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A Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence



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Editorial


Dear Esteemed Stakeholders,

We are delighted to present to you issue four of the Municipality of Marondera's municipal journal. Our flagship publication serves a vital purpose: to keep you, our valued stakeholders, fully informed about the ongoing developments within our municipality. Our aim is to ensure that you remain closely connected to the progressive changes as we journey together toward a brighter future. The support we receive from you is invaluable; it empowers us to succeed in the various initiatives that benefit our community.

Throughout the year, we have achieved several significant milestones that exemplify our commitment to development. Among these accomplishments is the commencement of the construction of our very first street market, which will provide a dedicated space for local vendors and enhance our municipality's economic activity. Additionally, we successfully commissioned the installation of a 550kva backup generator at the water treatment plant to enhance our utility resilience, upgraded the LT quarry line, and secured new equipment to boost our operational efficiency.

Another noteworthy highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUASt). This collaboration is poised to usher in innovative service delivery solutions that will benefit all community stakeholders. Furthermore, we undertook extensive road rehabilitation projects aimed at improving the trafficability of our roads, ensuring safer and more efficient transportation for all residents.

Our Council proudly participated in the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) for the second consecutive year, showcasing the diverse offerings of our municipality. This collective exhibition at the 2025 ZITF, alongside participation in the Sanganai/Hlanganani Tourism Expo and the Mashonaland East Agricultural Show, allowed us to highlight the unique assets and opportunities Marondera has to offer. In addition, our Council teams had an outstanding showing at the 2025 intermunicipal sports festival, where we earned several accolades, reinforcing our commitment to community engagement through sports.



We are thrilled to announce the arrival of another prominent corporate entity in Marondera: Twine and Cordage officially opened a new branch in our municipality. This development underscores the robust growth trajectory of Marondera, as we witness a surge of construction activity. We anticipate that many more companies will establish a presence here, which will significantly boost both local industry and commerce. These advancements align seamlessly with our vision of transforming Marondera into a dynamic smart city characterized by service excellence by the year 2030, in accordance with the ambitious targets outlined in Vision 2030.

In our relentless pursuit of exceptional service delivery, we are resolute in adhering to the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery, inclusive of the Minimum Service Delivery Standards. To achieve our service delivery goals, we strongly urge all stakeholders to fulfil their financial obligations by paying their bills promptly. This is crucial to ensuring adequate funding for effective service provision. It is essential to understand that our Council operates on a cost-recovery basis, prioritizing the delivery of socio-economic services over profit generation. Any outstanding arrears adversely affect our ability to serve our community, as seventy percent of our revenue is allocated directly to service delivery. Therefore, we implore stakeholders who are in arrears to reach out to our dedicated Debt Collection Officer, Mr. Chijaka, at +263 774 821 875, or contact our overdue office at +263 65 2321976 for assistance on how to enter into flexible payment plan arrangements.

We also emphasize the importance of protecting both Council and public property. We call on all stakeholders to report any instances of vandalism to either the Council or the relevant law enforcement agencies. A clean and healthy environment is a shared responsibility; we ask everyone to avoid illegal waste dumping and to actively participate in clean-up campaigns. Maintaining a clean environment should be our collective goal at all times. As residents, ratepayers, and stakeholders, it is essential that we all take ownership of Marondera's development. The slogan "Marondera inovakwa nevene vayo" highlights that the growth of Marondera is in the hands of its own residents and stakeholders.

We invite you to delve deeper into this edition of the journal to familiarize yourself with the myriad development milestones achieved by your Council. Together, let's continue to pave the transformative path toward the Marondera we envision for the benefit of all!

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.



Ms Antonia Zvoutete is the Chamber Secretary for the Municipality of Marondera. She has a strong legal and management background, having served as a Senior Legal Officer in the Zimbabwe National Army from 2005 to 2008 and then in various roles at the City of Harare, including Senior Legal Officer, Principal Legal Officer, Chief Legal Officer and among others. Most recently, she was a Senior Associate at T. Pfigu Attorneys. Ms. Zvoutete holds a Bachelor of Laws Honours from the University of Zimbabwe, a postgraduate diploma in Peace and Governance from Africa University, and a Bachelor of Arts Special Honours in Theology from the Zimbabwe Open University.



Mr Thomas Ngoro is the Director Housing, Health and Community Services for the Municipality of Marondera. 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 Ngoro 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 the Director of Works, 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 an Msc in Construction Project Management (NUST), a B-tech (Hons) Degree in Water Engineering (NUST), a Higher National Diploma in Civil Engineering and a Diploma in Structural Engineering. 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 Harry Jairos 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, Master of Science Degree in Strategic Management, 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. Tinashe joined Council in February 2007. Tinashe holds several qualifications namely a Masters degree in Business Administration (MSU), 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.



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 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).



Mr Elias Zvitiki joined the Municipality of Marondera in June 2023 as a Procurement Officer and is currently the Acting Procurement Manager. Elias Zvitiki has 15 years of experience in Public Procurement and holds several qualifications in the commercial field, namely a Masters degree in Supply Chain Management (Chinhoyi University of Technology), a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Supply Chain Management (CUT), a Higher National Diploma in Purchasing and Supply Management (Harare Polytechnic) and various certificates in Supply Chain Management. Elias is a registered member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS).



Mr. Farai Makorokoto joined the Municipality of Marondera in January 2017 as an Assistant Accountant. He was subsequently promoted to the position of Acting Accountant for Audits, Reporting, and Valuation. Farai holds several qualifications in the commercial and accounting fields, including a Master's in Business Administration (Strategic Leadership) from the University of Zimbabwe (UZ) and a Bachelor's in Business Honours in Finance from UZ. He also possesses various certificates in accounting and finance. Additionally, Farai is a certified accounting professional and is currently pursuing a qualification as a Public Sector Professional Accountant (PSPA), which is registered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Zimbabwe.

MEET OUR COUNCILLORS



His Worship the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova, Ward 1



Deputy Mayor
Cllr J Mujaranji, Ward 12



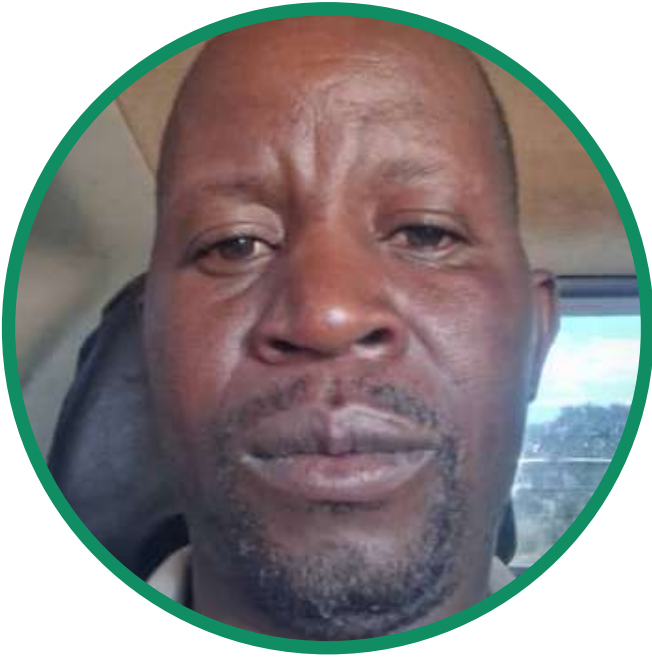
Cllr C Mazambani, Ward 6



Cllr C Hove, PR



Cllr C Nyamundanda, Ward 9



Cllr M Maradza, Ward 2



Cllr M Marozva, Ward 10



Cllr M. C Mujaranji, Ward 3



Cllr M Muhamadi, PR



Cllr C Ngwena, Ward 4



Cllr S Vilela, Ward 11



Cllr M Ndoro, Ward 5



Cllr B Mujuru, Ward 8



Cllr L Gwangwara, PR



Cllr B Govere, PR



Cllr H Chipashu, Ward 7

Municipality of Marondera Hosts ICT Training Workshop for Policy Makers

In a significant step towards digital advancement, the Municipality of Marondera recently held an extensive Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training workshop tailored specifically for its policymakers. This initiative is part of a broader strategy aimed at equipping participants with crucial digital skills necessary for modern governance. The workshop encompassed fundamental computer operations, an overview of essential software applications, an introduction to the Enterprise Resource Planning System known as Promun, and vital online safety protocols.

