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Editorial

Welcome once again to the Marondera Municipality Journal. This season's municipality news brings you the major events and activities that Council has been undertaking, bringing you up to speed with current Council news and project updates. The goal is to grow the Marondera flagship brand and make our municipal brand international. Council is firmly focused on improving service in line with the Call to Action-No Compromise to Service Delivery as enunciated by the President in the recently launched strategic municipal service delivery blueprint.

The Municipality has seen a hive of activities during the season and all the actions were directed towards addressing challenges, working towards meeting compliance requirements thereby improving the lives of stakeholders. During this period a new Council came into office, Council hosted a prospective Waterworks expansion project investor, Council made strides in acquiring new service equipment and rehabilitated several roads within Marondera. However, this is just a snapshot of what to expect within the journal. The news bulletin gives a cursory detailed account of all activities the Municipality has been undertaking as it forges ahead in its quest to attain smart city status of service excellence.

Council once again calls upon all ratepayers and stakeholders to honour their financial obligations to Council by paying all bills on time. This will go a long way in ensuring that Council is adequately capacitated to meet service delivery objectives. Council resources are community property therefore let us desist from any actions that may lead to the destruction or vandalism of Council property. Residents are encouraged to be vigilant and to guard against damage to community public property by reporting all acts of vandalism or abuse of public infrastructure such as depositing foreign objects in sewer systems, tampering with water reticulation valves, and the illegal dumping of waste. Together we can make Marondera great by paying all Council bills and investing in our Municipality in various sectors of preference. Marondera can only be developed by its residents (Marondera inovakwa nevene vayo).

The nation (and some parts of the Southern African region) is still experiencing intermittent Cholera epidemics in some areas, let us continue to be alert by observing good sanitation and hygiene and by reporting all suspected cases to health authorities for further investigation and management. Through these concerted efforts, we can keep Marondera Cholera free.

Dig in and digest our development read.....enjoy!

Meet the Municipality of Marondera Management Team



Mr. Rinashe D. Nyamuzihwa is the current Town Clerk/Chief Executive Officer at the Municipality of Marondera. He has worked in various government positions, including as a Senior Provincial Labour Expert (Conciliation, Arbitration & Mediation) from 1992 to 1996 at the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare. He joined Marondera Municipality in 1996 as a Human Resources Executive and later became the Chamber Secretary from 2003 to March 2023. Mr. Nyamuzihwa was then appointed as the Town Clerk from April 2023 to date. Additionally, Mr. Nyamuzihwa has served as an Independent Arbitrator for the Mashonaland East Province since 2012 to date. He holds a Master of Public Administration, a Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree, a BSc in Political Science, a Post Graduate Diploma in Law, a Diploma in Personnel Management (IPMZ), a Revenue Enhancement Master Class Certificate (National University of Science and Technology), and a CMA Certificate (ILO). Currently, he is pursuing a Master of Laws in Constitutional & Electoral Practice at the University of Zimbabwe. He is a member of IPMZ and ZIRA (MIPMZ & MZIRA). Mr Nyamuzihwa is a board member of the Women's University in Africa where he chairs the Building and Human Resources Committees.



Mr Thomas Ndoro is currently serving as the Acting Chamber Secretary for the Municipality of Marondera since April 2023. With over 28 years of experience in Local Governance, he has held various positions, including Housing Officer for the Municipality of Redcliff from 1996-2006, Estates Officer for the Municipality of Marondera from 2006 to 2016, and Estates Manager for the Municipality of Marondera from February 2016 to present. From May 2017 to March 2018, Mr Ndoro was appointed as the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services. He holds several qualifications, including a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Management from Chinhoyi University of Technology, a Post Graduate Diploma in Management for Executives from the University of Zimbabwe, and a Planning and Management of Urban Services Certificate from the Human Settlement Management Institute in New Delhi, India.



Itayi Terence Mashonganyika | Pr. Eng, is a seasoned professional Engineer with 15 years of practical experience across the public sector at both Central and Local Government levels. Before joining Marondera Municipality, the Engineer has under his portfolio National Development projects completed while working under the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Development for 5 years, Marondera Rural District Council (1 year) and Marondera Municipality from the year 2012 to date. Engineer Mashonganyika holds a B-tech (Hons) Degree in Water Engineering (NUST), a Higher National Diploma in Civil Engineering and a Diploma in Structural Engineering. Currently, the Engineer is working towards an Msc in Construction Project Management (NUST). Engineer Mashonganyika is a member of several professional associations including the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers (ZIE, Corporate Member), the Engineering Council of Zimbabwe (ECZ, Professional Engineer) and the South African Institute of Civil Engineering (SAICE, Associate Member).



John Kumbirai Kachingwe has been the Finance Director for the Municipality of Marondera for the past thirteen years. He is a highly experienced Financial Manager and Administrator, having held various positions such as Audit Manager (Urban Development Corporation, 12 years) and Administration Manager (Plan International, 5 years). Mr. Kachingwe holds a Bachelor's degree in Accountancy, as well as a diploma from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). Additionally, he is a Registered Public Accountant.



Mr Jairos Harry is the Audit Manager for the Municipality of Marondera. He is a Registered Public Accountant with the Public Accountants and Auditors Board of Zimbabwe (PAAB), a Certified Forensic Auditor with the Association of Certified Forensic Practitioners (ACFP), and a Fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). He has vast experience in the field of accounting and auditing in the public sector fraternity, especially in Local Governance. Jairos holds a Master of Commerce in Accounting Degree, a BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting, a Higher National Diploma in Accounting, a Certificate in Economic Transformation in Africa and the African Diaspora majoring in Social Entrepreneurship, a Certificate in Marketing Management and a Certificate in Operations Management. Jairos is the Head of Audit for the Municipality of Marondera.



Tinashe Mungwena is a Revenue Accountant with the Municipality of Marondera a position he attained after rising through the ranks after joining Council as a meter reader in February 2007. Tinashe once held the following positions as he navigated the Municipal corporate ladder Wages Clerk, Billing Officer and Internal Audit Clerk. Prior to assuming his current post, Tinashe was promoted to Acting Accountant (February 2016, to August 2017) thereafter he was appointed Acting Accountant Revenue until his substantive appointment to the post Revenue Accountant in November 2023. Tinashe holds several qualifications namely a Bachelor's degree in Accounting (Midlands State University), a Diploma in Accountancy (HEXCO) and a Certificate in Accountancy (HEXCO). Currently, Tinashe is pursuing the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) qualification and a Master of Business Administration.



Tonderai Parayiwa serves as the Environmental Health Manager for the Municipality of Marondera. He is an Environmental Health practitioner with 14 years of practical experience in the field of Public Health, having worked for both the Central and Local Governments. Mr. Parayiwa holds a mosaic of qualifications in Environmental and Public Health, including an MSc in Environmental Health (NUST), an MSc in Public Policy and Development Management (Lupane State University), a BSc Honours Degree in Public Health (NUST), a Diploma in Environmental Health (HEXCO), a Postgraduate Diploma in Geographic Information Science and Remote Sensing (Lupane State University), a National Certificate in Environmental Health (HEXCO), an Executive Certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation (UZ), an Executive Certificate in Project Management (UZ), and an Occupational Safety Health and Environmental Management Certificate (NSSA Zimbabwe).



