

DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, BERG RIVER BOULEVARD, PAARL, ON WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2026 AT 09:30.

PRESENT: Councillors (see attendance register)

Senior Officials:	Dr JH Leibbrandt	(City Manager)
	Mr S Johaar	(Executive Director: Corporate and Planning Services)
	Mr B Brown	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr L Pienaar	(Executive Director: Engineering
	Ms N October	(Senior Manager: Legal and Administrative Services)
	Mr D Delaney	(Senior Manager: Spatial Planning and Environmental Management)
	Ms R Geldenhuys	(Manager: Communication and Marketing)
	Ms C September	(Manager: IDP, Research and Development)
	Mr G Dippenaar	(Chief Risk Officer)
	Mr FP Goosen	(Manager: Administrative Support Services)
	Mr P January	(Senior Administrative Officer)

ABSENT: Councillors (see attendance register)



The Speaker requested that a moment of silence be observed in honour of the former Alderman HR (Ben) de Goede who passed away recently.

1. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE
AANSOEK OM VERLOF
INGXELO NGU SOMLOMO

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| 1. | Councillor FP Cupido | - | Apology; |
| 2. | Councillor CN Godongwana | - | Apology; |
| 3. | Councillor TC Mangena | - | Apology; |
| 4. | Councillor B van Willingh | - | Apology; |
| 5. | Councillor Z Xhego | - | Apology; |
| 6. | Ms E Barnard, Executive Director: Safety and Community Services (On council duty) | - | Apology; and |
| 7. | Ms R Jaftha, Chief Executive Audit | - | Apology. |

2. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS
KONFLIK VAN BELANGE
UKUGQUBANA KWEMIDLA

None.

3. STATEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER
VERKLARINGS DEUR DIE SPEAKER
INGXELO NGU SOMLOMO

The Speaker made the following announcements:

1. Informed Council that no recordings or taking photos are allowed at the Council meeting;
2. Informed Council that the Executive Mayor will be on leave from 1 June 2026 to 15 June 2026 and that the Deputy Executive Mayor will act as Executive Mayor during this period;
3. Informed Council that 2025/2026 Ward Projects end on Friday, 29 May 2026 and that the unspent funds must be returned;
4. Reminded councillors to update their SASRIA information;
5. Informed ward councillors that June is the last month of the term to have public and ward committee meetings and that all minutes must be submitted by 30 June 2026; and
6. Requested councillors to attend the police forum meetings.



4. STATEMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR
VERKLARINGS DEUR DIE UITVOERENDE BURGEMEESTER
INGXELO NGU SODOLOPHU WESIGQEBA

None.

5. STATEMENTS BY THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR
VERKLARINGS DEUR DIE UITVOERENDE ONDERBURGEMEESTER
INGXELO LISEKELA LIKASODOLOPHU WESIGQEBA

None.

6. URGENT MATTERS BY THE CITY MANAGER
DRINGENDE SAKE DEUR DIE STADSBESTUURDER
IMIBA ENGXAMISEKILEYO NGU MANEJALA WESIXEKO

None.

7. MINUTES: MAYORAL COMMITTEE
NOTULE: BURGEMEESTERSKOMITEE
IMIZUZU: IKOMITI KASODOLOPHU

The minutes of the meeting of the Mayoral Committee held on 21 April 2026 was noted.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
BEKRAGTIGING VAN NOTULES
UKUQINISEKISWA KWEMIZUZU

The minutes of the Ordinary Municipal Council meeting held on 28 April 2026 was confirmed as correct.

ITEM 9:20: APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED ALIENATION OF A PORTION OF ERF 534 SARON, TO ROOTED TO RISE NPC FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE PURPOSES (WARD 30)

The Speaker requested that administration investigate the matter brought under the attention of Council by Councillors M Zwinye and LS Sambokwe from the African National Congress (ANC) party that the property might not belong to the Municipality to dispose of but is under the administration of the Saron CPA.



9.	ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
	ITEMS VIR OORWEGING
	IMIBA YOKUQWALASELWA

9.1	WRITING-OFF OF IRRECOVERABLE DEBT REPORT: APRIL 2026
	AFSKRYWING VAN ONINVORDERBARESKULDVERSLAG: APRIL 2026
	INGXELO YOKUCINYWA KWAMATYALA ANGAHLAWULWAYO: UTSHAZIMPUZI 2026

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

1. An amount of 1,341,634.58 written-off against the bad debt provision in terms of Council's Writing-off of Irrecoverable Debt Policy for the month of April 2026 be noted; and
2. The accumulated amount of R26,788,180.43 that has been written off for the first ten (10) months of the 2025/2026 financial year be noted.

Meeting: Council-27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Financial Services
Ref no: 5/15/1	Author/s: D Heyns
Coll No: 2385227	Referred from: MC – 20/05/2026
<u>PAR:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>
	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:</u>
	<u>DUE DATE:</u>

9.2	COUNCILLORS' OUTSTANDING DEBT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2026
	RAADSLEDE SE UITSTAANDE SKULDVERSLAG SOOS OP 30 APRIL 2026
	INGXELO YAMATYALA YOCEBA NGOBUNJALO NGOMHLA 30 UTSHAZIMPUZI 2026

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

The content of the report be noted.

Meeting: Council-27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Financial Services
Ref no: 9/1/1/4	Author/s: D Heyns
Coll No: 2385235	Referred from: MC – 20/05/2026
<u>PAR:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>
	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:</u>
	<u>DUE DATE:</u>

9.3	REPORT ON TENDER AWARDS: APRIL 2026
	VERSLAG OOR TENDERTOEKENNINGS: APRIL 2026
	INGXELO NGONIKEZELO LWETHENDA: UTSHAZIMPUZI 2026

Councillor VL Maralack-Boonzaaier from the Patriotic Alliance (PA) party expressed her concern with regards to the monitoring of the service provider responsible for the cleaning of the chemical toilets in the wards.

Councillor VR Moses from the Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) party was not satisfied with the answers provided on the process followed to appoint the services provider for the upgrading of the Dal Josaphat tartan track and as to why a deviation process was followed and not a tender process. The matter was further debated at the

next item where it was acknowledged that some information might be lacking and agreed that a report on this matter with the full details of the processes followed be submitted to the next Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

1. The awards above R300,000 that were adjudicated by the Bid Adjudication Committee for the month of April 2026 be noted; and
2. The tenders and/or contracts and the reasons for the awards as recorded by the Accounting Officer in the departmental report be noted.

Meeting: Council-27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Financial Services
Ref no: 9/1/1/5	Author/s: C Hess
Coll No: 2385074	Referred from: MC – 20/05/2026
<u>PAR:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>
	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:</u>
	<u>DUE DATE:</u>

9.4 REPORT ON DEVIATIONS FROM PROCUREMENT PROCESSES: APRIL 2026
VERSLAG VAN AFWYKINGS VAN VERKRYGINGSPROSESSE: APRIL 2026
INGXELO YOKUPHAMBUKELA KUNYE NOLUNGISO OLUNCINCI LOKUPHEPHELA KWINKQUBO ZOKUFUMANA: UTSHAZIMPUZI 2026

The Speaker requested that a full report be provided to Council on the process followed to appoint the services provider for the upgrading of the Dal Josaphat tartan track as well as whether Bid Adjudication Committee minutes may be made available to Council as requested by Councillor VR Moses from the Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) party.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

1. In terms of paragraph 35(2) of the SCM Policy, the deviations and the reasons for the deviations for the amount of R4,229,130 (incl. VAT) for April 2026 as recorded by the Accounting Officer under the annexures attached to this report be noted; and
2. The Chief Financial Officer record the accumulated deviation amount of R66,261,640 (incl. VAT) for the financial year in the notes to the 2025/2026 annual financial statements as required by legislation.

Meeting: Council-27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Financial Services
Ref no: 9/1/1/5	Author/s: C Hess
Coll No: 2385418	Referred from: MC – 20/05/2026
<u>PAR:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>
2	Implement decision
	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:</u>
	Chief Financial Officer
	<u>DUE DATE:</u>

9.5 MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT: SECTION 71 MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

MUNISIPALE WET OP BESTUUR VAN FINANSIES: ARTIKEL 71 MAANDELIKSE BEGROTINGSMONITERINGSVERSLAG VIR APRIL 2026

UMTHETHO WOLAWULO LWEMALI KAMASIPALA: ICANDELO 71 INGXELO YOKUJONGA UHLAHLA LWABIWO-MALI LWENYANGA UTSHAZIMPUZI 2026

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

1. The content of the Section 71 Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for April 2026 and the supporting documentation be noted; and
2. It be noted that the Section 71 Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for April 2026 was submitted to the Executive Mayor; National Treasury and Provincial Treasury on 15 May 2026, being the 10th working day after the end of April 2026.

Meeting: Council-27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Financial Services		
Ref No: 9/1/1/4	Author/s: A Viola		
Coll No: 2387307	Referred from: MC – 20/05/2026		
<u>PAR:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:</u>	<u>DUE DATE:</u>

9.6 WARD PROJECTS 2026/2027

WYKSPROJEKTE 2026/2027

IPROJEKTI ZE WADI 2026/2027

Councillors D Carolissen from the GOOD party, S Landsberg from the Vryheidsfront Plus (VF Plus), LS Sambokwe from the African National Congress (ANC) party as well as VR Moses from the Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) party raised several questions which related to the rising crime in Ward 29; listing of other NGO's; communication on ward meeting dates; increase in stipends as well as discussion of the compilation of the ward projects with the ward. The Speaker responded to the questions in full and requested that a workshop be held to discuss the Ward Committee Policy.

Six councillors from the VF Plus, CDR and GOOD parties indicated that they are not supporting the recommendations.

RESOLVED that

1. The detailed ward projects per ward as listed in Annexure A to the departmental report be approved;
2. The Office of the Speaker takes responsibility for oversight of the rollout of the ward projects and submits a quarterly report on it to the Council. Any motivated amendments to the ward projects must be submitted to the Office of the Speaker; and



3. No further amendments to be done after the February 2027 adjustments budget.

(The VF Plus, CDR and GOOD parties did not support the item, while the remaining parties were in favour of the recommendations).

