

MONTHLY REPORT PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: July 2026

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

Re: Unfinished houses and illegal structures in ward 14.

According to building inspector notices were issued. Who is following up on this?

Froneman opposite nr 8C Fochville – Roof was put up wall was built (September 2025 - our question “New house building plans”)

Olienhout 64 Fochville – house's roof has been put up, no other progress is still inhabited (September 2025 - our question “Incomplete Occupied house, building extensions building plans, service connection”)

Peperkorrel Fochville there is a new house being built no sign on it, foundation has been pored, bricks, delivered. – New building not on the list

Wattel 25 (27) Fochville Nothing new happened house still stands half built. (September 2025 - “New house building plans”)

Kareeboom Fochville 17 - Bricks Foundation grass grown in fondation

1 Saycamore Fochville – nothing new happend, finished building (September 2025 – Guest house, building plans)

110 Olienhout Fochville Vlei House – Nothing Happened Yet (September 2025 - Service connection occupation certificate)

93 Olienhout Fochville people lives in the house finished built but not yet painted. (September 2025 – “building extension building plans”)

Second report (September 2025)

11 Kiaat, Fochville – Construction has been completed.

19 Disa, Fochville – Construction has been completed, and the property is currently occupied.

17 Tambotie/Bloekom, Fochville – Construction is still in progress, and the property is currently occupied.

11 Elm Weg, Fochville – Construction remains incomplete, and no further progress has been observed at the property.

5 Anemoon, Fochville – The structure in question appears to be more than a carport; it also includes a granny flat that has been constructed.

65 Keurboom, Fochville – Construction has been completed, and the property is currently occupied.

9 Keurboom, Fochville – Construction of a boundary wall is currently underway.

18, 20, and 24 Denneweg, Fochville – All buildings appear to be completed, and the properties are currently occupied.

2 Stinkhout, Fochville – Construction is still in progress at the property, and some alterations/extensions have reportedly been made

New Buildings in Ward 14

9 Tambotie, Fochville – Bricks have been delivered to the site.

65 Jackaranda, Fochville – Bricks have been delivered to the site.

Questions

1. What is the permitted timeframe for the completion of a residential property?
2. Is occupation of a residential property permitted while construction is still in progress?
3. What measures are in place to prevent occupancy of incomplete houses?
4. Do building inspectors conduct regular site visits?

Francois Hattingh

WARD 14

REPORT 2026/07/07

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY

REPORT ON ELECTRICAL OUTAGES AND SUPPLY LIMITATIONS

The community continues to experience frequent electrical outages and supply interruptions due to the municipality's outstanding debt to Eskom and the resulting limitations placed on electricity supply

These outages have a significant impact on residents and the local community. The uncertainty surrounding electricity availability has also created frustration and anxiety within the community. Residents are increasingly concerned about the lack of clear communication regarding the municipality's plans to address the Eskom debt and restore a stable electricity supply.

The ward committee request that Merafong provide

- 1 Updates regarding the status or negotiations and payments to Eskom
- 2 Clear communication on any planned supply limitations or outages
- 3 A sustainable plan to address the outstanding debt and prevent future interruptions

Reliable electricity is an essential service, and the community urgently requires a long term solution to this ongoing challenge.

Street lights burning in Losberg Ave during the day. First reported in July 2024. Nothing has been done since.

ISSUE

Streetlights in Losberg Ave are burning during the day, resulting in unnecessary energy consumption and potential safety concerns

OBSERVATIONS

Streetlight are staying on despite daylight hours

Possible causes: Faulty Photoelectric cells, timer malfunctions or electrical issues

Energy waste and increased carbon footprint

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Investigate and repair faulty streetlight controls
- 2 Implement energy efficient solutions

- 3 Schedule regular maintenance checks
- 4 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 highjack's and accidents.

Engela van der Merwe

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Wyk 14: Monthly Report:

Portfolio: Road, Storm water and public works.