The primary goal of the workshop was to empower policymakers with the IT skills required to carry out their oversight functions more efficiently and effectively. In today's fast-paced digital age, integrating technology into daily governmental operations can greatly enhance service delivery, ensuring that the community's needs are met promptly and effectively. To achieve this, the Municipality enlisted a team of proficient in-house ICT specialists who brought their wealth of knowledge and experience in the council's technological systems to the training. The adept facilitators led interactive and hands-on sessions, enabling participants to engage directly with widely-used software like Microsoft Office Suite and Google Workspace. Furthermore, the training delved into pressing issues of online safety, focusing on recognizing potential cyber threats, safeguarding personal information, and addressing common technical challenges.

This initiative is particularly crucial in response to rising concerns over digital crimes, including identity theft and hacking, which pose serious risks to communities and organizations alike. As the Municipality of Marondera embarks on this transformative journey, ICT stands at the forefront of its modernization efforts. This strategic approach closely aligns with the "Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery" blueprint, emphasizing the need for improved operational efficiency and enhanced public service.

A notable aspect of this transformation is the Municipality's commitment to environmental sustainability. The adoption of digital platforms has significantly decreased reliance on paper documentation, yielding not only considerable cost savings but also a reduced environmental footprint through less paper waste. Vital communications—including meeting notifications, internal memos, and other essential correspondences—are now disseminated electronically, reflecting Council's dedication to tree preservation and supporting a nationwide green agenda as part of its overarching development goals.

The ICT training workshop drew participation from key stakeholders, including the District Development Coordinator (DDC), Mr. Masawi, Council management members, and representatives from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works. The Municipality consistently conducts thorough capacity-building programs, approved by the Ministry, aimed at enriching the knowledge and skills of its employees and policymakers. This ongoing commitment to professional development ensures that policymakers continually enhance their competencies, significantly improving service delivery outcomes.

Additionally, the Municipality of Marondera is dedicated to investing in the continuous growth of its workforce. Recognizing the importance of capacity building to advancing operational efficiency and service quality, the Council's Public Relations section recently organized an internal Communication and Customer Care training workshop. This program targeted employees from various departments who interact with the public and was designed as part of a comprehensive strategy to uplift the overall customer experience. By fostering a unified approach to service excellence across all departments, the Municipality strives to create a responsive and efficient environment for its constituents.



Councillors and Council Management going through the ICT training, which was facilitated by internal ICT personnel.

MINISTER TOURS NEW FLATS

The Honourable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, recently embarked on an insightful tour of the impressive sixty-four multi-storey flats currently under construction by the Ministry of National Housing and Social Amenities. Accompanied by key provincial leaders, the minister assessed the progress of this pivotal project aimed at alleviating the pressing accommodation challenges within Marondera.

These modern flats, situated in the scenic Ruware Park area of Marondera, are in the final stages of construction and are expected to be commissioned soon. They promise to provide a much-needed housing solution, particularly for civil servants and local residents who have faced significant housing shortages. The design promotes vertical development, a strategic approach that aligns with Council's commitment to conserving land space and fostering sustainable infrastructure development.

During the tour, the minister was joined by several prominent stakeholders, including the Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, the Permanent Secretary Cde T. Kutamahufa, and District Development Coordinator Mr. Masawi. The support extended by Council, through the provision of land for these flats, underscores the Council's dedication to ensuring affordable housing for the community, thereby addressing the socio-economic needs of its residents.

In addition to the flats, the Municipality of Marondera is advancing multiple housing projects, including the comprehensive Shepperton Housing Project, which is designed to supply affordable housing units to a greater number of residents. Other noteworthy projects currently underway include the Ruzawi West Housing Project, the Lower Paradise Extension, the Elmswood Housing Project, and the Chitepo Extension Housing Project. Each of these developments aims to significantly enhance access to housing and aligns with the overarching goals of the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), as well as the urgent service delivery objectives defined in the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery blueprint. These measures are steps toward realizing Vision 2030, as articulated by His Excellency, President Cde Dr ED. Mnangagwa.

Furthermore, Council is preparing to unveil a range of mixed-density residential stands, along with commercial and industrial plots in the Hunyani Timberlands area. This pioneering initiative is poised to meet residential needs while simultaneously addressing Marondera's housing waiting list and stimulating commercial and industrial growth within Marondera and the province at large. The Municipality of Marondera remains steadfast in its mission to provide accessible and affordable housing solutions, working diligently toward transforming Marondera into a vibrant Smart City by 2030, in harmony with the Vision 2030 objectives.



The Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, touring the Ministry of National Housing and Social Amenities flats in the presence of the Mayor, Cllr C Murova, the DDC, Mr Masawi and other senior Government officials

COUNCIL CONVENES MULTI-STAKEHOLDER VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP

The Municipality of Marondera convened an extensive multi-stakeholder workshop dedicated to the Voluntary Local Review (VLR) of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This important workshop was graced by the presence of His Worship, the Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, along with other esteemed members, including Councillors and the Town Clerk, Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa. Gathering a tapestry of local stakeholders, the workshop included representatives from the District Development Coordinator's (DDC) Office, various local associations, key figures from the business community, and officials from government agencies, all uniting for a common cause.

The workshop's principal aim was to equip participants with in-depth knowledge about the collaborative process crucial to the VLR. Throughout the day, attendees engaged in dynamic and strategic discussions, exploring innovative methodologies for collecting vital data necessary to construct the comprehensive municipal report pertaining to the VLR. Following intense discussions and collective brainstorming, participants reached a unanimous agreement to prioritize six critical Sustainable Development Goals:

- Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being, ensuring that the community's health needs are met.
- Goal 4: Quality Education, focusing on improving educational access and outcomes for all.
- Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, aiming to enhance water quality and sanitation facilities for residents.
- Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, striving to promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
- Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, with an emphasis on building resilient and inclusive urban spaces.
- Goal 13: Climate Action, addressing climate change challenges through proactive measures.

These selected goals were carefully chosen based on their profound relevance to the local context, addressing pressing needs and aspirations reflective of the Marondera community's unique challenges. This strategic selection marks a pivotal moment in aligning local aspirations with global sustainability efforts.

Council is poised to take the lead in drafting the VLR report, harnessing vital expertise and support from both the DDC's Office and the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works. The collaboration among diverse stakeholders is deemed essential for a thorough and accurate representation of the municipality's advancements and achievements.

Through the discussions, participants highlighted the intrinsic connections between the realization of the SDGs and the effective execution of national developmental frameworks, including the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery, the Minimum Service Delivery Standards, and the comprehensive Vision 2030 initiative. This alignment underscores the workshop's critical role in ensuring that local endeavours resonate with national priorities.

The VLR process is a crucial instrument within the broader framework for SDG implementation, offering local governments an avenue to transparently report their progress toward these ambitious goals. By taking a proactive stance in the VLR process, the Municipality of Marondera not only reinforces the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability but also affirms its dedication to cultivating sustainable development practices that benefit the community at large.