Meeting: Council-27/05/2026		Submitted by Department: Financial Services	
Ref No: 3/8/5		Author/s: L Crotz	
Coll No: 2387600		Referred from:	
PAR:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	DUE DATE:
1-3	Implement decision	Office of the Speaker/Safety and Community Services	

9.7 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT ON MUNICIPAL MINIMUM COMPETENCY LEVELS (MMCL) FOR SENIOR MANAGERS: MAY 2026

MAANDELIKSE IMPLEMENTERINGSVORDERINGSVERSLAG TEN OPSIGTE VAN MUNISIPALE MINIMUM BEVOEGDHEID VLAKKE (MMBV) VIR SENIOR BESTUURDERS: MEI 2026

INGXELO YENKQUBELA PHAMBILI YOKUPHUNYEZWA KWAMANQANABA ASEZANTSI EZAKHONO ZIKAMASIPALA (MMCL) KUBAPHATHI ABAPHEZULU: NGOMEYI 2026

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

1. The report be noted; and
2. The report be submitted to National and Provincial Treasury as prescribed by Regulation 5 of the Government Gazette 40593, dated 3 February 2017.

Meeting: Council-27/05/2026		Submitted by Department: Corporate and Planning Services	
Ref no: 1/4/9		Author/s: M Sibeko	
Coll No: 2385555		Referred from: MC – 20/05/2026	
PAR:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	DUE DATE:
	Implement decision	ED: Corporate and Planning Services	

9.8 PROPOSED ALIENATION OF ERF 3636 PAARL OR A PORTION THEREOF TO THE ADJACENT LANDOWNER OF ERF 3641 PAARL, EBENEZER TRUST, FOR GARDENING PURPOSES (WARD 4)

VOORGESTELDE VERVREEMDING VAN ERF 3636 PAARL OF 'N GEDEELTE DAARVAN AAN DIE AANGRENSENDE EIENAAR VAN ERF 3641 PAARL, EBENEZER TRUST, VIR TUIN DOELEINDES (WYK 4)

UKUHLUKANISWA OKUCETYWAYO KWE-ERF 3636 PAARL OKANYE ISAHLULO SAYO KUMNINI-MHLABA OKUFUTSHANE WE-ERF 3641 PAARL, EBENEZER TRUST, NGEENJONGO ZOKULIMA (WADI 4)

The proposal from Councillor D America not to support the recommendations from the Mayoral Committee was adopted.



UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

The application for the alienation of Erf 3636 Paarl or a portion thereof to the adjacent landowner of Erf 3641 Paarl, Ebenezer Trust, for gardening purposes in Ward 4 be rejected.

Meeting: Council - 27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Corporate and Planning Services		
Ref No: 15/4/1 (3636) P	Author/s: N October		
Coll No: 2385154	Referred from: MC – 20/05/2026		
PAR:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	DUE DATE:
	Implement decision	ED: Corporate and Planning Services	

9.9 PROPOSED ALIENATION OF ERVEN 41642 AND 41643 PAARL TO APEX EDUCATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL (WARD 33)
VOORGESTELDE VERVREEMDING VAN ERWE 41642 EN 41643 PAARL AAN APEX EDUCATION VIR DIE OPRIGTING EN VESTIGING VAN 'N SKOOL (WYK 33)
UKUHLUKANISWA OKUCETYWAYO KWE-ERVEN 41642 KUNYE NE-41643 PAARL UKUYA KWI-APEX EDUCATION YOKWAKHIWA NOKUSEKWA KWESIKOLO (WADI 33)

Councillors VR Moses and B Jacobs from the Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) party questioned the reasons for direct alienation versus competitive bidding and suggested that a more appropriate location would be in Ward 13/32 where the need for a school was much greater.

Councillors AM Richards and M Zwinye from the African National Congress (ANC) party requested that the item be referred back to the Portfolio Committee and information be provided on the perceived view that the property is a heritage site as well as the impact of flooding that recently occurred would be mitigated by the construction of the school on this site.

Councillor L Arendse, ward councillor for the area, replied at length to the issues raised and was of the view that concerns raised can be addressed during the public participation process.

After some discussion the matter was put to the vote and the recommendations of the Mayoral Committee carried with 33 votes for to 0 votes against and 23 votes abstaining.

RESOLVED that

1. In terms of Section 14(2) of the MFMA Council resolves that:
 - 1.1 The subject property is not needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services; and
 - 1.2 The fair market value of the asset and the economic and community value to be received in exchange for the asset has been considered.

2. In terms of Section 14 of the MFMA *in principle approval* be granted for the alienation of Erven 41642 and 41643 Paarl, measuring approximately 1,6972ha and 3,2517ha in extent, to Apex Education Group NPC, via direct alienation, for the establishment of a school, subject to the normal conditions of sale as well as the following conditions:
 - 2.1 The subject properties will be sold at a subsidised rate of 20% of the market related selling price which amounts to R1,856,000.00 (VAT excluded);
 - 2.2 All land use rights including closure and rezoning be undertaken by and at the cost of the purchaser. All costs related to the transaction will be for the purchaser's account and which includes undertaking the necessary cadastral surveying and framing of the diagram of the portion of all the component erven of the subject property;
 - 2.3 All costs related to the registration of transfer process will be for the account of the successful purchaser;
 - 2.4 The transaction be subject to all requirements as indicated by the technical departments, which includes services servitudes to be registered in favour of the municipality in respect of engineering underground infrastructure traversing the subject property, if applicable; and
 - 2.5 The applicant shall be responsible for the construction of the access road as indicated on diagram no 1404/2022 up to the point where the school will gain access to its premises.
3. The proposed transaction be advertised whereby interested parties will be invited to submit objections, comments and or counter-offers;
4. The transaction be subject to the standard conditions of sale, including reversionary and pre-emptive rights, noting that the municipal property may only be utilised for a school; and
5. In terms of Paragraph 13 of the Asset Transfer Policy the direct alienation of this viable portion of municipal land is permitted as the proposed development of the much needed educational facility with affordable fees.

Meeting:	Council - 27/05/2026	Submitted by Department:	Corporate and Planning Services
Ref No:	15/4/1 (593)	Author/s:	N October
Coll No:	2323260	Referred from:	MC – 20/05/2026
PAR:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	DUE DATE:
1-5	Implement decision	ED: Corporate and Planning Services	

9.10 FINAL REVIEWED 2026/2031 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)
FINALE HERSIENDE 2026/2031 GEÏNTEGREERDE ONTWIKKELINGSPLAN (GOP)
UKUHLAZIYWA KOKUGQIBELA KWESICWANGCISO SOPHUHLISO OLUHLANGENEYO SIKA-2026/2031 (IDP)

The African National Congress (ANC) party requested a caucus at 12:00, which was granted by the Speaker. Council resumed at 12:23.

Council accepted the correction that the IDP is for the period 2026/2031 in stead of 2026/2027 as stated in the item.

Councillors AM Richards and M Zwinye from the African National Congress (ANC) party highlighted the following aspects and requested that they be addressed:

- The Housing plan to adress the backlog should be included in the IDP;
- Fixing of hostels that were turned into family units in Mbekweni;
- Addressing the poor condition of the rental stock;
- Reporting on and providing of a plan to replace the asbestos roof;
- Bad state of some of the play parks; and
- Provision of adequate hockey fields.

Councillor S Landsberg from the Vryheidsfront Plus (VF Plus) party was concerned about the few comments received on the IDP and requested that the time slots be changed to accommodate those who work during the day as well as for continued engagements with residents throughout the year.

Councillors VR Moses and B Jacobs from the Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) party also requested an assessment of the rental stock; the repair thereof; maintenance report be provided and a return to the format of public meetings instead of Open Days sessions.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

1. The Final Reviewed 2026/2031 IDP, (Annexure A to the departmental report), the Disaster Management Plan, (Annexure B to the departmental report), as well as the Spatial Development Framework (SDF), which is serving as a separate item, be approved;
2. An advertisement be placed on the official website of the Municipality, municipal notice boards and in the local newspapers to notify the public of the approval of the Final Reviewed 2026/2031 IDP; and
3. The Final Reviewed 2026/2031 IDP be submitted to the:
 - Department of Local Government: Western Cape;
 - Provincial Treasury: Western Cape;
 - Auditor General (AG) of South Africa; and



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- National Treasury.

Meeting: Council - 27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: IDP and Research & Development		
Ref No: 2/2/5	Author/s: C September		
Coll No: 2389599	Referred from:		
PAR:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	DUE DATE:
1-3	Implement decision	Manager: IDP and Research and Development	

9.11 2026/2027 SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (SDF)
2026/2027 RUIMTELIKE ONTWIKKELINGSRAAMWERK (ROR)
2026/2027 ISAKHELO SOPHUHLISO LWENDAWO (SDF)

Councillor AM Richards from the African National Congress (ANC) party requested that a plan to address the backlog in housing be provided. He also pleaded for the farm evictees to be accommodated as closely as possible in the areas where they were evicted from. The sentiment for making land available in rural parts of town was supported by Councillor VR Moses from the Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) party. The City Manager proposed that a workshop on the land issue to enable forward planning on the matter, be held.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

1. The 2026/2027 Spatial Development Framework (SDF) (Annexure A to the departmental report) be approved as part of the 2026/2031 Drakenstein Integrated Development Plan (IDP);
2. The 2026/2027 SDF: Comments and Response Report (Annexure B to the departmental report) be noted;
3. The Review Report for the 2025/2026 SDF (Annexure C to the departmental report) be noted; and
4. The following documentation, together with the approved IDP, be submitted to the Member of the Provincial Executive Council (MEC) for Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:
 - 4.1 A written notice of the decision to adopt the 2026/2027 SDF;
 - 4.2 The adopted 2026/2027 SDF;
 - 4.3 The 2026/2027 SDF: Comments and Responses Report; and
 - 4.4 The Review Report for the 2025/2026 SDF.
5. A notice regarding the approval of the 2026/2027 SDF be placed in the Provincial Gazette, the local newspaper, and the Municipality's social media platforms.

Meeting: Council - 27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Corporate and Planning Services		
Ref No: 15/1/4	Author/s: W Hendricks		
Coll No: 2390109	Referred from:		
PAR:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	DUE DATE:
1-5	Implement decision	ED: Corporate and Planning Services	

Council adjourned for lunch at 13:09 and the meeting resumed at 13:38.

