

# Portfolio Reports

## **MONTHLY REPORT**

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: July 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong still nothing is done about this list.

➤ **New build houses and old houses been built on.**

\*18,20,24 Denneweg, Fochville all been built on.

\*93 Olienhout, Fochville building new garage

\*House in vleiground in Olienhout, Fochville

\*Corner of Ouhout and Olienhout, Fochville (Building)

\*37 Wattel street, Fochville (Building)

\*42 Keurboom, Fochville

\*Cnr of Keurboom and Stinkhout, Fochville

\*10 Tamboti street, Fochville

\*11 Kiaat street, Fochville

\*12 Dahlia Street, Fochville

\* 11 Keurboom, Fochville

\*5 Annemoon street, Fochville

\*10 Malva Street, Fochville

\*19 Disa laan, Fochville

\*Villa Yvonne Complex Malva/Jacaranda, Fochville

\*Across Froneman 8C Fochville

\*Elmweg next to nr 9 Fochville

\*Elmweg across nr 4 Fochville

\* Annemoon 45 Fochville

\*11 Jacaranda Street, Fochville

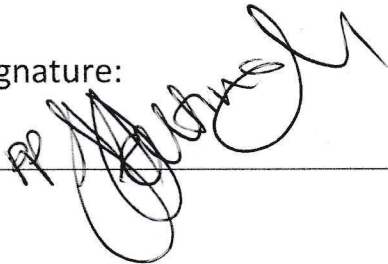
\*Olienhout street net to Civic Centre

\*Cnr Jacaranda and Peperkorrel street, Fochville

\*65 Keurboom, Focville

\* Cansa building, Pepperkorrel, Fochville

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Date:

02<sup>nd</sup> of July 2024

WARD 14

REPORT 2024-07-02

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY:

Merafong whatsapp centre. You don't get a reference number with every complaint. It gets ignored

Street lights burning in Losberg Ave during the day

Street light on the C/O N12 and R500 is not fixed yet. After months of reporting. It is a great concern as it is a high risk area for highjacks.

Load reduction is still an ongoing problem

Residents want to know why Carletonville doesn't get the same rotation as Fochville. It seems like Fochville is targeted. Residents want an urgent answer and explanation from me

Section 80 meeting – reports was not attached to the agenda. Forwarded to the next meeting.

Protea lines needs to replaced

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WATER:

Smaller water leaks not fixed yet

*= Can voertuie beskikbaar*

Water restriction devices/METER LEAK DETECTION – your idea on that.....

When is the pipe replacement program going to start?

Engela van der Merwe

*Engela van der Merwe*

**Monthly Report Ward 14: July**

**Portfolio: Road, storm water and Public Works.**

**Members responsible for the Portfolio: SIMON MATLALA.**

The purpose of this report is to make sure that the people get their services delivered to them by the municipality.

1. There is a bad hole corner Pepperkorrel street and Ouhout street that needs to be attended to
2. The street Olienhout avenue from corner Froneman going down very bad potholes need to be attended to.
3. Sycamor street no 4, 14, 21, 25 very bad potholes need to be attended to.
4. Corner Kareeboom and Hawthorn very bad potholes need to be attended to.
5. Corner Keurboom and Denneweg street very bad potholes need to be attended to.
6. Corner Keurboom and Bloekoms street very bad potholes need to be attended to.
7. Ouhout street no 4 very bad potholes need to be attended to.
8. Jacaranda and Ebbehout big potholes need to be attended to.
9. Potholes in front of 28/30 Keurboom Fochville
10. Pothole in Losberg Avenue going out to Carletonville

Please we need assistance and attention to this potholes they damage the cars please, it's a serious problem.

Signed: SIMON MATLALA

PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY

MONTH : Jun-24

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO :

JC VAN DER MERWE

3) 1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES :

NOTHING TO BE REPORTED.

ONLY LOAD ROTATION THAT IS THE NEW LOADSHEDDING IN FOCHVILLE.

2.) BURGLARIES :

NO REPORTS RECEIVED IN OUR AREA THIS MONTH.

3.) C.P.F.

PATROLLERS BEEN BUSY SIGNING CODE OF CONDUCTS AND UNIFORMS TO BE SORTED.

