financial monitoring, service delivery outcomes, and compliance with approved objectives. The assessment process is aimed at determining whether the project achieved its intended purpose, was completed within budget and timeframes, and contributed positively to community needs and strategic municipal priorities.</p>
22			<p><b>2. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND FEEDBACK</b></p> <p>2.1 How can residents monitor the progress of IDP projects once the plan has been approved?</p> <p>2.2 What channels are available for residents to report infrastructure problems such as blocked drains, damaged roads, and similar issues? Is SeeClickFix and Customer Care sufficient, especially with residents who lack the necessary knowledge to use these platforms effectively?</p> <p>2.3 How are community inputs and submissions incorporated into the IDP?</p>		<p>2.1 By contacting the Ward Councillors Directly or by talking to the relevant department.</p> <p>2.2 Customers who do not have knowledge of, or direct access to, SeeClickFix can report service delivery matters through the following channels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit any municipal customer care centre in Paarl, Wellington, Hermon, Saron, or Gouda to report issues such as blocked drains, among others.</li> <li>• Contact their ward councillor to have service delivery matters reported on their behalf.</li> <li>• Call the toll-free number 080.131.3553, available 24 hours a day, to report service delivery issues.</li> <li>• Email service delivery matters to customercare@drakenstein.gov.za.</li> </ul> <p>2.3 Issues are not incorporated individually, however project specific issues like speed humps, tarring of sidewalks etc. are incorporated into the existing processes of a department and the budget accommodates them and by virtue, incorporated in the IDP. Where issues are maintenance issues/ operational issues, the respective departments incorporate it into their existing maintenance plans.</p>
23			<p><b>3. SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING</b></p> <p>3.1 What are the long-term land use and development plans for Paarl-East, and how will these affect service delivery and transport?</p> <p>3.2 How does Drakenstein Municipality ensure that new housing or development projects include adequate road, electricity, stormwater, and sewerage infrastructure?</p>		<p>3.1 Within the SDF multiple spatial development interventions for Paarl East have been identified for implementation. These interventions are focused on improving service delivery. The detailed impacts on service delivery will be assessed during the feasibility assessments of the respective interventions.</p> <p>3.2 : Each development application that is received by the Municipality is evaluated based on its impact on the road, electricity, stormwater and sewerage infrastructure. Should the impact of the proposed development present significant challenges to the existing infrastructure network, the development application will not be supported and approved by the Municipality.</p>
24			<p><b>4. SUSTAINABILITY AND FUTURE PLANNING</b></p> <p>4.1 How will renewable energy and green infrastructure be integrated into future projects for Paarl-East?</p> <p>4.2 What partnerships — provincial, private, or NGO — are being considered to support development?</p> <p>4.3 How is the balance determined between operational expenditure (maintenance, personnel, and vehicles) and capital expenditure for new developments?</p> <p>4.4 What portion of the capital budget is allocated annually to Paarl-East, and how does this compare to the needs of other areas?</p> <p>4.5 How does Drakenstein Municipality plan to fund future growth in Paarl-East, including new housing and township development?</p> <p>4.6 How are the municipality's long-term debt, reserves, and cash flow managed to sustain IDP projects?</p> <p>4.7 How are tariff increases calculated, and how do they affect the projects proposed in the IDP?</p>		<p>4.1 Renewable Energy: Is currently predominantly driven by the private sector. There is currently an application for a solar energy and battery storage facility in the Bo Dai / Vlakkeland area by a private developer.</p> <p>Green infrastructure: The Municipality concluded the Hybrid Flood Alleviation Programme that identifies municipal land parcels where nature based and engineering solutions can be combined to minimise flood risks in communities. These solutions are also designed to protect green infrastructure in rivers. The areas include the Palmiet River (Chicago, New Orleans, Triangle Park); the Boontjies and Groenheuwel Rivers (Groenheuwel and Dal Josafat); and the Mbekweni, Kleinbosch and Dal Rivers (Mbekweni and Drommedaris). The Municipality identified priority sites that will be implemented in a phased approach from 2026/2027.</p> <p>4.2 From development and environmental management perspective there are numerous partnerships with various institutions, including National Treasury, the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure, C40 Cities Finance Facility, etc. These partnerships are project specific and are subject to stringent conditions. Further formal, as well as informal partnerships are being pursued in order to assist with the implementation of projects that have been identified within the IDP and SDF.</p>
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27					<p>4.3 The operational budget is funded from realistically anticipated revenue, therefore, revenue is projected first, based on thorough tariff modelling and considering affordability for consumers. Allocation of revenue will then be done per expenditure category as required for day-to-day operations. New developments are responsible to pay the applicable Development Charges and the installation of infrastructure, inclusive of Bulk infrastructure as identified by the relevant Master Plans. The municipality's funding are utilised for the upgrading of existing infrastructure.</p> <p>4.4 Various line items on the capital budget are grouped together and will be rolled out as per priorities identified, for example pipe replacement and resealing of streets. It is therefore not possible to provide an accurate figure. It is also important to note that although some of the infrastructure upgrades are done on major infrastructure in another area it impacts and improves services to the whole of the municipality.</p> <p>4.5 The ever changing funding gap can only be addressed by broadening the tax base of the organisation and by becoming innovative in identifying new revenue streams and protecting current revenue streams. Although there are encouraging signs in terms of decreased inflation, there is still very limited growth in the economy, and we are acutely aware of the challenges facing consumers and impacting their ability to pay for services. It is therefore imperative to plan and prioritise accordingly within established criteria and the available funding envelope.</p> <p>4.6 The municipality has all the necessary policies and procedures in place to manage long-term debt, reserves and cashflow and ensure long term financial sustainability. The culminates and is evidence in the Long-term Financial Plan included as Chapter 4 of the IDP.</p> <p>4.7 Detailed tariff modelling per service is done taking into consideration all costs to bring the service to the consumer. The revenue projections will influence the capital funding envelope.</p>
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29	2026/04/28	Leon Coetzee Appendix 11	<p><b>1. DRAFT FIVE-YEAR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026/27</b></p> <p><b>1.1 PDO 11: Capital Expenditure</b></p> <p>1.1.1 Is the PDO rating purely based on the percentage of money spent relative to the allocated funding amount?</p> <p>1.1.2 How is value for money spent and return on investment reflected in this rating?</p> <p><b>1.2 PDO 12: Assets</b></p> <p>1.2.1 How are asset replacement requirements and needs — presumably included in an Asset Management Programme — measured against what has actually been implemented, and how is this reflected in the PDO rating?</p> <p>1.2.2 In which indicators are asset replacement backlogs reflected?</p>	Safety & Community Financial services	<p>1.1.1 This PDO is purely centered on the spending percentage of capital expenditure measured against the capital budget.</p> <p>1.1.2 The municipality goes through a rigorous prioritisation exercise where linking of strategic goals and operational criteria ensures money is spent on the highest priorities, dependent on the available funding envelope. Current Supply Chain Management regulations are there to safeguard the municipality to get value for money based on the specifications form the technical department. If there are cases where we do not get value for money, project managers/user departments have various mechanisms for redress.</p> <p>1.2.1 &amp; 1.2.2 This PDO has been updated to reflect the true intention when it was written for the purposes of inclusion as a financial PDO. This PDO addresses the Municipality's activities in respect of Financial Asset Management, a process aimed at the reporting and correct disclosure of local government capital assets. These tasks are conducted in accordance with the relevant Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP) standards, alongside other pertinent policies, and procedures. Asset Management as a holistic overarching principle is inherent in each and every function and is decentralised with all user departments. All service departments have master plans indicating all assets replacement requirements and needs. This is also used to inform Chapter 4 of the IDP which is the Long-term Financial Plan as well as the Capital expenditure Framework underpinning the SDF. The periodic updating of the master plans will indicate the status of backlogs.</p>
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31			<p><b>2. REVIEWED SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK 2026/2027</b></p> <p><b>2.1 Constraints on Capital Funding</b></p> <p>2.1.1 How is this major funding gap going to be addressed, and where is this covered in the planning documents?</p> <p>2.1.2 Can it be considered that this backlog is largely influenced by the approval of new developments that require the installation of new infrastructure?</p> <p>2.1.3 Is it a priority to first allocate sufficient capital funds to maintain and replace existing infrastructure before addressing new development needs, or is the approach the other way round?</p>		<p>2.1.1 The ever changing funding gap can only be addressed by broadening the tax base of the organisation and by becoming innovative in identifying new revenue streams and protecting current revenue streams. Although there are encouraging signs in terms of decreased inflation, there is still very limited growth in the economy, and we are acutely aware of the challenges facing consumers and impacting their ability to pay for services. It is therefore imperative to plan and prioritise accordingly within established criteria and the available funding envelope. The long term financial plan or strategy is addressed in Chapter 4 of the IDP.</p> <p>2.1.2 and 2.1.3 New developments are responsible to pay the applicable Development Charges and the installation of infrastructure, inclusive of Bulk infrastructure as identified by the relevant Master Plans. The municipality's funding are utilised for the upgrading of existing infrastructure.</p>

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32	2026/04/21	Clr Stephan Landsberg Appendix 12	<p><b>1. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC OFFICERS</b> Drakenstein currently has only 24 members per department, which is wholly inadequate for a secondary city experiencing significant population growth. We need at least 70 members per department to get a positive impact on the current situation. Funds must be obtained from Provincial Government for permanent officers. It is also requested that each department with bylaws must have at least one qualified Peace Officer, and that the SeeClickFix complaint closure process be reviewed to ensure residents receive meaningful responses.</p> <p><b>2. ROAD MARKINGS</b> Road markings only happen once a year, there is certain areas that handle a lot more traffic and needs more regular painting of Road marks – for example Blouwelei Road. We believe if there are more Road markings we can create a safer Road user.</p> <p><b>3. TAR OF ROADS</b> Most of the roads in Wellington residential areas is busy cracking up or is busy crumbling up. Urgent attention needs to be given to re-seal all these roads. With more developments coming to Wellington and Paarl and specific in certain areas these roads will eventually collapse due to the high traffic. Very little re-sealing did happen the last 10 years.</p> <p><b>4. HOMELESS PEOPLE</b> More effort must be done by Social Development to get people from the streets, currently there is a huge influx of homeless people in Wellington. Very little is currently being done to take people from the street. They are also the biggest culprits empty the waste bins standing on the pavements and left a mess behind.</p> <p><b>5. FORMAL TRADING</b> More need to be done to allocate street stalls – permits have been given left, right and centre before there is a proper impact study been done to see if there are space and need for another stall. The same for the owner of a business – his/her input is not considered. Pavements in Wellington specially in Hoofweg has been occupied with stalls that you cannot walk on the pavements – this needs urgent attention. Most of the time there is no abutment nearby or the stallers stands just around the corners to do their “thing”. They also left their waste behind at the end of the day. We must create a safer and cleaner CBD for residents and tourists. More dedicated areas must be created so that those people can use these areas to put their stalls</p> <p><b>6. DIRTY BUILDINGS AND FOREIGNERS</b> Pressure must be put on building owners in the CBD to clean their building on the outside. Foreigners also sleep in the shops, and we cannot understand why this is allowed – is yearly inspections been done by CWDM as well as the Fire Brigade to see if the buildings and shops still comply to legislation. They are also the biggest culprits throwing out their rubbish in the streets late night for people living on the street to leave a bigger mess behind. This is Church and Hoofweg – Wellington. Planning and development must stop any trade until everything is fixed and up to standard before Trading is allowed again.</p> <p><b>7. SPRUITRIVIER</b> For years Spruit Rivier is a huge problem and very little has been done to keep the river clean. People jump over the fencing and open rubbish bags in the river and leave the mess behind. People also sleep under the bridges, making fire. This river should be patrolled at least 4 times a day /night to clear the area from vagrants.</p> <p><b>8. WELLINGTON CBD DRINKING</b> Kort, Fontein, and Prins Streets in Wellington are persistent hotspots for public drinking and related hygiene issues, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays. From time to time there is a CBD operation but this is far too little to make a positive impact. This must be enforced daily and weekly – our town is busy collapsing due to this and does not promote people to come and visit Wellington and a have negative impact on Tourism.</p> <p><b>9. FOUNTAIN CIRCLE WELLINGTON</b> Residents have long called for a traffic circle or robot at the corner of Piet Retief and Blouwelei Road in Wellington. I understand that with the development on erf 4722 there might become a change, but this can still take years. Looking into a slip way from Blouwelei into Piet Retief Street is recommended or even a circle type, with good planning and the huge influx of vehicles using this road we believe a circle is the best option.</p>	Safety & Community Engineering Services Financial Services	<p>The Department is currently in the process to appoint a further 10 officers and 2 seniors, which will considerably bolster the Service.</p> <p>Further expansions of the Service is planned as soon as budget becomes available.</p> <p>Painting of road markings are done according to the Departments Annual Maintenance program. Should any road markings be faded, the public can also register a service request on SCF for attention.</p> <p>As for all such requests, these are subject to formal evaluation it of The Drakenstein Traffic Calming policy as well as National Traffic Calming guidelines. Please note that any traffic calming project is subject to prioritization and available budget.</p> <p>The input is noted, the existing strategies in place will be further refined on the true lessons learnt to date.</p> <p>The Municipality is finalising the Informal Economy bylaw which will address the allocation of demarcated trading spaces within the respective CBDs and other demarcated areas. These demarcated areas will be approved by Council to ensure effective regulation of trading spaces in Drakenstein. Law Enforcement will be guided by the Informal Economy bylaw to deal with all transgressions in respect of waste and illegal occupation of non-demarcated spaces to ensure improved management of the sector in Drakenstein. The Informal Economy bylaw will be submitted to Council by June 2026 for final approval.</p> <p>The Municipal Court as well as positive engagements with land owners has borne fruitful outcomes in relation to maintenance of private buildings. The comment is also referred to Cape Winelands District Municipality for their record.</p> <p>This area will be added to the daily patrol list for the Law Enforcement team.</p> <p>Weekly operations are being undertaken in the Wellington CBD and results / outcomes widely reported.</p> <p>These operational strategies will be further refined based on current lessons learnt.</p> <p>A thorough investigation was conducted a few years ago on the intersection in question. Although a roundabout was considered and proposed at the time, there are several challenges that complicate its implementation. Apart from the fact that a roundabout is more expensive than installing traffic signals, the vertical gradient of Piet Retief Street presents a significant problem. Furthermore, a roundabout would occupy a large portion of erf 1033, for which there is simply not sufficient space available. The building on erf 1033 is also a heritage structure, which places additional constraints on any proposed development.</p> <p>The study ultimately recommended that traffic signals be installed, together with modifications to certain adjacent roads, including converting some streets to one-way traffic.</p>
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41			<p><b>10. BIN SCRATCHERS AND ILLEGAL DUMPING</b> Bin scratching and illegal dumping remain serious and unresolved problems across Wellington and Paarl. Invest in pROper bin lockers for residents and businesses, stricter enforcement of dumping bylaws including vehicle impoundment for offenders caught in the act, increased fines of at least R5,000, and an accessible and safe reporting mechanism for residents in vulnerable areas.</p> <p><b>11. WATER LEAKS AND PIPE BURSTS</b> Water pipes in Wellington and Paarl continue to leak and burst repeatedly, in some cases at the same locations previously repaired, suggesting poor workmanship or critically aged infrastructure. There must be plan circulated to each ward residents indicating how many bursts pipes and water leaks was fixed per month (per area in the ward), what is the long-term plan to replace old pipes and when it will be replaced. We need this communication. With the R1.4 billion loan and the income already been generated from new developments there is no reason why upgrades cannot be commence. New developments get the best of the best and most of the cost has been financed by the developer itself.</p> <p><b>12. WRITING OFF UNCOLLECTABLE DEBT</b> More emphasis must be done to recover uncollectible debt. Too much money has been written off for the Taxpayer to pay the bill. Uncollectible debt is not a given and nothing is for free in life.</p>		<p>Law Enforcement Officer was appointed for the Solid Waste Management section that will focus only on Illegal Dumping/Waste complaints.</p> <p>Funds have been allowed for pipe replacement on the 2026/2027 financial year, to the tune of R6million. The priorities of the specific replacement areas are done into our pipe replacement priority study. All pipe replacements are done via the pipe cracking method and only HDPE pipes are used, which are durable. We use the SCF system where all enquiries are captured and managed.</p> <p>A considerable amount of time and effort is spent on debt collection. On a monthly basis, accounts are sent timeously to all consumers via various communication channels. Thereafter, SMS messages are sent to consumers two days before and two days after the due date. Pre-paid electricity is restricted for debt older than 30 days and 14 day notices are sent to consumers on conventional electricity thereafter electricity is disconnected as a leverage to collect outstanding. After all these processes are exhausted, the debt is handed over for legal collection. The writing off of debt policy comes in to play for indigent consumers where 50% of the debt is written off each. The arrears in this consumer group is mostly as a result of over consumption of water above the 6kl threshold. This write off was previously 100%, but was decreased to 50%. The other write-offs for other consumer groups occur only as a once where 50% of the debt is written off as at the January 2023 billing date.</p>															
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50				Financial Services	While we recognize the significant burden historical debt places on our residents, the proposal for total debt write-off presents significant challenges to the municipality's long-term financial viability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Indigent Write-Off: Indigent households currently receive generous subsidies. Our existing Writing Off of Irrecoverable Debt Policy, which includes an annual 50% debt write-off, already extends our financial limits, as it is the responsibility of indigent consumers to cover the costs of consumption that exceeds the subsidised amounts.</li> <li>•Sustainability of historical debt: Writing off all debt older than 18 months would impede the municipality's ability to recover the actual costs incurred in delivering these services. This loss of revenue would likely result in a financial crisis, ultimately impacting on our ability to serve all residents.</li> <li>•Inherited Debt: We believe in a fair assessment of every situation. Rather than a blanket write-off, we treat inherited debt on a case-by-case basis to ensure that we balance compassion with our fiduciary responsibility to the city's budget.</li> </ul> Our goal remains to provide relief where possible without compromising the essential services that every household relies on.																																											
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53			<p><b>7. ACCESS TO FACILITIES - STOP PRICING OUT COMMUNITIES</b> Community spaces are increasingly unaffordable for the very people they are meant to serve.</p> <p>CDR demands a review of tariffs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halls</li> <li>• Parks and open spaces</li> <li>• Sport facilities</li> </ul> <p>These must be made accessible to small organisers, youth groups, and community initiatives, not just those with financial backing.</p>	Safety & Community Services	The impact is noted and will be considered in future budgeting processes.												
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55			<p><b>9. PROPERTY RATES</b> Could you please advise whether the municipality will consider the following revised property rates rebates as proposed by CDR?</p>	Financial Services	The property rates rebates as proposed by the municipality have been thoroughly modelled to ensure that there is a proper balance between the rebate package and the net revenue to be generated. Proper alignment with the Municipal Property Act was also important to ensure that the municipality acts within the legal framework of the Act. The proposals by CDR are noted, however without a financial model backing the proposals it is difficult to assess the financial impact of the proposals on the budget and the long term financial sustainability of the municipality. The current rebates proposed by the municipality are thus to be retained as it already provides for rebates additional to those provided for in the legislation.												
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57	2026/04/20	Gavin Cupido OBO – Paarl Hockey Club <b>Appendix 14</b>	<p>Paarl Hockey Club is an open hockey club serving Drakenstein and surrounding areas with 8 senior teams and 4 junior teams. This is the size of 4 cricket or 4 rugby clubs. The biggest reason why we can't accommodate more players is due to the limited availability of astro time we get and for others the cost of playing hockey in Drakenstein without a public astro.</p> <p>Through our school development assistance plan we can report that a further 10 schools will benefit from this directly. (St Albans Ps, New Orleans Ps, Orleansvale Ps, William Lloyd Ps, Ebenezer Ps, Amstelhof, Noorder Paarl High, New Orleans High, Klein Nederburg High) Schools that had hockey not to long ago but due to no access to a astro they don't have hockey any more, Nieuwedrift Ps, Windmeul Ps, Magnolia Ps, Nederburg Ps, Paulus Joubert Ps.</p>	Safety & Community Services	We take note of your concern. Ongoing talks with the community on the need, which is recognised. The need remains on the priority list for possible funding in future years. Partnerships may also be considered.												