Mr. Never Besa is the current Town Planner for the Municipality of Marondera. He is currently serving as the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services. Before his role in Marondera, he worked for five years with the Department of Spatial Planning and Development in Midlands Province and Rusape Town Council as a Town Planner. In 2015, he also served as a part-time lecturer at Great Zimbabwe University and Harare Polytechnic. He holds several qualifications including a Masters in Business Administration in Strategic Leadership from the University of Zimbabwe, an Msc in Construction Project Management from the National University of Science and Technology, a Bsc in Rural and Urban Planning from the University of Zimbabwe, and a Diploma in Geographic Information Systems from Stellenbosch University.



Mr Masimba Muzawaka joined the Municipality of Marondera in January 2017 as an Accountant Expenditure. Masimba holds several qualifications in the commercial and accounting fields namely a Masters degree in Business Administration (Strategic Leadership, UZ), a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Accountancy (CUT), and various certificates in the accounting field. Masimba is a certified accounting professional registered with the Institute of Certified Public Accountants Zimbabwe (ICPAZ).







New Council Assumes Office

The Municipality of Marondera recently welcomed a new crop of Councillors following the conclusion of the harmonised elections in August. The new Council went on to constitute committees. For the first time, Council now has proportional representatives to cater for the women's quota bringing the number of Councillors to sixteen. The proportional representative will have the same privileges and rights as elected Councillors.

The District Development Coordinator (DDC), Mr Clemence Masawi presided over the swearing-in of the new Councillors in accordance with the Urban Councils Act (Chapter 29:15) and the Constitution of Zimbabwe, 2013. Mr Masawi implored Councillors to be mindful of their mandate which is premised on policy formulation and representing the interests of residents by ensuring that service delivery is provided to the optimum level possible.

Most Councillors expressed joy after being sworn in and acknowledged that they were deeply humbled and flattered to have been nominated to lead residents. The Town Clerk, Mr Nyamuzihwa urged Councillors to take cognisance of the burden of responsibility that comes with leadership and further encouraged the newly sworn in Councillors to always endeavour to do their very best in leading development efforts in the jurisdiction of Marondera.

Councillors committed to working hard as a team with all Councillors from across the political divide. Mr Masawi, further called upon all councillors to take off their political jackets for the good and the betterment of Marondera Municipality. He further reiterated that operating in silos would lead to the detriment of Council business and urged Councillors to work hand in glove with Council management for the development of Marondera and for the vision of becoming a vibrant smart city of service excellence to be realised.

Following the harmonised elections for the first time since independence Marondera has a team of sixteen Councillors drawn from the twelve municipal wards of Marondera and four proportional representative councillors in order to adhere to the new requirement of the women's quota.

Following the swearing-in of Councillors, Council later convened a meeting to elect committee chairpersons and deputy chairpersons. Respective Councillors were awarded the following portfolios Cllr. M. Maradza, Chairperson Human Capital and Services Committee, Cllr. C. Ngwena and Cllr J. Mujaranji Co-Chaired the Works and Environmental Management Committee and the Deputy Chairperson for the Human Capital and Services Committee, Cllr. M. Ndoro, Deputy Chairperson Finance and General Purposes Committee, Cllr. C. Mazambani, Chairperson Finance and General Purposes Committee, Cllr. G. Mponda, Chairperson Audit Committee, Cllr. S. Vilela, Chairperson Health, Housing and Community Services and Cllr. B. Govere, Deputy Chairperson Health, Housing and Community Services. The Municipality recently had to run a second round of mayoral elections following recalls and Cllr. C. Murova is now the new Mayor and he will be deputized by Cllr. J. Mujaranji. Councillors had to go through an induction workshop so that the new crop of Councillors would get to familiarize themselves with their new role as Councillors and also the work of committees and overall functions.

Councillors are expected to play an oversight role and to formulate policy that will govern the operations of Council departments through committees namely the Audit Committee, Health, Housing and Community Services Committee, Works and Environmental Management Committee, Human Capital and Services Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee.



The Town Clerk, Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa takes Cllr. C. Murova through the oath of office for the post of Mayor



Cllr Mujaranji takes his oath of office as Deputy Mayor



Councillors attending the swearing-in ceremony of the new Council

Council Inaugurates New Junior Council

The Municipality of Marondera recently inaugurated Junior Councillors and this followed the coming into office of senior Councillors. The Junior Council is expected to articulate and bring to the fore Children's issues which must be addressed at the local government level. The new Junior Councillors are expected to serve a one-year full term.

The inauguration of the Junior Councillors was presided over by His Worship the Mayor, Cllr A. Nyakarombo. The Mayor reminded the Junior Councillors to take their role seriously because their titles as Junior Councillors meant that they were no longer leaders of tomorrow but of today. The Mayor further reminded Junior Councillors that they carried with them the burden of leadership and that they were expected not only to articulate the challenges confronting the youths but to also provide solutions. The Junior Council leaders also assumed their roles during the inauguration ceremony.

The Junior Council leadership consists of the Mayor, currently held by Motidaishe Chivese, Deputy Mayor, Raymond Matemadombo, Town Clerk, Makanaka Moyo and Assistant Town Clerk Ruramai Sabatioo.

The Mayor commended the Junior Councillors for taking their oaths of office and he expressed his delight that the bulk of the seventeen councillors were female. He remarked that this was in sync with the direction that the Municipality was taking to attain equitable gender balance and to address historical gender imbalances. The Mayor further remarked that the presence of some Junior Councillors living with disabilities made the Junior Council even more balanced and inclusive as the interests of special interest groups must be taken on board like anyone else's.

Over the course of their one-year tenure, Junior Councillors will undergo mentorship in local council governance from Senior Councillors and Council management. A mixture of meetings, workshops and conferences will be offered to the Junior Council to equip them with the much-needed leadership skills. Some of the Junior Councillors representing their respective wards include Cllr. L Makaza (ward 11), Cllr. R Sabatiao (Ward 9), Cllr. A Dandajena (Ward 11), Cllr. J Mudzengerere (Ward 3), Cllr. S Masamba (Ward 9), Cllr. P Matsinde (Ward 4), Cllr. C Joseph (Ward 4), Cllr. N Muzavazi (Ward 3), Cllr. A Chikoko (Ward 9), Cllr. M. Nyamupepema (Ward 7), Cllr. M



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Moyo (Ward 10), Cllr. T Makwanya (Ward 4), Cllr. D Njanji (Ward 9) and Cllr. N Rima (Ward 8).

The top five members of the Junior Council leadership are scheduled to attend a national Junior Council meeting in Victoria Falls and Her Excellency Dr, Amai Auxillia Mnangagwa will be the guest of honour. Also, all in attendance will be 92 urban local authority CEOs from all the provinces. The presence of the First Lady and CEOs is evidence of the seriousness with which the government is prioritising youth grooming and development hence the importance attached to the event.

Junior Councillors are expected to deliberate on important issues affecting the youths and one of the key issues is the emerging scourge of drug and substance abuse with the youths being the most affected. The Junior Council was first established in Zimbabwe in 1953 and has provided youths a platform to engage policymakers on youth-centred matters.



A junior Councillor takes his oath of office while the Town Clerk, Mr. R.D Nyamuzihwa and the Committee Officer, Miss Muchavhaira look on



Junior Councillors attending the swearing in ceremony



Parents and guardians of Junior Councillors witness the swearing-in of Junior Councillors



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Why should I pay my Council Bill?