9.12 APPROVAL OF AMENDED BUDGET RELATED POLICIES FOR THE 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR
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GOEDKEURING VAN HERSIENDE BEGROTINGSVERWANTE BELEIDE VIR DIE 2026/2027 FINANSIËLE JAAR

UKWAMKELWA KWEMIGAQO-NKQUBO ENXULUMENE NOHLAHLO-LWABIWO MALI OLULUNGISIWEYO KUNYAKA-MALI KA-2026/2027
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After Alderman GC Combrink provided feedback on the questions raised by Councillor B Jacobs from the Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) party with regards to the Indigent and Relocation Policies and Councillor AM Richards from the African National Congress (ANC) party on the rebate on electrical cables not amended as discussed at the workshop, the matter was put to the vote and the recommendations of the Mayoral Committee carried with 50 votes for to 3 vote against and 1 vote abstaining.

RESOLVED that

1. The following amended budget related policies as attached to this item be approved:
 - 1.1 Annexure A: Unclaimed Deposits Policy;
 - 1.2 Annexure B: Cash and Investment Management Policy;
 - 1.3 Annexure C: Financial Asset Management Policy;
 - 1.4 Annexure D: Indigent Support Policy;
 - 1.5 Annexure E: Tariff Policy;
 - 1.6 Annexure F: Property Rates Policy;
 - 1.7 Annexure G: Funding and Reserves Policy;
 - 1.8 Annexure H: Grant in Aid Policy;
 - 1.9 Annexure I: Electricity Losses Policy;
 - 1.10 Annexure J: Acting, Additional, Secondment and Gratuity Allowance Policy;
 - 1.11 Annexure K: Benefits Policy;
 - 1.12 Annexure L: Relocation Policy; and
 - 1.13 Annexure M: Preferential Procurement Policy.

2. It be noted that the following budget related policies were reviewed but remain unchanged from the previous year:
 - 2.1 Long-Term Financial Sustainability Policy;
 - 2.2 Accounting Policies to the Financial Statements;
 - 2.3 Prioritisation Model for Capital Assets Investment;
 - 2.4 Borrowing Policy;
 - 2.5 Virement Policy;
 - 2.6 Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless- and Wasteful Expenditure Policy;
 - 2.7 Asset Management Policy;
 - 2.8 Insurance Policy;
 - 2.9 Stock Management Policy;
 - 2.10 Travelling & Subsistence Policy;
 - 2.11 Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy;
 - 2.12 Asset Transfer Policy;



- 2.13 Budget and Management Oversight Policy;
- 2.14 Financial and In-Kind Assistance for Events Policy;
- 2.15 Cost Containment Policy;
- 2.16 Development Charges Policy;
- 2.17 Water Losses Policy;
- 2.18 Electrical Infrastructure Maintenance Policy;
- 2.19 Public Participation Policy;
- 2.20 Gift Policy;
- 2.21 Donations Policy;
- 2.22 Improvement Areas Policy;
- 2.23 Relief and Charitable Fund Policy;
- 2.24 Supply Chain Management Policy;
- 2.25 Writing-off of Irrecoverable Debt Policy; and
- 2.26 Performance Management Policy.

3. The Cell Phone Policy resolution dated 12 December 2014 to provide that the Executive Directors and Chief Financial Officer receive the cell phone allowance in accordance with the applicable Upper Limits of Total Remuneration Packages for Municipal Managers and Managers Directly Accountable to Municipal Managers, as published under Government Notice No. 7368 in Government Gazette No. 54505 dated 14 April 2026 applicable from 1 July 2024 (Annexure N to the departmental report) be amended.

(The CDR party indicated that they are only against adopting the Indigent and Relocation Policies).

Meeting: Council - 27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Financial Services		
Ref No: 5/2/2	Author/s: L Crotz		
Coll No: 2387604	Referred from:		
PAR:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	DUE DATE:
1-3	Implement decision	Chief Financial Officer	

9.13 APPROVAL OF THE 2026/2027 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET, 2026/2031 MEDIUM TERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK AND 2026/2027 TARIFFS
GOEDKEURING VAN DIE 2026/2027 BEDRYFS- EN KAPITAALBEGROTING, 2026/2031 MEDIUM TERMYN INKOMSTE EN 2026/2027 TARIEWE
UKUVUNYWA KOHLAHLO-LWABIWO MALI LWE-2026/2027 YOKUSEBENZA KUNYE NEMALI, I-2026/2031 INGENISO YEXESHA ELIPHAKATHI KUNYE NESAKHELO SENKCITHO KUNYE NEERHAFU ZIKA-2026/2027

The Executive Mayor table the budget as fully set out in the enclosed budget speech **(Annexure A)**.

The Deputy Executive Mayor thereafter tabled the budget proposals.

All political parties were allowed to comment on the budget. The African National Congress (ANC) party supported the budget with several conditions as set out in the enclosed submission **(Annexure B)**. The GOOD, Patriotic Alliance (PA), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), Independent Civic Organisation of South Africa (ICOSA) and



AL-JAMA-AH parties supported the budget. The PA party requested that attention to be given to the maintenance of the rental stock, land for housing and the removal of asbestos roofs and the EFF on the electrification of informal settlements.

The Concerned Drakenstein Residents (CDR) parties and the Vryheidsfront Plus (VF Plus) parties indicated that they would not support the budget due to several concerns as set out their respective submissions as attached (**Annexures C and D**).

The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania and African Christen Democratic Party (ACDP) were not present when the item was considered.

The matter was put to the vote and the recommendations of the Mayoral Committee carried with 49 votes for to 6 votes against.

RESOLVED that

1. Council approved:

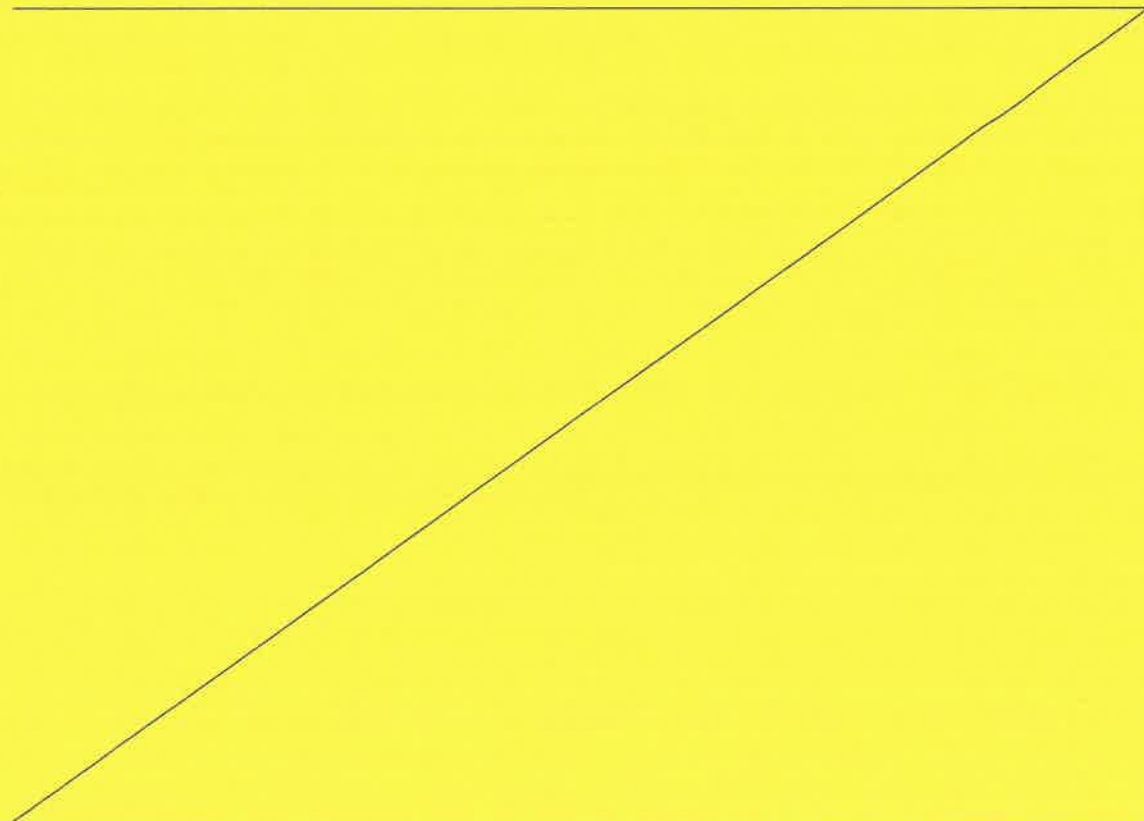
- 1.1 The 2026/2031 Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) attached as Annexure C to the item;
- 1.2 The 2026/2031 MTREF operating budget revenue of R4,377,077,724 for the 2026/2027 financial year as well as for the four outer years' operating revenue as set out in Table 1 of the 2026/2031 MTREF Budget Report;
- 1.3 The 2026/2031 MTREF operating budget expenditure of R3,988,212,129 for the 2026/2031 financial year as well as for the four outer years' operating expenditure as set out in Table 2 of the 2026/2031 MTREF Budget Report;
- 1.4 The 2026/2031 MTREF capital budget expenditure of R549,105,292 for the 2026/2027 financial year as well as for the four outer years' capital expenditure as set out Table 4 of the 2026/2031 MTREF Budget Report;
- 1.5 The 2026/2031 MTREF capital budget expenditure funding sources of R549,105,292 for the 2026/2027 financial year as well as for the four outer years' capital expenditure funding sources as set out Table 5 of the 2026/2031 MTREF Budget Report;
- 1.6 The multi-year capital project Rehabilitation & Upgrade of Paarl Wastewater Treatment Works (R463,152,174) and Construction of New Cell at Wellington Landfill site (R266,600,000), that exceeds the amount of R50 million referred to in Regulation 13(2)(c) of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations; and