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58			<p>Small schools typically have 4 teams and bigger schools 6 to 8 teams and your big schools could have 12 teams and more. Meaning 1 school could have from 50 to 150 hockey players.</p> <p>The normal winter season starts with preseason in February, and the league starts in April till September. There is a summer league running from October till early December, meaning an astro gets utilised almost the whole year around.</p> <p>Drakenstein currently has no dedicated hockey facility available to serve the growing number of players, schools, and clubs in the area. Despite this need being raised on multiple occasions over the years, the current draft plans again make no provision for the development of an astro turf facility. The Parys fields that has hockey fields that can be used for an astro installation the municipality has earmarked for a different development without making alternate provision to accommodate hockey. This omission limits the growth of the sport, restricts opportunities for youth development, and places local players and schools at a disadvantage compared to other regions.</p>		
59			<p>I strongly urge the municipality to reconsider this position and to include provision for a hockey astro turf facility in the planning framework, in support of sport development and community wellbeing.</p> <p>We fully understand that this will not be something that Drakenstein will be able to complete in one financial year or possibly on their own. We have indicated to Drakenstein before that we will be willing to source funds and do applications as well.</p> <p>The focus was that Drakenstein identify and allocate a suitable area to locate an astro turf. Area that could be fenced and have basic services or can be added in the next couple of years. We will assist with sourcing funding for the actual astro turf, we just require a MOU or similar agreement.</p>		
60		Electricity Tariffs submissions <b>Appendix 15</b>	Public participation inputs received on the Proposed Electricity Tariffs for the 2026/2027 financial year.	All Departments	Feedback included in <b>Appendix 15</b> attached.
61	2026/11/05	Western Cape Government: Integrated Planning and Budgeting Assessment: Analysis of Municipal IDP, SDF and Budget. <b>Appendix 16</b>	Report received from the Western Cape Government on the Draft IDP, SDF and Budget.	All Departments	Management's response on Provincial Government's comments are attached hereto as a PowerPoint presentation made to Provincial Government ( <b>Appendix 16</b> )

# APPENDIX 1

Speed bumps for Kiewiet and  
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(Veronica Maralack-Boonzaaier  
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**Subject:** RE: Request for speed bumps - IDP 2024/2025

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**From:** Johan Leibbrandt <[Johan.Leibbrandt@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Johan.Leibbrandt@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2026 8:05 AM  
**To:** Veronica Maralack-Boonzaaier <[Veronica.Maralack-Boonzaaier@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Veronica.Maralack-Boonzaaier@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Louis Pienaar <[Louis.Pienaar@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Louis.Pienaar@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Cindy Lategan <[Cindy.Lategan@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Cindy.Lategan@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** Gert Combrink <[G.Combrink@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:G.Combrink@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Anre Koegelenberg <[A.Koegelenberg@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:A.Koegelenberg@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Melany Brown <[Melany@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Melany@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Harry Liedeman <[Harry.Liedeman@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Harry.Liedeman@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Pearl Barends <[Pearl@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Pearl@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Johan Miller <[Johan.Miller@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Johan.Miller@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Koos le Roux <[Koos.leRoux@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Koos.leRoux@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for speed bumps - IDP 2024/2025

**Good day Rdl. Maralack-Boonzaaier,**

Receipt of your e-mail is acknowledged.

Please take note that there will be ward IDP/Budget open days during April, where ward related matters can further be discussed and registered.

**Good day ED Pienaar,**

For your attention and communication, please.

**Regards**

**Dr. Johan Leibbrandt**  
**City Manager**

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**From:** Veronica Maralack-Boonzaaier <[Veronica.Maralack-Boonzaaier@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Veronica.Maralack-Boonzaaier@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 29 March 2026 03:57  
**To:** Johan Leibbrandt <[Johan.Leibbrandt@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Johan.Leibbrandt@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** Request for speed bumps - IDP 2024/2025

Dear Mr. Leibbrandt

This item IDP518 - Speed bumps for Kiewiet and Swaweltjie street is been requested as per our IDP in the book year 2024/2025.

Both these streets are Cul-de-sacs and I have personally, when attending municipal complaints experienced the danger of these roads through reckless driving of motorists.

Busy roads, because there are no other playground (especially Swaweltjie Street) and children utilize it for this purpose.

My question, since this has been the cry of the community for so long, I would like to know whether the investigation as stated on the IDP has been done and trust that this safety measure for our pedestrians can become a reality.

**Regards**

**Veronica Maralack-Boonzaaier**  
**Councillor**

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# APPENDIX 2

## Trinity Equestria Club Appendix 2

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: , Regarding Draft Budget meeting

**From:** Trinity Equestria <[trinityequestrianclub@gmail.com](mailto:trinityequestrianclub@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2026 2:23 PM  
**To:** IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** Drakenstein Municipality Customer Care <[customercare@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:customercare@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** , Regarding Draft Budget meeting

WARDS 3, 17, 19

We are concerned about the New Cemetery fencing which has not been erected as per plan put forward. Our property TRINITY EQUESTRIA is directly bordering the new cemetery.

We gave our approval to the municipality, on the grounds that the perimeter fence was to be erected as part of stage 1. This has as yet not been done.

It is imperative that perimeter fence goes up, for the following reasons:

- the open piece of land invites "bush dwellers" who pose a direct fire risk to our property
- illegal dumping takes place on a daily basis

Many thanks  
Anya Groenewald

### **TRINITY EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

Trinity Equestria, R45, Northern Paarl, Western Cape  
079 889 0903

## APPENDIX 3

WA de Beer; Jermaine Didloff;  
Wilhelm Voges; Alan Julies;  
Angela Van Heerden; Cheslan  
Kock; Ulrich Enslin; Wilhelm  
Voges; Leana Ries; Kevin  
Shelley; Jannie Van den Heever

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

**From:** Arno De Beer <[wadbeero@gmail.com](mailto:wadbeero@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 1:14 PM  
**To:** Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>; IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

Good day,

I, WA de Beer, 75 Martin Street Paarl, would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

Drakenstein currently has no dedicated hockey facility available to serve the growing number of players, schools, and clubs in the area. Despite this need being raised on multiple occasions over the years, the current draft plans again make no provision for the development of an astro turf facility.

This omission limits the growth of the sport, restricts opportunities for youth development, and places local players and schools at a disadvantage compared to other regions.

I strongly urge the municipality to reconsider this position and to include provision for a hockey astro turf facility in the planning framework, in support of sport development and community wellbeing.

Kind regards,  
WA de Beer

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd:

**From:** Jermaine Didloff <[jermaindidloff@gmail.com](mailto:jermaindidloff@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 12:19 PM  
**To:** Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>; IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** Jermaine Didloff <[jermaindidloff@gmail.com](mailto:jermaindidloff@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd:

Good day Drakenstein

I, Jermaine Didloff of Paarl Hockey Club with address, 20 Pentz Lower street Wellington, would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

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Kind regards,  
Jermaine Didloff - Paarl Hockey Club

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: IDP objection

**From:** Wilhelm Voges <[wilhelmvoges@gmail.com](mailto:wilhelmvoges@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:53 AM  
**To:** Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>; IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** IDP objection

Too whom it may concern.

I, Wilhelm Voges, from Ward 18 would like to take this opportunity to object against the draft IDP & SDF.

My reason for this is that although Paarl Hockey Club is the biggest team sports club in Paarl and the only one participating in a Western Province top division as well as junior, senior and masters divisions for men and ladies, Drakenstein still has no plans for any astro turf hockey facilities. Nor are the interested in making any land available for the building of such facilities.

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Currently Paarl provides the bulk of Boland primary school players, especially players of colour. This however does not carry through to high school or seniors. The lack of facilities are a major contributing factor off this.

This topic has been addressed numerous times over the last 31 years with Drakenstein municipality.

Thank you

Wilhelm Voges  
Ward 18.

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to IDP & SDF

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**From:** Alan Julies <[alan.julies@live.com](mailto:alan.julies@live.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 10:01 AM  
**To:** Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>; IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** Objection to IDP & SDF

Good day,

I, Alan Julies living at 23 Keurtjie Street - Paarl, would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

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Kind regards,  
Alan Julies

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## Lynne Crotz

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**To:** Angie Van Heerden  
**Subject:** RE: Comments - Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP)

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**From:** Angie Van Heerden <Angievh11@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 18 April 2026 14:53  
**To:** cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za; idp@drakenstein.gov.za  
**Subject:** Comments - Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP)

Good day,

I, Angela van Heerden, 17 Monte Cristo Ave Paarl, Ward 3, would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

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Kind regards,  
Angela van Heerden

Good day,

I, Cheslan Kock, parent at Paarl Boys High would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

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Kind regards,

Cheslan Kock

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: Drakestein Hockey facility

**From:** Ulrich Enslin <[ulrichenslin@gmail.com](mailto:ulrichenslin@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:31 AM  
**To:** Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>; IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** Drakestein Hockey facility

Good day Drakenstein

I Ulrich, 45 Miela Ave, want to take this opportunity to object against the draft IDP & SDF.

Drakestein has no Hockey facility available and you are not making any plans or provision to have this addressed in the near future.

This was highlighted many times before but seems Drakenstein has no comprehension of the size of hockey.

Kind Regards  
Ulrich

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: IDP objection

**From:** Wilhelm Voges <[wilhelmvoges@gmail.com](mailto:wilhelmvoges@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:53 AM  
**To:** Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>; IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
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Thank you

Wilhelm Voges  
Ward 18.

## Lynne Crotz

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**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: No astro field

**From:** Leana <[leana@bookingbotswana.com](mailto:leana@bookingbotswana.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 10:10:55 AM  
**To:** Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** No astro field

Good day,

I, Leana Ries player at Paarl hockey club and mother of school kids in paarlw, would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

Drakenstein currently has no dedicated hockey facility available to serve the growing number of players, schools, and clubs in the area. Despite this need being raised on multiple occasions over the years, the current draft plans again make no provision for the development of an astro turf facility.

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Kind regards,

Leana Ries  
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## Lynne Crotz

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**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to IDP and SDF

**From:** Kevin Shelly <[kevinshelly78@gmail.com](mailto:kevinshelly78@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 10:27:01 AM  
**To:** IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** Objection to IDP and SDF

Good day,

I, Kevin Shelly resident at 3 Merten Street, Groenvlei, Paarl, would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

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Kind regards,  
Kevin Shelly

## Lynne Crotz

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**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: Paarl Municipal Astro turf.

**From:** Jannie Van Den Heever <[jlbroke3@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroke3@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 10:25:17 AM  
**To:** Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>; IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** Paarl Municipal Astro turf.

Good day,

I, Jannie van den Heever, Retief street Paarl, would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

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I strongly urge the municipality to reconsider this position and to include provision for a hockey astro turf facility in the planning framework, in support of sport development and community wellbeing.

Formal feedback is requested within 14 working days.

We have many failing sporting facilities that is Never in use and open land sections. Why can this not be used to develop a fast growing, income generated facility? Is this due to the fear of maintainability?

Please send acknowledgement of the receipt of this mail.

Kind regards.  
Jannie van den Heever  
0795484866  
Private account

# APPENDIX 4

## Groenvlei Buurtwag

# GROENVLEI BUURTWAG

12 Bo-Lang Str  
Groenvlei  
Paarl  
7646

**To:** Drakenstein Municipality

**Subject:** Insette – Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) & Draft Budget 2026/27

**Date:** 23 April 2026

## INSETTE: GROENVLEI BUURTWAG (GEDEELTELIK IN WYK 3 EN WYK 19)

### 1. VEILIGHEID EN SEKURITEIT

1.1 Waar in die begroting is fondse toegewys vir die verbetering en onderhoud van straatligte, asook die installering van sekuriteitskameras vir monitering in die Groenvlei-area? Watter bedrae is hiervoor toegeken?

1.2 Waar in die begroting is fondse toegewys vir die gereelde onderhoud en verwydering van plantegroei en bome om die brandbaan van Paarlberg, aangrensend tot huise in Foxglovestraat, skoon te hou?

Die huidige toestand – insluitend bome, bosse en materiaal wat nie verwyder is nie – skep 'n ernstige brandgevaar, 'n broeiplek vir slange en 'n toevlug vir bosslapers, wat sekuriteitsrisiko's verhoog.

### 2. ONDERHOUD VAN INFRASTRUKTUURDIENSTE

2.1 Waar in die begroting is fondse toegewys vir die opgradering en vervanging van verouderde infrastruktuur (bv. waterpype, rioolpype, stormwaterpype en herseëling van strate) in die Groenvlei-area? Spesifiseer asseblief watter strate geraak word en watter bedrae toegeken is.

2.2 Maak die begroting voldoende voorsiening vir die voortydige uitbreiding en installering van addisionele grootmaatdienste, sodat grootskaalse ontwikkelings in die Paarl-area nie onderbrekings in dienslewering veroorsaak nie? Daar is onlangs onderbrekings in elektrisiteitstoevoer in Groenvlei en Noord-Paarl ervaar.

### 3. VOORGESTELDE TARIWE VIR 2026/2027

3.1 Om sinvolle kommentaar te lewer oor tariefaanpassings vir 2026/2027, is dit nodig om tipiese pro forma rekeninge te sien. Ons versoek voorbeelde van rekeninge gebaseer op huidige 2025/2026 tariewe sowel as voorgestelde 2026/2027 tariewe, sodat die totale impak op verbruikers bepaal kan word.

# APPENDIX 5

Andy McMahon

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: IDP submission for Ward 4

**From:** Andy McMahon <[andymcmahon95@outlook.com](mailto:andymcmahon95@outlook.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2026 10:06 PM  
**To:** IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Drakenstein Municipality Customer Care <[customercare@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:customercare@drakenstein.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** IDP submission for Ward 4

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Dear Committee Members

I would like to express an appreciation for the committee's ongoing work but as I am unable to attend the meeting that covers ward 4 on the 22nd of April, I am submitting a written comment on the state of the firebreaks around Carletta St.

Since we moved to Paarl 3½ years ago, I have been following up with the authorities who control Paarl Mountain and the fire department and have had a commitment going back to 2022 that action will be taken to resolve the problems. Two fires later, with the second in November 2024 seriously threatening our property and other properties around us, a meeting was arranged by Eda Barnard with the relevant parties and members of the mayoral committee with the hope that the firebreaks would be addressed. Unfortunately, almost a year and a half later, the recent efforts have not fully addressed the issue as the contractors appointed to clear the firebreaks have primarily been focused on cutting wood to sell and this has left the properties backing onto the Paarl Mountain Reserve inadequately protected from fire.

My neighbor, Lester Grovers, and I have recently met with Lindsay Lewis and the fire chief, Wynand Els, in the hope that the problem can be addressed before the next fire season, but I believe that there are no funds available nor funds planned for firebreaks going forward. The fire chief acknowledges that there is work required but both my neighbor and I are very concerned that very little action will be taken going forward if there is no budget allocation for the work, especially with the alien Port Jackson and Blue Gum Trees growing back prolifically after the last fire.

It must be noted that the primary source of the fires has been vagrants who sleep on the mountain slopes close to the residential areas during the summer months. This problem is monitored but cannot

be eliminated and hence, regular fires directly above the property line remain an ongoing higher than normal risk.

I wish to request that adequate budgeting and management of the firebreaks protecting properties adjacent to Paarl Mountain, particularly around Carletta St, be actioned on as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Andy McMahon

076 354 9896

34 Carletta Street

# APPENDIX 6

Angela and Ashley Van Heerden

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: Formal Comment Letter on Drakenstein Municipality's Integrated Development Plan: Key Performance Areas and Priority Development Objectives

**From:** Angie Van Heerden <[Angievh11@outlook.com](mailto:Angievh11@outlook.com)>

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**Subject:** Formal Comment Letter on Drakenstein Municipality's Integrated Development Plan: Key Performance Areas and Priority Development Objectives

Formal Comment Letter on Drakenstein Municipality's Integrated Development Plan: Key Performance Areas and Priority Development Objectives

Addressing Community Concerns and Recommendations for PDOs 24-37 in Paarl

To: Municipal Officials and Planners

Paarl - Drakenstein Municipality

All protocols observed

Date: 19 April 2026

Subject: Feedback on the Omission of Key Performance Areas (KPA) and Priority Development Objectives (PDOs) 24-37 in Municipal Planning

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally express concern regarding the lack of reference to Key Performance Areas (KPA) and Priority Development Objectives (PDOs) 24-37 in the current municipal planning documentation. These objectives are vital for ensuring the well-being, safety, and sustainable development of the Paarl community. The omission of these priorities undermines the effectiveness of municipal strategies and service delivery.

**PDO 24: Water and Wastewater**

There is a pressing need for proactive infrastructure renewal and regular maintenance of water and wastewater systems. Burst water pipes continue to disrupt services and pose health risks. Investment in modernising these systems will prevent frequent breakdowns and ensure reliable supply.

### **PDO 25: Solid Waste**

Solid waste management is hampered by inadequate bin scratching controls, insufficient garbage truck capacity, and irregular recycling collection. These gaps contribute to unsightly streets and environmental hazards. Enhanced funding and improved logistics are required to address these issues.

### **PDO 31: Urbanisation and Human Settlements**

Homelessness, people living on the mountain, along Berg River and on the streets, and the proliferation of illegal structures are growing concerns. The municipality must develop comprehensive shelter programmes and enforce regulations to improve urban safety and dignity for all residents.

### **PDO 32: Social Development**

The needs of street children, those engaged in begging, and vulnerable families require urgent attention. Increased funding for social workers and targeted interventions will help address root causes and provide meaningful support.

Collaborating with the Department of Social Development (DSD) and the South African Police Services (SAPS) enables a comprehensive approach to addressing social challenges within communities. These partnerships facilitate the sharing of resources, expertise, and information, allowing for more effective interventions in cases of child protection, gender-based violence, substance abuse, and other social issues.

Joint initiatives often include awareness campaigns, community outreach programmes, and coordinated response mechanisms for vulnerable groups. By working together, DSD and SAPS can ensure that affected individuals receive both immediate protection and access to long-term support services, fostering safer and more resilient communities across Paarl.

Establishment of a 'Cadet Program' and programs or academies like Chrysalis Academy for children in conflict with law.

### **PDO 33: Sport and Recreation**

There is a lack of accessible sports facilities, particularly for hockey and youth engagement. Investment in recreation infrastructure, especially hockey astro or hockey clubs with dedicated land and facilities, is essential to foster healthy lifestyles and constructive activities for the youth.

### **PDO 34: Parks and Open Spaces**

Maintenance of parks and open spaces is critical for community well-being. Fire prevention, clear signage, controlled access, and addressing homelessness within these areas must be prioritised to maintain safety and usability.

Urgent allocation of funds and resources to **Paarl Mountain Nature reserve:**

- fire break maintenance, plans and budget to prevent fires on the mountain
- van der Poel's Drift open space – ward 3. No regular grass cutting
- homelessness, illegal structures and people living on the mountain, and risk of fires!
- Signage for hotspots – theft out of motor vehicles – “Do not leave valuables in cars” etc.
- Cameras and LPR cameras on Jan Phillips Road and entrances/exits
- Access control to close mountain after closure time especially vehicles - Upgrading of Jan Phillips Road & consider security measures
- Additional Quadbikes and motorcycles - Paarl Arboretum and Paarl Mountain Nature Reserve
- homeless - prioritise reunification and re integration –prioritise the Paarl Mountain Nature Reserve

Funding for soil erosion plans and implementation: Secure financial resources to support the development and execution of strategies aimed at preventing and mitigating soil erosion. This includes investing in research, infrastructure, and community outreach to ensure sustainable land management.

Removal of fuel: Implement measures to safely remove and manage fuel sources that contribute to environmental degradation, such as excess vegetation or combustible materials. This action helps reduce the risk of wildfires and promotes ecological restoration.