As the global community approaches the 2030 deadline for the attainment of the SDGs, local governments are increasingly recognized as vital drivers of progress in achieving development targets. By prioritizing these essential SDGs and engaging a wide range of stakeholders in the VLR process, the Municipality of Marondera is establishing an innovative and forward-thinking approach that aligns with national targets and embodies the vision articulated by His Excellency, Cde. Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

COUNCIL'S CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS MARK A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

Recently, the Council proudly hosted a series of impactful capacity-building workshops that signify a crucial step forward in enhancing the skills and competencies of both its staff members and Councillors. The workshops attracted prominent figures, including His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. C. Murova, and representatives from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, demonstrating the high level of commitment to improving local governance.

One of the primary themes of the workshops centered around effective conflict management. Participants engaged in an extensive training program designed to furnish them with essential techniques for resolving disputes within the workplace effectively. Attendees learned the critical importance of clear and transparent communication, active listening, and problem-solving strategies. These skills are vital in cultivating a harmonious workplace atmosphere. To reinforce these concepts, the agenda also incorporated interactive team-building exercises. These activities were crafted to foster collaboration and strengthen relationships among colleagues, aimed at minimizing workplace conflicts, enhancing communication pathways, and ultimately elevating productivity across the Council.

In addition to conflict management, corporate governance was another key focus area of the workshops. Delegates participated in thorough discussions that delved into crucial components such as stakeholder engagement, innovative revenue collection strategies, and the establishment of minimum service delivery standards. Facilitators emphasized the essential role that the Central Government plays in supervising the operations of local authorities, underlining that sound governance serves as the foundation for delivering high-quality services to residents and other stakeholders.

The capacity-building programs were meticulously structured to reinforce the Council's corporate governance framework, thereby facilitating more streamlined and effective operations. The presence of distinguished dignitaries emphasized the Council's steadfast dedication to promoting effective governance and its commitment to offering exemplary services to its loyal stakeholders. As the Council relentlessly pursues excellence in its operations, it is clear that capacity-building workshops represent a significant investment in the future success and sustainability of the organizational team. Such initiatives not only empower individuals but also contribute to the overall resilience and efficacy of the Council as a governing body.



The Chief Director Local Authorities and Inspectorate, Ms Ncube, delivers some remarks during a capacity building training workshop



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa, facilitates a training session during the capacity building training workshop

COUNCIL HOSTS SUCCESSFUL INTERFACE MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTER

The Municipality of Marondera proudly welcomed the Honourable Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, the newly appointed Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, in a significant interface meeting aimed at providing the Minister with a comprehensive overview of the Municipality's current landscape. This gathering focused on engaging in detailed discussions regarding the strategic development initiatives that the Council has implemented to enhance service delivery for the community.

The meeting showcased the essence of local governance and attracted a wide-ranging assembly of distinguished guests, including high-ranking officials from various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) operational within the province. Present was a notable roster of attendees, including members of parliament, the Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, the Permanent Secretary, Cde T. Kutamahufa, District Development Coordinator Mr. Masawi, and Town Clerk Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa, alongside an array of Councillors and members from the Council Management team. Organized at the Honourable Minister's request as part of his comprehensive familiarization tour of the district and province, the meeting was an invaluable opportunity for stakeholders to engage and collaborate.

During the meeting, Town Clerk Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa delivered an insightful and detailed presentation, highlighting the Municipality's most notable achievements and significant progress. He emphasized the strategic recapitalization of plant and equipment, which involved an impressive investment totalling 2.9 million USD. This substantial financial boost has been instrumental in enhancing the Municipality's operational effectiveness and efficiency. Furthermore, Mr. Nyamuzihwa elaborated on the successful implementation of the Elmswood Housing Project—a critical initiative aimed at addressing the pressing housing shortages faced by the community. In addition, he outlined the ongoing phased rehabilitation of roads, as well as improvements to water and sanitation infrastructure, underscoring Council's vital role in promoting community health and accessibility.

In his presentation, the Town Clerk also candidly addressed the numerous challenges that the Council faces, including funding constraints and infrastructural deficits. He detailed the proactive measures that Council is adopting to overcome these hurdles, promoting an atmosphere of transparency and engagement that resonated well with the attendees. This commitment to accountability and good governance garnered praise and served to highlight Council's unwavering dedication to serving its community effectively.

As the meeting progressed towards its conclusion, the Honourable Minister took part in a guided tour of the ongoing flats project managed by the Ministry of National Housing and Social Amenities. This was followed by a hands-on inspection of the state-of-the-art plant and equipment housed in the Council workshop, all procured as part of the sustained recapitalization efforts aimed at elevating service delivery standards.

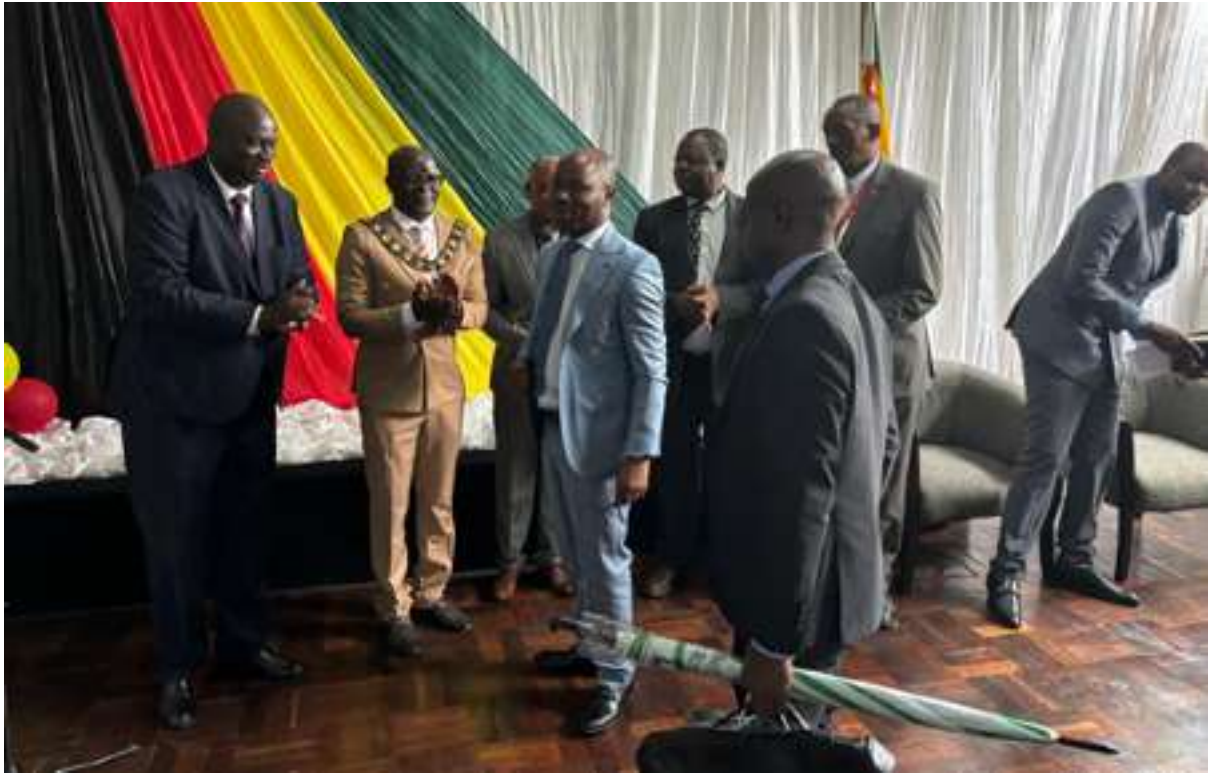
The interface meeting marked a pivotal moment in the Council's efforts to forge stronger relationships with key stakeholders, while simultaneously nurturing a culture of transparency and accountability. As Council diligently pursues its strategic objectives, it is evident that such collaborative initiatives will be vital in propelling progress and realizing the vision of transforming Marondera into a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence by the year 2030.