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- 1.7 The following tariff increases for the revenue streams of property rates, fees, charges and tariffs with effect from 1 July 2026:
- 1.7.1 Property rates tariff increase of 3.7%;
 - 1.7.2 Water tariff increase of 4.5%;
 - 1.7.3 Sewerage/sanitation tariff increase of 4.5%;
 - 1.7.4 Refuse removal tariff increase of 4.5%; and
 - 1.7.5 Electricity tariff average increase of 6.3%.
- 1.8 The annual budget of Drakenstein Municipality for the 2026/2027 financial year as well as the indicative estimates for the four outer financial years (2027/2028 to 2030/2031) as set out in the new mSCOA version 7.1 Schedules A1 to A10 and SA1 to SA38 included in Appendix 2 to the 2026/2031 MTREF Budget Report.
2. Council noted:
- 2.1 A budgeted operating surplus of R388,865,595 is anticipated to be realised for the 2026/2027 financial year as set out in Table 3 of the 2026/2031 MTREF Budget Report. The format in which the budget is presented aligns with legislative prescripts, which require the operating surplus to include capital government grants and subsidies allocated in the capital budget, but if this is subtracted, the operating surplus is in the region of R19,503,103;
- 2.2 Any actual cash surpluses at year-end will be used to increase Drakenstein's Capital Replacement Reserve to be utilised for future infrastructure assets investment and the redemption of external loans;
- 2.3 The envisaged increases in the property rates, fees, charges, and tariffs as set in the Tariff Book attached as Annexure B to the item; and
- 2.4 Drakenstein's investments and cash as at 30 April 2026 amounted to R1,821,861,822 made up of investments with:
- 2.4.1 Nedbank Primary account (R521,837,190);
 - 2.4.2 ABSA investments (R432,128,846);
 - 2.4.3 African Bank (R438,578,951);
 - 2.4.4 Standard Bank (R409,509,857); and
 - 2.4.5 Nedbank (R19,806,978).
- 2.5 The proposed total cost to municipality expenses for the salary, allowances and benefits of the Executive Mayor, Speaker, Deputy Executive Mayor, Chief Whip, Mayoral Committee members, ordinary councillors, City Manager (CM), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and executive directors as set out in SA23 included in Annexure C to the item;



- 2.6 Drakenstein Municipality do not have any current service delivery agreements, including material amendments to existing service delivery agreements, with any service provider who renders any power or function on behalf of Drakenstein Municipality as defined in Section 1 of the Municipal Systems Act;
- 2.7 Drakenstein Municipality do not have any municipal entities;
- 2.8 The comments as set out in Annexure A (Written Comments Received on the 2026/2027 Draft Budget) to this item as Council's response on the written comments received during the public participation process on the 2026/2027 Draft Budget;
- 2.9 The mSCOA Roadmap setting out the status of the municipality's implementation of the Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts, business processes and system functionality attached as Annexure D to the item;
- 2.10 The Procurement Plan as required by Municipal Budget Circular No 94 attached as Annexure E to the item; and
- 2.11 The electricity tariffs were approved by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa.



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Executive Mayor Budget Speech

2026/2027 Budget

27 May 2026



Honourable Speaker

Deputy Executive Mayor

Chief Whip

Members of the Mayoral
Committee

Councillors

City Manager, CFO and
Executive Directors

Representatives of the media

Members of the public

Ladies and gentlemen

Good afternoon,

It is a great privilege to deliver my budget speech and table the 2026/2027 budget. At a total of **R4.5 billion**, it is Drakenstein Municipality's largest annual funded budget to date.

Speaker, as of May 2026, South Africa's fiscal landscape has shifted from the immediate crisis of 2025 toward a period of cautious stabilisation. Minister Enoch Godongwana has maintained the Division of Revenue allocations, providing a stable **R670 billion** for provinces in the National Budget. However, in order to stabilise public debt, the National Budget has retained above inflation increases in sin tax and further increased the fuel levy.



While inflation has cooled to **3.1%**, the cost of living remains a significant challenge. In 2026, innovation is no longer solely about survival; it is about leveraging a more efficient tax system to maintain fiscal discipline without stifling growth. This principle is also reflected in Drakenstein Municipality, which is at the forefront of innovative projects in key areas, whilst continuing to exercise sound fiscal discipline.

Drakenstein Municipality received its **11th** clean audit opinion from the Auditor-General of South Africa for the 2024/2025 financial year. I want to thank the Deputy Executive Mayor, MMCs, Councillors, the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Directors and all our staff for their contributions to this outstanding achievement.

Drakenstein Municipality's main objective is to deliver excellent and affordable services to all our residents.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Budget, budget-related policies, and draft tariffs were tabled before Council on 30 March 2026 and approved for public participation.

Speaker, for the sixth consecutive year, Drakenstein Municipality successfully hosted a series of Community Open Days. Residents engaged with ward councillors and municipal officials, raised concerns and provided input into the draft Budget, IDP, and Spatial Development Framework (SDF). Communities were notified of these engagements through various channels, including newspaper advertisements, pamphlet distribution, radio interviews, loud hailing,

Facebook, the municipal website, SMS communication and via ward councillors.

The **33** wards were clustered into **10** Open Day sessions held from 14 April to 23 April 2026.

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BUDGET

Written comments were received on time from the Provincial IDP and Budget Assessment Team; Councillor Jacobs from CDR; Councillor Landsberg from the Freedom Front Plus; Councillor Maralack-Boonzaaier from the Patriotic Alliance; various civic society organisations, businesses and members of the community. All these comments were carefully scrutinised and considered.

In addition, all comments received on the proposed electricity tariffs, as required by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), were included and submitted as part of our application. NERSA has subsequently approved the electricity tariffs.

Detailed feedback on the comments received is attached to the budget item in Annexure A.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

South Africa's economy grew by **1.1%** in 2025, following an increase growth of **0.5%** in 2024, driven by increased economic activity in the finance, real estate and business services sectors. The Western Cape economy grew by **1.4%** in 2025, which is double the growth of **0.7%** recorded the year before and the biggest annual growth recorded since 2022. While official figures for the Drakenstein economy for



2025 are not yet available, new commercial and residential developments within the municipal area had grown the local economy to more than the **R34 billion** in 2024. The current figure is close to **R40 billion**.

Investment in retail developments in Drakenstein continues to gain momentum, with the construction of phase one of the Winelands Square and the Parelberg shopping centres completed during November 2025 and December 2025, respectively. Phase two of the Winelands Square development opened its doors on the 1st of May 2026. The Alleman Square development has also recently been completed, and construction on the new Cecilia Junction retail development and comprehensive extensions to Paarl Mall have commenced. Within 5 years, 5 new shopping centres and a Suzuki vehicle dealership in Wellington, have been completed recently.

The construction of new residential estates , including the Huguenot, Zanddrift, Firwoods and Le Boutonne Estates, is under way, while bulk infrastructure services are in progress for the first **400** housing units at the Fraaigelegen Precinct, which will unlock a total of **1 400** residential units , Construction of the new **140**-bed Life Paarl Valley Hospital is progressing well and expected to open towards the end of 2027.

Motorists, commuters and transport operators are also enjoying the smooth and widened roads within the municipal area as a result of recent and continuing upgrades. The Huguenot Tunnel, a vital part of the N1 route in the Western Cape, is undergoing a major upgrade. This involves constructing a new North Bore tunnel alongside the existing South Bore, ultimately providing two lanes of traffic in each direction. The upgrade project is estimated to cost **R5 billion** and will take **3-4**



years to complete. This will improve safety, reduce congestion, and boost the local economy.

All these developments have boosted business and investor confidence. The RMB/BER Business Confidence Index in South Africa increased to **47** in quarter one of 2026, the highest level since the second quarter of 2021. The Western Cape, business confidence increased with **6** index points in 2025, influenced by three quarters of positive sentiment. A sustained improvement in confidence will ultimately depend on stronger demand, continued policy credibility and progress on structural reforms. Translating this improved confidence into durable growth remains the key test for 2026.

The various economic developments throughout the municipal area provide job opportunities for many residents. Drakenstein's unemployment rate was recorded as **17.4%** at the end of 2024, way below the national and provincial rates. As the economy continues to expand, the unemployment rate could currently be much lower.

The Western Cape's economic growth prospects for 2026 will be shaped by a combination of external geopolitical risks, global trade conditions as well as local and environmental impacts. Escalating tensions in the Middle East remain a key risk.

One of the key revenue enhancement initiatives is a continued focus on promoting development and investment in Drakenstein. During the 2025/2026 financial year, land use rights were approved for **642** new residential opportunities, **6 518** square metres of new commercial developments, and **250** square metres of new industrial developments.



In addition to these accomplishments, land use applications for **1 588** new residential opportunities, **32 808** square metres of new commercial developments, and **24 000** square metres of new industrial developments are currently in process.

A total of **1 336** building plans were approved for the period from 1 July 2025 to date. The total value of the approved building plans is approximately **R2.92 billion**.

The approvals granted consist of:

1. **1 155** Residential building plans to the value of **R2.08 billion**;
2. **76** Commercial building plans to the value of **R221.35 million**;
3. **42** Agricultural building plans to the value of **R83.14 million**;
4. **31** Industrial building plans to the value of **R48.3 million**; and
5. The remaining **32** building plans represent a variety of other uses, including a major institutional development (private hospital) valued at approximately **R415 million**, contributing to a total of **R485.8 million** for this category.

The Business Area Management section continues to build business confidence in the area. The most recent achievements include an annual SeeClickFix success rate of **96%** of customer service issues addressed. We are very proud of the **R800 000.00** private sector investment in respect of the fencing of Wamakers Square parking in Paarl CBD.



2025/2026 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Speaker, during the past year, we have confirmed our record of excellent service delivery, good governance and sound financial management.

The latest Ratings Afrika report indicates that the financial sustainability index score of **73** in 2025 is an improvement from **39** in 2021, reflecting a significant improvement over the past **6** years. This high score demonstrates effective strategic planning, sound policies and strong management practices, underpinned by solid liquidity and infrastructure development.

Let us now reflect on some of the highlights of the past financial year:

1. FINANCIAL RATIOS

Key financial ratio achievements are, among others, the following:

- 1.1 Staff costs at **26.51%** of our total operating budget, while the industry norm is between **25%** and **40%**;
- 1.2 Our Current Ratio (liquidity) improved from **2.19** in April 2025 to **2.51** in April 2026, while the industry norm is **1.5**;
- 1.3 Water distribution losses are currently **18.7%**, while the industry norm is **15%** to **30%**; and
- 1.4 Electricity losses are **6.34%**, while the industry norm is **7%** to **10%**.