### **PDO 35: Cemeteries**

Funding for Nieuwedrift Cemetery fencing is inadequate, leading to fire risks, illegal dumping, and drug use. Immediate action is required to secure these spaces, prevent hazards, and uphold respect for the deceased.

### **PDO 36: Fire, Rescue and Disaster Management**

Fire prevention efforts must be strengthened, with increased resources allocated to address arson and disaster preparedness. The current capacity is insufficient to meet growing risks and community needs.

### **PDO 37: By-law Enforcement and Security**

Public drinking, drug use, and insufficient law enforcement resources compromise community safety. A strategic increase in personnel and enforcement activities is necessary to ensure compliance and protect residents.

Urgent bylaw enforcement is needed! Report Crime Faster App's like those used in Cape Town to report crime and by-law offences is recommended in Paarl. Technology to help keep communities safe!

In conclusion, I urge the municipality to prioritise urgent action and investment in these areas. Proactive infrastructure renewal, increased resources, and a renewed focus on community safety and cleanliness are essential. Addressing these concerns will not only improve the quality of life in Paarl but also foster a sense of pride and security among its residents.

I trust that this feedback will be considered during the next planning cycle, and I look forward to seeing tangible progress in the implementation of these objectives.

Yours sincerely,

Angela and Ashley van Heerden

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# APPENDIX 7

Frikkie Van Zyl

## Lynne Crotz

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Met die toename in verkeer in Noorder Paarl nadat Aandblom straat oopgemaak is, is die 4 rigting stop en die Stopstraat in Alantstraat n baie groot probleem. Voertuie ry teen hoe spoed in Alant en Prinsstraat en ignoreer die stoptekens.

Die spoedwal op hoek van Prinnstraat. Gericke en Merten straat dien geen doel nie.

Ons sal graag wil sien dat doeltreffende spoedwalle/ beheer in die omgewing geplaas sal word.

Frikkie van Zyl

Sent from my Galaxy

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# APPENDIX 8

Carla Arnold

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Beste Tannie Cindy

Ek hoop dit gaan baie goed met Tannie.

Ek het Tannie se kontakbesonderhede by my oupa, Johan Jacobs van Stilbaai, gekry. Nadat ek in die Paarl Pos gelees het van die aanranding van leerders by Arboretum gedurende November/Desember verlede jaar, was ek regtig geskok en hartseer. Dit het my diep geraak, omdat dit 'n plek is wat vir my en baie ander jongmense baie spesiaal is.

Ek is tans 'n Graad 9-leerder by Girls' High in Paarl, en ek woon saam met my ouers en broer. Ons is baie lief vir sport, die natuur en die buitelewe, en ek sien die Arboretum as 'n belangrike en kosbare ontspanningsterrein waar mense veilig behoort te kan wees. Dit is vir my hartseer dat 'n plek wat soveel potensiaal het, nie altyd veilig ervaar word nie.

Ek en my vriende het ook hieroor gepraat, en hulle voel baie sterk daarvoor dat Arboretum verbeter en veiliger gemaak moet word. Ek het ook my idees met hulle gedeel, en hulle dink dit is regtig goeie en oulike planne wat 'n positiewe verskil kan maak.

Saam met my oupa het ek gekyk na die regte en verantwoordelikhede van inwoners binne die gemeenskap, soos uiteengesit in die Munisipale Stelselwet, byvoorbeeld artikel 5(1)(a)(ii): "Members of the local community have the right... to submit written recommendations... to the municipal council", asook artikel 5(1)(f): "...to the use and enjoyment of public facilities."

Hiermee wil ek met groot respek die volgende voorstelle maak rakende Arboretum:

- Dat daar voldoende begroot word om Arboretum veilig te maak vir leerders en alle inwoners, sodat mense daar sonder vrees kan ontspan.
- Dat 'n omheining en 'n veilige toegangshek oorweeg word om toegang beter te beheer.
- Dat CCTV-kameras geïnstalleer word om veiligheid te verbeter en misdaad te help voorkom.

- Dat genoeg vullishouers geplaas en gereeld skoongemaak word om die terrein netjies en aangenaam te hou.
- Dat 'n gedeelte van die terrein moontlik verhuur word vir 'n klein koffiewinkel, restaurant of “pop-up shop”, wat nie net die area lewendiger sal maak nie, maar ook inkomste vir die munisipaliteit kan genereer.
- Dat 'n sekuriteitswag by die ingang aangestel word, wat veiligheid kan verbeter en terselfdertyd werksgeleenthede kan skep.
- Dat inwoners aangemoedig word om verdere insette en voorstelle te lewer, sodat die gemeenskap saam kan werk om Arboretum te verbeter.

Ek heg ook foto's / 'n voorstel van 'n moontlike winkelgedeelte aan wat dalk oorweeg kan word.

Dit is my opregte hoop dat Arboretum weer 'n plek kan wees waar kinders, gesinne en alle inwoners van Paarl veilig en met gemoedsrus tyd in die natuur kan deurbring. Baie dankie dat Tannie die tyd neem om na my voorstelle te kyk – ek waardeer dit opreg.

Vriendelike groete

**Carla Arnold**



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# APPENDIX 9

## Breadline Africa

## **Draft IDP Submission: Breadline Africa Educational Infrastructure Partnership Proposal**

*Breadline Africa requests that the following statement be included in the municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP):*

*Breadline Africa is a non-profit organisation that has supported educational infrastructure development across South Africa for more than thirty years. The organisation's work focuses on improving access to safe, compliant and nurturing learning environments for children. Breadline Africa has implemented over 2200 infrastructure projects across the country, working in partnership with government departments, school communities and corporate funders to deliver practical, compliant and sustainable facilities.*

*Over the next three to five years, Breadline Africa intends to work collaboratively within Drakenstein to mobilise and coordinate external and co-funded investment for educational infrastructure projects that respond directly to community needs. This partnership approach will focus on coordinating and facilitating investment in new structures, upgrades, maintenance and the refurbishment, renovation or repurposing of existing facilities for use as Early Childhood Development centres, primary schools, high schools or satellite TVET colleges.*

*Breadline Africa's Infrastructure Strategy for 2026 to 2030 identifies Drakenstein Local Municipality as a priority partner because of its commitment to education and community development, as reflected in its Integrated Development Plan, municipal budget and Spatial Development Framework.*

*Through a structured partnership approach, Breadline Africa will collaborate with the municipality, relevant provincial departments, school communities and other stakeholders to identify priority sites requiring infrastructure support. Potential projects may include new classrooms, libraries, kitchens, ablution facilities and administrative spaces, as well as the refurbishment, renovation or repurposing of existing buildings for educational use.*

*The intention is to mobilise and coordinate investment that strengthens the capacity of local schools and Early Childhood Development centres to provide safe and functional learning environments that support quality teaching, learning and whole child development.*

*Breadline Africa will work with the municipality through joint planning and mapping processes, project identification, compliance support and community consultation. All interventions will align with national and provincial education priorities and with the municipality's development objectives, particularly in communities where access to quality learning spaces remains limited. This includes informal settlements, rural areas and historically underserved neighbourhoods.*

*These initiatives support national priorities to expand access to quality Early Childhood Development services and safe school infrastructure, including the objectives of the National Development Plan 2030 and the Nurturing Care Framework for Early Childhood Development.*

*By including this partnership in the Integrated Development Plan, the municipality creates a framework for coordinated planning and investment in education infrastructure, enabling external partners such as Breadline Africa to align resources with local development priorities. This collaboration will support sustainable improvements in Early Childhood Development centres, primary schools and high schools, strengthen safe and resilient learning environments and contribute to long term community development across the municipal area.*

# APPENDIX 10

## Fabian Plaatjies

## WYK 22 INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

2026-2027

### 1. Dienslewering en Begroting:

1.1 Hoe word begrotings toebedeel tussen verskillende diensfdelings ( paaie, water, stormwater, vullis, ens)?

1.2 Watter projekte in Parl-Oos is reeds in die mediumtermynbegroting gefinansier, en watter hang af van toekomstige befondsing?

1.3 Hoe meet Drakenstein Munisipaliteit die sukses of voltooiing van 'n IDP Projek?

### 2. Gemeenskapsbetrokkenheid en Terugvoering:

2.1 Hoe kan inwonersdie vordering van IDP Projekte nagaan nadat die plan goedgekeur is?

2.2 Watter kanale kan inwoners gebruik om infrastruktuurprobleme te raporteer (verstopte dreine,beskadigde paaie,ens)?

**Seecllickfix en Customer care is dit doeltreffende wat die gewone inwoners het nie die nodige kennis om dit te raporteer nie.**

2.3 Hoe word gemeenskapinsette/insae in die IDP ingewerk?

### 3. Ruimtelike Beplanning en Ontwikkeling:

3.1 Wat is die langtermyn grondgebruik en ontwikkelingsplanne vir Paarl-Oos, en hoe sal dit dienslewering en vervoer beïnvloed?

3.2 Hoe verseker Drakenstein Munisipaliteit dat nuwe behuising of ontwikkeling voldoende pad,elektrisiteit,stormwater,rioolinfrastruktuur insluit?

### 4. Volhoubaarheid en Toekomsbeplanning:

4.1 Hoe word hernubare energie en groen infrastruktuur vir Paarl-Oos in toekomstige projekte geïntegreer?

4.2 Watter vennootskappe ( Provinsiaal,privaat of NGO's) word oorweeg om ontwikkeling te ondersteun?

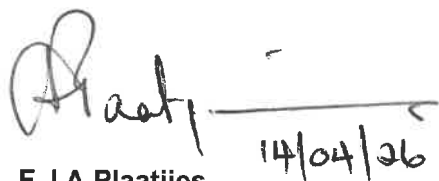
4.3 Hoe word die balans bepaal tussen bedryfsbesteding ( instandhouding, personeel en voertuie) en kapitaalbegroting (nuwe ontwikkelinge)?

4.4 Watter gedeelte van die kapitaalbegroting word jaarliks aan Paarl-Oos toegewys en hoe vergelyk dit met ander gebiede se behoeftes?

4.5 Hoe beplan Drakenstein Munisipaliteit om toekomstige groei in Paarl-Oos (bv. Nuwe beuising of sakeontwikkeling) te finansier?

4.6 Op watter manier word Drakentein Munisipaliteit se langtermyn skuld, reserwes en kontantvloei bestuur om IDP projekte volhoubaar te ondersteun?

4.7 Hoe word tariefverhogings bereken en hoe beïnvloed dit projekte wat in die IDP voorgestel word?



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# APPENDIX 11

Leon Coetzee

## 1. DRAFT FIVE-YEAR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026/27 REVIEW – INPUT/QUESTIONS

### 1.1 PDO 11: CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

#### PDO DESCRIPTION

“This PDO pertains to the Municipality’s activities in respect of Capital Expenditure. Section 15 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (No. 56 of 2003) mandates the City Manager to ensure that the appropriation of funds for capital expenditure takes place within the confines of an approved capital budget. This PDO monitors the Municipality’s compliance with the prescripts of the MFMA.”

RATING OF THE PDO    Table 28: PDO 11 – Rating

**Q1.1.1** Is the Rating purely based on % of money spent per allocated funding amount?

**Q1.1.2** How is Value for Money spent/Return on Investment reflected in this rating?

### 1.2 PDO 12: ASSETS

#### PDO DESCRIPTION

“This PDO addresses the Municipality’s activities in respect of Asset Management, a process aimed at the cost effective management of local government capital assets. Asset Management involves analysing each asset’s lifecycle and capacity, and compiling information on maintenance requirements, service levels, and new asset needs. These tasks are conducted in accordance with the relevant Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP) standards, alongside other pertinent policies, and procedures.”

RATING OF THE PDO    Table 29: PDO 12 – Rating

**Q1.2.1** How is the Assets Replacement Requirements and Need, which is presumably included in an Asset Management Programme, measured against what has been implemented, and how is it reflected in this rating?

**Q1.2.2** In which indicators are asset replacement backlogs reflected?

## 2. REVIEWED SDF FOR 2026-2027 – INPUT/QUESTIONS

### 2.1 CONSTRAINTS ON CAPITAL FUNDING

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“The constraints placed on the available funding available for capital project implementation, the moratorium on the taking up of external loans during the loan restructuring period as well as the limited grants received by the Municipality, has necessitated a significant decrease in the capital expenditure over the next 5 years, as can be seen in the next graph. Although recovering in 2029/30, it is barely over the minimum spend required to remain sustainable and has left a major funding gap. From year one (2025/26) to five (2029/23), between 17% to 68% of the required capital needs can be addressed, while from year six (2030/31) to ten (2034/35) between 43% to 47% of the average yearly capital needs can be addressed.”

**Q 2.1.1** How is this major challenge on constraints on available capital funding, going to be addressed and where is it covered in the documents?

**Q 2.2.2** Can it be considered that this backlog is to a large extent influenced by approving/allowing new development that requires installation of new infrastructure?

**Q 2.2.3** Is it a priority to first allocate sufficient capital funds to maintain/replace existing infrastructure and thereafter look at new development needs, or is it the other way round?

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# APPENDIX 12

'Cllr Stephan Landsberg

## **2026/2027 IDP Recommendations**

Referring to the 2026/2027 IDP and Budget, The VF Plus Drakenstein recommend the below.

### **1. Law Enforcement and Traffic officers:**

More funds must be allocated to appoint Law Enforcement and Traffic officers. We as a Secondary City have far too little of both entities, we cannot have 24 members for each Department. With the huge influx of people and population growth we need at least 70 members per Department to get a positive impact on the current situation. If need to be, funds must be obtained from Provincial Government for permanent Officers.

According to 2025/2026 budget figures 54% of Drakenstein population has been classified as poor – this means only 46 % must carry the burden on higher taxes and we as Taxpayers pockets is running empty.

Prevention crime is the main function off SAPS but By- Law enforcements leis with the Municipality. We also request that each Department that have By Laws must have at least one Qualified Peace Officer to address issues in their department. The Leap officers is a short-term solution but is not sustainable.

This is not acceptable that when residents log complains on SeeClixFix the complaint is just get closed and no reaction. We believe in a clean and safe environment for everyone.

### **2. Road markings:**

Road markings only happen once a year, there is certain areas that handle a lot more traffic and needs more regular painting of Road marks – for example Blouvillei Road. We believe if there are more Road markings we can create a safer Road user.

### **3. Tar of roads:**

Most of the roads in Wellington residential areas is busy cracking up or is busy crumbling up. Urgent attention needs to be given to re-seal all these roads. With more developments coming to Wellington and Paarl and specific in certain areas these roads will eventually collapse due to the high traffic. Very little resealing did happen the last 10 years.

### **4. Homeless people:**

More effort must be done by Social Development to get people from the streets, currently there is a huge influx of homeless people in Wellington. Very little is currently be done to took people from the street. They are also the biggest culprits empty the waste bins standing on the pavements and left a mess behind.

### **5. Formal Traiding :**

More must be done to allocate street stalls – permits have been given left right and centre before there is a proper impact study been done to see if there are space and need for another stall. The same for the owner of a business – his/her input is not considered. Pavements in Wellington specially in Hoofweg has been occupied with

stalls that you cannot walk on the pavements – this needs urgent attention. Most of the time there is no ablution nearby or the stallers stand just around the corners to do their “thing”. They also left their waste behind at the end of the day. We must create a safer and cleaner CBD for residents and tourists. More dedicated areas must be created so that those people can use these areas to put their stalls

**6. Dirty buildings and Foreigners:**

Pressure must be put on building owners in the CBD to clean their building on the outside – more of these buildings start looking like Hillbrow in Johannesburg. Foreigners also sleep in the shops, and we cannot understand why this is allowed – is yearly inspections been done by CWDM as well as the Fire Brigade to see if the buildings and shops still comply to legislation. They are also the biggest culprits troughing out their rubbish in the streets late night for people living on the street to leave a bigger mess behind. This is Church and Hoofweg – Wellington. Planning and development must stop any trade until everything is fixed and up to standard before Trading is allowed again.

**7. Spruitrivier:**

Spruit Rivier is for years a huge problem and very little has been done to keep the river clean. People jump over the fencing and open rubbish bags in the river and left the mess behind. People also sleep under the bridges, making fire. This river should be patrolled at least 4 times a day /night to clear the area from vagrants.

**8. Wellington CBD Drinking:**

Kort,Fontein and Prins street in Wellington is the biggest hot spots for people drinking on the pavements and streets and also use the area as their daily toilets.Fridays and Saterdays are the worst.Yes there is from time to time a CBD operation but this is far too little to make a positive impact.This must be enforced daily and weekly – our town is busy collapsing due to this and does not promote people to come and visit Wellington and a have negative impact on Tourism.

**9. Fountain circle Wellington – looking in a deeper option:**

People cry out for a type of circle or robot at the corner of Piet Retief and Blouville Road Wellington, this is coming on for years and residents need a solution. I understand that with the development on erf 4722 there might become a change, but this can still take years. Looking into a slip way from Blouville into Piet Retief Street is recommended or even a circle type, with good planning and the huge influx of vehicles using this road we believe a circle is the best option.

**10. Bin Scratchers and Illegal dumping:**

Bin scratchers are a huge problem ,not only in Wellington but also in Paarl.Most of the residents cannot sit and watch their bins on refuse removal days.No effort is been made to remove the bin scratchers out of areas ,they left a mess behind for residents to clean up.Bin Scratchers become also very violent and aggressive when you talk to them .Invest in a proper bin locker for residents and business who have to move out their bins on the pavements without any fear to be victimised.Drakenstein did create this problem to allow people to scratch in bins and cannot Enforce the By Laws.They form part of the Illegal dumping that Drakenstein cannot resolve .I see this in the Main Road in Wellington (in the mornings) where business put late night their rubbish out.

The only solution to stop illegal dumping is to impound vehicles if they get caught red handed – the vehicles must only be released when the fine has been paid. The fine must also not R1000.00 but at least R5000.00

Another method must be created to report people who do illegal dumping. A lot of people in the poorer areas is afraid to report this due to victimisation and there is no easy solution for them.

**11. Water leaks and pipe burst:**

Wellington and Paarl water pipes keep leaking and bursting in various areas, at some places it starts leaking again at the same place where it was fixed, this is either poor workmanship or old infrastructure. Urgent attention must be given to replace old water lines – the “lap and plak is not sustainable anymore. We as Taxpayers keep pay the bills but the infrastructure keeps collapsing. It seem that the pipes cannot took the pressure anymore. There must be plan circulated to each ward residents indicating how many burts pipes and water leaks was fixed per month (per area in the ward), what is the long-term plan to replace old pipes and when it will be replaced. We need this communication. With the R1.4 billion loan and the income already been generated from new developments there is no reason why upgrades cannot be commence. New developments get the best of the best and most of the cost has been financed by the developer itself.

**12. Wringting off Uncollectible debt:**

We as the VF Plus believes more emphases must be done to recover uncollectible debt. To much money has been written off for the Taxpayer to pay the bill so that the budget can balance. Uncollectible debt is not a given and nothing is for free in life.

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**Cllr Stephan Landsberg**

# APPENDIX 13

## Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR)

## **SUBMISSION BY CONCERNED DRAKENSTEIN RESIDENTS (CDR)**

### **DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY – BUDGET AND IDP INPUTS**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) submit these inputs at a time when many residents are under severe financial pressure, facing rising costs, unemployment, and declining living conditions.

We state upfront: budgets that do not prioritise people over administration will continue to fail our communities.

This submission is not a wish list — it is a necessary correction to a system that is increasingly disconnected from the realities on the ground.

#### **2. INDIGENT SUBSIDY.**

Foster grand income and other social grant income should be excluding from the household calculation for indigent eligibility. The applicant will qualify using the income calculation from the applicant.