- 1) To ensure water treatment chemicals are procured
- 2) To enable the expansion of water treatment infrastructure for improved water supply
- 3) To ensure fuel for refuse compactors, plumbing and electrical services is procured
- 4) To ensure the procurement of road rehabilitation service equipment
- 5) To improve and expand the sewer system

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Demystifying the Role of Council and a Councillor

The terms Council and Councillor are often synonymous with each other, especially within the discourse of local government. Most people often wonder what exactly is the Council and what exactly is the role of a Councillor within the Council and what can residents and other important stakeholders expect from Councillors.

According to section five of the Constitution of Zimbabwe Local Authorities also known as Councils are one of the three tiers of Government. Residents have a right and duty to participate in their governance at all levels and at Council level, this takes the form of voting and electing ward-level Councillors who represent the interests of residents. Councils are a platform for residents to take part in decision-making processes in the areas where they live. Councils have a mandate to deliver socio-economic services to the community.

Councils have several functions which fall within the realm of socio-economic services and some of the functions include but are not limited to; the provision of clean and safe water, garbage collection, sewerage services, environmental management and control, urban planning and development control, providing public lighting, maintaining trafficable roads, providing emergency services, provision of health services, provision of social and recreation facilities, primary and secondary schools, local economic development, licensing of premises, housing and accommodation services and cemeteries and crematorium services. Local authorities strive to deliver these services while guided by the Constitution of Zimbabwe, Acts and municipal by-laws. For Urban Councils like the Municipality of Marondera, the Urban Councils Act (Chapter 29:15) is the major guiding act through which socio-economic services are delivered.

Councils are made up of two basic layers of administration: policy making and policy implementation. Policymakers in the form of elected Councillors and policy implementers who are council staff who make up the secretariat. Council staff is responsible for daily operations and is responsible for implementing policy. In contrast, a Councillor is not a full-time employee and is solely responsible for promulgating policy and overseeing the implementation of policy by Council staff. A Councillor brings to the attention of Council concerns of residents of the ward, speaks on behalf of residents during committee meetings and Council debates. The Councillor is also responsible for reporting Council issues back to their ward. Councillors act in the interest of the residents and not their personal interests.

So how does one qualify to become a Councillor? Educational qualifications are not a requirement for one to become a Councillor. However, the electoral Act requires that for one to become a Councillor an individual has to be a Zimbabwean of 21 years or older and on the voters roll for the Council area concerned. A Councillor is voted into office following elections or gets nominated as part of the women's quota proportional representation. For one to be a good and effective Councillor, it is ideal to have good listening skills to be able to grasp and communicate the needs of your ward and be able to negotiate with other Councillors in order to craft policy to address issues of universal interest. The typical profile of a good Councillor may be summarised as one who is accountable, committed, trustworthy, empathetic and endowed with good communication skills.

How do Councils go about making decisions? Council business is anchored on the collective approach to decision-making. Councillors and secretariat staff sit down to come up with a decision after open discussions. Decisions that are made in Council generally fall under two categories that is Policy decisions and administrative decisions. Policy decisions are made by a collective decision of all Councillors usually with guided input from critical Council staff members. In contrast, administrative decisions are made by Council staff, namely the top management. For a matter to be deliberated on, a Councillor raises a motion. A motion in its simplest form is a matter or subject of discussion. The motion is directed to a relevant committee under which the motion falls. After the matter is interrogated in a committee the matter may then be escalated further to the Full Council. The Full Council is a Council meeting in which all Councillors are present or in which attendees constitute a full quorum. The Mayor is the one who chairs a full Council. A Full Council is a meeting in which all committee reports are made and decisions are taken. Urgent Full Council meetings may be held at short notice and these are referred to as Special Full Council Meetings. The Full Council may agree with the recommendation made by a committee and that results in a resolution. A resolution is a decision that must be implemented by the Council's top management. A Full Council can also reject or modify the recommendation made by a committee. Council is required to meet every month. Residents can influence both policy and administrative decisions through various means either by lobbying their Councillors in the case of a policy decision or engaging the Town Clerk or lodging a complaint.

It is crucial to spell out what a committee is and the importance attached to it. A Committee is made up of a group of Councillors who are assigned specific responsibilities by Council for instance there is the Human Capital and Services Committee, Works and Environmental Management Committee, Finance and General Purposes Committee, Audit Committee and the Health, Housing and Community Services Committee. These committees mirror the departments within the secretariat and motions raised within various committees will be as a consequence of issues that emerge from departments. Each committee will have Councillors as Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons with other selected Councillors as committee members. Staff members from relevant departments also will be present in committees to provide technical advice. Staff members often provide regular reports to relevant committees. This helps to keep Councillors apprised

of what will be happening in Council and in some cases, recommendations are made based on a staff report. Council has the prerogative of setting up short-term committees which may be disbanded upon the completion of a task. Council has the latitude to establish any committee it deems relevant to enable the smooth operations of Council. Committee recommendations are then passed on to the Full Council for a resolution to be made and the Full Council reserves the right to adopt, modify or reject a recommendation from a committee.

At this point, it is necessary to interrogate who bears the cost of Council Service delivery. Residents, Ratepayers and Businesses within a municipal jurisdiction should finance the cost-of-service delivery through honouring bills. Councils are non-profit entities and all costs are based on “cost recovery” to ensure that ratepayers, residents and businesses pay just enough to cover the cost of providing the service. This includes the cost of providing machinery, equipment and staffing. All Council rates and levies are set during the budgeting process and all stakeholders are provided an opportunity to contribute their views during the process using a variety of means. It is the civic duty of every stakeholder to ensure they provide their input during the budgeting process. Once budget rates are set it is the duty of every stakeholder to pay their Council bills to enable the provision of services and the smooth operation of Council.

Council is about us and for Council to operate smoothly every stakeholder must play their part. On the whole, Council is a people-centred entity that operates with the oversight of the representatives of residents. Council as one of the three tiers of government, is a vehicle through which residents govern themselves at the community level thereby ensuring the delivery of socio-economic services at the local level hence the importance attached to it.

Council Acquires New Service Delivery Equipment

The Municipality of Marondera acquired hordes of service delivery equipment meant to recapitalize service equipment which had been depleted. Council had resorted to hiring service equipment and this was proving to be costly and unsustainable. In order to improve service delivery Council has been prioritising the acquisition of 'yellow machines' and other service equipment.

Recently the Municipality received three 20 cubic meter tipper trucks, and four brand new fire tenders, with three of those being acquired under the Government-to-Government arrangement between Zimbabwe and Belarus courtesy of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe Cde Dr E.D Mnangagwa. The Belarus fire tenders are being financed through devolution funds. The fourth fire tender was acquired through internal means. The four new fire tenders have a capacity of five thousand litres making them the biggest fire tenders within the Council's emergency vehicle fleet and the fire tender fleet now stands at five. Members of the fire brigade technical team underwent extensive training in Harare on how to operate the Belarus fire tenders. This training was crucial in ensuring the proper use of the Belarus fire tenders and this will go a long way in increasing the longevity of the expensive fire tender equipment. Council also procured twelve 5 cubic meter skip bins which will be distributed in areas with high waste generation like vegetable markets and shopping centres. The tipper trucks have been deployed to several road rehabilitation works which are already underway in the CBD and throughout the twelve municipal wards. The increase in the construction vehicle fleet has seen Council recruiting local class 2 drivers who will be operating the new construction vehicles.