2. SERVICE DELIVERY AND PROJECTS

We previously made various commitments to our community. Let us reflect on some of the positive outcomes:

- 2.1 Budget allocations to the Vlakkeland Housing Project to date have contributed to the servicing of **942** sites and the construction and occupation of **755** houses since the start of the project. Planning is set to commence on phase two of the project in the coming financial year;
- 2.2 The installation of bulk and internal services at the Simondium project progressed well during the financial year with an anticipated **100%** of the budget spent by 30 June 2026. The coming financial year will focus on finalising linking of services and construction of houses;
- 2.3 The continued development of Nieuwedrift Cemetery, a **R3 million** project to provide much-needed burial space in the area, is well underway. The next phase of the project will create additional burial spaces as well as suitable access roads and ablution facilities in the cemetery;
- 2.4 Basic services were upgraded in informal settlements at a cost of **R2 million**;
- 2.5 An estimated **R459 million** was spent on upgrading water and wastewater systems in Paarl and Wellington. This includes an amount of **R426 million** Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI) allocation received from the National Treasury for the upgrade of our bulk sewerage network and treatment capacity at Paarl Wastewater Treatment Works that will benefit the whole of Drakenstein;



- 2.6 Stormwater systems throughout Drakenstein were upgraded at a cost of **R6 million**;
- 2.7 The continuation of upgrading the capacity at the Dalweiding electricity substation and Vlakkeland switching station was increased to supply the new Vlakkeland housing development, at an estimated cost of **R10.5 million**. The upgrade of the substation created an additional firm capacity of **20 MVA**;
- 2.8 **R26.7 million** was spent on upgrading electricity networks and replacing vandalised infrastructure; and
- 2.9 Roads and sidewalks across Drakenstein were upgraded and resealed at an estimated cost of **R21.7 million**, with an additional **R25 million** allocated specifically to rebuild Drommedaris Road.

CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET 2026/2027

Speaker, the proposed total budget for the **2026/2027** financial year amounts to **R4.5 billion**, comprising of a **R3.9 billion** operating budget and a **R569 million** capital budget.

I will summarise the budget in terms of the following:

1. Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP);
2. Ward Committee Support;
3. Land Use and Urbanisation Management;
4. Water and Sanitation and Budget Facility Infrastructure (BFI) grant;
5. Electricity and Loadshedding Resilience;
6. Waste Management;



7. Roads and Stormwater;
8. Fleet Supplementation;
9. Sport Facilities, Parks and Cemeteries;
10. Tourism;
11. Public Safety and Municipal Court;
12. Community Development;
13. Financial Assistance to the Poor;
14. New Tariffs; and
15. Concluding Remarks.

EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (EPWP)

Speaker, we must create job opportunities fairly and transparently. In this regard, the EPWP Policy and Procedures ensure that recruitment, selection, and contract administration are correctly implemented.

The budget allocation for EPWP for the 2026/2027 financial year makes provision for approximately **603** job opportunities at an estimated cost of **R21.6 million**. The National Department of Transport and Public Works' EPWP Grant contributes **R2.9 million**, while Drakenstein Municipality contributes **R18.7 million**.

The programme will primarily focus on the following projects:

1. Solid waste, refuse removal, CBD cleaning and informal settlement hotspot cleaning projects;
2. Cleaning and maintenance of stormwater systems and catchpits;
3. Ensuring that our parks, public open spaces and road verges are well maintained;



4. Community facilities and services such as cemeteries, resorts, sports fields, and grass cutting;
5. Public safety projects such as peace officers, mountain and river patrols, security guards, and firefighter training;
6. Artisan training in the mechanical workshop;
7. Informal settlements and demolition of illegal structures; and
8. Maintenance of rental stock.

We will continue focusing on improving the efficiency of EPWP projects by applying the lessons learned from the illegal dumping hotspot project. These projects are based on performance management principles, where outputs are measured and remuneration is linked to the level of service achieved in specific areas.

WARD COMMITTEE SUPPORT

Speaker, to ensure visible change and a larger impact in communities through ward projects, it has been decided that ward allocations will be structured according to themes and will consist of the following projects:

1. Clean and Green Project;
2. Assisting disabled, elderly, and youth through direct donations;
3. Direct donations to non-profit organisations (NPOs, ECDCs, Neighbourhood watches, etc); and
4. Job opportunities (community initiatives).

Each ward committee member will also receive a quarterly stipend of **R900** for assisting the ward councillor.



LAND USE AND URBANISATION MANAGEMENT

Speaker, one of National Government's mandates is to provide housing opportunities to all South Africans. Their inability to fulfil this mandate has forced Drakenstein Municipality to focus on the management of urbanisation, to manage the growing demand and the need for adequate housing opportunities. We have listened to our residents and are re-organising our approach, resources, and focus. Drakenstein's urbanisation and human settlement challenges are enormous. The number of backyard dwellers is rising – not only on private premises, but also at our rental stock units.

I know this will take time and additional resources, but it is an important process that needs to happen.

National housing legislation prescribes that a municipality must perform this function on behalf of National Government with financial assistance from the national fiscus.

In this regard, a grant allocation of **R35.7 million** has been awarded to the Municipality for the 2026/2027 financial year. The bulk of the funds will be used to complete the servicing of sites at the Simondium Housing Development and to commence construction of top structures. A Council contribution of **R5 million** is also earmarked for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Through the Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant, Drakenstein Municipality has been allocated **R13 million** for the installation of engineering services at the Lover's Lane informal settlement.



The maintenance of aged municipal rental stock is high on the priority list. **R10 million** has been provided for the maintenance of rental stock and to rectify structural defects.

WATER AND SANITATION

1. Projects

One of the basic services that the Municipality is obligated to provide is clean drinking water and sanitation. We are budgeting **R289 million** for these services, which will include the following:

- 1.1 Rehabilitation and upgrade of the Paarl Wastewater Treatment Works – **R250 million**;
- 1.2 Replacement of equipment at Wellington Wastewater Treatment Works – **R4.6 million**;
- 1.3 Replacement and upgrade of water networks and bulk water meters – **R20.4 million**;
- 1.4 Upgrade and replacement of basic services in informal settlements – **R6 million**;
- 1.5 Upgrading and replacement of equipment and water meters for Water and Sanitation networks – **R2 million**; and
- 1.6 Replacement and upgrade of sewerage networks-**R6 million**.

2. Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI)

Due to the Municipality's excellent track record in good governance and ability to spend capital budgets, we were awarded **R1.4 billion** by the National Treasury to upgrade of our bulk sewerage network and Paarl Wastewater Treatment Works



in the 2023/2024 financial year. This project will continue until early 2028 and benefit all our residents. The decision to award Drakenstein Municipality a BFI grant was a clear sign of a healthy investment climate.

It is also an endorsement of the Municipality's competence to spend the allocated budget on infrastructure upgrades, in the interest of our broader community.

All procurement processes were completed in the current financial year. The construction of the Southern Paarl Bulk Sewer has been completed and the upgrade of the Paarl Wastewater Treatment Works is well underway. These projects aim to improve effluent quality, meet current service demands and support capacity for growth and future development across all areas of Paarl, Mbekweni, Simondium and Wellington.

ELECTRICITY

The 2026/2027 budget makes provision for **R92.3 million** to cater, inter alia, for the following electricity infrastructure projects:

1. Replace old equipment – **R2.7 million**;
2. Increase existing medium-tension network capacity – **R2.7 million**;
3. Increase existing low tension network capacity – **R1.2 million**;
4. Construct a new 11kV Vlakkeland switching station – **R11.8 million**;
5. Drakenstein streetlights projects – **R2.6 million**;
6. New connections (BiCL's) – **R20 million**;



7. Upgrading of SCADA system – **R3 million**; and
8. Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade Programme, which will include the electrification of informal settlements – **R7.2 million**.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Speaker, waste management remains one of our biggest challenges in Drakenstein, the district and the province. We want our residents to take ownership of their environment and work with the Municipality to keep our streets and all our spaces clean. Only then will we win the war against waste. Several initiatives are being planned for this financial year to reduce and control illegal dumping and to ensure a clean, beautiful, and healthy Drakenstein for all.

The following initiatives will be implemented:

1. We will continue to provide and service skips in hotspot areas;
2. The EPWP hotspot programme is a ward-based cleaning project to keep the identified hotspot areas clean, with the support of EPWP workers and the Waste Management Services;
3. We will continue to use EPWP workers to clean specific problem areas on a scheduled basis; and
4. The Housing Inspectors will monitor the refuse removal in informal settlements, which is supplemented by the placement of three cubic metre skips for waste disposal.

The following provision has been made for waste management projects in the 2026/2027 financial year:

1. **R3.3 million** for purchasing skips and wheelie bins to ensure that a higher number of areas dispose of waste;



2. **R1 million** for planning and construction of the satellite drop-off stations;
3. **R4 million** for the design of a new cell for additional airspace and mechanical biological treatment of organic waste at the Wellington Landfill Site; and
4. **R1 million** for a wash bay for solid waste vehicles.

ROADS AND STORMWATER

Speaker, a well-developed and maintained integrated road network is of utmost importance. Therefore, the maintenance and upgrading of roads and stormwater infrastructure is a focus area, and we have provided **R39.8 million** for the 2026/2027 financial year.

The following provision has been made for roads and stormwater projects in the 2026/2027 financial year:

1. Planning for the upgrading of the Paarl Taxi Rank – **R10.4 million**;
2. Resealing of roads – **R18.3 million**;
3. Refurbishing of stormwater systems – **R6 million**; and
4. Upgrading of traffic lights, traffic calming measures, tarring of sidewalks, bus shelters, closing of walkways, and machinery and equipment – **R4.4 million**.

The upgrading of Main Road 201 to a dual carriageway between the N1 and Kliprug Road, has been completed, thanks to a total contribution by Council of **R80 million** over the last four financial years. The project's total cost amounted to **R215 million**. The project was implemented by the Provincial Government, who also provided



the balance of the funding for this catalytic project. The project created approximately **240** job opportunities.