This ambition is aligned with the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), emphasizing the importance of unwavering commitment to Service Delivery and adherence to Minimum Service Delivery Standards. Council remains steadfast in its mission to deliver exemplary services to the community, a dedication that resonates with the broader objectives articulated by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa. The collective effort towards achieving Vision 2030 is viewed as an essential priority, positioning the Council as ready and eager to contribute to the realization of this ambitious national vision.

The interface meeting ultimately proved to be a resounding success, and the Council anticipates building on the momentum generated by this event, looking forward to fostering continued dialogue and future engagements with the Honourable Minister.



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa makes a presentation to the Honourable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa (extreme left), His Worship the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova (second from the left) and Deputy Mayor, Cllr J. Mujaranji (fourth from the right), greet the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo upon his arrival for the interface meeting.



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa taking the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, through some of the equipment acquired courtesy of the recapitalisation project, while the Mayor, His Worship Cllr C. Murova and the Acting Director of Local Government Services, Mr Mabhuro and other attendees look on



The Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, addressing attendees during the interface meeting

COUNCIL HOSTS THE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN WORKSHOP

The Municipality of Marondera has embarked on a transformative journey towards a thriving economic future by hosting two influential multi-stakeholder workshops centred on Local Economic Development (LED). These significant workshops served as a vital platform where prominent community figures gathered to engage in strategic economic planning. Esteemed participants included His Worship, Mayor Councillor Murova, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, various members of the Council Management, Councillors, influential representatives from a variety of associations, visionary local business leaders, and officials from essential government agencies. The diverse representation at these workshops clearly demonstrates the Council's unwavering commitment to fostering participatory governance and collaborative decision-making processes.

The primary aim of these workshops was to actively involve stakeholders in articulating the Council's vision for the creation of a cohesive and forward-thinking LED plan, which is expected to be pivotal in steering Marondera's economic direction. Attendees were immersed in the core principles of LED, allowing them to explore a variety of methodologies and frameworks that could effectively inform the development of the comprehensive LED plan. Additionally, the workshops provided insights into the substantial opportunities for economic transformation within the municipality, sparking discussions about a potential framework for productive partnerships in LED. Participants were also given the opportunity to review and provide feedback on a draft action plan for LED, meticulously crafted during the course of the workshops.

A particularly engaging highlight of the discussions focused on strategies to enhance and formalize the informal sector, delving into innovative initiatives that could significantly amplify its contributions to Marondera's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

To galvanize efforts in driving the development of the LED plan, attendees established five specialized steering committees, each designed to concentrate on critical thematic areas that are vital for the municipality's growth. These committees focus on Agro-processing and Value Chains, Environment and Tourism, Social Services, Transport and Communication, and Business and Real Estate.

The Agro-processing and Value Chains committee is dedicated to invigorating the region's agricultural sector through innovative practices in agro-processing and by adding value to local agricultural produce. This initiative is especially pertinent given Marondera's classification within region two, where agriculture serves as a cornerstone of the economy, contributing significantly to employment and livelihoods.

Meanwhile, the Environment and Tourism committee advocates for sustainable tourism practices that also emphasize the conservation of Marondera's precious natural resources, ensuring that the stunning landscapes and ecological diversity of the area remain intact for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

The Social Services committee is committed to improving access to crucial services, including comprehensive healthcare, educational opportunities, and social welfare programs, all of which are essential for fostering community well-being and bolstering overall quality of life.

On the infrastructure front, the Transport and Communication committee aims to overhaul and enhance the municipality's transport networks and communication systems, thereby establishing a robust foundation for economic development, improved access, and enhanced connectivity among residents and businesses.

Lastly, the Business and Real Estate committee focuses on cultivating an attractive business ecosystem that encourages investment and supports real estate development initiatives. This endeavour is vital for stimulating job creation and propelling economic vitality throughout Marondera.

Each of these specialised committees is poised to make substantial contributions to the LED plan, ensuring their objectives align with national strategies aimed at promoting holistic economic advancement. The successful execution of these workshops not only underscores the Council's dedication to unlocking economic opportunities but also exemplifies a sincere effort to uplift the quality of life for all residents and stakeholders in Marondera. The collaborative spirit displayed at the workshops marks a significant milestone in the municipality's pursuit of sustainable economic growth and comprehensive community development.

MUNICIPALITY OF MARONDERA TAKES A STAND AGAINST MENSTRUAL POVERTY

The Municipality of Marondera has made commendable strides in addressing the critical issue of menstrual poverty through the introduction of a new, community-focused fundraising initiative aimed at providing essential sanitary pads to underprivileged girls. This significant initiative was officially launched during a lively and colourful event that brought together a broad spectrum of attendees, including the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J. Mujaranji, Councillors, various key stakeholders, and community members—all unified in their commitment to eradicate menstrual poverty.

The launch ceremony was marked by a powerful keynote address from the distinguished guest of honour, Ms. A. Zvoutete, the Council's Chamber Secretary. She fervently highlighted the urgent challenges posed by menstrual poverty, drawing attention to its far-reaching implications on the education, economic empowerment, and overall health of young girls. Her impassioned speech illuminated the often-neglected hardships faced by young females who lack access to vital hygiene products during their menstrual cycles, emphasizing the systemic barriers that perpetuate this cycle of disadvantage.

In his opening remarks, Councillor Mujaranji expressed heartfelt gratitude to all individuals and organizations that played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful launch of the initiative. "We are indeed privileged to have had Cllr Govere with her dedicated organizing team, whose relentless efforts brought this crucial event to fruition and spotlighted a matter that often falls under the radar," noted the Deputy Mayor, reflecting on the importance of community engagement in overcoming this challenge.

Taking the reins on the 'donate a pad' initiative, Cllr Govere illustrated a strategic plan designed to directly address the unique adversities faced by young girls and women in resource-constrained environments. This initiative is set to make a profound difference by guaranteeing that sanitary products are readily available to those who require them the most, thereby preserving their health and dignity during the natural biological process.

The Deputy Mayor also took the opportunity to extend sincere appreciation to the Council secretariat for their indispensable administrative support. He recognized the valuable contributions of invited guests, benefactors, and stakeholders, thanking them for their generous participation. He emphasized that menstrual poverty is often a taboo topic, cloaked in cultural norms that discourage open discussion. Consequently, initiatives like these are essential in fostering awareness and driving meaningful change within the community.

The overarching goal of the fundraising endeavour was to supply free sanitary pads to girls in need within Marondera, thus empowering them to lead healthier, more dignified lives during menstruation. The Municipality's steadfast commitment to this cause reflects the Council's wider dedication to enhancing the well-being of every member of the community, particularly those who are the most vulnerable.

In addition to the donate a pad fundraising initiative, Council is actively participating in various charity and social responsibility programs, such as the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund and donations to charitable organisations, including the Nyangombe orphanage, which is operated under the guidance of the First Lady, Her Excellency Dr Auxillia Mnangagwa. These programs highlight the Council's unwavering commitment to its social responsibilities, all aimed at achieving the ambitious targets set forth in the national Vision 2030.

Council remains resolute in its mission to realize the President's vision of inclusive development, ensuring that no individual or community is left behind in the pursuit of progress. Through the provision of social safety nets and generous donations, the Municipality of Marondera is dedicated to safeguarding its indigent and vulnerable populations, underscoring the significance of Council's charitable programs in nurturing community growth and resilience.