Apart from the mentioned equipment, Council has also acquired a grader, a refuse truck, an ambulance, a UD truck, a Honey Sucker truck, three tractors, motorbikes, fuel pumps, a front-end loader and some utility vehicles. To date, 80 per cent of the expected equipment has been received to date with the remainder of the service equipment being expected soon. The bulk of the last lot of the outstanding equipment is being sourced outside the country and this includes a dozer, a skip truck, a UD truck, and a vibratory roller. The Municipality of Marondera stands to gain significantly from the acquisition of the machinery which is expected to make an impact on service delivery such as the servicing of stands, road rehabilitation, provision of emergency services, refuse collection, water reticulation and other areas of service delivery. Most of the equipment was acquired through an agreement between Council and Mega Market. The deal also led to the approval of layout plans for land situated in the Hunyani Timberlands.

The recently approved layout plans for part of the land in the Hunyani Timberlands will see the construction of a new commercial node which will accommodate a long-distance terminus, a spacious modern people's market, hotel and conferencing facilities, medium and high-density residential stands (including 40% of high and low-cost flats), gated communities, cluster housing, a specialised hospital, university and polytechnic, private and public schools, heavy and light industries will also be accommodated. The establishment of this infrastructure is expected to add to the ongoing development of infrastructure and economic activity that Marondera has been experiencing in recent times as exemplified by the establishment of the Megawatt Shopping Mall, DA Service Station and the construction of the new Medical Centre and Metro Peach complex amongst other developments that have been taking place. The Hunyani Timberlands layout plan will lead to the decongestion of the CBD, the creation of trading space for informal traders, the provision of housing and the lowering of the housing waiting list. Improved access to education and the creation of jobs through the light and heavy industry are also other benefits that the community of Marondera will stand to gain from the project.

The acquisition of the new service equipment is expected to improve service delivery across all departments. Stakeholders can expect immediate changes in emergency response, refuse collection and road rehabilitation. The other expected service equipment is expected to add to an already impressive fleet of service delivery equipment.



Some of the recently acquired Tipper Trucks



The newly acquired Skip Bins



The Newly acquired Honey Sucker Truck
















Some of the new service vehicles



MARONDERA LET'S FIGHT CHOLERA TOGETHER

Let's observe the following to prevent the spread of Cholera:

-  Practise good hygiene
-  Proper hand washing under running water
-  Drinking water from safe sources
-  Treatment of drinking water
-  Eating food from sanitary outlets
-  Avoid food from unlicensed vendors
-  Washing fruits and vegetables with clean running water
-  Avoid eating open foods prone to flies
-  Avoid disposal of waste in open spaces
-  Avoid handshakes and gatherings
-  Control flies
-  Practising household hygiene
-  Eating food that is thoroughly cooked and hot

Residents are to urgently report to the nearest health facility any presentation with a combination of the following symptoms: profuse rice watery diarrhoea, vomiting, abdominal discomfort, cramps in the abdomen, arms or legs and severe dehydration.

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Council Mulls Engaging Investors to Fund the Waterworks Expansion Project

The Municipality of Marondera has been laser-focused on transforming the fortunes of its Municipality by tackling the major service delivery challenge currently confronting Marondera which is the uninterrupted provision of clean portable water. Given that desire to deliver clean water to every resident and stakeholder at all times Council hosted G50 which is an investment organisation with a conglomerate of subsidiary companies with vast stakes in different sectors including the energy sector and construction.

The G50 company responded to an advertisement by Council in which Council made a call for an expression of interest to partner Council in delivering the expansion of the water treatment plant in order to increase the Municipality's water production capacity to avail water to everyone for 24hrs per day. Currently Council is dogged by water supply challenges which have resulted in water being rationed to supply segments of the Municipality one zone at a time. The water works station can only supply a total of 13.5 mega litres per day against a demand of 30 mega litres per day. This mismatch between demand and current supply has been attributed to increases in the Municipality's population which now stands at over sixty-six thousand hence the need to expand the water treatment plant.

During the budget consultative process, it was evidently clear that the provision of clean potable water was the key service delivery deliverable which was being demanded by all stakeholders across all wards and sectors. The provision of clean water has assumed greater importance now, especially in the wake of the ongoing Cholera epidemic. The provision of clean portable water will go a long way in removing the conditions that lead to the spread of Cholera. The issue of water supply will be jointly dealt with issues to do with the refurbishment of sewer lines and sewerage treatment stations. Recently, Council acquired a Honey Sucker truck which is capable of clearing sewer lines and removing debris in sewer lines. The acquisition of the machine is expected to go a long way in improving the maintenance of sewer lines.

The G50 representative made a presentation anchored on the background of their company and the presenter took attendees through ongoing projects and those the company has done in the recent past. During the presentation, the G50 representative expressed interest in other opportunities that Council has advertised for investment such as the Hotel and Conferencing Facilities tender which Council recently advertised. The G50 highlighted that they have a unique investment model which is premised on writing bankable proposals through which they secure loans from financial institutions and interested investors thereby enabling G50 to finance projects. The G50 proposed a similar model to finance the waterworks project for the Marondera Municipality.

Council top management and Councillors attended the G50 investment meeting. His Worship the Mayor, Cllr A. Nyakarombo presided over the investment meeting. The Mayor thanked the G50 team for pitching their investment proposal and he reiterated that the project to expand the water treatment plant was a top priority hence the importance of the meeting. Council is set to deliberate on the investment proposal as it was presented by G50 and looks forward to entertaining other prospective investors before a final decision is made on the best investor to go with. It is envisaged that the proposed waterworks expansion investment opportunity will be achieved through a PPP or BOT.



A G50 representative illustrates a point during an investment meeting with Councillors and Council Management

Council Shines at the Mash East Agricultural Show

Marondera Municipality recently exhibited at the Mashonaland East Agricultural Show. The provincial showcase is the major exhibition in the province and it customarily attracts a lot of players in the Agricultural sector and players in the corporate world beyond the boundaries of the Mash East Province. The exhibition has since assumed a national status given the reach of exhibitors the provincial show attracts. The exhibition offered Council and Marondera as a whole the opportunity to showcase and publicize what the Municipality has to offer especially to prospective investors. On the sidelines of the Mash East show ZIDA hosted an investment conference and this made the whole exhibition show even richer in terms of its impact.

Council took part in this year's Mashonaland East Agricultural Show Exhibition which was hosted at the Showgrounds. Several exhibitors from the private and public sectors in and around the Mashonaland East province and beyond took part in the exhibition. The Municipality of Marondera managed to majestically exhibit all the services it offers to the Marondera Community. Members of the public who visited the Council stand got an insight into the various services Council is offering in its quest to attain smart city status by 2025. Stand visitors also got to learn of development plans that will be rolled out in the near future. Visitors to the stand were generally impressed with the design and layout of the stand and this enhanced their overall experience at the Council stand beyond the information feedback they got from exhibitors manning the stand. The Municipality of Marondera eventually won the Best Urban Local Authority Exhibition award which was a cherry on top of a great exhibition.

The Mashonaland East Agricultural Show Exhibition was successfully hosted along the sidelines of the ZIDA Provincial Investment Conference which was held at the Showgrounds during the Mash East Provincial Exhibition. The ZIDA investment conference was successfully attended by public and private players in the province. The Municipality of Marondera presented a well-received paper about the investment prospects in Marondera and its hinterlands. The presentation was anchored on the investment prospects in Marondera and the investor care conditions as espoused in the draft investment policy document. One of the key points raised during the investment conference was that the province should leverage its development and investment fortunes on the resources locally available such as agriculture and newly discovered mineral deposits like lithium. The formation of investment consortiums in tourism, agriculture and mining was also encouraged so as to promote the province as a block since all the various players feed off each other.

