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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## TRANSACTION OF R29M OFFERS GREAT VALUE TO COMMUNITY SCHULPHOEK TRANSFER APPROVED

At the end of January, Council took a huge step towards the development of Schulphoek when it agreed to transfer the ownership of the relevant sections of land – a portion of the remainder of Erf 243, Hermanus, and a portion of Erf 314, Zwelihle – to the developer RABCAV.

This is the first time progress has been made since the initial record of decision authorising the development has been issued by the Western Cape Minister of Environmental Affairs and Planning in November 2005 and thereafter went on appeal. It took two years to finalise this single appeal against the development.

The market value of the total site east of Sandbaai and south of Zwelihle has been estimated at R28,9 million by a professional valuator. An agreement has been reached whereby the municipality will receive R5,3 million in cash, a business site to the value of R5,7 million, bulk services to the value of R17,5 million, which includes the construction of a section of Schulphoek Boulevard, and development contribution fees of some R1 million in exchange for the land.

A further outcome of the transaction is that RABCAV, which was appointed in 1999 by the former Greater Hermanus to develop the portions of land in question, will suspend its facilitation agreement with the Council and renounce its claim to any additional sections of land in terms of the agreement.

According to the report which served before Council, the site is not needed for the provisioning of basic municipal services. In the past, a section of the land served as a caravan park, but it was closed in 1998 and since degenerated to a security risk. There are no services on the property and the buyer will have to install these at an expected cost of R18 million.

The economic and community value which will stem from the transaction includes:

- Rates and service fees on the 244 residential units to be developed here on an area of 17,27 ha, with RABCAV accepting immediate responsibility in this regard on transfer;
- Income and opportunities arising from the business premises which Council will retain;
- The cleaning and retention of the milkwood forest of 25,95 ha as an open space, which will be maintained and managed at the cost of the home owner's



**LAND USE:**

Single Residential	Public Open Space	Mixed Use	Public Road
Single Residential	Milkwood Conservation	Mixed Use	

association, and the resultant improvement of security and decline in crime;

- The construction of Schulphoek Road up to Church Street which, in this way, will serve as a relief route for the R43;
- The creation of a protected coastal area; and
- The termination of the RABCAV contract, which will make land available in Voëlklip, Grotto Beach and Zwelihle for the development of, amongst others, a health centre to serve Mount Pleasant and Zwelihle as well as a centre to service other community needs, without the need to offer alternative land to RABCAV in terms of the facilitation agreement.

The long-awaited Swartdam corridor development,

which will provide low-cost housing as well as affordable housing for working people in the middle-income group, was also given the go-ahead.

The decision was not unanimous. A motion by Cllr Vuyo Tshandu (ANC) that the matter be referred back for further consideration by the ward committees and portfolio committee was rejected with 11 votes to seven because the process of public participation has been completed in full.

The resolution was reached in terms of Section 14 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act and the municipality's Supply-chain Management Policy and also gave effect to a clause in the original agreement that RABCAV may buy land for development at wholesale price, i.e. before the installation of retail services.

### FOLLOW THE PROCESS WITH BANTAMSKLIP

In view of the controversy around Bantamsklip as a possible nuclear reactor site for the generation of electricity, the Executive Mayor, Cllr Theo Beyleveldt, called on residents to tone down the

emotional level of the debate and to make use of the official channels to raise concerns and express their opinions.

Cllr Beyleveldt said residents must take note that this is an issue of national

strategic importance and the decision will be taken at the highest level. This decision will be based on facts, and that is why it is important to participate in the environmental impact assessment pro-

cess that is currently underway. This process is still in the scoping phase and all issues raised now will be thoroughly investigated.

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## SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT WITH RECYCLING

Overstrand Municipality is proud of the way our residents have taken to recycling. Recycling at source is currently practised in Hermanus as well as Hangklip-Kleinmond and in 2009, a total of 393,673 tons were received.

There is still huge scope for improvement, though. The recyclables collected out of black bags at the Hermanus Transfer Station in 2009 amounted to 367,326 tons. The aim is to eventually have no recyclables in black bags.

The above tonnage does not include all the recyclables that Walker Bay Recycling collects from businesses and private individuals who collect recyclables for a living.

For those that do not know how recycling works, the instructions are easy:

- In Overstrand, we recycle all our tins, plastic, paper, cartons and glass bottles. Only wet waste goes into a black bag.
- Obtain a clear recycling bag for this purpose from the following offices:
  - Hermanus Administration's Engineers Department, 028 313 8135



- Kleinmond Administration's Engineers Department, 028 271 8404
- Betty's Bay Municipal Office, 028 272 9263.
- In the Kleinmond area, recycling takes place on the same day as garbage collection.
- Hermanus' recycling takes place on the second refuse collection day of the week. Residents in the Hermanus area must remember that the first collection day of the week is for wet waste, and the second collection day is for recycling.