- Where it can be proven that there is no negligents, 100% rebate to register indigent household for stolen water meters
- Council must repair basic water leakages within reason in the indigent property
- Where it can be proven that there is no negligents, 100% rebate to register indigent household for stolen refuse bins
- Where it can be proven that there is no negligents, 100% rebate to register indigent household for sewage drain blockages

<b>DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY</b>		<b>CDR</b>	
CATEGORY A	R0-R6000	CATEGORY A	R0- R7000
CATEGORY B	R6001- R7500	CATEGORY B	R7001-R8000
CATEGORY C	R6501- R7500	CATEGORY C	R8001-R9000
CATEGORY D	R7501- R8000	CATEGORY D	R9001-R10000

### 3. WARD ALLOCATIONS – PUT MONEY WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE

The current ward allocation of R220,000 is inadequate and out of touch with community needs.

**CDR demands that ward allocations be increased to R1,000,000 per ward.**

These funds must not be absorbed into capital vanity projects, but must directly serve communities through: **No outsourcing, all transactions, allocations and projects must be managed by the Municipality Social Development Department**

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) interventions	R100 000
Youth development	R100 000
Elderly support	R100 000
Community safety	R100 000
Sport and recreation	R100 000
Meaningful local job creation	R200 000
Poverty elevation programs	R100 000
Skills projects, Driver's license, security, Homebase care, plumbing	R100 000
Early Childhood developments (EDC)	R100 000

Anything less is a continuation of underinvestment in the very communities that carry this municipality.

### 4. TARIFFS – RESIDENTS CANNOT BE THE MUNICIPALITY'S ATM

Residents cannot continue to absorb excessive increases while service delivery remains inconsistent.

CDR therefore proposes:

The municipality must tighten its own spending before turning to residents for more money.

<b>DRAKENSTEIN TARIFF INCREASES</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>	<b>CDR PROPOSES TARIFF INCREASE</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
WATER	7.7%	7.7%	WATER	7%
ELECTRICITY	10.32%	6.3%	ELECTRICITY	5.5%
ELEC BASIC CHARGE	4.9%	2.0%	ELEC BASIC CHARGE	No charges up to 40amps
SANITATION	5.9%	4.5%	SANITATION	0%
REFUSE REMOVAL	5.9%	4.5%	REFUSE REMOVAL	4%

## 5. MUNICIPAL RENTAL STOCK – STOP NEGLECTING THE POOR

Municipal flats and rental stock have been left to deteriorate, while residents are expected to live in unacceptable conditions.

CDR demands:

- A full and transparent assessment of all municipal rental units
- A clear report on the cost to repair and restore dignity
- The municipality must secure funding, including loans if necessary, to fix these units

Neglecting municipal housing is neglecting the most vulnerable residents.

## **6. DEBT RELIEF – END THE CYCLE OF PERMANENT DEBT**

The current approach to debt traps residents in a system they can never escape.

CDR proposes:

- Full debt write-off for all qualifying indigent households
- Write-off of all debt older than 18 months
- No child or beneficiary should inherit municipal debt from deceased family members

It is unjust to expect people to rebuild their lives while buried under historical debt.

## **7. MUNICIPAL STRUCTURE – FIX THE SYSTEM**

CDR calls for a complete review of the municipal organogram.

Residents are entitled to a municipality that is:

- Efficient
- Accountable
- Focused on service delivery

If the structure is not working for the people, it must be changed.

## **8. ACCESS TO FACILITIES – STOP PRICING OUT COMMUNITIES**

Community spaces are increasingly unaffordable for the very people they are meant to serve.

CDR demands a review of tariffs for:

- Halls
- Parks and open spaces
- Sport facilities

These must be made accessible to small organisers, youth groups, and community initiatives, not just those with financial backing.

## **9. ELECTRIFICATION – DIGNITY IS NOT NEGOTIABLE**

Backyard dwellers remain excluded from basic services.

CDR demands:

- Formal assessment and electrification of backyard dwellers on both private and state land
- Where infrastructure is lacking, the municipality must expand the grid, including through loan funding
- Where it can be proven that there is no negligence, 100% rebate to register indigent household for stolen electricity overhead or underground service suppliers or damage electricity meters.
- The levy for electricity connection must be waived on 40amps, charges can apply above 40 amps

Access to electricity is not a luxury — it is a basic right.

## 10. Property rates

Drakenstein Municipality	CDR
Owners above 60 automatically receive 5% rebate on net rates	Owners above 60 automatically receive 50% rebate on net rates
Pensioners with proven income of R35 000 p.m. or less may qualify for an extra 10% rebate	Pensioners with proven income of R35 000 p.m. or less may qualify for an extra 30% rebate
	Pensioners 70 years and above may qualify for full exemption <b>no rates payable</b>
Agriculture properties receives 75% rebate rates plus up 10%	Agriculture properties receives 0% rebate rates, because of the farm evictions in DRK
Residential rates increase capped at a maximum increase of 3.7%	Full evaluation roll must be implemented and an increase of 1% and a capped of 1.2 million on property evaluation

### . CONCLUSION – A CALL FOR POLITICAL WILL

The challenges in Drakenstein are not due to a lack of resources, but a lack of political prioritisation.

CDR will continue to hold the municipality accountable to ensure that:

- Budgets reflect people's needs, not administrative comfort
- Policies restore dignity, not deepen inequality

The time for minor adjustments has passed.

What is required now is decisive, people-centred action.

Submitted by:

Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR)

# APPENDIX 14

Gavin Cupido OBO – Paarl  
Hockey Club

## Lynne Crotz

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**From:** Lynne.Crotz@drakenstein.gov.za  
**To:** Cindy September  
**Subject:** RE: IDP - Objection Paarl Hockey Club

**From:** Gavin Garth Cupido <[gavingcupido@yahoo.com](mailto:gavingcupido@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2026 9:55:27 PM  
**To:** IDP <[idp@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:idp@drakenstein.gov.za)>; Cindy September <[cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:cindy.september@drakenstein.gov.za)>; John Smook <[chairman@paarlhockeyclub.co.za](mailto:chairman@paarlhockeyclub.co.za)>; Angie Du Plessis <[secretary@paarlhockeyclub.co.za](mailto:secretary@paarlhockeyclub.co.za)>  
**Subject:** IDP - Objection Paarl Hockey Club

Good day IDP / Drakenstein

Paarl Hockey Club a merger in 2012 between Paarl Ladies 1948 est. and Paarl Men 1945 est., would like to formally object to the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF). An open hockey club serving Drakenstein and surrounding areas with 8 senior teams and 4 junior teams. This is the size of 4 cricket or 4 rugby clubs. The biggest reason why we can't accommodate more players is due to the limited availability of astro time we get and for others the cost of playing hockey in Drakenstein without a public astro.

Through our school development assistance plan we can report that a further 10 schools will benefit from this directly. ( St Albans Ps, New Orleans Ps, Orleansvale Ps, William Lloyd Ps, Ebenezer Ps, Amstelhof, Noorder Paarl High, New Orleans High, Klein Nederburg High) Schools that had hockey not to long ago but due to no access to a astro they don't have hockey any more, Nieuwedrift Ps, Windmeul Ps, Magnolia Ps, Nederburg Ps, Paules Joubert Ps.

Small schools typically have 4 teams and bigger schools 6 to 8 teams and your big schools could have 12 teams and more. Meaning 1 school could have from 50 to 150 hockey players.

The normal winter season starts with preseason in February, and the league starts in April till September. There is a summer league running from October till early December, meaning an astro gets utilised almost the whole year around.

Drakenstein currently has no dedicated hockey facility available to serve the growing number of players, schools, and clubs in the area. Despite this need being raised on multiple occasions over the years, the current draft plans again make no provision for the development of an astro turf facility. The Parys fields that has hockey fields that can be used for an astro installation the municipality has earmarked for a different development without making alternate provision to accommodate hockey.

This omission limits the growth of the sport, restricts opportunities for youth development, and places local players and schools at a disadvantage compared to other regions.

I strongly urge the municipality to reconsider this position and to include provision for a hockey astro turf facility in the planning framework, in support of sport development and community wellbeing.

We fully understand that this will not be something that Drakenstein will be able to complete in one financial year or possibly on their own. We have indicated to Drakenstein before that we will be willing to source funds and do applications as well.

The focus was that Drakenstein identify and allocate a suitable area to locate an astro turf. Area that could be fenced and have basic services or can be added in the next couple of years. We will assist with sourcing funding for the actual astro turf, we just require a MOU or similar agreement.

Kind regards

Gavin Cupido

OBO – Paarl Hockey Club

# APPENDIX 15

## Electricity Tariffs submissions

Electricity Tariff Public Participation – 2026/2027 | Comments Received

Total comments: 62

#	Date	Sender (Email)	Comment	Theme	Customer Category
1	20-Mar-26	dietrichfaure	I'm the owner of 34 Fabrick St Paarl and wish to hereby voice my objection to the proposed electricity tariff increase.	Socio-Economic	Domestic
2	22 Mar 2026	stewen.lesch60	Thank you To increase tariff is crazy, I am a pensioner, how must I keep on living? For how long can I still afford to live in my home? Everything is increasing, how can us pensioners keep up with all these increases? I am not for a electricity price hike, it is not my problem that other municipalities are in arrears to Eskom, Eskom must get their money from them.	Socio-Economic	Domestic
3	23 Mar 2026	johann.jordaan	Dear Drakenstein Municipality The full tariff document is not on the website or least not in plain view. Postpone deadline to enable public participation process as indicated on attached document which reads 16 - 27 March for public comment, yet you only sent email late on Friday evening (very dubious timing to send comments out on Friday evening).	Transparency	Domestic
4	21 Mar 2026	mklein	Dear Drakenstein, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing as a concerned resident to respectfully request that the municipality reconsider any further increases to electricity tariffs. Many households in our community are already under significant financial strain due to rising living costs, and another increase in electricity prices would place an additional burden on families and small businesses alike. Affordable access to electricity is essential for daily life, economic participation, and overall well-being. Continued tariff increases risk making this basic necessity increasingly difficult to sustain for many residents. I kindly urge the municipality to explore alternative solutions, cost-saving measures, or phased approaches that would lessen the impact on the community. Transparent communication around pricing decisions and efforts to support vulnerable households would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. I trust that the municipality will act in the best interests of its residents. Yours faithfully, Mrs M Klein	Socio-Economic	Domestic
5	20 Mar 2026	roneliedekock1	The increase of the new tariff is too high and is already unaffordable, especially for the middle to lower class people's daily household use. Like myself, I am a single parent of two and have to struggle for survival. Why don't the municipalities stop the illegal use of electricity. In almost every township, people are stealing electricity. It is not even a secret. Everybody can see it from the streets. But the municipalities are too scared to go and conduct operations to stop this illegal usage. Municipalities are quick to go in other (more safer) areas to combat activities that are not in the structure of the bylaws, but ignore the millions of electricity wires connected illegally from street poles and government buildings, to their homes or sheds. Kind regard	Socio-Economic	Domestic
6	23 Mar 2026	robsamuel	Dear Sir/Madam, This comment is regarding the ability of Drakenstein residents to optimally utilise their solar systems to help reduce the Drakenstein account with Eskom. Currently the ability for us to help Drakenstein by pushing back to the grid, is completely nullified by the rules that we have to follow. If these rules have not yet changed since I previously enquired, it means that I only get credit on the electricity I can push back onto the grid up to the number of units I have purchased in that month. This makes absolutely no sense. In the months that I have excess to 'give/sell' to Drakenstein, I normally don't BUY any from Drakenstein, so there is no benefit for me with the current rules. Many residents are thus sitting with power that we can sell back to Drakenstein for much cheaper than you need to buy it from Eskom, why not utilise this?? Regards, Robert	Alternative Energy	Domestic
7	20 Mar 2026	fransjrossouw	Hello Ek sukkel om die dokumente op die webtuiste te vind. Kan dit dalk per epos aan my gestuur word asb? Groete Frans Rossouw There is no present like the time.	Transparency	Domestic
8	23 Mar 2026	GraylenePretorius	Good morning Thank you for opening this up for public comment. However, please bear in mind that the most impacted group of people will be the once that does not know how to provide their input on the tariff. Kindly consider not implementing the tariff or keeping it to a minimum. Cost of living already exceeds what most people make and there are still so many increases coming our way in April.	Socio-Economic	Domestic
9	21 Mar 2026	deon.cooli	Dear Dr. Leibrandt I support Drakenstein Municipality's proposal to increase its electricity tariffs on average by 6.3%. This is a responsible way to deal with increasing costs for hard-pressed households in the Drakenstein area.	Agree with Increase	Domestic

#	Date	Sender (Email)	Comment	Theme	Customer Category
10	23 Mar 2026	nicanitoubser	<p>Good day,</p> <p>We'll done to Drakenstein to kerb the high Eskom increases.</p> <p>I assume Drakenstein have been locking into alternative and energy supply options to kerb these sort of tariff hikes even further.</p> <p>The abnormally high and ever increasing Eskom tariff hikes is not doing the people of the valley any good. It has a far larger impact than just not being able to afford electricity and to take in a position of using less. It might be putting on the brakes in more departments we may think of.</p> <p>Please do not stop exploring.</p> <p>Ek kan nie nog pryverhogings bekostig nie ek is n pensioners. Ek weet nie eers of ek my huis kan bekostig nie, lewenskoste het net te hoog geword. Eskom moet maar die blyoene rande wat munisipaliteit skuld invoerder voor hulle drink aan pryverhogings. Ek is nie te vinde vir pryverhogings nie.</p> <p>Please consider retired persons already struggling with payments.</p> <p>Regards Roland Trautmann</p> <p>Good day</p> <p>Please find attached the VF Plus Rejection of the Proposed Electricity Tariff increase for the 2026/2027 Financial Year. Objection against proposed Electricity Tariff increase for the 2026/2027 Financial Year. The VF Plus of Drakenstein rejects and do not support the proposed Electricity increase of 9.01% for the 2026/2027 Financial Year as recommended by NERSA as well as an increase to the residents of Drakenstein Municipality. There is a huge financial burden on the Taxpayers of Drakenstein Municipality and any increase what's so ever will cause more job losses, poverty, more people not going to afford paying their Municipal bills as well as business closing down. Taken the above into account we can also expect that crime will increase in certain areas of Drakenstein. In the last 3 months of 2026 a few businesses have already closed in Wellington or moved their offices and factories to Cape Town that cause major job losses and small business cannot keep their doors open anymore. South – Africa is facing minimum economic growth the past couple of years, and wage increases is between 3.5% and 5%, far below the recommended increases NERSA proposed.</p> <p>The cost of electricity is becoming unbearable, and many of us simply cannot keep up anymore. Every month the prices go up, while our income stays the same. It is putting massive pressure on families who are already struggling to survive. To make matt...</p> <p>Good day</p> <p>The Proposed Electricity Tariffs for the 2026/2027 financial year is not available on the Municipality's website. Only the 2025/2026 financial year. We cannot submit written comments regarding the proposed tariffs via email because the tariffs are not available on the website.</p> <p>Currently what we can say is that the basic tariff for prepaid electricity should be review and cancelled. Other region Municipality's are not bill basic tariffs on clients using prepaid.</p> <p>The increase in electricity tariffs will just put more people under financial challenges. And it will mostly the middle class what will feel the increase. They are the people working to ensure stability in the economy. To put more financial pressure and this working class it will influence the economy in the way forward.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	Agree with Increase	Domestic
11	22 Mar 2026	namoorby		Socio-Economic	Domestic
12	23 Mar 2026	rolandtraut2		Socio-Economic	Domestic
13	23 Mar 2026	Stephan Landsberg		Socio-Economic	Domestic
14	21 Mar 2026	denovanprins75.dp		Socio-Economic	Domestic
15	23 Mar 2026	nico.botha		Socio-Economic	Domestic
16	20 Mar 2026	petersen.allistair	<p>Too whom it may concern</p> <p>It is an absolute travesty, that we the ratepayers are being punished profusely, year after year due to the exorbitant increases implemented without consideration. Because of a small connected few that captured the power utility and, corrupt officials that took kickbacks amounting to billions, it was just decided, the citizens of this country will be punished for this collectively.</p> <p>We've been through almost 12 hours of loadshedding daily for 2 years, and now tariff increases time after time. We now must decide between food or power, while people steal electricity through unlawful connections, and others get free units, meant for the vulnerable people by corrupt means, by being friends with managers and friends at municipal level. What's upsetting, as well is the fact that members of the gepf, are looked upon as being privileged when increases happen, because they worked in the public sector.</p> <p>In many occasions its not the case, and alot of these members, me included struggle in the upkeep with the exorbitant electricity tariff costs year in year out. R 1000 equals just about 300 units. That's equivalent to 13 to 14 days only. Which means, another R 1000 is needed, and that's without, rates, services, and tariffs that have to be paid on the month end. We've been faithfully paying our bills time after time, but now it's ridiculous. We cannot pay and subsidize the vulnerable anymore.</p> <p>Next the valuation of our property is coming, with another increase. While our pension increase is at 3.5%. With every new residential expansion, starting at 2.5mil to 11mil, our property value is effected. We the people in paarl east don't even look at the catalogs for the new expansions, because we will never qualify to live in it.</p> <p>It seems as if the municipality only caters to the rich privilege few, while we the citizens of paarl east are just an after thought, only to see municipal officials at election time. We are tired and will definitely be looking out for us, and will be voting for a party, that's prepared to look after us. For too long, the DA have been complacent expecting our votes, it's over.</p> <p>Start looking at structures where residents under the gepf, the most public officials earning a salary or pension way under 350k or up to 370k also get assistance by way of assisted free electricity units, or look at assisting households with solar panels to help lighten the cost. We see urgent red flags on the horizon, for 2026/2027 as well as 2028, with exorbitant increases of levies, and electricity tariffs per household and, will not be surprised, if the people start to rise because of it.</p> <p>As a ratepayer, we don't want to be taken advantage of, and wants to be treated fairly, which is not the case at present. I look forward and await any feedback regarding, and thank you in advance.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
17	20 Mar 2026	Kleinwedenburg		Socio-Economic	Commercial
18	20 Mar 2026	fwolhuter		Socio-Economic	Domestic

#	Date	Sender (Email)	Comment	Theme	Customer Category
19	23 Mar 2026	chrisna.opperman	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I hereby submit my formal objection to the proposed electricity tariff increases for the 2026/2027 financial year, as presented by Drakenstein Municipality for public participation. While the Municipality faces financial and operational pressures, the proposed tariff increases place a significant and disproportionate burden on compliant, paying electricity users, including households and businesses who consistently meet their municipal obligations.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the Municipality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconsider or moderate the proposed electricity tariff increase for the 2026/2027 financial year.</li> <li>Prioritise affordability, efficiency, and transparent cost management.</li> <li>Ensure that electricity tariffs remain fair and reasonable for compliant, paying users who form the backbone of municipal revenue.</li> </ul> <p>Electricity tariffs should balance cost recovery with affordability and economic reality. Increases should be implemented cautiously and only where they are demonstrably necessary, efficient, and fair. Paying electricity users should not bear an excessive financial burden without clear justification and evidence of responsible cost management.</p> <p>I trust that this submission will be carefully considered as part of the public participation process and reflected in the final Cost of Supply Study.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
20	23 Mar 2026	fdvaneeden	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I would like to submit my comments regarding the proposed electricity tariffs for the 2026/2027 financial year.</p> <p>I understand the need for the Municipality to ensure cost recovery and maintain infrastructure. However, I would like to raise the following concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Impact of fixed charges</b> Increases in fixed monthly or daily charges can disproportionately affect households that are actively trying to reduce electricity consumption. I request that the Municipality carefully consider limiting increases in fixed charges and rather focus on usage-based pricing.</li> <li><b>Affordability for middle-income households like myself</b> Even moderate percentage increases can place additional pressure on already strained household budgets. Consideration should be given to ensuring that tariff adjustments remain as affordable as possible for residents.</li> <li><b>Transparency on cost of supply</b> I would appreciate greater transparency on how the cost-of-supply study informs the proposed tariffs, particularly how costs are allocated across different user categories.</li> <li><b>Encouraging energy efficiency</b> Tariff structures should continue to incentivise reduced consumption and energy efficiency, rather than penalising lower-usage customers.</li> </ol> <p>I trust that these comments will be considered as part of the public participation process.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
21	21 Mar 2026	Dawfe	<p>Dear Sir / Madam</p> <p>I hereby submit my formal comments on the proposed electricity tariff increases for the 2026/2027 financial year, as published for public participation by Drakenstein Municipality. I am a residential consumer within the Municipality and wish to raise serious concern regarding the structure and extent of the proposed increases, particularly the significant escalation in fixed capacity charges.</p> <p>Based on my most recent municipal account, my current fixed electricity charge amounts to approximately R320.51 per month. Under the proposed tariff structure, this will increase to approximately R409.17 for a 30 Amp connection. This represents an increase of approximately 27.7% on the fixed charge alone.</p> <p>This increase is materially higher than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the stated average tariff increase of approximately 5%, and</li> <li>the current Consumer Price Index (CPI), which remains in the mid-single digit range, and</li> <li>typical salary increases, particularly within the public sector, which generally align with CPI or slightly above.</li> </ul> <p>The effect of this proposal is therefore not merely an inflationary adjustment, but a structural shift that disproportionately increases the financial burden on consumers, irrespective of actual electricity usage.</p> <p>From a practical household perspective, this creates the following challenges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The increase in fixed charges reduces the ability of households to manage costs through reduced consumption or energy efficiency measures.</li> <li>Consumers who have invested in alternative energy solutions (such as solar) are effectively penalised through higher fixed costs.</li> <li>The increase places additional pressure on already constrained household budgets, in an environment of rising living costs, interest rates, and economic uncertainty.</li> </ol> <p>It is further noted that municipal tariff setting should be guided by principles of affordability, fairness, and cost-reflectivity, while balancing the socio-economic realities of residents. In the current economic climate, an increase of this magnitude in fixed charges does not appear to align with these principles.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the Municipality reconsider the proposed increases, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the increase in fixed capacity charges be limited in line with CPI;</li> <li>That any restructuring of tariffs be implemented gradually over multiple financial years;</li> <li>That consideration be given to the cumulative financial impact on households, particularly middle- and lower-income consumers.</li> </ul> <p>Electricity is an essential service, and tariff structures should enable residents to maintain a basic standard of living, rather than place them under increasing financial strain.</p> <p>I trust that these comments will be given due consideration as part of the Cost of Supply Study and final tariff determination.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic

#	Date	Sender (Email)	Comment	Theme	Customer Category
22	21 Mar 2026	madaklein87	Beste Drakenstein munisipaliteit Hiermee rig ek as betalende verbruiker, 'n dringende versoek om die voorgestelde verhoging in tariewe te beperk. Ons is reeds in knelende huishoudelike uitgawes gedwing deur gedurige styging in voedsel, brandstof en lewenskoste en kan nie alles bybring nie. Ek waardeer die verantwoordelike bestuur van fondse deur Drakenstein. Groete Drakenstein verbruiker	Socio-Economic	Domestic
23	20 Mar 2026	wellingonhouse57	Greet and incompetent people. Am I writing at the correct place.	Socio-Economic	Domestic
24	20 Mar 2026	mcephraim	Please do not increase the tariffs. Petrol going up prices of food are increasing. Where must we get the money to buy electricity if it increasing also. Not ayoba	Socio-Economic	Domestic
25	20 Mar 2026	smidchristoff	No to tariff increase the people and businesses are already struggling to survive Regards Christoff Smidt	Socio-Economic	Domestic
26	21 Mar 2026	mervinrandal	Hey good day Esikom m not on with this thing that u want to increase electricity. It's already hard for us as South Africans to survive with 30 units of a R100 .Armoede is Al Maar besag Om ons dood te maak . Ek stem nie vir dit nie . Julie government is besag Om die land op te fok. Where do u think I gonna get R100 everyday for electricity. I which for a white president it's time u ANC government get the fuck off .	Socio-Economic	Domestic
27	18 Mar 2026	fezekangxata1n	Good day I am concerned about the rates that are increasingly while i am renting every month, and there is a problem with the system of drakenstein municipality if i rented on the 15th of every month i will experience the cut off of electricity. So i am asking myself do i throw my money on the bin or what is going on. Please assist us as a community of drakenstein in this issue Thank you MG Sobekwa	Socio-Economic	Domestic
28	23 Mar 2026	pamela taschner63	Please do not increase the tariffs. We beg you.	Socio-Economic	Domestic
29	22 Mar 2026	kobusgriese	I oppose any electricity tariff increase as Drakenstein already charges more for electricity than any other municipality in South Africa. I propose you focus on cost cutting and curbing salary increases throughout the municipality. We as pensioners cannot cope with the continuous rise in costs and taxes. I also propose a 20% rebate in electricity costs for people over 65. JJ Giesel	Socio-Economic	Domestic
30	20 Mar 2026	changmingwng	Dear Sir/Madam, I am a resident in Drakenstein. I object to the proposed 5%,-10% electricity tariff increase for 2026/2027. This increase is too high and will place a heavy financial burden on ordinary residents. Please reconsider the rate. Thank you.	Socio-Economic	Domestic
31	23 Mar 2026	charicraul1	I support the proposal of 6.3% whole heartedly. I am a pensioner and my monthly income only increases by 6.00% per year and the medical Aid has already increased this year by 9%. Thank you for the opportunity to through in my 5 cents Regards Charl Craul	Agree with Increase	Domestic

#	Date	Sender (Email)	Comment	Theme	Customer Category
32	23 Mar 2026	solomonskimlee	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I would like to formally object to the proposed 6.3% electricity tariff increase for the 2026/2027 financial year.</p> <p>While I acknowledge the Municipality's decision not to support the higher 9.01% increase proposed by NERSA, the proposed 6.3% increase remains excessive when compared to the current economic conditions faced by residents.</p> <p>According to the latest available data, South Africa's inflation rate is approximately 4.5%. This means the proposed electricity tariff increase exceeds inflation by a significant margin. In practical terms, this places additional financial pressure on households whose income growth does not keep pace with such increases.</p> <p>The reality is that most individuals do not receive salary increases above inflation, and in many cases, increases are either aligned with inflation or lower, if not completely absent. As a result, an electricity increase of 6.3% effectively reduces disposable income and places further strain on already stretched household budgets.</p> <p>Electricity is an essential service, not a luxury. Increases above inflation disproportionately affect lower and middle income households, who are already struggling with rising costs of food, transport, and other basic necessities. This approach is neither sustainable nor equitable.</p> <p>I strongly urge the Municipality to reconsider this proposal and align any electricity tariff increase strictly with the inflation rate. Doing so would demonstrate a fair and responsible approach that takes into account both service sustainability and the financial realities faced by residents.</p> <p>An increase above inflation is, in effect, a real increase in the cost burden on consumers, something that many households simply cannot absorb.</p> <p>I trust that the Municipality will take these concerns seriously and prioritize the well-being of its residents when making a final decision.</p> <p>Kind regards, Kim-Lee Solomons</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
33	23 Mar 2026	sulmoosa1026	<p>Good day</p> <p>I appreciate that Drakenstein Municipality is trying to balance long-term sustainability with the financial realities residents face.</p> <p>However, in communities like ours, where many households are already under significant economic pressure, even a 6.3% increase will have a real and immediate impact.</p> <p>It would be important for the Municipality to clearly outline what practical measures are being implemented to protect vulnerable residents, improve operational efficiency, and prevent recurring increases of this nature.</p> <p>Greater transparency and visible cost-containment efforts would go a long way in building public trust and cooperation.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
34	24 Mar 2026	willemdavis1	<p>Thank you for the opportunity. The proposed increase is far above the inflation rate and unavoidable for our pensioners.</p> <p>Suggest to assist pensioners to absorb the cost, increase the pensioners rebate to help a large group of your residence who find it hard to live meaningfully</p> <p>Can I please receive my monthly statement every month.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
35	24 Mar 2026	sammy01.hardine	<p>Good day, I am against the increase and do not support it.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
36	24 Mar 2026	horne	<p>Goede dag</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
37	24 Mar 2026	hamaile	<p>Graag wens ek beswaar aan te teken teen die voorgestelde verhoging van elektrisiteits tariewe.</p> <p>As pensioenaris verkeer ek reeds onder groot finansiële druk weens die hoë kostes van voedsel, brandstof en water. 'n Verdere verhoging in kragtariewe sal 'n groot invloed hê om net in die alledaagse benodigtes van my huishouding te voorsien. 'n Groot prysverhoging in brandstof word ook vanaf April maand verag, wat 'n effek op voedselpryse, ens sal hê.</p> <p>Ek is 'n pensioenaris wat afhanklik is van die GEFF. Dit is reeds bekend gemaak dat die GEFF 'n verhoging van net 3.5% gaan ontvang, wat baie minder is as die voorgestelde verhoging van 6.3% van Drakenstein Munisipaliteit. Ek is ook die eienaar van woning op erf 475, Wellington, en die voorgestelde verhoging van 7.2% boonop die verhoging in kragtariewe, sa verdere verarming tot gevolg hê.</p> <p>Ek doen dus 'n beroep op die Munisipaliteit om my omstandighede in ag te neem met die voorgestelde verhoging van tariewe.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
38	24 Mar 2026	stewardh57	<p>Following your email on the 20th march inviting scrutiny and comment on the proposed tariff I have been searching on the Website as indicated with no RESULT.</p> <p>Please can you supply me with the link to this 'report' on the Website. I am unable to find ANY reference to the "Proposed Electricity Tariffs for the 2026/2027 financial year".</p> <p>Furthermore in the light of what appears to be poor access to this document is it "fair and reasonable" to expect a response within 7 days?</p>	Transparency	Domestic
39	24 Mar 2026	varzy/heleen8	<p>Good day</p> <p>Thank you for asking for a comment regarding the increase in electricity</p> <p>I get SASA every month and cannot afford this increase in electricity.</p> <p>Thank you Heleen Van Zyl</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic

#	Date	Sender (Email)	Comment	Theme	Customer Category
40	25 Mar 2026	antoinne	<p>Dear Drakenstein Municipality,</p> <p>I am writing to formally submit our comments regarding the proposed electricity tariff increases. Please consider the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time of Use (TOU) increase: With CPI currently at 3%, we request a justification for the proposed 10% increase in TOU rates.</li> <li>- General Increase: The proposed 6% increase is double the current CPI; we ask that this be re-evaluated.</li> <li>- Economic Impact: We request that you reconsider these increases, as they will place significant financial strain on consumers.</li> <li>- Demand Charges: While the 2% demand charge increase is noted, the existing rate is already exceptionally high. At our manufacturing plant, the demand charge exceeds our consumption charge. Our average total cost per kWh is currently over R3.30, which is excessive for industrial operations.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for considering our feedback.</p> <p>Best regards,</p>	Socio-Economic	Commercial
41	25 Mar 2026	dwight	<p>Good morning</p> <p>Proposed Electricity Tariffs for the 2026/2027 financial year. I have attached my objection letter regarding the planned tariff increases.</p> <p><b>RE: OBJECTION TO DIFFERENTIATED ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASE EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2026</b></p> <p>We refer to the recent communication issued by the Municipality regarding the proposed electricity tariff increases effective 1 July 2026, specifically the differentiated structure whereby standard customers will receive a 5% increase, while Time-of-Use (TOU) customers will be subject to a 10% increase. Rupert &amp; Röttschild Vigneron's ("R&amp;R"), situated in Simonvlund, Paarl, is a bulk electricity user supplied by the Municipality and billed under the Time-of-Use tariff structure. As a large consumer, we treat electricity costs as a significant component of our operating expenditure, and they directly impact our competitiveness and long-term sustainability.</p> <p>We note that the National Energy Regulator of South Africa has approved an average tariff increase of 8.76% for Eskom direct customers, and 9.01% for municipal bulk purchases, effective 1 July 2026. These increases form part of a structured, multi-year approach to stabilising the electricity sector.</p> <p>Against this backdrop, the Municipality's proposed differentiated increase raises several concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The 10% increase applicable to TOU (bulk) customers exceeds the NERSA-guided municipal benchmark of 9.01%, placing disproportionate pressure on large users.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The 5% increase for non-TOU customers is significantly below the benchmark, resulting in an uneven allocation of tariff increases across the customer base.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This approach effectively shifts a greater share of the cost burden onto large consumers, without clear justification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> As TOU customers, R&amp;R already contributes to grid efficiency by managing demand patterns; penalising such customers through higher increases undermines the intent of TOU pricing structures.</li> </ul> <p>We submit that the proposed structure is inequitable. All customer categories ultimately derive their supply from the same bulk purchase cost base; therefore, tariff adjustments should be applied fairly and consistently.</p> <p>Request for Reconsideration In light of the above, we respectfully request that the Municipality:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reconsider the proposed differentiated tariff structure.</li> <li>2. Apply a more equitable and uniform increase across all customer categories, aligned as closely as possible with the NERSA-approved municipal increase of 9.01%.</li> <li>3. Provide transparent justification for the deviation in increases between TOU and non-TOU customers.</li> </ol> <p>R&amp;R supports the need for sustainable municipal finances and continued infrastructure investment. However, this must be balanced with fairness, transparency, and the economic realities faced by key contributors to the local economy.</p> <p>We would welcome the opportunity to engage further on this matter and participate in any stakeholder consultation processes.</p> <p>We trust that our concerns will receive due consideration.</p>	Socio-Economic	TOU

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42	25 Mar 2026	adamscaatherine5	<p>You don't often get email from adamscaatherine5@gmail.com. Learn why this is important</p> <p>I am writing as a deeply concerned and distressed resident of Drakenstein Municipality regarding the proposed electricity tariff increases for 2026/2027. I would like to express my deep concern regarding the continued increase in electricity tariffs, which are becoming increasingly unaffordable for ordinary residents, especially pensioners like myself and my husband. We are both elderly, and rely on a single monthly pension. Unfortunately, my husband does not qualify for a government pension due to my income exceeding the threshold. Despite this, our financial reality is extremely difficult. Each month, a significant portion of my pension is consumed by essential expenses: Electricity, Rates and Taxes, Medical aid, Fuel, Food, Maintenance, Bond, Vehicle, Insurance Policies</p> <p>After covering these basic necessities, there is very little left to sustain us. The rising cost of living, including continuous increases in food, fuel, and services, has placed immense pressure on households like ours. Income levels are not keeping pace with these increases, making it increasingly difficult to cope.</p> <p>The proposed electricity tariff increases will place an even heavier burden on vulnerable residents, particularly pensioners who have no means to supplement their income. At this stage in our lives, we should not have to struggle to meet our most basic needs. It feels as though the most vulnerable members of society, especially pensioners, are being overlooked and left behind. We have worked our entire lives, contributed to society, and now, in our later years, we are faced with financial hardship and uncertainty.</p> <p>I strongly urge the Municipality to reconsider these proposed tariff increases. Please take into account the real-life impact on pensioners and low-income households. We need meaningful relief measures, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced or subsidized electricity tariffs for pensioners without a threshold on their income, as we all pay the same amount for bread and milk. Protection for vulnerable households against excessive increases. Fair and compassionate consideration of residents' financial realities, each household's financial circumstances differ.</li> <li>Without intervention, these increases will cause further hardship and suffering for many residents who simply cannot afford it.</li> </ul> <p>I appeal to the Municipality to act with empathy, fairness, and responsibility. We are not asking for luxury—we are asking for dignity and the ability to live our remaining years without constant financial stress.</p> <p>Please Prioritize the well-being of Drakenstein residents.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my submission</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
43	25 Mar 2026	amemarledurandt	<p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN</p> <p>The proposed Electricity Tariffs for 2026/2027 of 9.01% by Eskom/NERSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Proposed increase: The municipality is acting to implement a 6.3% hike, which is lower than the 9.01% proposed by Eskom.</li> <li>* Comment: The decrease is noted but even 6.3% is still a high tariff and therefore my proposal will be to aim for 5%, and not higher than that.</li> <li>* Impact: The economic constraints to the community is huge and will have a significant impact on the overall living cost, that will skyrocket even further and plunges the municipality into a deeper pit of non-payments or partial payments (Municipal responsibilities). This will also lead to closure of small businesses and more job losses.</li> <li>* Question: Why is there no reduction on Earn Tax?, this will alleviate the financial constraints on the residents.</li> </ul>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
44	25 Mar 2026	jacobsphoziswa00	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>Please find attached a formal petition signed by residents of Mbekweni regarding electricity tariff increase.</p> <p>We request that the Municipality immediately withdraw the proposed tariff increase. Electricity is a basic necessity, as Mbekweni Community have so many low-income households, specifically the pensioners. We request that Drakenstein Municipality looks to the matter and provide a formal response. (150 signed petition)</p> <p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>Dear Madam/Sir</p> <p>Re: Electricity tariff hikes</p> <p>I trust that you are well. Please herewith find my opposition to the Electricity tariff hike. My reason being, most of the Drakenstein residents are in the lower LSM category and are already facing huge economic hardships and the economic uncertainty because of the war is a major contributor to these challenges.</p> <p>Dear Drakenstein Municipality</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
45	26 Mar 2026	keithnjacobs	<p>My personal choice is 4.5% for a tariff increase. Due to the fact that we are pensioners.</p> <p>Dear Drakenstein</p> <p>My suggestion would be to have much lower connection charges and having higher per kWh rates, particularly during times of high usage to maintain the same overall revenue.</p> <p>This would have several advantages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It would be pro-poor, and would likely reduce theft from the grid</li> <li>2. It would encourage the use of solar panels, which really do not make sense with a high connection charge and low per kWh charges as most homes will need to retain some grid connection</li> <li>3. It will lower overall consumption, so that the very high cost and highly polluting emergency OCGT generators can be operated at the target 20% utilisation instead of 80%</li> <li>4. Maintenance on the grid and generation can be performed in a timely manner due to a lack of overburdening emergency generation.</li> <li>5. It becomes easier to time control peak usage pricing</li> </ol>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
46	26 Mar 2026	waldebora	<p>I would like to formally object to the proposed electricity tariff increases for the 2026/2027 financial year.</p> <p>The continuous rise in electricity costs is placing increasing financial pressure on households and businesses. At a time when many are already struggling with the cost of living, any further increase will have a significant negative impact on the community.</p> <p>I strongly urge the Municipality to reconsider the proposed increases and to explore alternative solutions that would lessen the financial burden on residents.</p> <p>Please confirm receipt of my objection and that it will be included as part of the public participation process.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
47	26 Mar 2026	ra		Fixed Charges	Domestic
48	26 Mar 2026	jpineithing		Socio-Economic	Domestic