Following the successful participation at the Mashonaland East Provincial Show, Council attended the Sanganaï/Hlanganini World Tourism Expo. During the Sanganaï/Hlanganini Expo, Council managed to meet prospective tourism investors who were keen on Agricultural tourism, Cultural tourism and investment in Hotel and Conferencing facilities among other areas. Several investors expressed interest in investment projects that Council has earmarked under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) concept.

Buoyed by the successful engagements that Council has had during exhibitions of the last quarter of 2023, Council plans to enhance its participation in future exhibitions in the coming year. This year's Provincial Show was graced by the Honorable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution Mashonaland East Province, Hon Dr. A. Munzverengwi (Sen). The guest of honour during the Mashonaland East Provincial Agricultural Show was Mr. Ncube from Proton Bakers while the guest of honour for the Sanganaï/Hlanganini World Tourism Expo was the Honorable Minister of Tourism and Hospitality, Hon. B. Rwodzi. The Municipality of Marondera is looking to twinning an international City with the view to promoting tourism and investment as part of Marondera's external engagement strategy as it moves towards its vision of becoming a vibrant smart city of service excellence.

The exhibitions in pictures...



The Council Marondera Agricultural Show exhibition team poses for a photo



Council Marondera Agricultural Show Stand display



The Honorable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution Mashonaland East, Hon. Dr. A Munzverengwi (Sen) tour the Council stand along with the guest of honour, Mr Ncube from Proton Bakers (Partially obscured) and the Minister's entourage



The Honorable Minister of Tourism and Hospitality, Hon. B. Rwodzi giving a keynote address



Delegates of the Sanganaai/Hlanganani World Tourism Expo follow proceedings during the Business Meeting Forum

The Municipality of Marondera receives Books from ZOU Mash East

The Council library section recently received a major boost in the form of a catchment of donated books from the Zimbabwe Open University Mashonaland East Regional Campus. The donation is set to improve information access throughout all Council libraries to the benefit of library patrons.

Speaking during the book donation handover ceremony at the ZOU library premises at CAIPF building the ZOU regional librarian, Miss Chawira said, “The ZOU library is in the process of weeding books with multiple titles in line with our library’s collection development policy. The weeded materials are very current and up to date hence we have seen it fit to hand over some of the books available to Council libraries.”

The head of the Council delegation at the books handover ceremony, Cllr S. Vilela who was present in his capacity as the Chairperson for the Health, Housing and Community Services Committee under which the library section falls remarked that, Council was humbled by the kind gesture by ZOU towards the Council’s community libraries. Councillor S. Vilela further added that the donation was made to Council but because of the nature of Council operations and more importantly of its libraries, the donation would benefit the whole of the Marondera community since Council libraries are open to all community members.

The Council librarian, Mrs. Matira expressed profound joy and excitement regarding the ZOU donated books. She further explained that the 354 books donated by ZOU would go a long way in enhancing the patron reading experience, fostering a reading culture within the Marondera community. Mrs. Matira mentioned that although the 21st century has brought with it the digital and virtual reading experience the physical book remained the primary source of reading materials hence book clubs still exist globally.

Professor Bukaliya, acting in the capacity of the ZOU Regional Director in his closing remarks expressed hopes that Council would continue partnering with ZOU in championing the development of Marondera and the province at large. Council is on an engagement drive to create partnerships with all stakeholders as a means of achieving its vision of becoming a vibrant smart city of service excellence.



The Chairperson for Housing, Health and Community Services, Cllr S. Vilela (5th from the left) shares a lighter moment with ZOU Acting Regional Director Professor Bukaliya (4th from the left), the ZOU Regional Librarian, Miss Chawira (1st from the left), Council Librarian, Mrs Matira (2nd from the left) and ZOU and Council Staff.



COUNCIL UNVEILS GLENSOMERS CEMETERY

MARONDERA MUNICIPALITY WISHES TO INFORM ITS VALUED RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS THAT COUNCIL HAS UNVEILED A NEW SPACIOUS CEMETERY BY THE NAME GLENSOMERS CEMETERY. THE GLENSOMERS CEMETERY IS LOCATED 5KM FROM THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) NEAR HUNYANI TIMBERLANDS. RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPROACH THE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION TO SECURE A PEACEFUL, DIGNIFIED AND HONOURABLE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR LOVED ONES AT THE NEW GLENSOMERS CEMETERY.

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Automation of Council Operations on the Cards

Council is on the verge of automating all its operations in tandem with its vision of becoming a vibrant smart city of service excellence. Digitization of operations is also a key feature of NDS1 and dovetails well into the Government's aspirations of going paperless. The adoption of automated services is expected to improve service delivery and client experience when using Council services hence the importance attached to automation. The Municipality is earmarked to launch several technology-centred solutions in its quest to smoothen the ease of doing business. Council is set to be part of the Whole of Government Performance Management System (WoGPMS) by June 2024 and to establish LADs.

Recently Council hosted a LADs technical team in the Council Chamber. The primary purpose of the visit by the LADs team was anchored on demonstrating the efficacy of the Local Authority Digital System to Council management and section heads. LADS is one of the several start-ups under the Harare Institute of Technology (HIT) through the education 5.0 mantra, developed as a stand-alone technology-centred business unit. LADS was created with a mandate to facilitate the ease of doing business in local authorities in Zimbabwe and beyond. The LADS team leader Ms Mawire cited that the vision of LADS Africa is to create Smart Cities and contribute to the creation of the Digital Economy in line with the NDS1 blueprint. LADS, offers an all-in-1 home-grown solution for Local Authorities, thereby enabling them to fulfil their mandate. In her presentation, Ms Mawire acknowledged that ICTs are no longer an option but a necessity in today's business environment since the future is digital.

LADS is subdivided into several modules which mirror Council sections and departments. There is the financials module which handles billing, receipting, procurement management, voucher management, financial reports, debt tracking, asset management, programme-based budgeting, stores & inventory management, business license management, billboard management and the valuation roll. The administration module handles human resources management (with payroll), customer relationship management (query tracking), bulk SMSs and email, registry and document e-filing, file movement and the internal audit. The engineering and technical services module caters for the GIS, fleet management, building inspectorate, water meter reading app, artisan and craftsmen registration, plan approvals, project management, road management and infrastructure register. LADS also has a land management module and this module will greatly transform the manner in which properties and land are managed. The land management module provides an automated waiting list, stand register, stand allocation, lease generation and tracking, cession management and properties database. Additionally, LADS offers the social services module which focuses on cemetery management, markets management, council facility management, social amenities database and ward profiling. In tune with the fourth industrial

Cake Me Too



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Junior Council



A call to Bakers who wish to give back to the community by donating cakes, muffins, or any confectionery products towards the **CAKE ME TOO** concept of celebrating children in homes.

Feel free to also donate food items and sanitary pads to give to children at **MUSHA WEVANA CHILDREN'S HOME**

Donations to be delivered at the **Council Main Office 57A The Green**
On 20 December 2023

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revolution, LADS also accommodates artificial intelligence features such as the ChatBot and an online portal. All these features make LADS an ideal system for Council to adopt as it ensures the automation of all operations. The adoption of LADS is set to improve efficiency and plug leakages in the management of Council operations.

Council is set to go live on the whole of the Government Performance Management System by June 2024. Already Council took the initiative to organize a training workshop for section personnel who went through two days of training in managing the system. The WoGPMS system is a product of the Government of Zimbabwe anchored on ensuring that all government agencies and parastatals report on their performance targets virtually. The WoGPMS is part of the results-based management which the government is championing to deliver quality public services to all citizens.