Cllr Govere addressing delegates during the 'donate a pad' initiative



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COUNCIL SWEARS IN NEW COUNCILLOR AND NEW JUNIOR COUNCIL INTO OFFICE

In a significant ceremony, the Municipality of Marondera officially welcomed Councillor Charles Nyamundanda as the newly elected representative for Ward Nine, a position left vacant by the untimely passing of Councillor Gesham Mponda. The swearing-in ceremony was graced by His Worship, the Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, alongside esteemed dignitaries, including District Development Coordinator Mr. Masawi, Town Clerk, Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa, and Deputy Mayor Councillor J. Mujaranji. The occasion brought together fellow councillors, council management, and staff, all witnessing the transition of leadership.

During oath-taking, Councillor Nyamundanda reaffirmed his commitment to diligently serving the community and assured attendees of his intent to significantly contribute to Marondera's transformation into a Vibrant, Smart City marked by Service Excellence—an objective aligned with the ambitious national agenda, Vision 2030.

In an exciting addition, the Municipality also celebrated the inauguration of the 2025 Junior Council during the ceremony. This noteworthy event featured Mr. Masawi as the distinguished guest of honour, with notable attendees including Mayor Councillor C. Murova, Town Clerk Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa, other councillors, council staff, management, as well as school junior council coordinators, parents, and guardians of the newly elected Junior Councillors.

In his compelling keynote address, Mr. Masawi underscored the vital responsibility that lies with the Junior Councillors, urging them to take their oaths with utmost seriousness. He highlighted the need for them to develop and execute dynamic programs aimed at combating pressing issues that grip the youth, such as drug and substance abuse. Mr Masawi challenged the Junior Councillors to approach their new roles with innovativeness and proactivity, stressing the importance of collaboration with their senior counterparts, council management, and other key stakeholders to effect meaningful change within their community.

The enthusiasm of the new Junior Councillors was palpable as they expressed their dedication to making a significant impact in their communities. They pledged to put forth concerted efforts toward the shared goal of transforming Marondera into a modern, vibrant, smart city. Furthermore, they committed to working in close partnership with the Senior Council, council staff, and various stakeholders to identify and tackle key challenges facing local youths and the broader community.

The Junior Council, recognized as a government-endorsed flagship program for youth development, plays a crucial role in fostering young people's active participation in local governance. It serves as a vital mechanism for youth empowerment, nurturing leadership skills, and cultivating the next generation of leaders. The initiative also provides a platform for young individuals to engage actively in leadership roles and decision-making processes, thus contributing to the community's growth and development. With the new Junior Council's momentum, there lies great anticipation for innovative programs and positive changes they will spearhead in the future, ultimately enhancing the lives of the youth in Marondera.



Cllr Nyamundanda taking his oath of office



Cllr Nyamundanda signing pledge documents shortly after taking his oath of office



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa with the Junior Mayor



Councillors, Council Management and Junior Councillors pose for a group photo.

COUNCIL ENGAGES TENANTS OF THE MBIZI HWATA FLATS

The Municipality of Marondera recently hosted an important stakeholder consultation meeting aimed at fostering a direct dialogue with tenants residing in the Mbizi Hwata Flats, strategically located in the bustling Dombotombo area. This gathering sought not only to address the pressing issue of escalating rental arrears but also to clarify the responsibilities and expectations of tenants living within the complex.

The gathering was attended by the Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, alongside Deputy Mayor Councillor J. Mujaranji and Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa. They were joined by various councillors, council management personnel, and the residents of the Mbizi Hwata Flats, reflecting a comprehensive representation of the community.

During the meeting, participants engaged in a constructive discourse aimed at uncovering effective and sustainable strategies to tackle the challenges contributing to the poor rental payment situation. Emphasizing the critical nature of timely rent payments, officials pointed out that the contributions are vital to maintaining not only essential services but also the overall upkeep of the facilities. Council officials explained that a consistent flow of rental income is the backbone of the quality services that tenants rightfully expect and deserve.

A significant concern raised during the discussions was the detrimental impact of illegal subletting practices perpetrated by accommodation barons. This illicit activity has exacerbated financial strains within the rental system, complicating the challenges for both Council and tenants. In response, Council announced plans to implement new lease agreements that all current occupants will need to sign. This initiative aims to tackle the negative ramifications of unauthorized subletting, thereby securing a more stable rental environment for all involved.

For tenants experiencing financial difficulties, Council took a proactive stance by encouraging open lines of communication. Council recommended that individuals struggling with rental arrears reach out to the Debt Collection Office, led by Mr. D.M. Chijaka, who can be easily contacted at +263774821875. This emphasis on dialogue underscores Council's commitment to its open-door policy, inviting tenants to share their concerns and suggestions in a constructive manner.

In his remarks, Mayor Murova profoundly underscored the shared responsibility of tenants to fulfil their rental obligations. He articulated that timely rent payments extend beyond mere financial duties; they are foundational to enhancing the quality of life for all residents and ensuring the sustainability of the Mbizi Hwata Flats. His impassioned address reinforced the significance of each tenant's role in fostering a harmonious and thriving community.

As the meeting reached its conclusion, there was a palpable sense of renewed commitment from both Council and the tenants to work collaboratively in addressing the challenges facing the residents of the Mbizi Hwata Flats. This proactive engagement exemplifies the Municipality of Marondera's dedication to involving all relevant stakeholders in the search for effective solutions to service delivery challenges. Council remains steadfast in its mission to provide high-quality services to its constituents, reinforcing its commitment to listening to and addressing the needs of its valued stakeholders, in alignment with the principles of the Second Republic under the visionary leadership of His Excellency Cde Dr E.D. Mnangagwa.



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa addressing Mbizi Hwata tenants



Mbizi Hwata tenants listening to Council officials

COUNCIL SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MUAAT

The Municipality of Marondera has officially entered into a strategic partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the prestigious Marondera University of Agricultural Science and Technology (MUAAT). The signing ceremony took place at the Council Civic Centre and was graced by notable figures, including the Town Clerk, Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa, along with key management and staff from Council. Representatives from MUAAT included Vice Chancellor, Prof. Justice Nyamangara, Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. N. Hamadziripi, and a diverse array of MUAAT faculty and staff members.

The primary aim of this significant event was to solidify a cooperative framework designed to foster collaboration between the Municipality and MUAAT. The MOU delineates several key focus areas intended to enhance synergy between the two institutions, including collaborative research endeavours, community outreach programs, and innovative approaches to urban agricultural advancements. Specific areas of strategic partnership include:

Research and Community Outreach: The partnership will facilitate collaborative research projects that aim to address local challenges and enhance community empowerment through targeted outreach initiatives. This will also encompass food and nutrition education initiatives designed to improve the health and well-being of Marondera's residents.

Waste-to-Resource Systems: A core objective is to advance waste management techniques by converting waste into valuable resources. This initiative aims to drastically reduce operational costs associated with waste management, promote sustainability throughout the community, and create new economic opportunities.

Entrepreneurship Skills Development: The partnership will focus on empowering local entrepreneurs by establishing co-managed training programs that provide essential skills and knowledge. This will include creating shared innovation and incubation centres, mentorship programs for budding entrepreneurs, and streamlined municipal processes to facilitate business growth and support.

Climate-Smart Urban Planning and Environmental Monitoring: This initiative will develop comprehensive urban planning strategies that not only address the risks posed by climate change but also seize opportunities for resilient community development. The partnership will introduce advanced environmental monitoring systems aimed at both tracking climate effects and implementing effective mitigation strategies.

Water Resource Management and Municipal Service Delivery: Recognizing the growing population of Marondera and its demand on natural resources, this partnership emphasizes efficient water resource management. Strategies will be developed to ensure that water use is sustainable and that water sources are protected, thereby minimizing waste and charging municipal services with a robust feedback mechanism through performance analytics and citizen engagement tools.