Member: Mr Simon Matlala

Month of: July 2026

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

I would like to thank the municipality for filling the potholes to some of our street been reported I will appreciate if they can help me with also the following street which are in bad condition:

- Aster street whole street very bad potholes need attention.
- Disalaan and Anemoon right in the corner very bad potholes need attention.
- Anemoon and Stinkhout street right in the corner very bad potholes need attention.
- Anemoon and Jacaranda and the whole street of Jacaranda need attention.
- Ebbehout laan very bad potholes need attention. Thank you for attending to this but out of the 4 potholes only 3 were done what about the last one?
- Olienhout street no 104 ,57,96 and 49 very bad potholes need urgent attention please 🙏🙏
- Olienhout and Froneman street on the corner need attention very bad potholes.
- Thank you for filling the potholes at the beginning of Keurboom Fochville but in front of 36 Keurboom Fochville there is still a big pothole that needs to be fixed.

Please 🙏🙏 we need assistance with these potholes on our it's a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

Thank you

Mr Simon MATLALA

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) REPORT

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Ward 14 – Merafong City Local Municipality

Meeting Date: 7 July 2026

Reporting Period: June 2026

Submitted by:

Jaco van der Merwe

1. Executive Summary

June 2026 continued to reflect a constrained economic environment within Ward 14. Although the prolonged water outages experienced during late 2025 and early 2026 have eased, the legacy of those disruptions continues to affect investor confidence and business planning.

Local Economic Development remains constrained primarily by unreliable municipal infrastructure, ageing electricity networks, financial uncertainty within the municipality and declining confidence in service delivery. Existing businesses continue to focus on operational sustainability rather than expansion, while new investment remains limited.

2. Water Services and Economic Impact

The improvement in bulk water availability compared to the previous reporting periods is welcomed. However, intermittent supply interruptions, infrastructure failures and maintenance shortcomings continue to affect households and businesses.

The continuing effects of the Rand Water–Merafong dispute remain evident through:

- Reduced confidence in municipal service reliability.
- Continued investment by businesses in contingency water storage.
- Higher operational costs for water-dependent businesses.
- Ongoing concern regarding long-term infrastructure sustainability.

Reliable water infrastructure remains fundamental to economic development and future investment.

3. Electricity Infrastructure

Electricity infrastructure remains one of the greatest risks to Local Economic Development.

Ward 14 continues to experience:

- Ageing distribution infrastructure.

- Delayed maintenance.
- Equipment failures.
- Capacity constraints.
- Streetlight failures affecting safety and commercial activity.

Without sustained investment in network upgrades, future commercial and residential development will remain constrained.

4. Business Climate

The local business environment remains cautious.

No significant private-sector investment was observed within Ward 14 during June 2026.

Businesses continue to report that the greatest constraints remain:

- Reliability of municipal services.
- Infrastructure maintenance.
- Municipal response times.
- General confidence in local governance.

Business expansion continues to be delayed while investors await greater certainty.

5. Regional Economic Drivers

The reported long-term investment by **Harmony Gold** to extend the operational life of **Mponeng Mine** toward 2040 remains one of the most positive regional economic developments.

Should the investment proceed as announced, the project has the potential to:

- Sustain regional employment.
- Increase procurement opportunities.
- Support local suppliers.
- Improve secondary economic activity throughout the Carletonville–Fochville region.

However, Ward 14 will only maximise these opportunities if reliable municipal infrastructure and service delivery are restored.

6. Legislative Context

Section 152(1)(b) of the Constitution requires municipalities to ensure the provision of services in a sustainable manner.

Section 152(1)(c) requires municipalities to promote social and economic development.

The Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) further requires municipalities to maintain sound financial management practices that support sustainable municipal services.

Infrastructure reliability remains essential for achieving these constitutional and legislative objectives.

7. Key Risks to LED

- Ageing municipal infrastructure.
 - Electricity maintenance backlogs.
 - Water infrastructure reliability.
 - Municipal financial constraints.
 - Declining investor confidence.
 - Limited new business investment.
 - Continued service-delivery dissatisfaction.
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8. Recommendations

It is recommended that Council prioritise:

1. Accelerated maintenance of water and electricity infrastructure.
 2. Publication of infrastructure recovery and maintenance plans.
 3. Improved communication with residents and businesses regarding planned interruptions.
 4. Leveraging regional mining investment to maximise local procurement opportunities.
 5. Strengthening municipal financial governance to restore investor confidence.
 6. Development of measurable infrastructure performance indicators to monitor service delivery improvements.
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9. Outlook

The outlook for the second half of 2026 remains cautiously negative.