Every time we collect a recycling bag, it will be replaced with a new one free of charge.

Recycling at source in the Gansbaai and Stanford areas will be introduced soon after the outsourcing of the new landfill site has been completed, and this is expected to happen in the 2010/11 financial year.

Enquiries can be made at the above-mentioned telephone numbers.

**Do not feed the waste monster: RECYCLE!**

## DEVELOPING OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Overstrand Municipality has been awarded funding from the National Treasury for the betterment of our townships. The Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant will be used in Zwelihl, Masakhane and Thembelihle to develop townships holistically and to kick-start economic hubs.

The flagship development is the transformation of central taxi-rank in Zwelihle. Besides a revamped taxi rank and traffic calming measures, a waiting room and ablution facilities will be constructed. Furthermore eight new trading stalls will be provided and open spaces for socialising are to be created, all in differently styled landscapes.



*An artist's impression of what the revamped Zwelihle Taxi Rank will look like.*

### BANTAMSKLIP (from page 1)

Municipality had registered as an interested and affected party and contributed to the scoping process by ensuring that all its issues are listed and by submitting reports on the tourism and agricultural potential of the Strandveld region, where Bantamsklip is situated.

The Mayor pointed out that Bantamsklip is one of three possible nuclear power station sites for which environmental impact assessments are being done. "It will be very unwise to ignore this possibility in our forward planning and this is why it was mentioned in my strategic forecasts at budget meetings in the past. This, however, should not be seen as tacit approval for the project. I merely informed the meetings of the possible impact of such a development on municipal governance, in terms of housing, community needs, etc. I have never tried to influence opinion on the

matter by highlighting the impact on communities of such a project," he said.

"I want to reiterate that I do respect the right of each and everyone to form and express his or her own opinion on issues. Therefore, I encouraged all to take part in the environmental impact assessment process and to put their concerns on the table so that it can be evaluated by specialists, whether it is about the impact on property values or tourism, or about the environment and public health," Mr Beylvelde said.

He added that he took cognisance of reports lately that the funding for the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor programme has dried up and the project might not go ahead at all. If it does, it will only start after 2018. Of great interest is that technology has developed in such a way that water is no longer needed for the cooling of reactors and that they could be built inland.



## MORAL STANDARDS INITIATIVE CONTINUED

The Moral Standards Initiative (MSI), launched in Overstrand during the course of last year, is to be continued and, once more, Overstrand Municipality has pledged to be partner to this endeavour.

A successful community is one where the quality and rhythm of living in harmony are dependent upon healthy, shared moral values and not on laws and regulations or how the latter are enforced.

Moral values are the entrenched rules of the game which delineate the boundaries between what is right and what is wrong. It is entrenched in every human being. It determines how you think about things, how you arrive at a decision, how you conduct yourself and how you relate to others. A person

without sound values can be equated to a rudderless ship: a ship that is bound to flounder in the complex world we live in.

The challenge for 2010 is to put our moral values and standards into practice. This calls every individual to action. Be part of this initiative! Spend a little time contemplating the six values highlighted in the previous year's articles on the MIS. Then, contextualise these values in such a way that it will suit your circumstances. Come on: Why not serve as model to those inside and outside your immediate circle of influence?!

Direct enquires in this regard to Ernst Kretschmer on 028 316 3712/ 082 412 4538, or call Ronél Mostert on 082 470 3975.

## PIANO DUO ON STAGE



Genova and Dimitrov, a piano duo, will be the performers at the next concert of OVER-STRAND ARTS/ KUNSTE on Thursday 18

March 2010 in the Overstrand Civic Centre's Auditorium. The two will play La Mer l'Oye by Ravel, The Sleeping Beauty Suite by Tchaikovsky, Allegro in A minor "Lebensstürme" by Schubert and a selection of Hungarian Dances by Brahms. The concert starts at 19:00 and tickets cost R80 for adults and R40 for scholars. Bookings can be made at Bellini's in Hermanus or by phoning 028 312 4988.



## NEW COUNCILLOR FOR NPP

On 21 January 2010, the Independent Electoral Commission declared Andrew Sithembele Komani of the National Peoples' Party (NPP) to be duly elected as Councillor of Overstrand Municipality in accordance with section 18, Schedule 1, of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998).

The 35-year-old Cllr Komani and his spouse reside in Masakhane, Gansbaai. A



former pupil of Nosizwe Secondary, Cllr Komani worked in the construction industry before joining Overstrand Municipality as an employee in Gansbaai's Operational Services Section. Undoubtedly, Councillor Komani will be a great contributor to council debates since he is not only fluent in isiXhosa (his mother tongue) but can hold his own in both English and Afrikaans.

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