AFRIFORUM PATROLLERS AND SECURITY COMPANIES ASSISTING SAPS WHERE POSSIBLE.

4.) SUSPICIOUS SILVER VEHICLES :

NOTHING TO BE REPORTED.

5.) HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE :

SEVERAL PLACES FIRES WAS SET ALIGHT ALL OVER THE WHOLE OF MERA FONG :

4-Jun-24	@	BLOEKOM
6-Jun-24	@	CIVIC CENTRE
7-Jun-24	@	KIEPERSOL
12-Jun-24	@	DISA
18-Jun-24	@	OLD AGE HOME
19-Jun-24	@	PEPERKORREL
24-Jun-24	@	OLIENHOUT

HATS OFF FOR OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THERE SWIFT RESPONSE AND MANY HOURS.

6.) ILLIGAL DUMPING :

A.) FIRST TIME THAT I / WE / WARD 14 MADE FRONT THE FRONT PAGE OF THE LOCAL NEWS PAPER. ON THE 24 th OF JUNE, A COUNCIL VAN AND TRAILER WAS SPOTTED BUSY DUMPING ILLIGAL BEHIND G.V.R. STADIUM.

DRIVER WAS CONFRONTED, AND SAID COUNCIL SAID THEY MUST DUMP THERE AS THE TRANSFER STATION NOT ACCESSIBLE TO DUMP.

AS POSTED ON ALL THE GROUPS, THE TRANSFER STATION BEEN CLEANED AND IN A GREAT STATE TO GO AND DUMP RUBBLE.

I PHONED MR. OLIVIER AND HE INTERVENE FOR THEM TO GO CLEAN UP. TJEY ONLY CLEAN UP SOME OF THE WASTE.

B.) ON THE 26th OF JUNE ANOTHER TIPPER OF COUNCIL DUMPING WASTE AT THE SAME PLACE. I CALL MR. OLIVIER AND THE NEWS PAPER TO INTERVENE AS WE CAN NOT TOLLERATE THIS.



02 July 2024

Status Quo is in the order of the day.

Otherwise, nothing to report...BUT...

1. Economic indicators are not positive. Merafong / Eskom have a daily load reductions between all wards wreaking havoc in the No new development, and unemployment is an ever-increasing problem.
2. The state of Merafong City Council, Finances and governance is despondent and the current mismanagement and double standard in credit control and the failing of the payment incentive scheme is already a disaster where Merafong cannot pay the basic accounts. The Provincial and National finance department that should intervene and play an integral function in the administration of Merafong is non-existing. Merafong Sec 71 April report is a horror story, the Credit Control for 2024/2025 useless if not equally applied.
3. State involvement and basic inclusion of Fochville in the IDP. As reported last month the mayor and her representatives did not honor the IDP public participation meeting. Instead, the kicked off with a roadshow trying to tell us a lot of nonsense and ultimately no projects of any IDP / Budget for Fochville.
4. Local Businesses are struggling.
5. The total properties for sale are also high and indicative of people not happy staying and working in Fochville under the current management from Merafong. Property24 and Private property listed around 206 properties in the current market available for sale. The only entity that thinks business is striving and well in Fochville is the Merafong and Wets Rand IDP / Annual reports.
6. The IDP / Budget is defective in the manner as it is not taking the high court decision (attached) declaring the tariff increase for Eskom invalid.

By compiling and analyzing these various sources of data and information, it is my humble opinion that Fochville economics is in a downward spiral with no prospects for any sustainable new developments, LED project or any growth in the foreseeable future.

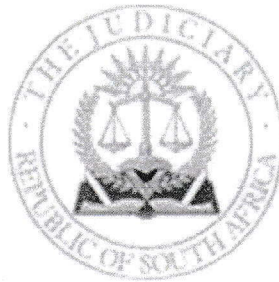
Yours truly,



Jaco van der Merwe  
LED: Ward 14 portfolio

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Ward Committee member  
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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



*C. de Vries*  
28 June 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA

CASE NO: 2023-042792

In the matter between:

AFRIFORUM NPC

and

NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED

RAND WEST MUNICIPALITY

MUNICIPALITIES LISTED IN ANNEXURE "FA3" TO THE  
FOUNDING AFFIDAVIT

Applicant

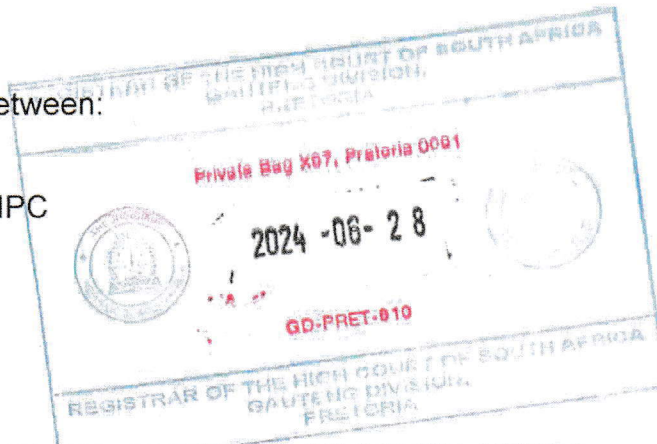
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Second Respondent

Third Respondent

Fourth Respondent

Fifth to the 178th  
Respondents





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**ORDER**


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**The Court orders, with reasons to follow, that:**

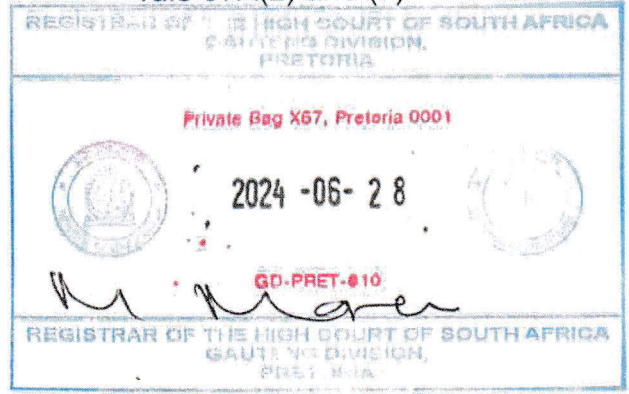
- [1] The normal rules concerning form and service are dispensed with and the application is heard and decided as a matter of urgency.
- [2] The first respondent's mechanism for approval of municipal electricity tariffs as set out in the *Notice to Municipal Licenced Electricity Distributers*, 29 January 2024 (Annexure "FA8" to the Founding Affidavit) is declared to be unlawful, invalid and of no force and effect.
- [3] For the 2024/2025 municipal financial year, the first respondent shall consider and, if they are legally compliant, approve such electricity tariff applications by municipalities as are based on the municipalities' cost of supply studies timeously submitted in accordance with the *Notice to Municipal Licenced Electricity Distributers*, 17 November 2023 (Annexure "FA7" to the Founding Affidavit). A list of such municipalities, totalling 66, is attached hereto as Annexure A.
- [4] The first respondent is prohibited from considering and approving municipal electricity tariffs for the 2024/2025 municipal financial year and subsequent municipal financial years where the municipalities' applications for the approval of municipal electricity tariffs are not in accordance with the *Notice to Municipal Licenced Electricity Distributers*, 17 November 2023.
- [5] No municipality shall be entitled to levy increased electricity tariffs upon end-consumers until such time as the first respondent has granted an approval of an application, in accordance with the *Notice to Municipal Licenced Electricity Distributers*, 17 November 2023.
- [6] Any municipality for whom the first respondent has not granted an approval of an application supported by a cost of supply study in accordance with the *Notice to Municipal Licenced Electricity Distributers*, 17 November 2023, shall be entitled to continue levying electricity rate tariffs on the same tariff as that applicable during the 2023/24 municipal financial year, subject to paragraph 7.
- [7] Municipalities shall be permitted to supplement electricity tariff applications with cost of supply studies in accordance with the *Notice to Municipal Licenced Electricity Distributers*

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Distributors, 17 November 2023, and the first respondent shall consider and, if they are legally compliant and in accordance with the *Notice to Municipal Licenced Electricity Distributors* 17 November 2023, approve such electricity tariff applications by municipalities, within one month of receipt of the requisite cost of supply studies. Municipalities are afforded 60 days from the date of this order to make such a compliant application to the first respondent.

- [8] The first respondent shall pay the applicant and the second respondent's costs of the application, including the costs consequent upon the employment of two advocates, that of senior counsel on Scale C and that of junior counsel on Scale B, in terms of rule 67A(2) and (7).