While regional mining investment presents long-term opportunities, meaningful Local Economic Development cannot be achieved without measurable improvements in:

- Water security.
- Electricity reliability.
- Municipal governance.
- Infrastructure investment.

Until these conditions improve, LED efforts will remain focused on protecting existing economic activity rather than facilitating significant growth.

10. Conclusion

Ward 14 continues to demonstrate resilience despite ongoing municipal challenges. Sustainable Local Economic Development remains directly linked to the municipality's ability to provide reliable basic services and restore public and investor confidence.

The restoration of dependable water and electricity services remains the single most important requirement for future economic growth.



Jaco van der Merwe

Ward 14 – LED Portfolio

1/7/2026

MONTHLY REPORT PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: July 2026

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

We are still awaiting feedback from Merafong.

There is ongoing rubbish accumulation throughout Ward 14.

Sidewalk trees in Ward 14 have yet to be trimmed.

Thank you for the cutting of some open fields that was reported, really appreciated.

Still many open fields (grass) that need to be cut.

There is a stump growing on the road at 30 Kiepersol, Fochville, which requires removal. Kindly address this issue at your earliest convenience.

Rubble needs to be removed in front of 10 Kiepersol Fochville at Sunshine daycare.

Opposite 104 Olienhout Fochville field to be mowed

Next to swimming academy in Pepperkorrel Fochville field needs to be cut.

Grass has been cut next to Losberg ave Fochville thank you for that.

Opposite 14-16 Kareeboom Fochville field needs to be cut

Ouhout Fochville field should be mowed.

Thank you to Ms. Juanta and team who clean the rubble at : Nel Park.

Signature: Date: 07 July 2026

Sports ground and Library

Stella de Beer

Sport:

- Some areas have electricity
- Bathrooms are still a huge concern and not user friendly
- Still waiting for the water problem to be fixed
- Security is a big issue as the fence is still down at the back and anyone can gain access into the area to vandalise it
- Kids are driving around with motorcycles recklessly in the vicinity of the sports grounds and security is allowing it
- Illegal dumping around the sports grounds is taking place because of members are coming from Kokosi and dump what ever they want to there and that is an easy way for illegal activities to take place in and around the area and it is opposite SAVF, and this is also an easy access to the SAVF
- The security at the gate if they are there is, giving access to anyone without completing a formal register to keep record on who is entering and exiting the area
- Lights are burning too long at the rugby fields, and this must be tested for summertime that the timer can go off earlier in the evenings

Library:

- There are two permanent workers in the library
- There are no new books that can be used
- Bathrooms are still a huge issue as they do not look good, and this is not giving a good impression, and it is leaking and water going down the passages
- The building is an issue it's leaking when it rains and books can get rotten because of water damage
- The inside does not look good because of water damage and needs to be repainted
- A bigger space is needed as it is too small for books, shelves, students and readers
- No stationary for underprivileged kids that needs it when they come to the library
- Telephones in place
- Staff must undergo training if there is a fire in the library to make sure they use the right fire equipment
- Computers are outdated and the monitors are still the small monitors

- There are not any traces of an archive for old books, I would suggest that some of the offices not in use can be used for this purpose
- The library needs a revamp and new technology to assist learners in our town to make a difference in their daily lives and to make their work easier
- Staff must also undergo training for in a case of ambushing what to do and who to phone especially if there are learners in the library and how to protect them
- Security measures must be put in place for the staff and learners as safety comes first

Concerns:

- The civic centre must be painted outside and inside
- The security at the sports grounds is allowing a lot of people entering and does not care about that. Buildings get vandalised and the security does not report anything, copper pipes etc been stolen.
- People using the civic centre and they do not clean the areas clean up measurements must be implemented when people make use of the civic centre.
- Community is complaining that the library is offline and cannot take books out
- It is unfair that the community must pay for entering the stadium as the guard sometimes let members just go through and some must pay?