The collaboration between the Municipality of Marondera and MUASt is poised to catalyze economic growth, generate employment opportunities, and inspire innovation that resonates throughout the Marondera community. The signing of this MOU is heralded as a pivotal milestone in constructing a dynamic relationship between the Municipality and MUASt, promising to yield significant benefits such as enhanced service delivery, increased innovation, and comprehensive community development initiatives.

With its ambitious vision of becoming a leading Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence by 2030, the Municipality of Marondera is on a transformative trajectory. This initiative aligns closely with the government’s overarching blueprints—namely, the “Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery and the Minimum Service Delivery Standards”—aimed at elevating the standards of municipal services. By forging such strategic partnerships and harnessing local resources, the Municipality is not only focusing on enhancing the quality of life for its residents but is also dedicated to making a significant contribution to the broader development efforts within the province and the nation as a whole.



Mbizi The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa (right) and MUASt Vice Chancellor, Prof Justice Nyamangara pose for a photo soon after signing the MOU at the Council Chamber



Council and MUAST Management pose for a photo following the MOU signing ceremony

MUNICIPALITY OF MARONDERA COMMISSIONS NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

In a pivotal advancement for service delivery and economic stimulation, the Municipality of Marondera officially commissioned a series of essential infrastructure projects totalling an impressive investment of over \$347,902 USD. The commissioned projects are set to enhance the quality of life for residents and promote robust economic activity throughout the area.

Among the most significant developments are the completion and upgrading of three critical roads: Mutiti Road in Ruvimbo Park, Mutufu Street in Rusike Park, and Morningside Crescent in the Morningside Suburb. The newly tarred roads have been constructed to improve traffic flow and provide residents with smoother and safer passage throughout the municipality. The enhancements not only aim at ensuring reliable access for daily commutes but also focus on reducing the risks associated with navigating uneven or poorly maintained roads. With these improvements, local residents can expect a fundamental shift in ease of travel and business operations, thereby fostering greater economic engagement and community interaction within Marondera.

In addition, to road upgrades, a cutting-edge 550 kVA three-phase industrial generator has been installed at the Longlands water treatment plant. This state-of-the-art generator ensures stable and uninterrupted power supply, particularly crucial during times of load shedding. By securing reliable electricity for water treatment processes, the generator plays a critical role in maintaining the flow of clean water essential for everyday living and industrial operations. This infrastructure is vital for public health and underpins the socio-economic development of the community. As a backup system, it effectively mitigates the risk of water supply disruptions caused by unreliable electricity access.

Furthermore, the establishment of a High-Tension Line (HTL) marks a significant step in the efficient distribution of power generated at the plant to the quarry pump, which sources raw water from the quarry pond. This contingency measure ensures the municipality's access to dependable water supply, even in adverse conditions such as power outages or when major water sources like the Rufaro and Wenimbe dams are compromised.

The commissioning ceremony for these transformative projects was graced by the Honourable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Hon. Advocate Itayi Ndudzo. In his address, he commended the Municipality of Marondera for its collaborative approaches with various stakeholders, recognizing Council's steadfast dedication to enhancing service delivery. He highlighted how strategic initiatives, like the installation of the industrial generator and the HTL, are pivotal to guaranteeing consistent water supply for the community.

The Municipality is actively pursuing a transformative agenda with an emphasis on elevating service delivery standards, fully aligned with the National Development Strategy 2, the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery, and the Minimum Service Delivery Standards. These foundational blueprints are vital for achieving Vision 2030.

The commissioning ceremony saw the attendance of distinguished guests, including His Worship Councillor C. Murova, the Mayor of Marondera, Deputy Mayor Councillor J. Mujaranji, Cde Kufamahufa, the Secretary for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Mr. Mabhuro, Acting Director of Local Government Services, Mr. Masawi, the District Development Coordinator and Mr R. D. Nyamuzihwa, the Town Clerk, alongside various Council Management members, stakeholders, and government representatives.

The newly commissioned infrastructure projects are anticipated to significantly enhance service delivery across essential programs, encompassing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Governance and Administration, Roads, and Social Service programs. These advancements are set to elevate the overall quality of life for every resident in Marondera, reflecting a clear commitment to a sustainable and prosperous future.



The Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, inspects one of the brand new utility vehicles which was being commissioned. Also in attendance is the Mayor, Cllr C. Murova, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Mujaranji, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa, the Chamber Secretary, Ms A. Zvoutete and the Director of Works, Eng. Mashonganyika



Minister of the State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, unveiling the new 550kva three-phase generator while the Mayor, Cllr C. Murova, looks on.

COUNCIL ENGAGES FC HUNTERS FOOTBALL CLUB

The Municipality of Marondera has embarked on an ambitious initiative to revitalize the iconic Rudhaka Stadium, a key local venue for soccer enthusiasts and a centrepiece of the community's sporting culture. The revitalization effort is rooted in a series of extensive multi-stakeholder meetings that have aimed to address the critical refurbishments needed for the stadium while simultaneously lending considerable support to the FC Hunters football team. The strategic meetings featured the involvement of His Worship, the Mayor, Cllr C. Murova, Deputy Mayor J. Mujaranji, dedicated councillors, the Town Clerk, Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa, members of the council management team, and representatives from the FC Hunters Technical Committee.

To ensure a comprehensive approach to the upgrades, a joint technical committee was formed, tasked with meticulously analyzing and evaluating the essential technical needs that will enable Rudhaka Stadium to proudly host matches in the illustrious Premier Soccer League (PSL). The committee has outlined a series of transformative enhancements designed to elevate the stadium's facilities significantly. Key improvements include the refurbishment of the VIP stand, creating an exquisite viewing experience for distinguished guests, and substantial upgrades to the public toilet facilities, aimed at enhancing hygiene and accessibility for all attendees.

Moreover, plans for the installation of a cutting-edge scoreboard will ensure that fans receive real-time updates during matches, amplifying the excitement of the game. Safety is also a top priority, with proposals to reconstruct the perimeter wall, safeguarding both players and fans alike. The establishment of vital rooms for doping control, modern changing facilities for match officials, and dedicated benches for substitute players are also integral components of the plan. The upgrading of goalposts and reconfiguration of officials' changing areas further reflect the council's determination to meet and exceed the stringent standards required for PSL venues.

In a promising turn of events, discussions are underway with a potential benefactor interested in financially supporting the ambitious refurbishment of Rudhaka Stadium. Negotiations are progressing smoothly among FC Hunters, the Council, and this prospective sponsor to finalize comprehensive terms and structures for this crucial sponsorship, signifying a strong prospective partnership.

Council is placing a keen emphasis on fostering Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) as a vital catalyst for advancing development initiatives, aligning seamlessly with the broader development agenda of the Government. The Municipality of Marondera is on a transformative journey, with aspirations to evolve into a smart city by the year 2030, which will usher in significant infrastructure and developmental advancements.

The anticipated ascent of FC Hunters into the Premier Soccer League is set to reignite and amplify community engagement in soccer and sports more broadly, driving economic activity throughout Marondera and its surroundings. Council envisions substantial revenue generation through the hosting of PSL matches, which will not only enrich the local economy but also boost tourism, as visiting teams and their excited supporters flock to Marondera, stimulating business growth across various sectors.

On a celebratory note, FC Hunters recently emerged triumphant, clinching the championship title in the Eastern Region Division One Soccer League, and proudly parading home with the prestigious trophy. With the intent to adopt Rudhaka Stadium as their home venue for the upcoming PSL campaign, the residents of Marondera, along with passionate soccer fans, will once again have the exhilarating opportunity to witness high-stakes PSL matches within their own community, reigniting and nurturing a vibrant sporting culture that the province has long cherished.