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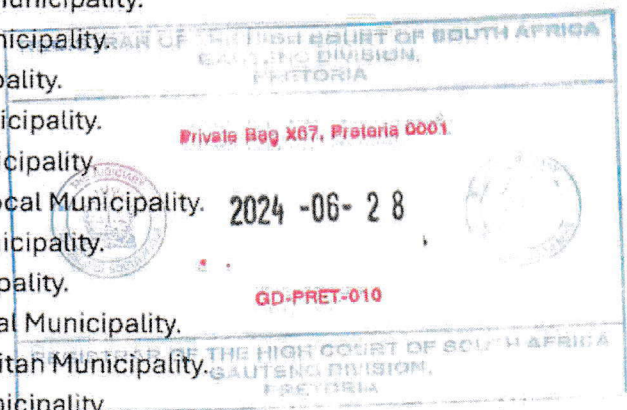
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Acting Judge of the High Court


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ETIENNE BOTHA  
INSTRUCTED BY: MARJORIE VAN SCHALKWYK, HURTER & SPIES
- FOR NERSA: REALEBOGA TSHETLO  
INSTRUCTED BY: PRINCE MUDAU, PRINCE MUDAU ATTORNEYS
- FOR SALGA: KENNEDY TSATSAWANE SC  
KGOMOTSO KABINDE  
INSTRUCTED BY: H M CHAANE ATTORNEYS

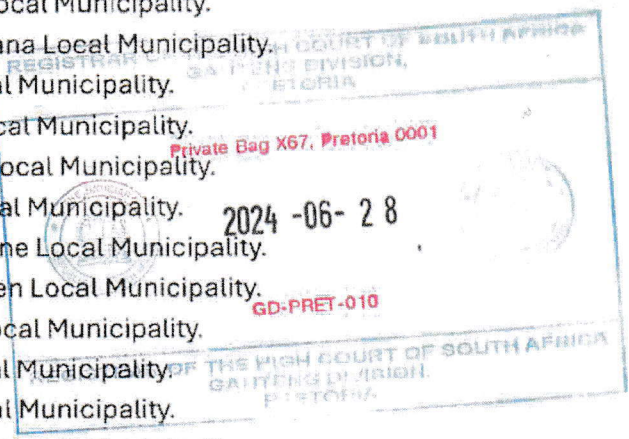
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**Municipalities that have submitted their tariff applications  
with COS Studies**

1. Oudtshoorn Local Municipality.
2. eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality.
3. Swartland Local Municipality.
4. Overstrand Local Municipality.
5. Drakenstein Local Municipality.
6. Bergrivier Local Municipality.
7. Saldhana Bay Local Municipality.
8. Sakhisizwe Local Municipality.
9. George Local Municipality.
10. Langeberg Local Municipality.
11. Hessequa Local Municipality.
12. City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality.
13. Newcastle Local Municipality.
14. Midvaal Local Municipality.
15. Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality.
16. Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality.
17. Nkentoana Local Municipality.
18. Tswaing Local Municipality.
19. Khai Ma Local Municipality.
20. Mohokare Local Municipality.
21. Rustenburg Local Municipality.
22. Umsobombu Local Municipality.
23. Letsemeng Local Municipality.
24. Emalahleni Local Municipality.
25. Naledi Local Municipality.
26. City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.
27. Senqu Local Municipality.
28. Makana Local Municipality.
29. Knysna Local Municipality.
30. Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.
31. City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.
32. Cape Agulhas Local Municipality.
33. Walter Sisulu Local Municipality.
34. Tswelopele Local Municipality.
35. City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality.
36. Sundays River Local Municipality.