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49	26 Mar 2026	billy	<p>Good day,</p> <p>See attached objection to differentiated electricity tariff increase</p> <p>RE: OBJECTION TO DIFFERENTIATED ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASE EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2026</p> <p>We refer to the recent communication issued by the Municipality regarding the proposed electricity tariff increases effective 1 July 2026, specifically the differentiated structure whereby all consumers (standard customers) will receive a 5% increase, while Time-of-Use (TOU) customers will be subject to a 10% increase. We note that the National Energy Regulator of South Africa has approved an average tariff increase of 8.76% for Eskom direct customers, and 9.01% for municipal bulk purchases, effective 1 July 2026. These increases form part of a structured, multi-year approach to stabilising the electricity sector. Against this backdrop, the Municipality's proposed differentiated increase raises several concerns. The 10% increase applicable to TOU (bulk) customers exceeds the NERSA-guided municipal benchmark of 9.01%, placing disproportionate pressure on large users. The 5% increase for non-TOU customers is significantly below the benchmark, resulting in an uneven allocation of tariff increases across the customer base.</p> <p>This approach effectively shifts a greater share of the cost burden onto large consumers, without clear justification. As TOU customers, we are already contributing to grid efficiency by managing demand patterns, penalising such consumers through higher increases undermines the intent of TOU pricing structures. Electricity costs is a significant component of our operating expenditure, and it directly impact our competitiveness and long-term sustainability. We submit that the proposed structure is inequitable. All customer categories ultimately derive their supply from the same bulk purchase cost base; therefore, tariff adjustments should be applied fairly and consistently. Request for Reconsideration in the light of the above, we respectfully request that the Municipality: Reconsider the proposed differentiated tariff structure. Apply a more equitable and uniform increase across all customer categories, aligned as closely as possible with the NERSA-approved municipal increase of 9.01%. Provide transparent justification for the deviation in increases between TOU and non-TOU customers. Engage with key bulk users through a formal consultation process to ensure transparency and to assess the economic impact of the proposed tariffs. We support the need for sustainable municipal finances and continued infrastructure investment. However, this must be balanced with fairness, transparency, and the economic realities faced by key contributors to the local economy. We would welcome the opportunity to engage further on this matter and participate in any stakeholder consultation processes.</p>	Socio-Economic	TOU
50	26 Mar 2026	lydia.punt	<p>Good day</p> <p>Please add my comments as a homeowner in the Drakenstein district</p> <p>I hereby strongly object against yet another increase in electricity fees for us as faithfully paying customers. We had to absorb yearly price increases over years now.</p> <p>Even though we are also paying :</p> <p>Taxes on our monthly income 1</p> <p>BTW 2</p> <p>Rates and taxes towards our municipality 3</p> <p>As well as school fees / medical expenses to name only a few 4</p> <p>We also are painfully aware that our money is stolen and used in corrupted systems were there are no accountability to the thieves that steal this. And see how yet another "ball out" large amount of money (my taxes) are given to ESKOM to simply disappear into a deep dark hole!</p> <p>WE DO OBJECT AGAINST ANY RAISE IN TARIFFS to be paid to ESKOM</p> <p>Please inform us all about the ongoing public processes that are in place to protect us and make our voices heard. And how you will communicate our opinions to government</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
51	27 Mar 2026	frans	<p>Dear Sir / Madam</p> <p>The transparency and thoroughness of the tariff study document is commendable.</p> <p>The move towards wire and energy charge separation with the advent of private generation is important to ensure sustainable maintenance to infrastructure.</p> <p>The impact on the two domestic lifeline tariffs is concerning. It is understandable that cost recovery needs to be addressed, but the ratepayers of these tariffs should be subsidised by the municipality or industry / commerce tariffs. The gap between rich and poor is the single biggest threat to political stability in the country and Drakenstein municipality.</p> <p>The 16% increase in domestic lifeline tariffs will create an enormous humanitarian shock to the poorer communities of Drakenstein. Political unrest fuelled by cost of living increases due to the combined effect of fuel, transport and electricity increases is a real possibility. The impact on the elections cannot be ignored with this increase creating an easy foothold for populist political parties.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
52	27 Mar 2026	roux	<p>Dear sir,</p> <p>An increase of 15% on electricity tariffs is totally unacceptable. Eskom has implemented a 9% increase, which is already 3 times inflation. What possible justification can the Municipality have for adding another 6% margin on top of that.</p> <p>This impacts everyone. Is the DA serious about being voted in again later this year or does it want the Patriotic Alliance to take over?</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic
53	26 Mar 2026	NDUPlessis2	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Thank you for presenting the proposed electricity tariff increase to the community.</p> <p>While I understand that adjustments are sometimes necessary, the suggested 6.3% increase may place additional strain on households already facing financial challenges in the Drakenstein municipal area.</p> <p>I kindly request that the municipality consider implementing a lower average increase for the 2026/2027 period.</p>	Socio-Economic	Domestic

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54	26 Mar 2026	lgreen1	To: Drakenstein Municipality  I hereby wish to express my concern over the proposed electricity tariff increases.  We, as the public, are already under severe pressure and simply cannot tolerate any above inflation increases. Most companies will be giving lower than inflation increases this year which further aggravates the problem. As such I state that I DO NOT ACCEPT the proposed Eskom increase.  An increase around 3% would be in line with the official inflation figure in South Africa.	Socio-Economic	Domestic
55	25 Mar 2026	silzerj	Dear Sir/ Madam  Die Munisipale Bestuurder Insaake: Elektriesiteit Tarief Verhoging Graag wil ek Joseph Silzer erf: 1000018/00000655 1/00000000000000000000 namens my huishouding kapse maak teen die voorgestelde tarief/verhoging van die elektrifiteit. Ek wil my verook op die volgende reeds baseer: 1. Ek is deel die pensionaris kategorie waar die jaarlikse verhoging van inkomste gemiddeld 3 % is. Die verhoging van elektrifiteit sal nie net die skaamlike verhoging van die pensionaris neutraliseer nie, maar die lewensstandaard van ons as pensionarisse aansienlik knou. Die munisipaliteit moet die pensionaris kategorie van belastingbetalers in ag neem. 2. Die munisipaliteit moet in ag neem dat daar huishoudings met meer as een families wat gebuk gaan as gevolg van werkloosheid, ....en nie bydra tot die huishouding nie... 3. Die munisipaliteit moet in ag neem dat daar huishouding is wat familie-lede met ongeskiktheid, disability wie saam woon. Ek rig hierdie verook na aanleiding van u uitnodiging om kommentaar te lewer oor die voorgestelde elektrifiteit verhogings tariewe. Ek vertrou dat u hierdie aansoek in 'n positiewe lig sal beskou.  Regards J. Silzer	Socio-Economic	Domestic
56	27 Mar 2026	david	Dear Councillor Korable  It is hoped that you are well.  Please find attached letter for your information and for that of the electricity comments.  PROPOSED ESKOM ELECTRICITY INCREASE The Paarl Rate Payer's Association would like to support the Council decision to oppose the proposed electricity increases as suggested by Eskom. It is hoped that the decision taken at the special Council meeting held on Friday, 13 March 2026, will gain momentum of support from all role players and affected parties. Be assured of our support to negotiate the best possible and lowest increase possible to ensure the financial well being of all parties in the municipal area. This specifically considering the changing situation regarding the current conflict in Iran and the envisaged impact this will have on us all. An inflation rate linked or lower increase being the ideal. We will look forward to your feedback on this and are wished well in terms of the challenges going forward.  Best wishes and strength for the challenging time ahead.	Agree with Increase	Domestic
57	29 Mar 2026	cameronf@fredericks45	Hi we can't afford the traffic increase lets eskom fall no increase		
58	31 Mar 2026	attief55	Kan u asb vir my die Raadsbesluit se notule waar die elektrifiteits heffing 3bespreek en goedgekeur is vir my stuur.  Danke AJ FOURIE		
59	05 May 2026	heleenb@edell	Good morning  Hope this email finds you well. The above-mentioned address gets a monthly statement each month. What will the process and cost be to install a prepaid meter at this address.  Hope to hear from you in this regard.  Regards		
60	06 May 2026	antoina	Thanks for responding.  I am in agreement that TOU must start carrying their proportionate share of the costs. We are a bulk user and it is clear that we are carrying the bulk of the burden.  - General increase: The proposed 6% increase is double the current CPI; we ask that this be re-evaluated. - Demand Charges: While the 2% demand charge increase is noted, the existing rate is already exceptionally high. At our manufacturing plant, the demand charge exceeds our consumption charge. Our average total cost per kWh is currently over R3.30, which is excessive for industrial operations.  Thank you for considering our feedback. Best regards, Antoina		

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			In terms of the above themes, the following feedback/ response from the municipality's side:  Dear Customer, Thank you for your meaningful participation in our public participation process regarding the 2026/2027 budget and electricity tariffs. We have carefully noted the affordability concerns raised and wish to clarify that while the Municipality is bound to an Eskom bulk purchase increase of 9.01%, our proposal is limited to an average increase of 6.3%. This average increase translates into a 5% increase in unit charges for domestic and other consumers, except time-of-use consumers whose unit charges are proposed to increase by 10%. The fixed charges for all categories is proposed to increase by 2%. This decision was made specifically to buffer consumers against the full impact of Eskom's tariff increase while ensuring the ongoing financial sustainability and operational stability of our local electricity grid.  Furthermore, it is important to note that the proposed municipal increases are not added on top of the Eskom increases. The average increase of 6.3% in unit charges and 2% in fixed charges represents the total adjustment to your municipal bill. We appreciate your feedback and remain committed to transparent communication as we finalize the financial framework for the upcoming year. To determine what your new municipal account will be, kindly use the municipal calculator below. <a href="https://www.drakenstein.gov.za/sites/dw/StatPages/StatutoryDisclosures/tariff.aspx">https://www.drakenstein.gov.za/sites/dw/StatPages/StatutoryDisclosures/tariff.aspx</a>  Kind Regards Electricity Comments  While we must operate within strict legislative deadlines to finalize the annual budget, your input is invaluable in helping us refine our engagement strategies. We are currently reviewing our digital publishing protocols and communication lead times to ensure that future statutory notices are more visible, intuitive, and accessible to all members of our community. We appreciate your commitment to holding us accountable as we strive for greater transparency and improved service delivery in our financial processes.		
		Socio-Economic	Dear Customer, NERSA has approved Eskom proposed tariff increase of 9.01%. Drakenstein Municipality propose a overhaul 6.3% tariff increase. The proposed increase on the fixed and capacity charges is 2% and 5% for the energy charge. The Municipality take note of your concern regarding the illegal connections and is already addressing the matter using different methods.		
		Transparency	Dear Customer, thank you for your active participation in the public consultation regarding the proposed 2026/2027 electricity tariffs. We have taken careful note of your feedback regarding the accessibility of the documentation on our website and the timeframe allowed for public comment. The municipality is committed to the principle of fair and reasonable access to information, and we sincerely apologize for any administrative or technical difficulties you experienced while trying to locate the report. While we must operate within strict legislative deadlines to finalize the annual budget, your input is invaluable in helping us refine our participation strategies. We are currently reviewing our digital publishing protocols and communication times to ensure that future notices are more visible, intuitive, and accessible to all members of the community. We appreciate your commitment to holding us accountable as we strive for greater transparency and improved service delivery in our financial processes.		
		Alternative Energy	Dear Customer, NERSA has approved Eskom proposed tariff increase of 9.01%. Drakenstein Municipality propose a overhaul 6.3% tariff increase. The proposed increase on the fixed and capacity charges is 2% and 5% for the energy charge. A new residential TOU tariff has been introduced that has different feedin and consumption rates per indicated time slot category. The excess energy will be credited against energy units (measured in kWh) consumed but not against the fixed and capacity charges. The total excess energy units (kWh) or bankable units will expire on 30 June of each year. The following link can be used to view the proposed new tariff on page B-5 of the proposed 2026/27 Drakenstein Municipal tariffs		
		Agree with Increase	Dear Customer, Thank you for your meaningful participation in our public participation process regarding the 2026/2027 budget and electricity tariffs. We have carefully noted the affordability concerns raised and wish to clarify that while the Municipality is bound to an Eskom bulk purchase increase of 9.01%, our proposal is limited to an average increase of 6.3%. This average increase translates into a 5% increase in unit charges for domestic and other consumers, except time-of-use consumers whose unit charges are proposed to increase by 10%. The fixed charges for all categories is proposed to increase by 2%. This decision was made specifically to buffer consumers against the full impact of Eskom's tariff increase while ensuring the ongoing financial sustainability and operational stability of our local electricity grid.  Furthermore, it is important to note that the proposed municipal increases are not added on top of the Eskom increases. The average increase of 6.3% in unit charges and 2% in fixed charges represents the total adjustment to your municipal bill. We appreciate your feedback and remain committed to transparent communication as we finalize the financial framework for the upcoming year. To determine what your new municipal account will be, kindly use the municipal calculator below. <a href="https://www.drakenstein.gov.za/sites/dw/StatPages/StatutoryDisclosures/tariff.aspx">https://www.drakenstein.gov.za/sites/dw/StatPages/StatutoryDisclosures/tariff.aspx</a>  Kind Regards Electricity Comments		
		Fixed Charges	Dear Customer, Thank you for your meaningful participation in our public participation process regarding the 2026/2027 budget and electricity tariffs. We have carefully noted the affordability concerns raised and wish to clarify that while the Municipality is bound to an Eskom bulk purchase increase of 9.01%, our proposal is limited to an average increase of 6.3%. This average increase translates into a 5% increase in unit charges for domestic and other consumers, except time-of-use consumers whose unit charges are proposed to increase by 10%. The fixed charges for all categories is proposed to increase by 2%. This decision was made specifically to buffer consumers against the full impact of Eskom's tariff increase while ensuring the ongoing financial sustainability and operational stability of our local electricity grid.  Furthermore, it is important to note that the proposed municipal increases are not added on top of the Eskom increases. The average increase of 6.3% in unit charges and 2% in fixed charges represents the total adjustment to your municipal bill. We appreciate your feedback and remain committed to transparent communication as we finalize the financial framework for the upcoming year. To determine what your new municipal account will be, kindly use the municipal calculator below. <a href="https://www.drakenstein.gov.za/sites/dw/StatPages/StatutoryDisclosures/tariff.aspx">https://www.drakenstein.gov.za/sites/dw/StatPages/StatutoryDisclosures/tariff.aspx</a>  Kind Regards Electricity Comments		

# APPENDIX 16

## Western Cape Government: Integrated Planning and Budgeting Assessment: Analysis of Municipal IDP, SDF and Budget



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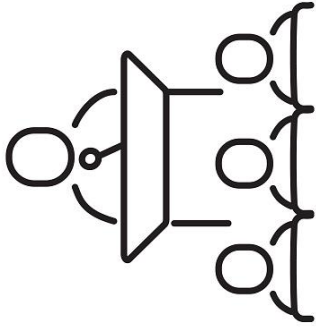
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# Governance

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# Political Leadership

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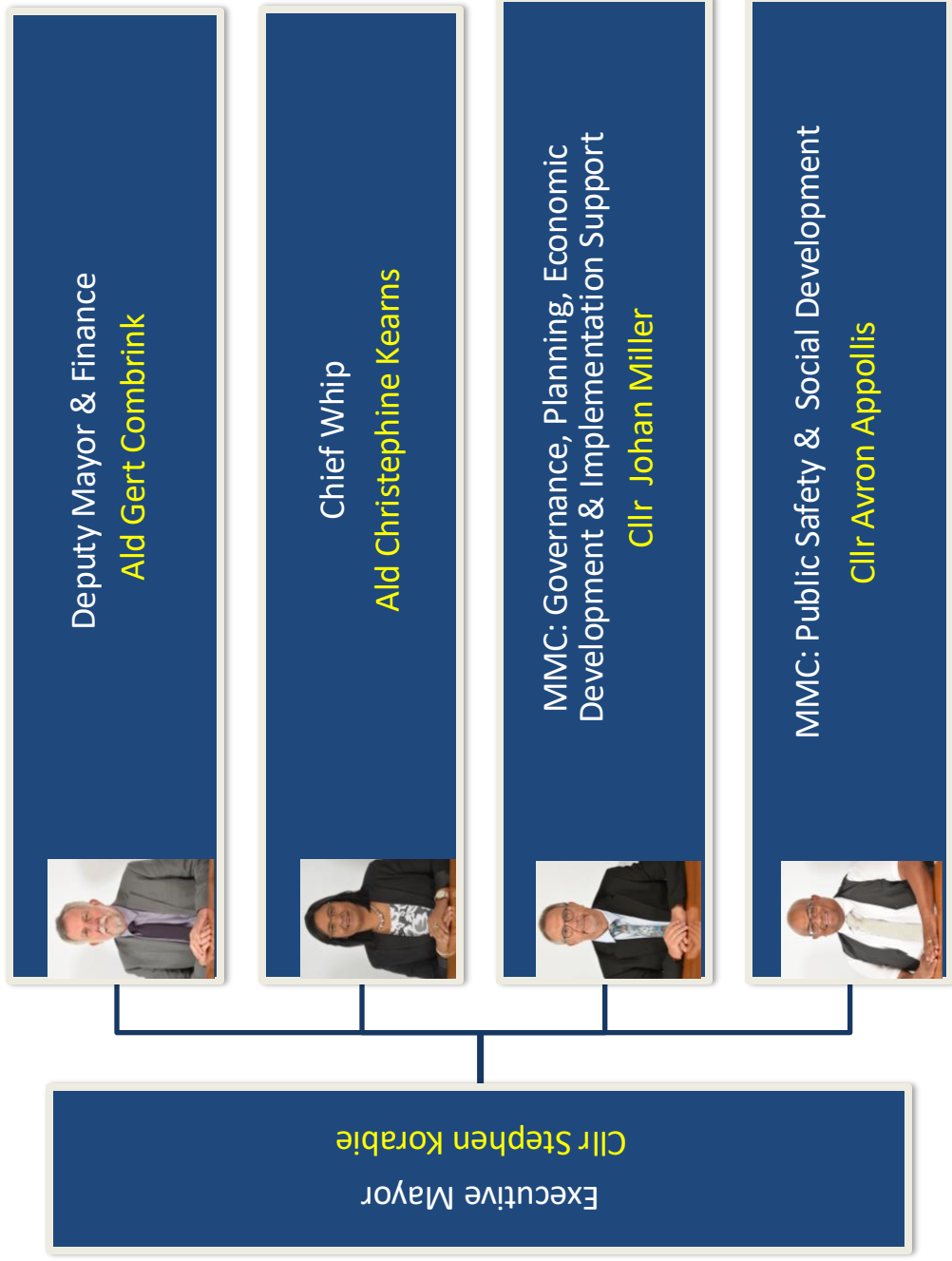
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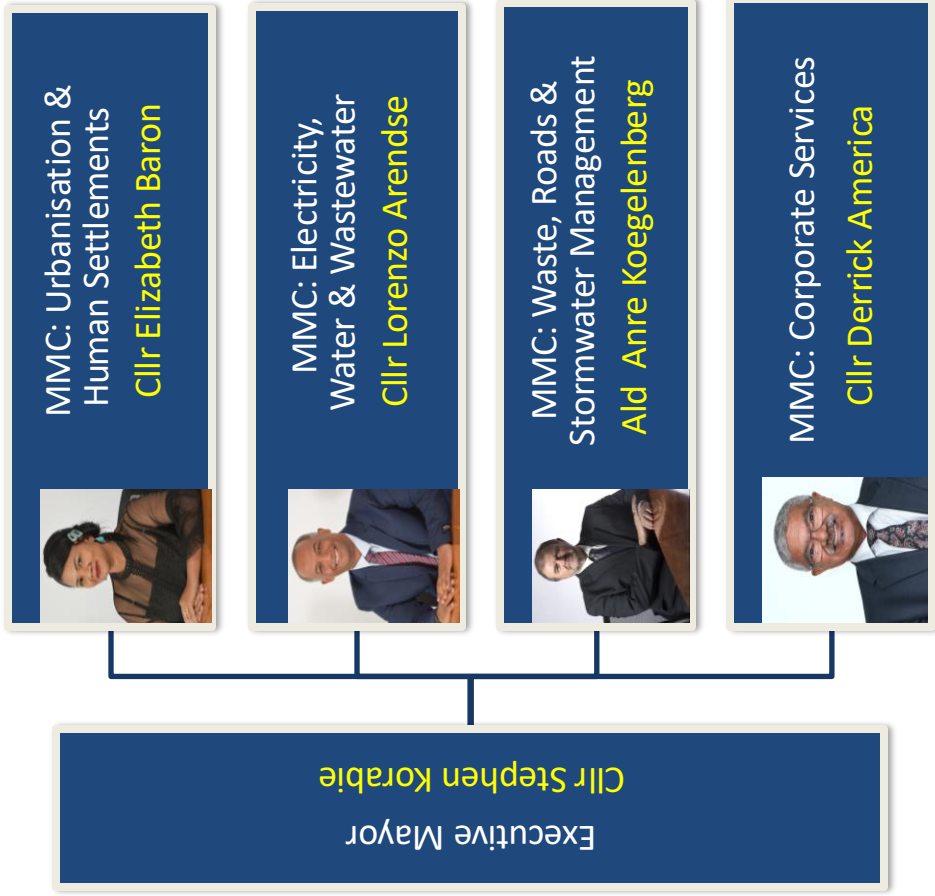
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# Mayoral Committee