FLEET SUPPLEMENT PROGRAMME

Our fleet plays a critical role in supporting daily operations and ensuring efficient service delivery. We allocated **R32 million** towards supplementing and modernising our current fleet across all departments. This investment will enable us to build a more reliable and efficient fleet, ensuring that we continue to meet the service delivery needs of our communities.

SPORT FACILITIES, PARKS AND CEMETERIES

Speaker, we are excited to announce that Drakenstein, in partnership with Boland Cricket, is one of eight cities selected by the International Cricket Council to host the 2027 ICC Cricket World Cup.

Infrastructure for sport, parks and cemeteries is also an important focus area in our IDP, and we have allocated **R11 million** for this purpose in the 2026/2027 financial year.

The main capital projects include:

1. Mbekweni B and C soccer fields upgrades – **R500,000**;
2. Die Kraal Sport facility – **R2.5 million**;
3. David Samaai tennis courts upgrade – **R1.2 million**;
4. Nieuwedrift Cemetery – **3 million**;
5. The upgrading of swimming pools and tools of trade in Gouda and Hermon – **R800,000**; and



6. Beautification of main roads, parks and playgrounds upgrades – **R1.7 million.**

TOURISM

The Municipality is making steady progress with the implementation of the new joint tourism agenda as agreed to in October 2024. This progress demonstrates that it is possible to collaborate and innovate when working towards the same goal of growing the sector in Drakenstein. We are also pleased to announce that the Municipality has endorsed three Local Tourism Associations with a view to ensure the institutionalisation of focused destination marketing services throughout Drakenstein. The establishment of the voluntary Drakenstein Tourism Advisory Forum further confirms that tourism is indeed government-enabled and private sector-led. The most notable achievements through these respective partnerships include all year-round targeted marketing campaigns to address seasonality and ensure broader participation. Our commitment to respond to the needs of the sector is further strengthened with the sizeable investment in strengthening our destination's digital capabilities.

This will ensure that tourism entrepreneurs have the required resources to participate at a local, regional, national and global level.

Events remain a key driver of tourism growth and impact. As such, we are pleased to provide our support for an array of events that attract both domestic and international visitors. With this said, we continue to strive towards improving our tourism offerings and have also identified the need to focus on continuous professional development amongst frontline staff.



It is important to highlight that the annual Drakenstein Festival of Lights will remain one of the Municipality's signature local entertainment events, and we are happy to share that we will amend it slightly to include a more diverse offering. We are excited to add a Sports element to it and will share the details closer to the time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Speaker, the fundamental principle shaping our approach to improving public safety in the municipality, is the protection and welfare of our residents.

Drakenstein Municipality has achieved notable advancements in safety, fostering a more welcoming environment for investment that ultimately benefits our community and will continue to do so. The Public Safety section has worked closely with key partners such as the South African Police Service, the Community Policing Forum, Neighbourhood Watches, and private security companies to generate a lasting and meaningful impact through collaborative efforts. These partnerships have continued to grow stronger each year, and we take pride in this ongoing progress.

The Green Rangers programme has improved safety protocols on Paarl Mountain and the Arboretum, ensuring the safety and well-being of those who come to enjoy these natural spaces, and we plan to broaden this programme even further in the near future.

By maintaining ongoing engagement with the community, we have developed a targeted and visible strategy for enforcing bylaws.



The Drakenstein Operational Control Centre (DOCC) is set up for substantial growth and improvement over the coming financial years.

As previously highlighted, we will strengthen collaboration with safety partners and stakeholders to enhance incident response effectiveness. Our goal is to promote deeper integration to facilitate smooth sharing of essential data, information, and expertise. We also intend to expand our network of strategically placed CCTV cameras beyond those already installed, coordinating them with our safety partners' systems to enable quicker and more efficient incident response. This year, the focus is on upgrading the control room to facilitate monitoring and response. Additionally, we will utilise drone technology to deliver real-time aerial footage, greatly improving our ability to respond swiftly and effectively to any situation.

Traffic Services play a crucial role in public safety infrastructure. The Municipality has pioneered an innovative electronic learner licensing system, establishing itself as the leading authority in the province in this area and leading from the front.

A satellite testing center was recently activated in Saron to service the communities of Saron, Gouda and Hermon. Services provided include the renewal of vehicle licenses, appointments for learner's licenses and computerised learner's license testing.

We are also embarking on road shows, taking our service to the people, as a convenient way of settling outstanding traffic fines at different times and locations, which are communicated on the municipal website.

During the 2025/2026 financial year, the Fire and Rescue Services saw a substantial increase in the number of fires within and around



Drakenstein. They also provided crucial assistance to the Cape Winelands District Municipality during a major fire outbreak in the dry summer season. Throughout these challenging circumstances, the Fire and Rescue team demonstrated remarkable commitment and dedication to serving the community. They emphasised a collaborative approach, guided by existing intergovernmental agreements, to embody the spirit of community service and underscore the importance of shared responsibility for safety and security across the region. Additionally, the municipality undertook to employ Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers as Cadet Firefighters in the new financial year for an extended period to help bolster manpower. This initiative aims to train and equip local youth to support firefighting efforts during these demanding times. Furthermore, we plan to increase investments in the professional development of our officers and offer specialised training to address the varied needs of our community.

As part of our continuous efforts to enhance the safety and well-being of our community, we are committed to improving the reputation of the Public Safety Section and building greater trust between the municipality and our residents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

General Projects

Speaker, today marks an important step forward in our commitment to care and compassion within our community. I am proud to announce the opening of three new soup kitchens in Wards **12**, **16**, and **32**, expanding our reach to better serve the people of



Drakenstein. With these additions, we now have **22** fully operational soup kitchens.

In essence, our soup kitchens are a clear expression of compassion in action, reinforcing the importance of dignity, support, and shared responsibility in building a stronger Drakenstein.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and 365 Days of Activism

We firmly believe that the fight against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is not a once-off campaign, but a sustained commitment that must be driven every single day of the year.

Drakenstein Municipality continues to lead with purpose in the national response to GBV. We are proud to be entering our fourth year of participation in the GBV 100 Days Challenge, reaffirming our commitment to driving meaningful, measurable change in our communities.

This work is strengthened through our dedicated Gender-Based Violence Hub, which provides critical support, coordination, and safe referral pathways for survivors. It serves as a central pillar in ensuring that victims are not only heard but supported with dignity and care. In addition, our Fatherhood Programme plays a vital role in addressing the root causes of GBV by actively engaging men and fathers. The programme focuses on reshaping attitudes, strengthening positive masculinity, and reinforcing the responsibility of fathers as protectors, role models, and agents of change in their households and communities.



Our broader GBV interventions continue to make a real impact, including:

1. **Empowerment Through Education:** GBV workshops that provide essential education, empowerment, and psychosocial support across communities;
2. **Youth Engagement:** Awareness campaigns in high schools that help shape positive attitudes and behaviours from an early age; and
3. **Early Intervention:** Domestic violence programmes in primary schools that deliver age-appropriate education and early prevention strategies.

Through these integrated efforts, Drakenstein Municipality continues to raise awareness, strengthen education, and build a culture rooted in accountability, respect, and zero tolerance for violence.

Homeless People

Speaker, we are pleased to announce that increased capacity has been made available to better accommodate individuals in need of safe support and structured intervention.

At the heart of this approach is a clear focus on re-unification and re-integration. These interventions are not intended as permanent spaces of dependency, but as structured steppingstones designed to support individuals on a pathway back into society and, where possible, into the working community.

Our Social Development section will focus on a holistic and integrated approach to rebuilding lives and strengthening families. This includes:



1. **Substance abuse support and rehabilitation referrals**, ensuring individuals are connected to appropriate treatment and recovery pathways;
2. **Family re-unification**, which remains one of the most critical components in restoring stability, dignity, and supportive family structures;
3. **Skills development and work-readiness training**, aimed at equipping individuals with the tools needed to access sustainable opportunities;
4. **Fatherhood Programme**, which focuses on promoting responsible fathering, positive masculinity, and the active role of fathers in strengthening families and preventing social challenges such as neglect and violence; and
5. **School Drop-Out Project**, which targets early intervention by identifying at-risk youth, reducing school disengagement, and supporting learners to return to and remain within the education system.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR

Speaker, we are always aware of the plight of the poor in Drakenstein and have therefore adjusted the qualifying income threshold to ensure that we help those in need. As of **30 April 2026**, we had **16 550** indigent households on our database.

A total of **R215 million** is provided through the equitable share, estimated to be spent on indigent benefits to assist the poorest of the poor in **2026/2027**, which excludes the cost of refuse removal, sanitation and water provision in the **44** informal settlements.

For the current financial year until 31 March 2026, an amount of **R21 million** of outstanding indigent debt was written off in terms of



the 50/50 principle, where **50%** of the outstanding debt of indigent households is written off at the beginning of each year.

In an ongoing effort to assist the most vulnerable, it must be mentioned that Drakenstein's indigent support is more than twice the national norm and significantly higher than that of our neighbouring municipalities.

Our Indigent Support Policy makes provision for the following benefits according to a sliding scale:

1. **6** Kilolitres of water every month;
2. **85** Electricity units (for Category A and B consumers) and **50** units (for Category C and D consumers) every month, plus basic charges for up to **30 Amp** single-phase pre-paid or conventional electricity meters;
3. Refuse removal charges (once a week for one refuse bin);
4. Sewerage charge levy for one toilet plus basic charges for an erf size up to **550** square metres every month;
5. Assessment rates charged on valuation limited to **R1 million** per erf; and
6. Municipal rentals rebate equivalent to the maximum amount of the total basket of free basic services.

It should be noted that in response to the plight from the community we have increased the qualifying indigent income thresholds as follows:

1. Category A: **R0 to R6,500**, previously **R5,000**;
2. Category B: **R6,501 to R7,500**, previously **R5,500**;



3. Category C: **R7,501 to R8,500**, previously **R6,500**; and
4. Category D: **R8,501 to R9,000**, previously **R7,000**.