- 37. Musina Local Municipality.
- 38. Cederberg Local Municipality.
- 39. Witzenberg Local Municipality.
- 40. Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality.
- 41. Cederberg Local Municipality.
- 42. Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.
- 43. Thaba Cheu Local Municipality.
- 44. Breede Valley Local Municipality.
- 45. Setsoto Local Municipality.
- 46. Theewaterskloof Local Municipality.
- 47. Breede Valley Municipality.
- 48. Swellendam Local Municipality.
- 49. City of Matlosana Local Municipality.
- 50. Moqhana Local Municipality.
- 51. Laingsburg Local Municipality.
- 52. Tsantsabane Local Municipality.
- 53. Twelopele Local Municipality.
- 54. Lekwa- Teemane Local Municipality.
- 55. Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality.
- 56. KwaDukuza Local Municipality.
- 57. Moqhaka Local Municipality.
- 58. Bela Bela Local Municipality.
- 59. Mokgalakwena Local Municipality.
- 60. Ndhlambe Local Municipality.
- 61. Thembelihle Local Municipality.
- 62. JB Marks Local Municipality.
- 63. Stellenbosch Local Municipality.
- 64. City Power Johannesburg.
- 65. CENTLEC (Soc) Ltd
- 66. Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality 



IV

# MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: July 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong

Rubbish dumped all over ward 14 .

Dustbin diggers continue to contribute to existing problem.

Only on address on the list were attended to conder of Annemoon and Kiepersol grass was cut but not very needly.

Some addresses where rubbish was observed:

- ✓ All the fields in Tamboti street Fochville need to be cut.
- ✓ All the fields in Bloekom street Fochville need to be cut.
- ✓ Palm 9 Sidewalk grass needs to be cut.
- ✓ Building rubble in field in Dahlia Street.
- ✓ All open field in ward 14 need to be clean.
- ✓ Annemoon 5 Fochville, on sidewalk a lot of gardens and building rubbish
- ✓ Malva street Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Kiepersol 40 Fochville, a lot of building rubbish
- ✓ The field to town Losberg and Olienhout Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Kiaat 11, 5 and 9 Fochville a lot of rubbish and building rubbish
- ✓ Veld opposite Olienhout 1, Fochville, a lot of rubbish both sides of road,
- ✓ Veld oppisit Karee 14,18,20 Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Corner of Ouhout/Waterberry ,Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Sidewalk corner of Olienhout and Ouhout, Fochville, a lot of rubbish.
- ✓ Dustbin diggers was caught with 2 dustbins that was stolen and one dustbin was claimed by owner. (Losberg)
- ✓ Froneman Fochville all the open fields in the street grass needs to be cut
- ✓ Corner of Olienhout and Foreman Fochville field needs to be cut.
- ✓ Kiepersol Fochville open fields needs to be cut resident are complaining of snakes in the long grass.
- ✓ Civic Centre at main gate field needs to be cut.
- ✓ Elmweg Fochville grass is growing in the street need to be cut.
- ✓ Jacaranda Fochville open fields grass needs to be cut.

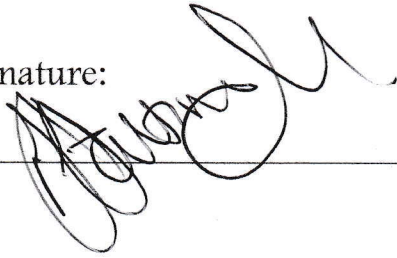
- ✓ Elmweg Fochville grass is growing in the street need to be cut.
- ✓ Jacaranda Fochville open fields grass needs to be cut.

Recommendation – Olienhout vlei area needs a TLB to clear road and sidewalks.

A lot of complaints was received about areas not been maintained.

Keurboom Lane, Ebbehout Road, Olienhout Avenue, Disa Avenue, Sycamore and Ouhout street where visibility is a concern for motorist. In Kiepersol the grass is growing in the street, in Losberg the grass is so long it is a fire danger.

Signature:

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Date:

02<sup>nd</sup> of July 2024

MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

**PORTFOLIO: Finance**

**MONTH: July 2024**

**MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: CWA NIEUWOUDT**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to inform the ward committee that no financial report can be submitted for the month, seeing that the section 71 report was not received and is also not available on the municipal website as required by law.

**Background**

As previously reported to the ward committee, municipal financial reports are required in accordance with the applicable legislation.

In terms of **Section 71(d)** of the MFMA, the accounting officer of a municipality must by no later than 10 working days after the end of each month submit to the mayor of the municipality and the relevant National and Provincial Treasury, a statement in the prescribed format on the state of the municipality's budget reflecting certain particulars for that month for the financial year up to the end of that month.

In terms of **section 72**, the accounting officer must submit a Mid-year Budget and Performance assessment report by 25 January.