An FC Hunters official addresses Council during an engagement meeting



The FC Hunters Team presents the trophy to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor following their promotion into the Premier Soccer League



The Town Clerk (5th from the right), Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa led Council during the high-level discussions between Council and FC Hunters Football Club

COUNCIL HOLDS KEY STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Municipality of Marondera convened a strategic planning workshop to develop its strategic plan for 2026-2030. The strategic planning workshop was attended by His Worship, the Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, Deputy Mayor J. Mujaranji, Acting Director Local Government Services, Mr Mabhuro, the District Development Coordinator, Mr Masawi, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, councillors, management and staff, facilitators from the Public Service Commission and officials from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works.

The primary aim of the workshop was to formulate a new strategic plan for the municipality outlining its priorities and objectives for the next five years (2026-2030). Key areas of focus highlighted during the workshop included strategic initiatives designed to enhance service delivery in Marondera.

These initiatives encompass several major projects, including the recapitalisation of ICT infrastructure to improve service delivery and efficiency. This project aims to upgrade the municipality's information and communication technology systems, enabling faster and more reliable internet connectivity, improved data management and enhanced online services for residents. The recapitalisation of ICT infrastructure is expected to improve the overall efficiency of the municipality's operations, enabling it to provide better services to residents, businesses and other stakeholders.

The implementation of automated parking and ranking systems was another key discussion point aimed at enhancing revenue collection and streamlining operations. The automated systems will enable the municipality to efficiently manage parking spaces, reduce congestion and increase revenue collection.

Additionally, the upgrading and refurbishment of Rudhaka Stadium and other sports facilities was another key area of focus, aimed at promoting sports development and community engagement. The project will involve the renovation of the Rudhaka stadium, construction of new multi-sports facilities and provision of modern equipment and amenities. The upgraded facilities will provide a platform for local sports teams and athletes to compete at national and international levels, thereby developing the sports industry and improving the overall health and well-being of residents, as sports are a critical aspect in promoting health and well-being. The establishment and refurbishment of sporting and recreation facilities will go some way in persuading youths to take up sports instead of engaging in drug and substance abuse. This will be instrumental in curbing drug and substance abuse.

The rehabilitation of Rusike and Marondera hostels is another key project aimed at providing better accommodation to residents. The project will involve the renovation of existing hostels and the construction of new accommodation units. The rehabilitated hostels will provide residents with safe, secure and affordable accommodation, thereby improving their overall quality of life.

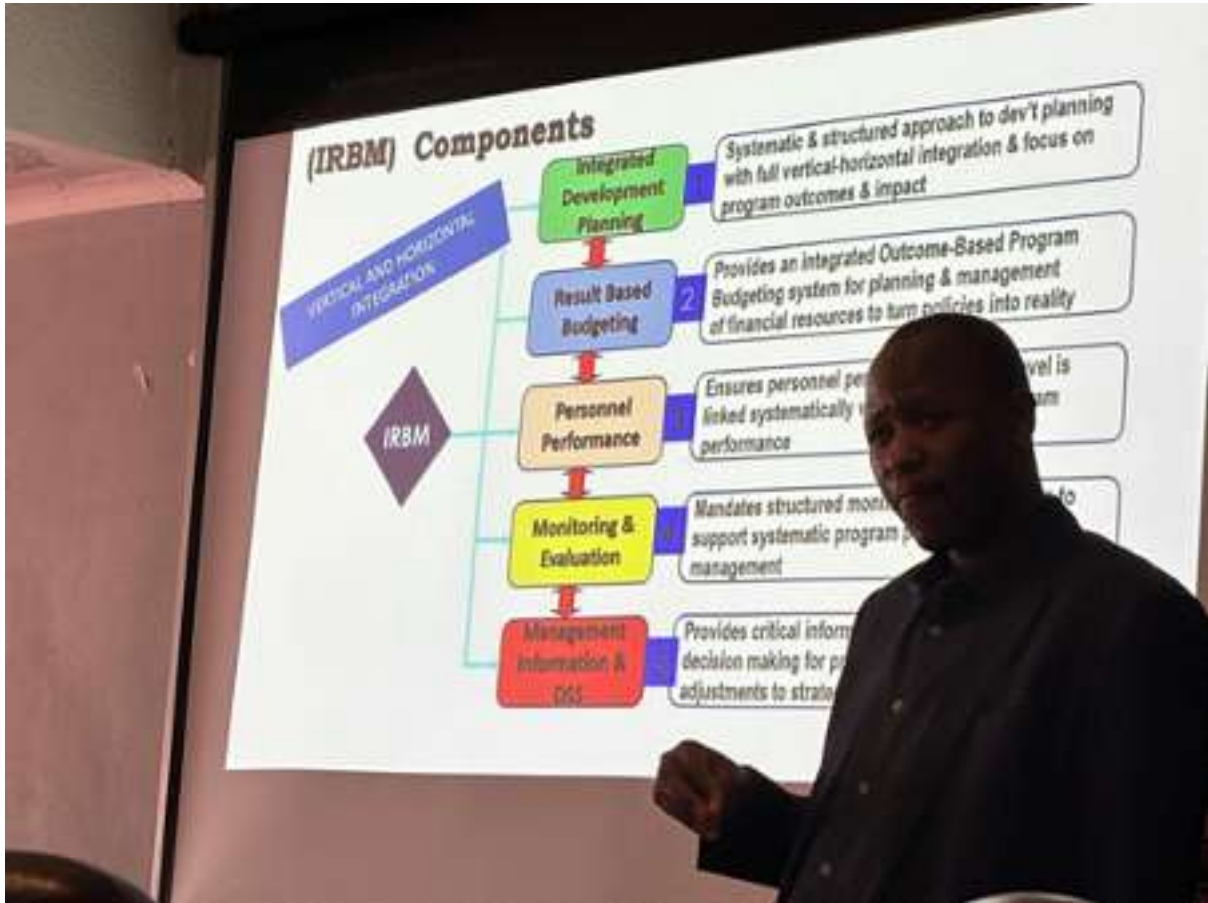
Council plans to undertake the expansion of the water treatment plant during the new strategic calendar. This is a critical project aimed at improving access to potable water for residents and all stakeholders. The project will involve upgrading existing water treatment facilities, construction of new treatment plants, and extension of water supply networks to underserved areas. The expanded water treatment plant will provide residents with access to clean, safe, and reliable water, safeguarding their health and well-being.

As the municipality continues to grow and expand, issues of waste management assume priority. Council has plans to construct a mechanised landfill to enhance waste management and reduce environmental pollution. The mechanised landfill will provide a sustainable solution to waste management, reducing the risk of environmental pollution and promoting a cleaner, healthier environment for residents and stakeholders.

Going green is the zeitgeist of the twenty-first century, Council has plans in motion to establish a solar plant. The solar plant will enhance the availability of sustainable energy for powering the water treatment plant and other sectors of the municipality. The solar plant will provide a clean, renewable source of energy, reducing the municipality's reliance on the electricity grid and lowering its power bill. Resources that can then be channelled to other areas of service delivery.

Some of the key deliverables under the new strategic period include the conclusion of the servicing of the Elmswood mixed-density housing project and the construction of a new fire station. The Elmswood housing project is aimed at improving access to accommodation for residents. The new fire station is intended to decentralise and improve emergency response services. The fire station will be equipped with modern firefighting equipment and staffed by trained personnel, enabling the municipality to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies.

The 2026-2030 strategic plan will be crucial in ensuring that Council meets its development targets that are in sync with the national goals as outlined in Vision 2030. This strategic plan is key in ensuring the delivery of the national Vision and the Council's vision of becoming a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence.