For the 2026/2027 budget, Drakenstein Municipality will increase the eligibility criteria with **30%**, exclude child and foster care from the eligibility criteria, and cap the household income calculations at a maximum of two SASSA pension recipients, irrespective of the number of SASSA grant recipients living on the property.

NEW TARIFFS

Speaker, I want to assure the Council that robust internal and external financial discussions take place, as well as benchmarking exercises with neighbouring municipalities, to ensure that we implement fair and affordable tariffs.

This was illustrated without a doubt with the implementation of the capping concept in the current year, which ensured that our community is not severely affected due to the average increases in the property market values of between **50%** and **60%**.

Whilst maintaining all key initiatives implemented during the current year and using the 2025/2026 financial year as baseline, the residential cent in the rand (base rate) will be increased only by **3.7%** for the 2026/2027 financial year.

The proposed tariff increases for other services for the financial year 2026/2027 are as follows:



1. Water – 4.5%; the tariff proposed in March was adjusted downwards due to a lower-than-expected increase in bulk water purchases from the City of Cape Town;
2. Refuse Removal and Sanitation – 4.5%; and
3. Electricity – 6.3% average.

Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ratepayers for honouring their commitments and paying their municipal accounts. The quality of services we render is only possible due to the cooperation of our community.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Speaker, in conclusion, building on our successes of the past five years, the proposed final budget focuses on enabling economic development to help stimulate job creation, alleviate poverty, and improve people's lives while maintaining financial sustainability. We want to grow Drakenstein into a thriving and highly efficient city, where our people can live, work, and play.

Drakenstein Municipality's Vision 2032 and its strategic objectives are aligned to the district, provincial and national strategic objectives and outcomes.

The proposed final Budget, aligned with the IDP and SDF, is based on realistic revenue streams and is credible and sustainable, as confirmed by the assessment report from the Provincial Government.



I want to take this opportunity to thank the Deputy Executive Mayor, MMCs, City Manager, CFO, Executive Directors, and all staff who played a role in compiling this budget.

Speaker, with these remarks, I table the 2026/2027 budget. The Deputy Executive Mayor, Alderman Gert Combrink, will now formally deal with the Budget Item.

Thank you



ANC's Response to the Mayor's Budget Speech

Speaker, the Mayor presented a very impressive budget today with record breaking revenue, operational and capital expenditure for the next financial year.

Within the budget we see large amounts of money being spent on new residential developments all over Drakenstein.

This is all good and well for the economic growth and development for Drakenstein.

While we are spending billions on infrastructure implementation for these developments, we are seeing a different story in the rest of Drakenstein.

The inequality between the rich and the poor in Drakenstein is now more noticeable and evident than ever before. We should be concerned about this noticeable trend.

Very little or no development is taking place in the rest of Drakenstein.

The ANC want to put on record the following concerns regarding the budget that was presented today:

1. Not enough money is being budgeted for the rental stock maintenance and upgrading;
2. There is no plan to provide land for future housing developments to address the housing backlog;
3. No plan is in place to replace the hundreds of asbestos roofs that are causing health problems;
4. Our request for 100% rebate for the replacement of electrical cables and meter for indigent grant customers has not been approved;
5. While we do acknowledge the progress that is being made with the upgrading and dignifying of our informal settlements, we still have a lot of work to do in this area to provide a better life for all the people of Drakenstein.

Speaker, the ANC calls on the mayor to address these issues with the same passion that is being given to the 'other' side of Drakenstein.

Although we have concerns about the issues raised, we do acknowledge and appreciate that there are other positive outcomes in the budget that will benefit the indigent beneficiaries.

The ANC supports the budget with the above conditions and reservations and would like it to be recorded as such.

Cllr Moutie Richards

On behalf of the ANC caucus

27 May 2026

Francois Goosen

From: Bazil Jacobs
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 10:11 AM
To: Francois Goosen
Subject: RE: BEGROTINGSITEM

CDR Response to the 2026/2027 IDP and Budget

Thank you, Speaker, for affording the Concerned Residents of Drakenstein (CDR) the opportunity to comment on the 2026/2027 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget.

We also thank the Mayor for his address and for outlining the Municipality's vision and priorities. While we acknowledge the positive outlook presented, we believe several aspects of the proposed budget do not adequately respond to the challenges faced by many residents across Drakenstein.

CDR cannot support the 2026/2027 Budget in its current form.

In our view, the budget does not sufficiently address the needs of more than 14,153 backyard dwellers in Drakenstein. Greater attention should be given to the socio-economic challenges affecting residents and communities.

Indigent Policy

We welcome the implementation of some of CDR's recommendations regarding the Indigent Policy. However, we remain concerned that our proposal to write off the historical debt of qualifying indigent households was not adopted.

We are also concerned that no property tax relief measures were included, such as the proposed rebate of up to R1 million for indigent residents. Similarly, there was no mention of a rebate for residents with electricity connections of 40 amps or less, despite the potential benefit to financially vulnerable households.

Community Services

Through the IDP process, CDR requested increased support and funding for:

- * Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and awareness
- * Youth development
- * Sport, arts and culture
- * Elderly support programmes
- * Community safety initiatives

We believe these priorities require stronger budgetary support and targeted interventions to deliver meaningful outcomes.

We are also concerned about limited investment in waste management and environmental cleanliness, despite these being recurring concerns raised by residents. Greater focus in these areas would contribute to improved public health and community wellbeing.

Economic Development

While the Mayor's address highlighted future opportunities and plans, it provided limited information on the number of jobs created during the 2025/2026 financial year. Residents would benefit from clearer reporting on measurable outcomes alongside future commitments.

We are also concerned by the absence of a clearly defined contractor and business development plan. Limited information is available on how many local contractors and businesses benefited from previous budget allocations, and greater transparency would help stakeholders assess progress and identify opportunities to expand local economic participation.

The budget continues to focus largely on EPWP opportunities, with limited detail on strategies to promote sustainable long-term employment. We encourage the Municipality to strengthen its economic development approach by prioritising pathways to permanent job creation.

Budget Participation

We are concerned that the budget does not adequately reflect the concerns and submissions raised during the public participation process. Strengthening the connection between community input and budget allocations would improve public confidence and accountability.

Housing and Infrastructure

We note the allocation of R10 million for rental stock maintenance. While this investment is welcomed, CDR believes it should form part of a broader long-term strategy. In our submission, we requested a comprehensive assessment of municipal rental stock and a structured programme to address the growing maintenance backlog. Many units require urgent attention to ensure safe and dignified living conditions.

Finally, we are concerned that Saron receives limited attention in the 2026/2027 Budget despite the challenges faced by its residents. We encourage the Municipality to consider more targeted interventions and investment in this community.

Conclusion

CDR believes a budget should reflect the needs and priorities of all communities. Although the budget contains positive elements, it does not sufficiently address several key issues raised during public participation. Greater emphasis should be placed on practical, measurable interventions that respond directly to residents' needs and improve quality of life across Drakenstein.

For these reasons, the Concerned Residents of Drakenstein cannot support the 2026/2027 Budget in its current form and encourage further engagement to address the concerns outlined above.

Regards/Groete

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DM BEGROTINGSDEBAT: KRIPTIESE TOESPRAAK RDL ANDRE FOURIE VF PLUS: RAADSVERGADERING 27 MEI 2026

Intro:

In plaas van 'n **SPESIALE RAADSVERGADERING** om hierdie R4biljoen spandering te debateer word die opposisie steeds onderwerp aan die Speaker se diskresionere misbruik om demokratiese debat te smoor.

Die VF Plus het sy skriftelike reaksie ingedien en is nou verplig om dit in telegram-formaat weer te gee.

Vir die rekord: Hierteenoor kry die burgemeester by elke raadsvergadering die solo geleentheid om sy **jakkals prys sy eie stert** toespraak te maak sonder enige geleentheid vir die opposisie om vrae daaroor te vra praat nie eers van normale reaksie nie.

1. Afrikaans

Ek praat vandag in Afrikaans om hierdie **Liberale Demokratiese Party** aan te spreek omdat hulle die gulde geleentheid met die herdenking van Afrikaans se 100-jarige bestaan nie gebruik het om die 72% Afrikaans-sprekendes in Drakenstein volledig in ons taal te bedien nie.

2. Ordelike Verstedeliking

Uiteindelik is daar 'n kort verslaggie ingedien oor die implimentering van die **VF Plus** mosie by die laaste Portfeuljekomitee waaroor ons onder Item 10.1 sal deelneem. Vir die doel van hierdie Begrotings-debat net twee waarnemings vir die rekord:



Die **VF Plus** dring daarop aan dat 'n **MMC** opdrag gegee word om as koördinerende voorsitter van die huidige komitee op te tree met volle verantwoordelikheid aan hierdie raad.

Die gesegde: **As Moses 'n komitee was was die Jode sekerlik nog in Egipte.**

Daar sal daadwerklik onderhandel moet word met nasionale en provinsiale owerhede om billike finansiering te voorsien juis weens die onbeheerde migrasie – een bron daarvan om die finansies tans gebruik vir beperkte konvensionele **sement- en steen huise** te gebruik om **erf-en diens-skemas** te finansier en in plek te kry.

3. Ekonomiese Groei en Ontwikkeling

Ons is dankbaar en verwelkom hierdie tendens in Drakenstein. Maar: Daar het 'n dringende noodsaaklikheid ontstaan vir beter hantering, beplanning, koördinerings en bestuur van vestiging in verhouding tot bestaande en gepaardgaande nuwe infrastruktuur soos paaie, water, riool, elektrisiteit en voorsiening van addisionele skole. Die tendens om net eenvoudig nuwe ontwikkelings goed te keer om inkomste te genereer sonder hierdie behoorlike koördinerings, aanpassing en akkomodering van verkeer, dienste en infrastruktuur skep enorme probleme. Tans vererger verkeersprobleme met elke nuwe ontwikkeling wat meer motors en vragmotors op bestaande paaie afforseer.

4. Die verval en verouderde bestaande infrastruktuur

Die **VF Plus** bly onomwonde by sy standpunt: **begroot vir die volgende 5 10 15 20 jaar vir volledige onderhoud en vervanging.** Doen 'n professionele bestek opname van elke



voorstad en begin van 'n kant af. Die konstante bars van pype is net nie meer snaaks nie. Dit is verouderd en druk van nuwe bykomende ontwillikings vererger die situasie.