Council is already running steadily on the automation path after introducing GIS mapping of all its critical infrastructure and resources. Extensive resources have been extended towards acquiring GIS software, and machinery and hiring GIS conversant personnel to lead the mapping program. The planning section has already started using GIS to control the sprouting of illegal billboards. GIS is also going to be used to identify issues connected to non-revenue water and other challenges.

In line with the Municipality's desire to automate services, Council is planning to install prepaid meters. The project for pre-paid water meters is yet to commence but it is something that is being seriously considered. Council is currently looking into the feasibility and technical issues involved in undertaking the project. Council is currently engaging sister local authorities who are implementing the pre-paid water project to establish the feasibility concerns and to explore these more closely. Council is planning to launch the project once all issues have been ironed out.

The automation of Council operations will revolutionise the delivery of services and provide convenience to all valued stakeholders. The Municipality will continue to embrace new technologies as it edges towards becoming a vibrant smart city of service excellence in tune with Vision 2030 and the national blueprint NDS1. Council is scheduled to launch the Markets, Debt Collection and E-licence LADS modules within the first quarter of the new year.



Marondera Municipality Library Services

Marondera Municipality's top-tier library services offer spacious libraries with amazing study and reading ambience for your convenience. Avid readers from diverse backgrounds are spoilt for choice from our wide range of information sources and services. Our clientele can reinvigorate their dormant reading culture by having access to exclusive reference services and selective dissemination of information. Our younger clientele can enjoy school visits, edutainment activities and story time.

Become a member of the Dombotombo or the Children's Library today to quench your information and knowledge thirst.

Marondera Municipality library services, the oasis of information and knowledge.

Library Schedule

Dombotombo Library Opening and Closing Hours

Monday to Friday
1000hrs -1700hrs

Children's Library Opening and Closing Hours

Tuesday to Friday
0900hrs -1300hrs 1400hrs -1700hrs

Saturday 0900hrs
Story Time 1000hrs----1030hrs -----1230hrs

Library Fees

½ a year
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\$15 (RTGs Equivalent)
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Council HODs and Section Heads listen attentively to the LADS module presentations



The Head of the LADS delegation, Ms Mawire illustrates a point during her presentation on LADS



Mr Mushangwe takes workshop delegates through the WoGPMS

Council Moves to Curb Illegal Billboards

Council has established new measures to curb the sprouting of illegal billboards around the Municipality. Marondera has been witnessing exponential growth in business activities and this has seen a lot of construction going on in and around the CBD. A lot of businesses have been coming to Marondera in droves and this has led to the growth in business activity.

The rise in business activity has been accompanied by the sprouting of unapproved billboards which is a cause for concern. Council has the sole responsibility and mandate to control and approve the erection of billboard advertisements as spelt out in the Regional Town and Country Planning Act (Section 22, Sub-Section (1) Paragraph (f)).

Billboards are a key source of municipal revenue since approved billboards pay a stipulated monthly fee based on the size and form of the advert. Illegal billboards represent a source of revenue leakage and in some instances, they pose a danger to the motoring public if they are installed in a manner that obstructs the view of drivers, especially at intersections. It is based on these reasons that Council has been clamping down on illegal billboards and following up on defaulting advertisers.

The Acting Town Planner, Mr Svosvai said, 'Our planning section is surveilling our area of jurisdiction to ensure that Council clamps down on any illegal billboards. Council recently recruited GIS specialists to assist with mapping all billboards and other critical infrastructure. This will make the identification of illegal billboards easier.' Mr Svosvai further outlined that prospective advertisers should make direct applications to the Town Planner. Applicants should indicate the dimensions of the proposed billboards and specifications. The planning section then reviews and makes the appropriate decision based on the application.

The application review process involves going to the physical location where the billboard is being proposed to be erected and if the location is deemed to be inappropriate an alternative location may be proposed. After the billboard is approved, it must be inspected by Council prior to being erected in order to check for compliance with the approved specifications. Thereafter, the advertiser is expected to pay a monthly approved fee.

The adoption of GIS and the recruitment of GIS personnel is expected to improve the management of the establishment of billboards within the jurisdiction of Marondera. This will go a long way in bringing about the much-needed sanity in the erection of billboards thereby improving the safety of the motoring public.

Council Beefs -Up its Emergency Response Services

The Municipality of Marondera has taken large-scale measures to enhance its emergency response services through the acquisition of several service equipment. The emergency services department recently received a major boost that will improve its emergency response services significantly via the acquisition of a brand new five thousand litre fire tender that Council acquired through internal means. In addition, Council recently received three fire tenders from His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde. Dr, E.D Mhangagwa courtesy of the Government to Government arrangement between Zimbabwe and Belarus.

Before receiving the Belarus fire tenders, members of the fire brigade technical team went through extensive training in Harare on how to operate the Belarus fire tenders. This training was crucial in ensuring the proper use of the Belarus fire tenders upon arrival and this will go a long way in increasing the longevity of the expensive fire tender equipment. The Belarus fire tenders are a good addition to the Council fire tender fleet which now stands at five. The Belarus fire tenders are being financed via devolution funds. The acquisition of the new fire tenders is part of broader efforts by the Municipality to improve emergency services and public safety.

The acquisition of the new fire tenders follows the acquisition of a brand-new quantum ambulance which Council recently acquired through internal means. Apart from emergency service equipment Council has been acquiring other heavy-duty service equipment such as Tipper trucks, graders, tractors, motorbikes, and the Honey Sucker Truck among other service equipment. Council intends to acquire another ambulance vehicle to improve its ambulance fleet soon.

The addition of more fire tenders has enhanced Council's ability to respond to multiple emergency incidents at the same time. As the provincial capital, the Municipality is now better capacitated to assist other jurisdictions in need of emergency services assistance within the province following the acquisition of the new fire tenders. This has overall improved the safety of residents and all stakeholders within the vicinity of Marondera.

The Municipality of Marondera is looking forward to continuing to add and maintain its emergency response equipment thereby ensuring the advancement of human security within its jurisdiction. Plans are underway to continue acquiring other important service equipment as a means to continuously improve service provision in Marondera.



The new ambulance vehicle



The Belarus Fire Tenders were acquired through the Government to Government agreement and financed by Devolution funds



One of the new internally sourced fire tenders

Council on Roads Rehabilitation Drive

Council's Works Department has embarked on a widespread and extensive road rehabilitation project that will witness most roads getting a facelift to improve the trafficability of roads. The road works will see mostly roads in residential areas, being re-gravelled, drain-lined, surfaced and culverted. The road rehabilitation drive is in line with the Call to Action-No Compromise to Service Delivery made by His Excellency the President, whereupon he is calling on all local authorities to improve service delivery as the nation implements NDS1 on the road to attaining Vision 2030.

Some of the road rehabilitation works are being funded by the Emergency Road Rehabilitation Programme (ERRP) while others are being funded using Council's own internal resources. The Municipality's Acting Director of Works, Engineer Mashonganyika announced that 3.05kms of dusty roads will be surfaced with tar under the ERRP. The roads to be worked on include Rukodzi Street in Dombotombo, Manyame Street in Cherutombo, Dimba Avenue in Rujeko, Rusununguko Street in Nyameni, Field Way in Winston Park, Mwendamberi Way in Cherutombo, Ruzawi West roads in Ruzawi and Shepparton roads in Shepparton. In addition, some roads namely Second Street and Pine Street in the Central Business District (CBD) have already undergone some culverting to improve drainage, especially during the rainy season.