## Mayoral Committee (Continued)



## Mayoral Committee (Continued)



# Administrative Leadership

City Manager



# Senior Management

**Johan Leibbrandt**  
City Manager



Chief Financial Officer  
**Bradley Brown**



ED: Engineering Services  
**Louis Pienaar**



ED: Corporate & Planning Services  
**Seraj Johaar**



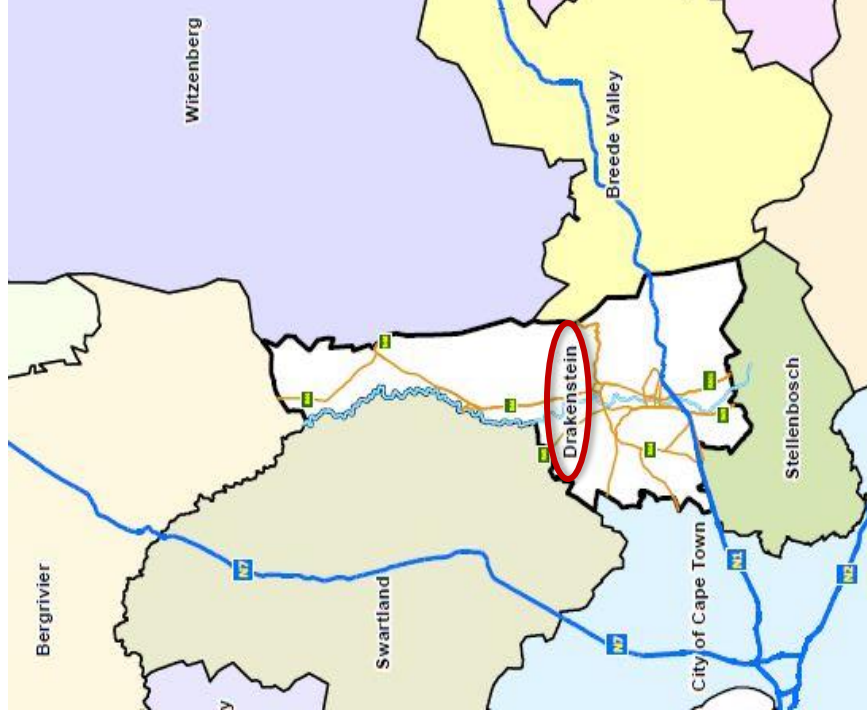
ED: Safety and Community Services  
**Eda Barnard**

# Planning and Execution

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# Drakenstein in Spatial Context





# Drakenstein Municipal Area



## **Vision**

A city of **excellence**

## **Mission**

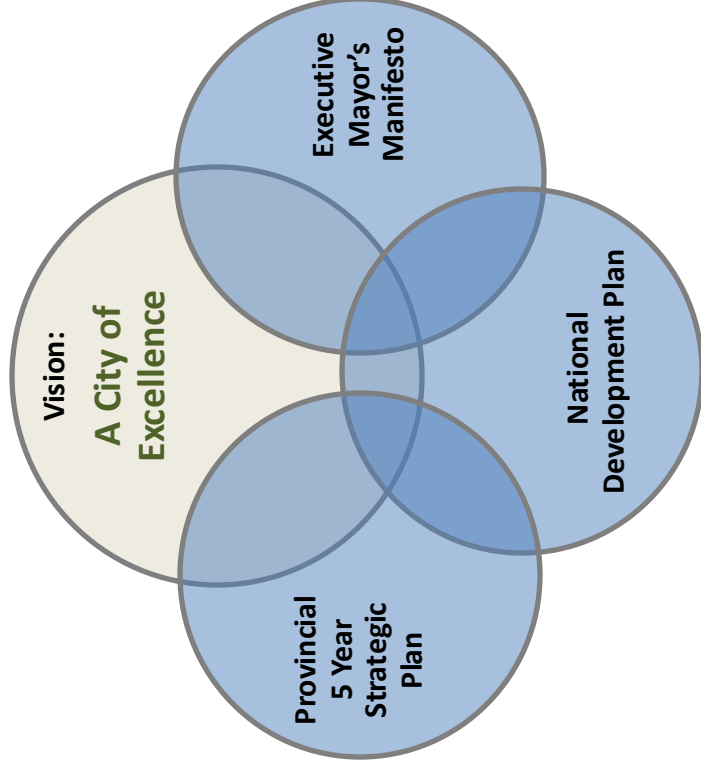
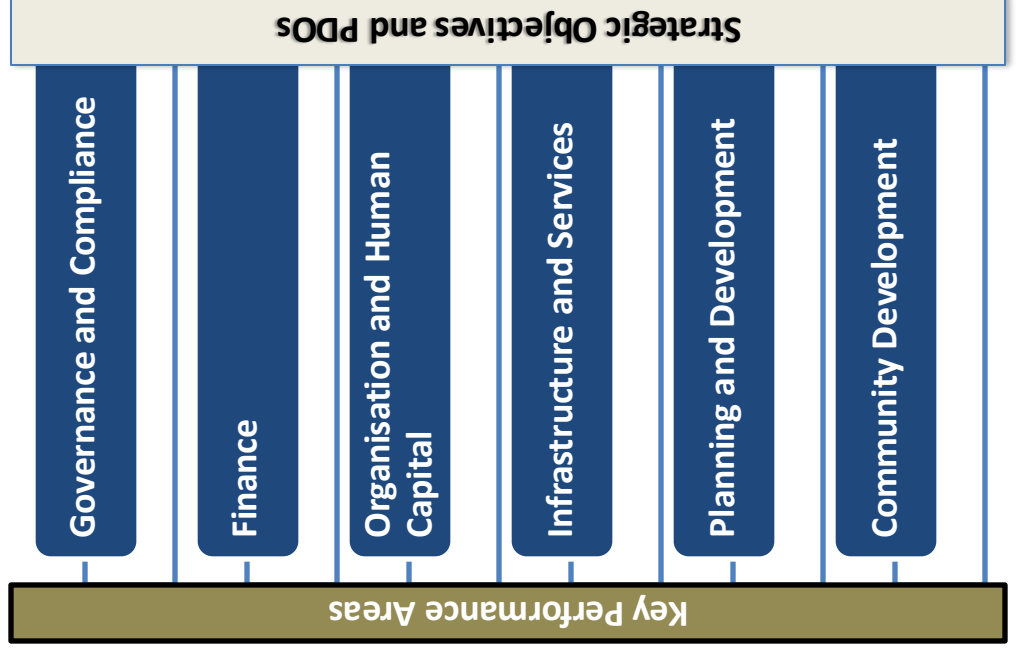
- To provide quality, affordable, accessible and sustainable services;
- Enhance community participation; and
- Promote social and economic development.



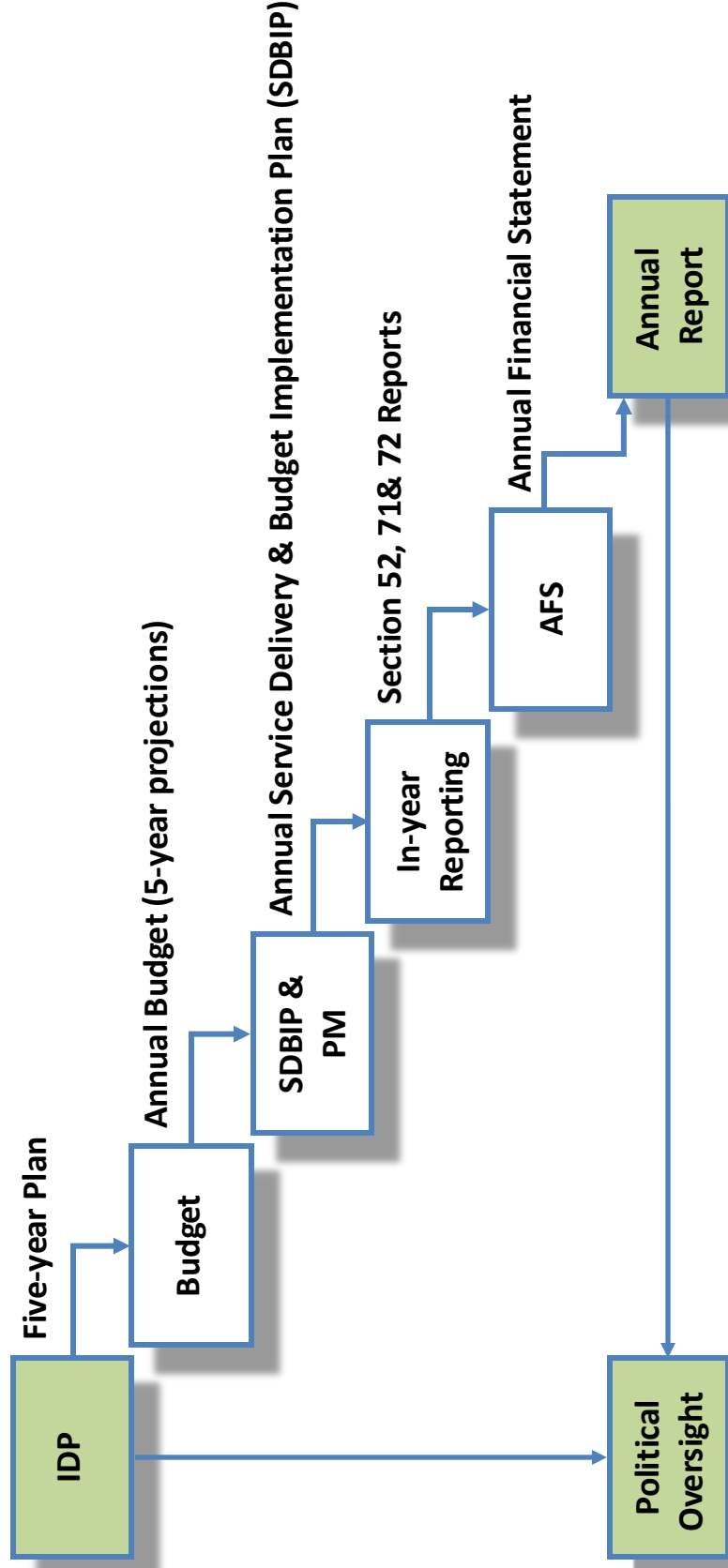
## Values

- Excellence
- Teamwork
- Caring
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Responsiveness
- Equity
- Accessibility

# Key Performance Areas (KPA's)



# Planning and Accountability Cycle





## Local Government in SA

- Metropolitan Municipalities - 8
- District Municipalities - 44
- Secondary Cities - 39
- Local Municipalities - 186
- TOTAL - 257**

# Financial Sustainability and Performance

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# Good Governance Africa (GGA) Governance and Performance Index (2024) Ratings Afrika (2026)

## Categories:

- Administration and Governance
  - Economic Development
  - Leadership and Management
  - Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Service Delivery
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- Best Secondary City in SA = 39 **(1/39)**
  - Secondary Cities plus Local Municipalities = 205 **(2/205)**
  - Best Municipality 2025 – Western Cape
  - Financial Sustainability Index = 73 **(73/100)**



## Financial Ratios: (April 2026)

No.	Ratios	Result
1.	Current Ratio (norm: 1.5)	<b>2.51</b>
2.	Gearing Ratio (norm: 45%)	<b>35.1%</b>
3.	Collection Rate (norm: 95%)	<b>96.5%</b>
4.	Payment of Creditors (norm: 30 days)	<b>30 days</b>
5.	Employee Cost (norm: 25 – 40%)	<b>26.51%</b>
6.	Water Distribution Losses (norm: 15 – 30%)	<b>18.7%</b>
7.	Electricity Distribution Losses (norm: 7 – 10%)	<b>6.63%</b>
8.	Capital Expenditure (Norm: 90%) 2024/25	<b>98.5%</b>



## Economic Profile

Economic Sectors	Contribution to Drakenstein GVA
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Business Services	<b>30%</b>
Trade, Industry & Tourism	<b>24%</b>
Manufacturing	<b>20%</b>
Government	<b>16%</b>
Agriculture	<b>10%</b>



# Drakenstein Demographic Profile

**Area:**  
1 538 km<sup>2</sup>



**Number of Informal Settlements:** 44


**Households:**  
79 937




**Number of Farms:**  
1 790



**Number of Councillors:** 65



**Number of Wards:** 33





# Population and Household Profile



**Population: 311 793**

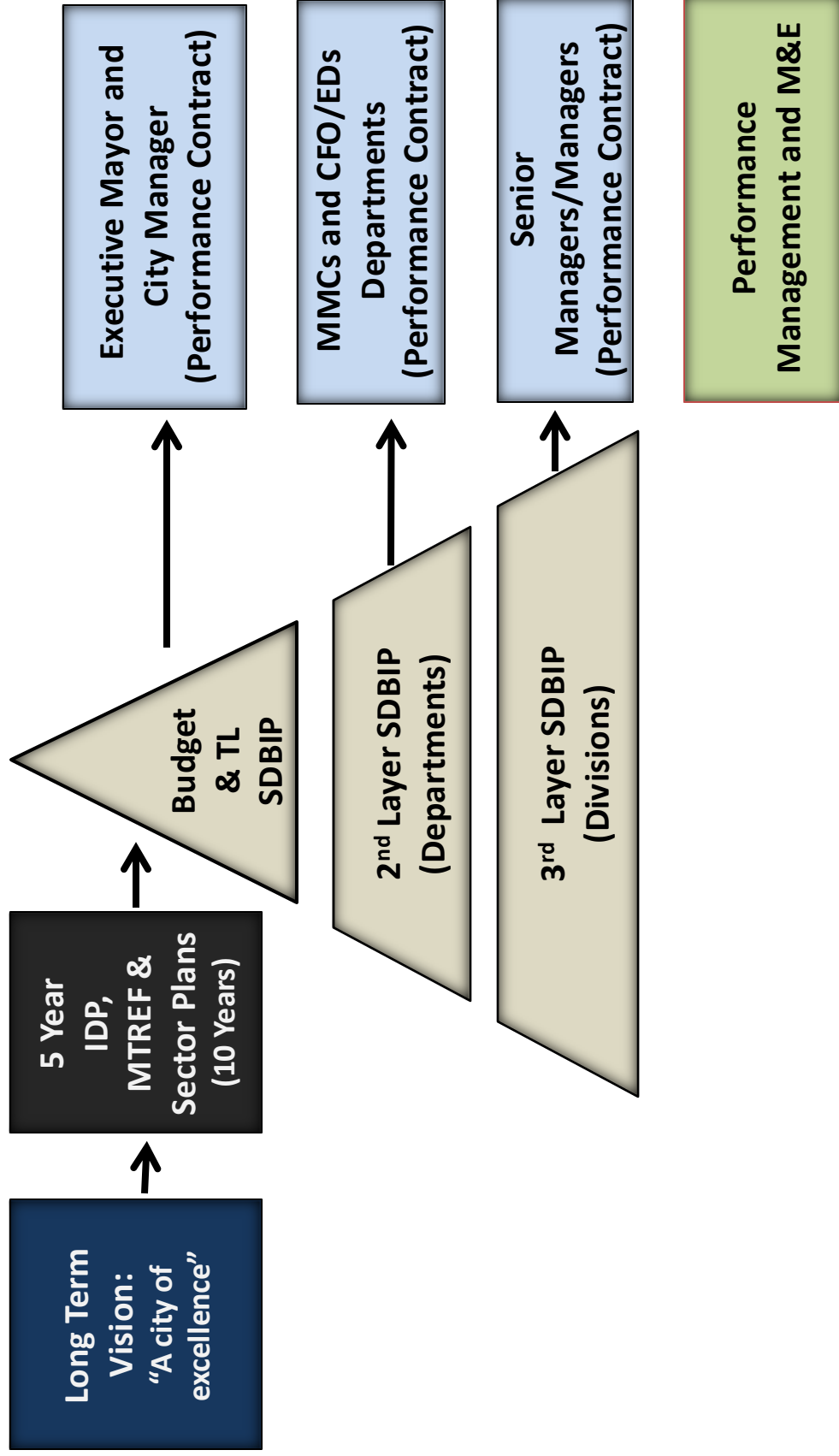


**Households: 79 937**

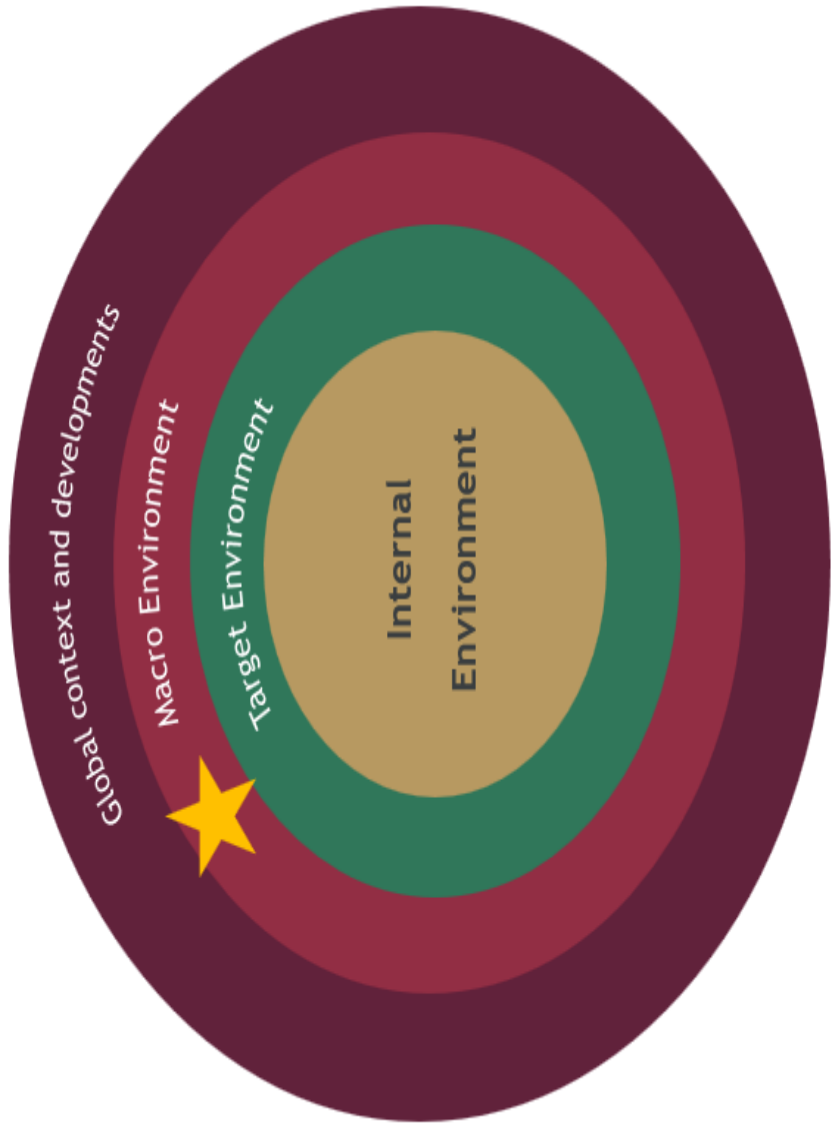
- Formal: 46 888
- Informal: 8 864
- Backyarders: 14 353
- Rural: 9 992



# Implementation Framework



## The Strategic Landscape





## Geopolitical Risks (KPMG, 2025)



### **Tectonic shifts in power, economic centers and trade**

New trade alliances and investment hubs are redefining global power dynamics. The US is imposing tariffs, eliciting retaliatory responses, while new economic 'nodes' are emerging outside of traditional investment centers.



### **A complex, fragmented regulatory and tax environment**

Regulations and tax are evolving at different speeds in different geographies. Minimum global tax is becoming adopted by many countries, while others are withdrawing from multilateral tax policy.



### **A fast-moving and politicized technology landscape**

Shifting alliances (based upon national security concerns) and fragmented regulations add to complexity, while the emergence of new Generative AI (Gen AI) players challenges US dominance. Regulators are struggling to keep pace with new Gen AI solutions, and a rolling back of regulations could leave AI models out of control. Geopolitical competition in AI and other technologies (i.e. quantum computing) is creating technological blocs around the US and China, thus jeopardizing international cooperation and access.