In terms of **section 52** of the MFMA, the Mayor of the municipality must within 30 days of the end of each quarter submit a report to the council on the implementation of the budget and financial position of the municipality.

The above compliance reports must be made public in terms of **section 21A** of the Municipal Systems Act.

As the ward committee member responsible for the Finance portfolio, it is important that the municipal financial reports, in accordance with the mentioned legislation, be obtained to analyse and inform the ward councillor of any concerns to be addressed by council that may impact on service delivery in the ward in accordance with the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP).

In terms of the provisions of section 21B of the Municipal Systems Act, a municipality must establish its own official website and place on the official website information required to be made public in terms of this act and the MFMA.

## Discussion

It is a serious concern that despite making the committee and ward councilor aware of the legal compliance requirements pertaining to financial reporting, the status quo of non-compliance remains. It is a further concern that the oversight structures of council are failing to ensure compliance.

This renders the functioning of the ward committee null and void and a complete waste of time and resources.

It has also been noted in the press that in a ruling of the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, an order was granted in favor of the applicant, being AfriForum NPC on 28 June 2024 *inter alia*, that:

- For the 2024/2025 financial year, NERSA shall consider and, if they are legally compliant, approve such electricity tariff applications by municipalities as are based on the municipalities' **cost of supply studies timeously submitted** in accordance with the *Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity distributors, 17 November 2023*. (A list of 66 municipalities, **which excludes Merafong City LM** is attached to the order.)
- NERSA is prohibited from considering and approving municipal electricity tariffs for the 2024/2025 financial year and subsequent financial years where the municipalities' application for approval of municipal electricity tariffs are not in accordance with *the Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity distributors, 17 November 2023*.
- no municipality shall be entitled to levy increased electricity tariffs upon end-consumers until such time the NERSA has granted an approval of an application in accordance with the Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity distributors, 17 November 2023.
- Any municipality for whom NERSA has not granted an approval of an application supported by a Cost of Supply Study in accordance with the mentioned notice, shall be entitled to continue levying electricity rate tariffs as applicable during the 2023/2024 financial year.
- The court granted the non-compliant municipalities 60 days from the date of the order to submit their compliant applications.

It should be noted that during the budget public participation process, the issue of the tariff increases and the cost of supply study was pointed out in the submission of the Merafong Rate Payers Association as reported to the ward committee. The municipality has however ignored the inputs which has now the effect that the municipality is prohibited by an order of the High Court to implement the proposed tariff increases from 1 July 2024. The implementation of the proposed increases will be in contempt of court. A copy of the court order is **attached**.



## **Recommendations**

1. That it be noted that no monthly financial report for May 2024 is available on the municipal website or could be obtained to report on it.
2. That it be noted that this is non-compliant with the applicable legislation.
3. That the court order of 28 June 2024 be noted and that the municipality is prohibited to implement the proposed electricity tariff increases as contained in the 2024/2025 budget and tariff By-laws.
4. That the ward councilor be informed to bring this to the attention of council and to ensure Council's compliance with the Court Order to avoid a case of contempt of court.

**SIGNATURE: *Original Signed***

**CWA NIEUWOUDT**

**DATE:01/07/2024**

## Health and Social Development Report – 2 July 2024

**Report compiled by: Abraham Brits**

Report on the increasing number of minors in Fochville engaging in recyclable rubbish collection

### Introduction

This report addresses a growing concern in Fochville regarding the increasing number of minors who do not attend school and instead collect recyclable materials for resale. These children are often seen in the early mornings on weekdays, collecting items before the refuse trucks arrive to pick up the dustbins. This situation raises significant issues related to child welfare, education, and community health and safety.

### Background

Fochville, like the surrounding areas, has been experiencing socio-economic challenges that impact various facets of life, including education and child welfare. Over recent months, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of minors out of school during weekdays. These children are involved in the collection of recyclable materials, a practice driven by the need to earn money for food and basic necessities.

### Key Concerns

#### 1. Educational Impact:

- Absenteeism and School Dropout: Regular absence from school disrupts the educational development of these minors, leading to higher dropout rates and a lack of basic education.
- Future Prospects: Without a proper education, these children face limited future employment opportunities, perpetuating a cycle of poverty.