In a notice recently issued by Council, the Works Department announced that the road rehabilitation works are expected to be concluded before the end of the first quarter of the year. Given the nature of road construction and rehabilitation works Council urges the commuting public to comply with the road works instructions pertaining to each specific road to ensure the smooth flow of road rehabilitation operations during construction. During the scheduled road works, Council will issue public notices on the planned road rehabilitation works to make members of the public aware of the planned road works and also improve the security of road users while construction is underway. Roads to be rehabilitated under the ERRP facility will be financed to the tune of \$1.27 billion. In addition to the ERRP construction works, the Municipality will work on a road stretch of 1km in Ruzawi West and a road stretch of 4.8km in Shepparton using Council's internal funds. A total of US\$1.5 million of Council's own internal resources will be directed towards financing the Ruzawi West and Shepparton road works.

Council is on a drive to refurbish roads within its jurisdiction to improve the trafficability of roads, improve road drainage and limit the risk of accidents owing to poor roads. Hence Council, under its Department of Works services regularly undertakes routine maintenance such as drain opening, culvert clearance, verge clearing and lining of drains in hotspot areas. These routine operations will ensure that Marondera's drainage infrastructure can cope with the onset and duration of the rainy season. The focus on rehabilitating the Municipality's roads is in sync with Council's vision of becoming a vibrant smart city of service excellence which also aligns with the NDS1 blueprint.



Council employees prepare a Ruzawi West Road for tarring



Council construction workers laying drains in Cherutombo residential area



Dimba road resurfacing in Rujeko suburb



Re-tarring of a road section along second street



Part of the tarring process of the Ruzawi West suburb

New Council Budget Gets Thumbs Up from Stakeholders

The Municipality of Marondera recently submitted its proposed budget to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works for approval. Council is proposing to increase the 2024 rates tariffs by ten per cent. The budget is a product of an extensive consultative process which took over three weeks to be conducted with Council taking the initiative to go out into the communities to consult residents and other stakeholders.

The budget consultation process began in earnest when Council initially began by rolling out the 2023 budget performance review engagement meetings. Stakeholders such as the Business Community, Residents' Associations, Special interest groups like Vendors, People Living with Disabilities, residents and ratepayers were briefed on the various milestones which were achieved during the 2023 budget year. Some of the notable achievements which were achieved during the course of the 2023 budget include the rehabilitation of the 523 000 litres of elevated water modular tanks at the Braithewaitte pump station. Council rehabilitated the Longlands water treatment plant rapid sand filters and this has improved water quality. Council managed to acquire six, three thousand litre tractor-drawn mobile bowsers thereby scaling up its capacity to respond to hotspots during periods of intermittent water supply.

Council managed to drill thirty boreholes to mitigate water access within the twelve municipal wards. A 100kva transformer was installed at the Nyambuya dam to beef up raw water abstraction. A new vertical turbine pump was installed at the Rufaro dam thereby improving the reliability of the raw water supply thereby reducing downtime. Council designated land for the establishment of Cherutombo 2 Primary School. Additional land has been availed for several housing projects such as the Chitepo Extension Housing Project, the Ruzawi West Housing Project and the Lower Paradise Housing Project. During the same budget year, Council managed to maintain roads and acquire operating equipment such as dozers, tippers, tractors, and a fire tender among other equipment.

During the budget performance meeting engagements, stakeholders also got informed of the challenges confronting Council and one such challenge which was expressed to stakeholders was the failure to honour Council bills by some stakeholders resulting in less than 40% of stakeholders being up to date in terms of settling their bills. Stakeholders managed to provide Council with priority areas that they wanted to be addressed in the 2024 budget.

Council managed to cost per ward and per sector the development needs of stakeholders and it is these needs which formed the basis of the 2024 budget. Following the costing of the development needs, Council conducted a second round of stakeholder engagement meetings to solicit the input of stakeholders regarding the proposed hike in rates by ten per cent. The adjustment in rates was unanimously agreed upon by all stakeholders since it was based on the cost build-up needed to meet the development needs of all stakeholders.

The Town Clerk, Mr Nyamuzihwa commented that the Council's desire to meet the development demands of residents and stakeholders for services such as water and sanitation, sewer and roads, which need to be financed and the prevailing economic imperatives were the major reasons for the proposed hike in rates. Residents will be affected by the rates adjustment differently depending on their area of residence. High-density residents will pay an additional \$1.28, medium-density residents will pay an extra \$2.25 and low-density residents will pay an additional \$3.96 per month. Council budget now awaits ministerial approval.



Council engaging members of the business community



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa addressing residents at Chitepo Primary School during the 2024 budget consultation meetings



The Chairperson for Finance and General Purposes Committee, Cllr C. Mazambani addressing residents at the Tsimba Shopping Centre during the 2024 budget consultation meeting



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**His Worship the Mayor, Councillors, the Town Clerk,
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Stakeholders a Safe Festive Season.**

Stay Safe - Don't Overspeed-Don't Drink and Drive.



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Council Hosts the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund Initiative

The Municipality of Marondera officially launched the 2023 Christmas Cheer Fund Fundraising campaign by hosting a Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund launch at Council Main Offices recently. The launch was coordinated by the Mayor's office and the cheer fund committee.

The Christmas Cheer Fund launch was attended by His Worship the Mayor Cllr A. Nyakarombo, Councillors, the DDC, Mr. Masawi, the Town Clerk, Mr. R.D Nyamuzihwa, Council management and staff. The launch was an open invitation affair as all community members were encouraged to attend and make donations and pledges to the needy in the community. Also in attendance were senior provincial heads of government departments, residents and other stakeholder representatives.

The Cheer Fund launch was kickstarted by opening remarks made by the Town Clerk, Mr Nyamuzihwa who started the proceedings by welcoming all guests and thanking them for availing their time after normal working hours for a noble cause of raising funds for the indigent within the Marondera community. The Town Clerk's address was shortly followed by the Mayor's address. In his official speech, the Mayor said,

“Our benefactors will be drawn from all those present here and beyond. We are looking forward to gathering donations namely from the Business Community, Political parties, Residents' Associations, NGOs, Artists, Government Agencies and individual residents of Marondera. We are open to receiving donations in cash and in-kind in order to bring some relief and cheer into the lives of the indigent and less privileged among us. Council and its stakeholders have remembered the needy who live within our communities. Giving and sharing is part of Marondera's community values and ubuntu philosophy and I urge all of us to keep on giving to the needy within our communities regularly.”

The Mayor went on further to pay tribute to benefactors who have been contributing generously to the Cheer Fund over the years, namely the Municipality of Marondera, Surrey Abattoirs, OK Supermarket, ZRP Mash East, Nyaradzo Funeral Services, Peterhouse Group of Schools, Malwatte Restaurant, Wise Owl Group of Schools, Edgars Stores, Edurate and N Richards

This year's Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund's main fundraising event was a dinner dance that was hosted at the Malwatte Motel on Friday, 17 December 2023. Delegates who graced the event were drawn from the private and public sectors. The dinner dance was a brainchild of the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund Committee which was made up of a mosaic of members from the various sectors of the Marondera community.