Die druk van terugbetaling van die massiewe R1.6 biljoen lang termyn lening is volgens inligting reeds gedek deur inkomste uit van die nuwe ontwikkelings en daardie besparing behoort eerstens hiervoor aangewend te word opgevolg deur die besparing op lenings-terugbetalings binne die volgende 10 jaar.

5. Toerisme

Die onbeholpe en onprofessionele hantering van die eenparige aanvaarding van die **VF Plus** mosie om 'n behoorlike Toerismeraad te skep om te voldoen aan die ongekende potensiaal van Toerisme is, naas vele ander aspekte reeds genoem, een van die eerste regstellings wat gedoen moet word in 'n koalsie regering in Drakenstein na die munisipale verkiesings op 4 November 2026. Persoonlik gaan ek vrywilliglik uittree na 62 jaar in die aktiewe politiek maar baie van die sittende DA raadslede sal nie hierdie plek weer sien nie !

6. Aksie Plan vir Openbare Veilighheid

Alhoewel die **VF Plus** dankbaar bly vir die instelling van 'n **Direktoraat Openbare Veiligheid** met een van vier **Uitvoerende Direkorate** bly ons van die oortuiging dat daar 'n **Aksieplan** opgestel moet word waarteen suksesse al dan nie getoets kan word. Verskeie **VF Plus** versoeke in hierdie verband bly egter op dowe ore val.

Een brandpunt wat soos 'n seerduim uitsteek is die permanente straatslapey in en om die Graystraat en die



Boulevard omgewing en op die walle van die Bergrivier by die tax-staanplek[- daar is nog enkele ander brandpunte.

7. Veigheids beamptes

Die VF Plus versoek 'n dringende evaluering oor die hele spektrum van diensbeamptes by verkeer, veiligheid, brandweer, bouregulasies en waar ookal met die duidelike definiering van funksies en verantwoordelikhede van elke komponent.

In vergelyking met ander dorpe in Wes Kaapland skiet ons te kort en hoor 'n mens van byvoorbeeld veiligheids- of verkeers-beamptes wat kennisgewings namens bouinspekteurs aflewer. Dit kan mos nie!

8. Vullisverwydering

Die **VF Plus** mosie het gesorg vir 'n aksieplan wat reeds resultate lewer en het **VF Plus Rdl Stephan Landsberg** by die laaste raadsvergadering verdere voorstelle ingedien en op skrif gestel tov 'n meer aktiewe gebruik van **skips** in verskeie brandpunt gevalle en 'n meer akkomoderende reeling om onwettige vullis storting hok te slaan.

Ons twee dorpe se aangesig bly vuil en skep nie die indruk van die **City of Excellence** nie. Hoe vinniger hoe beter om 'n behoorlike ordelike verstedlikings model in plek te kry om ook in die informele- en **plakkery**-behuisings behoorlik te diens wat vullisverwydering betref.

9. Koste besparings

Ten einde Jan Alleman maksimaal te beskerm teen die stygende lewenskoste moet daar drastiese koste besparings besluite geneem word en ek noem twee voorbeelde:

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Neem die voorbeeld van die rasionalisering van die administrasie met die herindeling en instelling van ses SDP areas en pas dit toe op die Burgemeesterskomitee.

Die VF Plus bly by ons standpunt dat SALGA se afdwinging van jaarlikse salarisverhogings op Drakenstein – en ander munisipaliteite, 'n kanker is wat uitgeroei moet word; en Net dit: Dit blyk vir die **VF Plus** onnodig te wees om *indigents* meer te betaal as die riglyn van nasionale regering.

Gaan met 'n kam deur die administrasie en kyk wat is absoluut nodig en wat nie.

10. Water

Die **VF Plus** mosie hieroor staan dat daar daadwerklik toekomstige planne vir die volgende 5-40 jaar op die tafel moet kom.

Weervoorspellings vir die toekoms spel probleme en het Wes Kaapland sleg deurgeloopt – kon net sowel erger hier gewees het. Begin by die ooreenkoms met die Kaapstad Metro se astronomiese 20.6% verhoging vir water wat hulle aan Drakenstein voorsien hier reg uit ons midde.

Vir die **VF Plus** bly die **Selwyn Roup Bergriver Economic Development Corridor** 'n ernstige permanente oplossing vanaf Paarl/Wellington tot in Velddrif

Terloops: die besmetting van Bergrivier water is kommerwerkkend.

11. Elektrisiteit Net dit:

Nieteenstaande konstante verduidelikings stem die **VF Plus** saam met Provinsiale Tesourie se advies dat

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afhanklikheid van Escom nie die gewenste manier is om begrotings te help klop nie.

12. Eiendomsbelasting – net dit

Is dit werklik nodig om grondeienaars te straf met 'n fooi sou hy durf waag om appel aan te teken tov eiendomswaardasies?

13. Op- en afritte vanaf en na die N1 by die R101 en R245

VF Plus Rdl Attie du Plessis het die voorstel gemaak dat verkeersligte opgerig word by hierdie op- en af-ritte en vertrou ons dit sal onderhandel en aangespreek word binne hierdie begroting.

LAASTENS

Bainskloofpas

Hierdie saak word 'n klad op die naam van die nuwe DA leier en sy gespog hoe daar regeer word en maak 'n bespotting van die Administrateur, verantwoordelike Provinsiale Minister, Wes Kaap Wynland Distrik Munisipaliteit en Drakenstein Burgemeesters

Bainskloofpas is 'n pronk juweel erfenis gebied wat pragtig opgradeer is maar week na week verwoes word voor almal se oë deur die misbruik van swaar voertuie wat ooglopend weens die engte en vol skerp draaie asook die sogenaamde preektoel oorhangklip net nie deur die pas kan ry nie en behalwe vir die skade ander wetsgehoorsame verkeer waarvan baie toeriste verhinder.

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Die VF Plus plaas hierdie probleem voor hierdie raad vandag ter ondersteuning van amptenary van Drakenstein wie planne op die tafel geplaas het maar geen aandag van die DA politici ontvang nie.

Ons sal hierdie saak as deel van die VF Plus Manifes aan die kiesers voorhou tot 4 November wanneer ons hoop die twee munisipaliteite in koalisie in die nuwe jaar sal regeer sal word en die VF Plus deel sal word van besluitneming en uitvoering.

HIERDIE BETOOG GEE GENOEG REDE VIR DIE VF PLUS OM TEEN HIERDIE BEGROTING TE STEM

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10. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS
OORWEGING VAN MOSIES EN VRAE
UKUQWALASELWA KWEZAZISO ZEZIPHAKAMISO KUNYE NEZAZISO ZEMIBUZO

10.1 PROGRESS REPORT: UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS INFORMAL SETTLEMENT INTERVENTIONS AS A KEY COMPONENT OF THE BROADER DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY URBANISATION FRAMEWORK
VORDERINGSVERSLAG: OPDATERING OOR DIE IMPLEMENTERING VAN VERSKEIE INFORMELE NEDERSETTINGSINTERVENSIES AS 'N SLEUTELKOMPONENT VAN DIE BREËR DRAKENSTEIN MUNISIPALE VERSTEDELIKINGSRAAMWERK
INGXELO YENKQUBELA PHAMBILI: UHLAZIYO NGOKUPHUNYEZWA KWAMANGENELELO AHLUKENEYO OKUHLALA NGOKUNGACWANGCISWANGA NJENGECANDELO ELIPHAMBILI LESAKHELO ESIBANZI SIKAMASIPALA WASEDRAKENSTEIN

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

The report be noted.

Meeting: Council - 27/05/2026	Submitted by Department: Safety and Community Services		
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11. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
AANVULLENDE AGENDA
I AJENDA EYONGEZIWEYO

None.

IN-COMMITTEE/ IN-KOMITEE/ KWI-KOMITI
12. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS
VERTROULIKE SAKE
IMIBA EYIMFIHLO

12.1 CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES
BEKRAGTIGING VAN VERTROULIKE NOTULE
ISIQINISEKISO SEMIZULU YIMFIHLO

See confidential minutes.



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12.2 CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

BEKRAGTIGING VAN VERTROULIKE NOTULE

ISIQINISEKISO SEMIZUZU YEMFIHLO

See confidential minutes.

12.3 FRAUD AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FARMCO) REPORT FOR THE 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

BEDROG - EN RISIKOBESTUURSKOMITEE (FARMCO) VERSLAG VIR DIE 2024/2025 FINANSIËLE JAAR

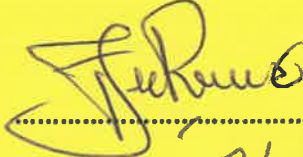
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The meeting ended at 15:50.

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Confirmed ~~with~~ without amendments.

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COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 27 MAY 2026

TIME: 09:30

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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BARON	E	CLLR	
BESTER	TG	CLLR	
BOLANI	LE	CLLR	Absent
CAROLISSEN	D	CLLR	
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DUBA	BP	CLLR	
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GANANDANA	S	CLLR	
GERTSE	KJ	CLLR	Absent
GODONGWANA	N	CLLR	Apology
GOUWS	E	ALD	
GRAVEL	S	CLLR	
JACOBS	B	CLLR	
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JACOBS	CM	CLLR	
JACOBS	F	CLLR	
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KLAASTE	CO	CLLR	
KOEGELENBERG	RA	ALD	
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LANDSBERG	S	CLLR	
LE ROUX	JF	ALD	
LIEBENBERG	SJ	CLLR	
MARALACK-BOONZAAIER	VL	CLLR	
MANGENA	TC	CLLR	
MILLER	J	CLLR	
MOOI	TP	CLLR	
MOSES	VR	CLLR	
NELL	RH	CLLR	
NONGOGO (WANA)	N	CLLR	
RICHARDS	AM	CLLR	
ROSS	S	ALD	
SAMBOKWE	LS	CLLR	
SAUERMAN	ND	CLLR	
SEPTEMBER	JA	CLLR	
SMIT	J	CLLR	
SOLOMONS	EA	CLLR	
STOWMAN	AC	ALD	
STULWENI	AM	CLLR	

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