#### 2. Child Welfare:

- Health and Safety: Collecting recyclables exposes children to physical dangers, including handling sharp objects, exposure to hazardous waste, and potential traffic accidents.
- Psychological Impact: Engaging in labour at a young age can have adverse psychological effects, including stress, anxiety, and a lack of normal childhood experiences.

#### 3. Parental Supervision:

- Neglect and Exploitation: The absence of parental control raises questions about neglect and the potential for exploitation by adults who may benefit from the children's labour.
  - Family Dynamics: Economic pressures may force parents to rely on their children's contributions, leading to strained family relationships and responsibilities beyond their years for these minors.
4. Community Implications:
- Public Health: The practice of scavenging through waste can contribute to public health issues, including the spread of diseases.
  - Crime and Safety: Unsupervised minors on the streets can become vulnerable to criminal activities, either as victims or participants.

## Recommendations

1. Educational Interventions:
  - Reintegration Programs: Develop programs to reintegrate these minors into the school system, offering flexible learning schedules and catch-up classes.
  - Scholarships and Support: Provide financial assistance and scholarships to families in need to reduce economic pressures that prevent children from attending school.
2. Community Outreach:
  - Awareness Campaigns: Conduct community awareness campaigns to highlight the importance of education and the risks associated with child labour.
  - Parental Workshops: Organize workshops for parents to educate them on child rights, the importance of education, and available support services.
3. Policy and Enforcement:
  - Strengthen Child Labor Laws: Enforce existing child labour laws more rigorously and ensure that violators face appropriate penalties.
  - School Attendance Monitoring: Implement stricter monitoring of school attendance and follow-up on absenteeism cases with social services intervention.
4. Support Services:
  - Child Welfare Services: Increase the presence and capacity of child welfare services to address neglect and provide necessary interventions.
  - Economic Support Programs: Develop programs to provide economic support to families, reducing the reliance on children's income.

## Conclusion

The increasing number of minors in Fochville engaging in recyclable material collection instead of attending school is a multifaceted issue that requires immediate and comprehensive action. Addressing this problem necessitates collaboration between local authorities, educational institutions, community organizations, and families. By implementing targeted interventions and support systems, Fochville can ensure that its children receive the education and care they deserve, thereby fostering a healthier and more prosperous community.

## Action Plan

1. **Immediate Needs Assessment:** Conduct a survey to assess the number of children involved and their specific circumstances.
2. **Task Force Formation:** Create a task force comprising educators, social workers, and community leaders to develop and implement intervention strategies.
3. **Funding Allocation:** Secure funding from government and non-governmental organizations to support educational and welfare programs.
4. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish a monitoring and evaluation framework to track the progress of interventions and make necessary adjustments.

By taking these steps, Fochville can work towards resolving this critical issue and ensuring a better future for its young residents.

## Monthly Report – July 2024

### Portfolio – Corporate Services

#### Member – Nadine Boucher

- Health & Safety still a concern – We are approaching rain season, so the concern is even higher especially at the rate that we have electricity issues, the lack of PPE, proper equipment etc, I sincerely hope that this can be addressed and seen too as in general we are not well prepared – we have contactors at the moment with electricity however that can change very quickly and we do rely heavily on Municipality workers in general who do not have the means to perform many of their tasks – still no feedback and it is rumored that vehicles of water & electric team do not have fuel at times to attend to call outs by community
- Rand Water – No further feedback was received re the possible further water restrictions as a result of the account in arrears
- Residents very anxious re financial/billing system that is still not operational – Reports that it would have/should have been up and running at the end of March 2024 – No other feedback re this
- No section meeting minutes for this portfolio this month
- Library – No feedback re maintenance/upgrades/books
- Eskom – Overloading/Load Reduction still ongoing – no feedback re this and or possible schedules as requested by community



### **Sport**

Some areas do have electricity.

There are some areas that still do not have electricity at the stadium.

Bathrooms are still a huge concern.

The Squash club has an issue with water, they did ask the municipality to fix the problem. No feedback on the water issue at the squash club.

Security still a issue with the fence that is still down at the back, this causes issues with people that is not supposed to be there.

There is a lot of illegal dumping happening around the sports ground. (not inside it but all around it)

### **Library**

Winter is coming and loadshedding again. There is still no alternative for the library for electricity when the lights go off at night. The library cannot operate when there is no electricity.