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His Worship the Mayor, Councillors, the Town Clerk, Management and Staff of the Municipality of Marondera would like to wish valued Residents and Stakeholders a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Leading up to the dinner dance the Cheer Fund Committee sold tables to the corporate world and other stakeholders as part of the Christmas Cheer Fund fundraising efforts. During the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund dinner, delegates in attendance made pledges in cash and kind. On the day, over two thousand United States Dollars was raised towards the underprivileged. The Cheer Fund Committee targeted to raise twenty thousand USD towards the noble cause and the total amount to be raised via pledges and other non-monetary donations is projected to meet the total value target.

The fundraising dinner was attended by several dignitaries including the District Development Coordinator, Mr Masawi, The member of Parliament for Marondera Central, Honourable, C. Matewu and Alderman, Ralph Chimanikire who was the guest of honour. Several corporate entities were also in attendance, namely Nyaradzo Group, AFC Bank, Messenger of Court, Primus, G. Brands, Mega Market, Masowe Investments, Sanopat Stationery, Toserudo, Unimax Hardware, Kudenga Driving School, Kunaka Driving School, Shelton Books, Kazmat Investments, Surrey Group, Malwatte Motel, Dr Martin, Musimbe and Partners and Macheke Lodges.

The local group Pengaudzoke serenaded the crowd with their popular hit songs which proved popular with the delegates as they danced and grooved to the familiar sungura beat. The musical entertainment concluded the event which was characterised by fine dining and networking for a worthy cause.



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa giving his opening remarks during the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund Launch at the Council Civic Centre



Fahim Somanje and his Pengaudzoke band serenade delegates at the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund Dinner Dance



Delegates at the Mayor's Cheer Fund Dinner take to the floor

The Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund hands over donations to the less privileged

His Worship the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova and the Cheer Fund Committee hosted the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund donations handover ceremony at the Council's main offices. The ceremony was held to hand over goods and foodstuffs to various charity organisations and indigent individuals within Marondera. Several beneficiaries were present during the donation's handover ceremony namely Musha Wevana Children's Home, selected individuals living with disabilities, Idawekwako Old People's Home and selected less privileged individuals from various wards.

Members of the Christmas Cheer Fund Committee, Council Staff members and community members witnessed the handover ceremony. Several corporate entities donated towards the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund, namely Nyaradzo Group, Proton Bakers, AFC Bank, Messenger of Court, Primus, G. Brands, Mega Market, Masowe Investments, Sanopat Stationery, Toserudo, Unimax Hardware, Kudenga Driving School, Kunaka Driving School, Shelton Books, Kazmat Investments, Surrey Group, Malwatte Motel, Dr Martin, Musimbe and Partners and Macheke Lodges.

The donations handover ceremony was made possible by a fundraising dinner hosted by Council in collaboration with the Christmas Cheer Fund Committee held on 15 December 2023. The fundraising dinner was preceded by a fundraising launch a couple of weeks earlier at Council's main offices. Council and the Christmas Cheer Fund Committee used proceeds from the event to procure groceries and distributed donated clothing and other materials which were handed over to over a hundred and twenty identified beneficiaries.

Speaking during the donation's handover ceremony, the Mayor, Cllr Murova said that Council and the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund Committee were grateful to their benefactors. He further, urged all stakeholders to come up with a framework that will see year-long support being rendered to charity organisations and the less privileged to ensure that their basic needs are always catered for.

The Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund is an annual fundraising event which Council coordinates. The Mayor's Cheer Fund gathers resources intended to benefit the less privileged in the community during the festive season. Over three thousand dollars was raised during fundraising events and other non-monetary resources were gathered such as clothing and pledges towards school fees assistance.



His Worship the Mayor, Cllr Murova hands over donations to Idawekwako Old People's Home representatives



The Junior Mayor, Munotidaishe Chivese (third from left) hands over donations to one of the 'Cake Me Too' beneficiaries with the Mayor, Cllr Murova in attendance



Some of the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund beneficiaries who came to collect their goods at the Council Civic Centre



Senior Councillors, Junior Councillors, members of the Mayor's Cheer Fund Committee, community members and Council staff look on while the Mayor hands over some of the donations

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Project Name	Description	Location and Land Aspects
WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION	PPPs/Joint Ventures/BOT model (current capacity 13.5ML to more than double)	Longlands water works
SOLID WASTE and WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT	Private/PPPs/Joint Ventures/BOT (recycling and disposal)	AS PER REQUIREMENTS
HOTEL AND CONFERENCES FACILITIES	Building the facilities. Untapped business opportunity	8 hectares. Strategically located
HOUSING/HIGH-RISE FLATS	Private/PPPs/BOT HOUSING DELIVERY focusing on high-rise buildings.	Suburban
MEAT, JAM AND FOOD PROCESSING AND CANNING	Building such facilities and plant	As per requirements
TIMBER PROCESSING AND FURNITURE MANUFACTURING	Building such facilities and plant	Industrial area
TOBACCO AUCTIONING AND PROCESSING	Building such a plant	Industrial area
TEXTILE, CLOTHING, LEATHER AND FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES	Building facilities and plant	Industrial area
RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS	Building or utilising existing infrastructure	As per requirements

CURRENT MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN MARONDERA

Name of Investor	Local or International	Area of Investment
Transerv		Hardware
OK Zimbabwe (Pvt) Ltd	Local	Retail
Voedsel Tobacco	Local	Industrial (Tobacco Auction Centre)
Delta Beverages	Local	Industrial (Brewery Plant)
DA Motors	Local	Energy
Puma Energy	Local	Energy
Bhola Hardware	Local	Hardware
Halsteads	Local	Hardware
Pick n Pay	Local	Retail
Proton Bakers	Local	Bakery
N Richards	Local	Wholesale, Retail & Hardware
Mike Harris	Local	Industrial (Car dealer, maintenance & spares)
Innscor	Local	Retail (Fast Food)
Nyaradzo Group	Local	Funeral Insurance
Surrey Group	Local	Retail and Butchery
Bon Marche	Local	Retail
Econet Wireless	Local	Telecommunications
T.V Sales & Home	Local	Retail (Furniture)
CBZ	Local	Banking
First Capital Bank	International	Banking

Why Invest in Marondera?

- Marondera is the provincial capital for Mashonaland East and an important regional service centre for substantial parts of Mashonaland East and Manicaland provinces.
- Marondera capitalises on the decentralisation of industry from Harare to accommodate a wide range of industries including high technology.
- For the investor, Marondera boasts of abundant water supply from large dams.
- Competitively priced industrial, commercial and residential land (readily available).
- Tarred roads, trafficable roads and recently re-surfaced, in all industrial, commercial and low-density residential areas.
- Skilled and semi-skilled dedicated labour force.
- Electricity supply is sufficient to meet every potential investor's needs. There are prospects to invest in solar energy as Marondera receives a lot of sun.
- A reliable telecommunications network is available through public and private players in the sector, enhancing the ease of doing business.
- Modern waste management techniques are utilised for a cleaner Marondera offering opportunities for investors who want to invest in waste management.
- Up-to-date audited financial statements (Clean audit report).
- Unlimited potential for urban expansion.
- Affordable and investor-friendly rates.
- An impeccable track record in good corporate governance

THE INVESTOR'S COMPASS: WHAT TO DO IF YOU WANT TO INVEST IN MARONDERA

SUBMIT AN INVESTMENT PROPOSAL COVERING THE FOLLOWING:

- CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
- TRACEABLE REFERENCES
- TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE
- AVAILABILITY OF EXPERTISE
- PROOF OF FINANCIAL CAPACITY
- PROJECT CONCEPT PAPER

INVESTMENT APPLICATIONS AND ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

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