### **Multiple threats to supply chains, assets and infrastructure**

Geopolitical rivalries, trade protectionism, conflict, competition for resources, cyberattacks and climate events place severe strains on globally exposed businesses. Wars and tensions pose rising threats to key shipping choke points. Countries are adopting protectionist measures to safeguard and diversify their supply chains, including energy, food and critical minerals.



### **Demographic, technological and cultural pressures on workforces**

Aging populations, mass retirement, falling birth rates (in developed markets), changing worker preferences, culture wars, AI integration and reskilling bring major workforce challenges.



# Geopolitical Risks Iran conflict on 09 April 2026

## Global Risks of the Iran Conflict: Executive Summary

The escalating conflict involving Iran has triggered systemic shocks across global markets, security architectures, and supply chains. Below are the primary risks currently impacting the international landscape.

### 1. Global Economic Instability

- **Energy Market Volatility:** The conflict has caused the largest oil supply disruption in history. Brent crude prices remain highly volatile, with potential peaks of \$150–\$190 per barrel if regional infrastructure remains under threat.
- **LNG & Industrial Gas Crises:** Damage to Qatari facilities has jeopardised 20% of the world's LNG supply and 40% of global helium, a critical component for semiconductor and medical manufacturing.
- **Inflationary Pressures:** Global inflation has spiked to approximately 7.7%, driving a synchronized economic downturn and increasing the risk of a global recession.

### 2. Trade and Supply Chain Disruptions

- **Maritime Chokepoints:** Threats to the **Strait of Hormuz**—through which 20% of global oil and gas passes—have forced shipping companies to reroute around Africa, significantly increasing transit times and freight costs.
- **Food Security:** Disrupted exports of Iranian urea and ammonia (vital for fertilizers) threaten agricultural yields worldwide, potentially pushing 45 million additional people into acute food insecurity.
- **High-Tech Delays:** Supply chain breaks in noble gases and regional logistics hubs have slowed the production of AI hardware and essential electronics.

### 3. Geopolitical and Security Shifts

- **Nuclear Proliferation:** The intensity of the conflict has accelerated the drive for nuclear deterrence among non-nuclear states, fundamentally weakening the global non-proliferation framework.
- **Regional Spillover:** Proxy dynamics are destabilising the **Red Sea** and the **Horn of Africa**, creating a "theatre of permanent insecurity" that stretches beyond the immediate Persian Gulf.
- **Shifting Alliances:** European nations, notably France, are expanding independent nuclear deterrence capabilities, reflecting a decline in perceived reliance on U.S. security guarantees.

### 4. Systemic and Technological Risks

- **Infrastructure Vulnerability:** Drone strikes on data centres in the UAE and Bahrain have highlighted the physical fragility of the cloud and AI infrastructure concentrated in the Middle East.
- **Information Warfare:** The conflict has seen an unprecedented surge in AI-generated misinformation, complicating diplomatic efforts and eroding public trust in global media.

## Financial Sustainability, Understanding our World...

## External influences on the Drakenstein Municipal Business Environment

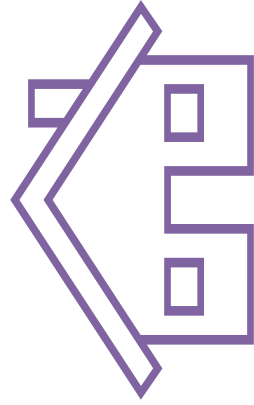


# Final Budget After Public Participation

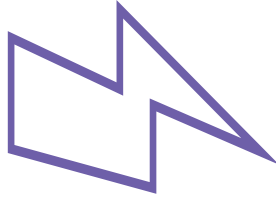
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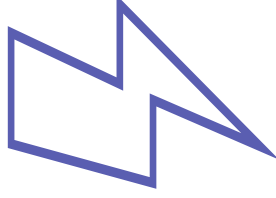
## Tariff Increases 2026/27



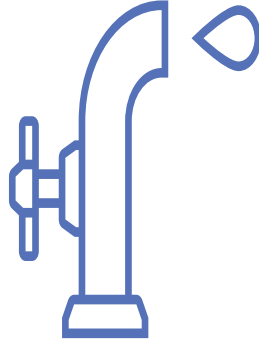
**Property Rates**  
3.70%



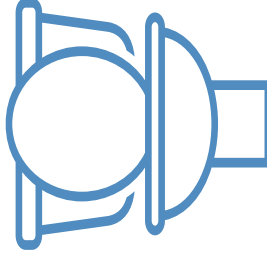
**Electricity**  
6.30%



**Electricity Basic Charge**  
2.00%



**Water**  
7.7% 4.50%



**Sanitation**  
4.50%



**Refuse Removal**  
4.50%



## Indigent Consumer Qualifying Income Thresholds

### Categories

Approved May 2025

Final May 2026

% INCREASE

**A**

R0 to R5,000 per month

R0 to R6,500 per month

MIN  
**0%**

MAX  
**30.00%**

**B**

R5,001 to R5,500 per month

R6,501 to R7,500 per month

MIN  
**30.00%**

MAX  
**36.36%**

**C**

R5,501 to R6,500 per month

R7,501 to R8,500 per month

MIN  
**36.36%**

MAX  
**30.77%**

**D**

R6,501 to R7,000 per month

R8,501 to R9,000 per month

MIN  
**30.77%**

MAX  
**28.57%**

## Indigent Support Policy

### 5. Qualification Criteria

- (j) **Childcare** and Foster Child grant income should be excluded from the household income calculation for indigent eligibility. The applicant will qualify using the household income less than the amount received ~~as for foster care~~ for **child and foster care**.
- (k) **The household income calculations will be capped at maximum of two SASSA pension recipients irrespective of the number of SASSA grant recipients living on the property.**

## Indigent Support Policy

### 8. Indigent Consumer Targeting Mechanism and Qualifying Income Thresholds

- 8.1 The municipality uses household income as the targeting mechanism for the determination of qualifying households.

## 9.7 Other Subsidies

### 9.7.3 Municipal Fire Brigade Fees

- ~~(a)~~ 50% 100% rebate on municipal fire brigade fees as per the approved tariff structure of the Municipality.

### 9.7.4 Sewerage Blockage Fees

- ~~(a)~~ 50% 100% rebate on municipal sewer blockage fees as per the approved tariff structure of the Municipality.

### 9.7.5 Water leakages and stolen water meters

- (a) ~~50%~~ 100% rebate on stolen water meters replacement fees, Council may also repair basic water leakages within reason in the property of indigent consumers.

## Key Revenue Drivers 2026/27

Description	Draft Budget	Amendments	Final Budget
Property Rates	574,299,553	0	574,299,553
Electricity	2,045,462,998	0	2,045,462,998
Water	310,785,880	-5,439,171	305,346,709
Sanitation	188,831,036	0	188,831,036
Refuse Removal	207,525,596	0	207,525,596
Transfers and Subsidies - Operational	292,884,000	21,282,000	314,166,000
Transfers and Subsidies - Capital	390,545,492	-21,183,000	369,362,492
Other Revenue	372,083,340	0	372,083,340
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,382,417,895</b>	<b>-5,340,171</b>	<b>4,377,077,724</b>

## Key Operational Expenditure Drivers 2026/27

Description	Draft Budget	Amendments	Final Budget
Salaries (Employees + Councillors)	1,043,555,427	-3,382,000	1,040,173,427
Debt Impairment	65,048,888	0	65,048,888
Depreciation and Amortisation	303,391,372	0	303,391,372
Finance Charges	135,485,905	0	135,485,905
Bulk Purchases	1,632,391,141	0	1,632,391,141
Inventory Consumed	98,473,882	2,452,000	100,925,882
Inventory Consumed Water	51,933,983	-1,404,464	50,529,519
Contracted Services	307,771,082	21,852,000	329,623,082
Transfers and Subsidies	7,400,748	3,906,000	11,306,748
Other Expenditure	322,341,212	-3,005,047	319,336,165
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,967,793,640</b>	<b>20,418,489</b>	<b>3,988,212,129</b>

## Capital Budget Expenditure Per Funding Source 2026/27

Description	Draft Budget	Amendments	Final Budget
CRR	178,548,800	1,194,000	179,742,800
Grants	332,821,261	-21,183,000	311,638,261
Bulk Infrastructure Contribution Levy	57,724,231	0	57,724,231
<b>Total</b>	<b>569,094,292</b>	<b>-19,989,000</b>	<b>549,105,292</b>

# PT Overview of SIME Report

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**Drakenstein Municipality demonstrates strong delivery on strategic targets and infrastructure, but faces significant risks in water losses, economic stagnation, underfunded social and economic development, declining capital budgets, and asset maintenance. Compliance and data integrity require attention, especially in debt impairment and waste management reporting. Opportunities exist to strengthen spatial planning, integrate housing market evidence, improve climate resilience, and adopt balanced capital financing.**

# Assessment Response

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# Safety and Community Services

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Matter Raised	Comments on Matters Raised : 2 different programs
<p><b>Funding allocation for Social Development programs</b></p> <p><b><u>Mandate:</u> Prevention and awareness</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strong social interventions in place;</b> e.g. GBV program, fatherhood program, ECD program and 2 fully operational overnight shelters... (funded through operational budget and partner support)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program to sustainably relocate homeless: 46 persons in 18 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nutrition program: 21 functional soup kitchens: budget R3m pa (focus on a balanced meal)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2000 persons per month per soup kitchen</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Local drug Action Committee:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Mayor is the champion and appointed members – fully operational</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Strong focus on social projects as part of ward project implementation (R7.9pa)</li> <li>• <b>New project:</b> safe house: engaging Province and possible donors for support – council donating building</li> </ul>

# Safety and Community Services

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<p><b>Funding allocation for Public Safety &amp; Fire (CCTV camaras)</b></p> <p><b><u>Mandate: enforcement of municipal by laws</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug related crimes: SAPS responsibility – DM is Law Enforcement, not Municipal Police (SAPS Act &amp; Criminal Procedure Act)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting and coordinating role</li> </ul> </li> <li>• “<b>Force Multiply</b>”, close working relationship with SAPS, POPS, CPFs.... and other partners (functional CSF &amp; attend CPF meeting)</li> <li>• CCTV Camaras: MOU signed with private security &amp; upgrade control room under way</li> <li>• Allocations secured to fund specialist equipment, drones, body cams &amp; riot gear &amp; specialist training               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on support, SAPS remain leading crime prevention agency</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fire Service:</b> Funded multi year program to supplement fleet and fund secondary PPE &amp; specialist equipment</li> </ul>

# Safety and Community Services

Matter Raised	Comments on Matters Raised
<p><b>Incremental upgrading of Informal settlements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted focus by CM and management team on a strategy to introduce dignified informal settlements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional informal settlement inspectors appointed</li> <li>• Undertake a census per informal settlement</li> <li>• Create a post of: “<i>community facilitator</i>”</li> <li>• Ensure that basic services are in place and further upgraded, e.g. replace chemical toilets with waterborne facilities</li> <li>• Introduce town planning principles, e.g. New Rest example</li> <li>• Work together with line departments to facilitate access to basic services, e.g. solid waste removal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Illegal connections: predominantly electricity, combined strategy between electricity department and law enforcement under way</li> <li>• Land invasions: monitoring with drones and physical patrols</li> <li>• <u>Funding required:</u> Ongoing engagements with Provincial Department to secure additional funding for further upgrades               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New model: introduce/private sector</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Agree:</u> improve spatial referencing</li> </ul>

# Safety and Community Services

Matter Raised	Comments on Matters Raised
<b>Housing Pipeline (Integrated housing strategy)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Strategic discussion</u> commenced: Review and document the future housing delivery model to be implemented in Drakenstein Municipality</li><li>• Multi disciplinary approach with a strong focus on sustainability</li><li>• Support secured from Province for this approach</li></ul>

# Corporate and Planning Services

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Matter Raised	Comments on Matters Raised
<b>Spatial and Land Use Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The SDF is currently being reviewed</li><li>• The reviewed SDF, together with the Performance Report will be approved in May 2026</li><li>• A Performance Report was not required in 2025 – SDF was amended</li></ul>
<b>Biodiversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• R375 000 was allocated in 2025/26 and R390 000 is budgeted for 2026/27 :invasive alien vegetation</li><li>• Paarl Mountain Nature Reserve has its own dedicated budget</li><li>• The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment does annual inspections in</li><li>• 2023 Biodiversity Spatial Plan is included into the Municipal Spatial Development Framework</li><li>• Spatial Development Framework has a specific category for Critical Biodiversity Areas inclusive of Protected Areas, Stewardship Sites and Nature Reserves) as well as Ecological Support Areas</li></ul>

# Corporate and Planning Services

Matter Raised	Comments on Matters Raised
<b>Climate Change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate Change Response Plan is in the process of being updated (to be concluded by November 2026)</li><li>• Climate Change has a specific allocation within the MTREF budget (Environmental Management)</li><li>• R2 million allocation annually to advance the Hybrid Flood Alleviation Program</li><li>• Incorporates Nature-based solutions into engineering designs to alleviate flood risks in certain communities</li></ul>
<b>2026 Local Government Elections – Readiness and Risks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular meetings between IEC, MEO and Political Parties</li><li>• Communication sections throughout District has met with IEC</li><li>• Support IEC for messaging for two voter registration campaigns and voter awareness</li><li>• Given 2021 Time Lines: Expected Results 6/7 November, signed candidates list to follow</li><li>• Dates penciled in for first Meeting</li><li>• All municipal venues ready</li><li>• Law enforcement support SAPS with all safety matters</li></ul>

# Engineering Services

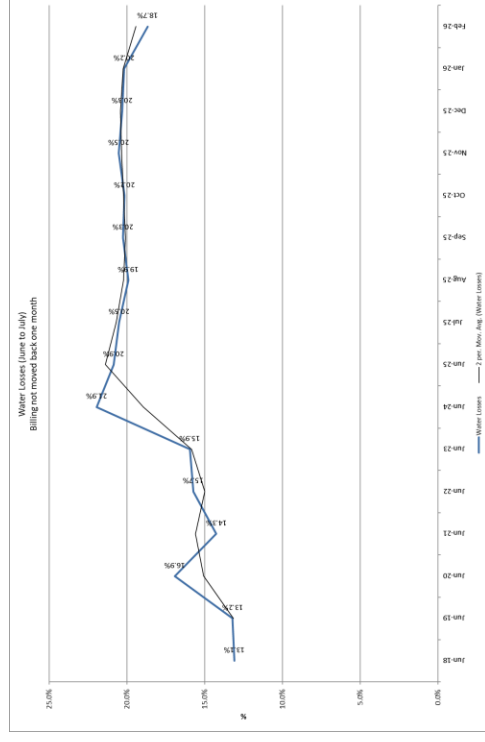
# IDP Implementation (SDBIP)

## TL KPI - Water Losses

- Western Cape Water Resilience Strategy
- Water loss strategy – monitored monthly



Standard water balance			
System Input Volume	Authorised Consumption	Billed Authorised Consumption	Revenue Water
	Water Losses	Unbilled Authorised Consumption	Billed Unmetered Consumption
Apparent Losses		Unbilled Metered Consumption	Non Revenue Water
		Real Losses	Unauthorised Consumption
Customer Meter Inaccuracies	Unauthorised Consumption		
Leakage on Transmission and Distribution Mains	Leakage on Service Connections up to point of Customer Meter		
Leakage and Overflows at Storage Tanks			



## TL KPI – Informal Settlements

- KPIs for water, sanitation, electricity and waste removal revised and implemented from Q3

## Climate Change Resilience

### Energy Resilience

- Loadshedding resilience plan (service delivery, revenue protection, alternative energy)
- RFP for IPP to provide alternative energy to substations in DM for a 20-year period
  - Council approval – August 2025
  - RFP advertised – October 2025
  - RFP closed – March 2026
  - Currently under evaluation



## Waste Management

### Wellington Landfill Site

- Available airspace until September 2029. Project identified:
- Northern Extension of Wellington Landfill + Diversion focus
- Establish Mechanical-Biological Treatment (MBT) + Food 2050 at Wellington
- Establish Paarl RTS as Material Recovering Facility (MRF)

FY Ending	Northern Extension to Wellington	Wellington MBT & MRF
2026/2027	R 4,000,000	
2027/2028	R 46,500,000	R 2,600,000
2028/2029	R 107,000,000	R 37,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>R 157,500,000</b>	<b>R 39,600,000</b>

- Further engagement required:
  - 127 The DEA&DP has launched a strategic R3.1 billion initiative under the Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI). The BFI initiative serves as the primary financial engine for the 4th Generation Western Cape Integrated Waste Management Plan (WCIWMP) 2027 - 2032.

## Areas of Support

### Waste Management

- Approvals and funding for Wellington Landfill Site expansion and Diversion infrastructure. BFI application.

### Transport and Road Infrastructure

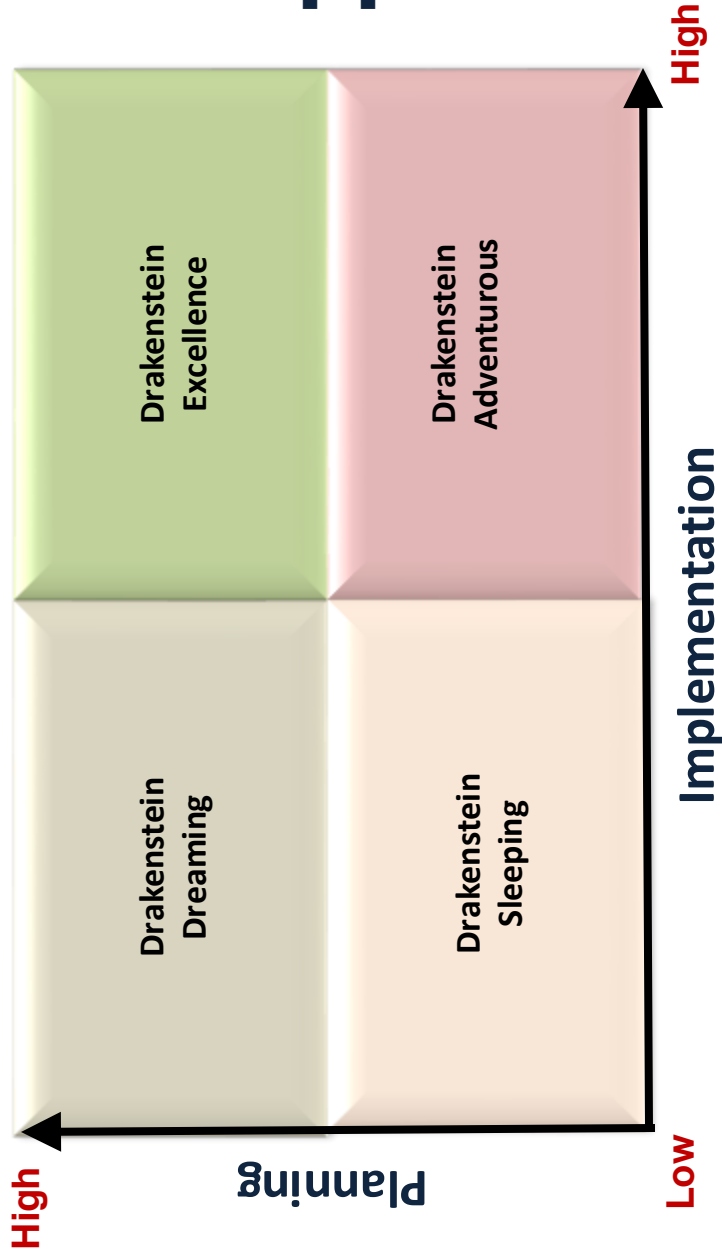
- 80/20 funding for road upgrades (Paarl Main Road, Wellington Church Street and Main Road, R301 dualling, upgrade and extension of Berg River Boulevard to R45)
- Bainskloof height and length restrictions
- Funding for upgrading of Paarl Taxi Rank

### Water

- WSIG grant from DWS
- CoCT Bulk Water Supply Agreement



# Planning and Implementation



- GOYAS
- SeeClickFix

# Thank you

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