A facilitator takes Council through his presentation during the strategic planning workshop



Councillors and Council Management following proceedings during the strategic planning workshop

MUNICIPALITY OF MARONDERA EMBARKS ON ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECTS

The engineering department of the Municipality of Marondera initiated a comprehensive road improvement project, focusing on tarring Mutiti Road in Ruvimbo Park suburb, Mutufu Road in Rusike Park, and Morningside Crescent in Morningside suburb. This initiative aims to enhance traffic conditions, especially with the rainy season approaching, and to alleviate the challenges residents have faced regarding road accessibility in these areas.

The roadworks are part of the council's broader efforts to improve the condition of all roads within the municipality, ensuring they remain safe and accessible for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The project is expected to significantly contribute to the better upkeep of roads, reducing the risk of accidents and improving overall road safety.

The council's road infrastructure rehabilitation efforts received a boost with the recent approval of a road levy by stakeholders during the 2026 budget consultations. This levy is intended to increase funding for road maintenance, providing a sustainable income source to support the council's road rehabilitation program, which aims to cover a significant portion of the municipality's road network and ensure all roads are in good condition.

The introduction of the road levy highlights the council's commitment to prioritizing road infrastructure development and its determination to provide quality services to residents. Before the levy, Council relied heavily on the Emergency Road Rehabilitation Program 2 (ERRP2) for road maintenance funding, which is provided annually by ZINARA along with some ad hoc financing from the Council's own budget. However, these resources proved insufficient given the extensive capital needed for road works. As a result, Council management strategically proposed the introduction of a road levy during budget consultations, which received approval. The additional funds from the road levy will be managed by a multi-stakeholder committee that will determine how the resources will be utilized, further boosting road maintenance efforts and improving the trafficability of the municipality's roads.

The municipality also installed two sets of traffic lights along Ruzawi Road and Pine Street and on the corner of Masasa Street and Ruzawi Road, near the Metro Peach Complex, which are expected to enhance traffic management and improve road safety at the busy intersections, thus ensuring public safety. This development is part of the council's efforts to improve the overall road infrastructure conditions within the municipality, following the new addition of new road signage made possible through a partnership with AFC Holdings.

Council is heeding the Second Republic's call to utilise Public-Private Partnerships to enhance operational efficiency and service delivery. The Municipality of Marondera is on a transformative journey to improve service delivery in sync with the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery and the Minimum Service Delivery Standards blueprints.

The municipality's ongoing efforts to improve road infrastructure are expected to positively impact the local economy by making it easier for businesses to transport goods and services and for residents to travel with ease. This enhancement is anticipated to make Marondera a more attractive place to live and invest.



Mutufu Street Road works in Rusike Suburb



Mutiti road works in the Ruvimbo Park suburb



Morningside Crescent surfacing in the Morningside suburb

COUNCIL HOLDS 2026 BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING

The Municipality of Marondera convened a consultative meeting for the 2026 budget. The main purpose of the meeting was to inform stakeholders' representatives about the proposed budget for 2026. Attendees included His Worship, the Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, councillors, council staff and management, heads of associations, residents and other stakeholders.

During the meeting, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, presented a comprehensive overview of the council's performance regarding the 2025 budget, highlighting key achievements, challenges faced, and potential solutions moving forward. He discussed the council's efforts to improve service delivery, infrastructure development and revenue collection among other areas. The presentation provided stakeholders with a clear understanding of the council's progress and roadmap for the future, setting the stage for the proposed draft 2026 budget presentation.

Council proposed the introduction of levies for sports and road development, aimed at supporting infrastructure improvements in Marondera. The draft budget was formulated with input from all twelve municipal wards gathered during ward-based face to face consultative meetings and via the online budget survey. The levies are expected to benefit the Marondera community by addressing specific needs and Council believes they will positively impact residents' lives.

Overall, the 2026 budget is categorized as a standstill budget, with no increases beyond the introduction of the new levies. Council is committed to transparency and accountability, ensuring that the budget aligns with the needs and priorities of the people of Marondera. These efforts are part of the council's transformative journey toward achieving Smart City Status by 2030, in line with the national Vision 2030.

This ambitious goal focuses on improving service delivery, infrastructure, and the overall quality of life for residents. The council's vision is to be a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence characterised by the provision of high-quality service delivery in tune with the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery and the Minimum Service Delivery Standards. Council is committed to working with stakeholders to achieve its vision and goals.

The budget consultative meetings provided a valuable opportunity for stakeholders to engage with Council, ask questions, and provide feedback on the proposed budget. The feedback received will inform the final budget, ensuring that it is responsive to the needs and priorities of the stakeholders of Marondera.



COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN THE 2025 INTERMUNICIPAL SPORTS FESTIVAL

The Municipality of Marondera participated in the 2025 Intermunicipal Games, held in Mutare. The annual sporting event brought together several local authorities from across the country, competing in various disciplines, including soccer, darts, pool, chess, and tug of war, among others. This year's games were hosted by the Mutare City Council.

The men's soccer team emerged in third position, earning a trophy, while the women's soccer team secured second position, taking home a trophy. Out of the 13 participating local authorities, the Municipality of Marondera teams distinguished themselves as some of the best. The Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova, along with Councillors, Council staff, and Senior Management, provided support and encouragement to the teams throughout the tournament.

Their participation in the games was a resounding success, as the teams returned home with trophies and brought pride to the municipality. The intermunicipal games serve as a unique opportunity for local authorities to come together, showcase their sporting talents, and promote friendship, community spirit and cooperation among participants.

As part of its wellness program, Council has designated every Wednesday as Sports Day. On sports day, Council employees are encouraged to train from 2 PM onwards, with administrative measures in place to ensure that critical services remain uninterrupted during sporting activities. Council also has a soccer club that competes socially in local matches every weekend.

Council takes health and wellness seriously, supporting sports initiatives by establishing a Sports Day. Council is also in the process of upgrading Rudhaka Stadium and developing multi-sport fields in the Nyameni suburb. These fields will accommodate various sports, including soccer, basketball, netball, volleyball, and handball. The overall goal is to encourage young people to participate in sports, promoting both recreation and overall wellness.

By upgrading and providing recreational facilities, Council aims to encourage youths to choose sports over drugs and substance abuse, a significant challenge both nationally and internationally. The creation of sporting facilities will help nurture the next generation of sports icons and create employment opportunities for athletes and others involved in the sports sector.

Council recently received the nod during the budget stakeholder consultations to introduce the sports levy. This is expected to go a long way in availing more resources towards the development and refurbishment of sports infrastructure within the municipality, especially given that Council is mandated to direct seven per cent of the budget towards sports development. The sports levy will be ringfenced and managed by a multistakeholder committee that will oversee the utilisation of the collected funds. The unlocking of additional sports resources is expected to further enhance the development of the sports industry in Marondera and the province at large.



The Chamber Secretary, Ms A. Zvoutete, taking part in the 2025 intermunicipal games



The Council team showing off the trophies it won during the 2025 Intermunicipal Games

COUNCIL HOSTS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MIND EDUCATION WORKSHOP

In a bid to empower youth and community leaders, Council hosted a two-day Mind Education workshop. The workshop, facilitated by the International Youth Fellowship (IYF), brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including the Acting Director of Local Government Services, Mr Mabhuro, the District Development Coordinator, Mr Masawi, His Worship the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, Acting Chief Makumbe, Councillors, Council Staff and Management, IYF representatives, Junior Councillors, School heads, heads of Associations, and other stakeholders.

The core objective of the workshop was to equip both youth and community leaders with practical tools for personal and professional development by encouraging patriotism and innovativeness among attendees. Prof. James Shim led the workshop, which aimed to enhance delegates' sense of self-awareness, strengthen their resilience, and foster self-discipline to drive positive change. The workshop was designed to act as an important catalyst in combating the scourge of drug and substance abuse, especially among the youth.

The workshop provided a platform for delegates to engage with renowned experts and share experiences, challenges, and best practices in personal and professional development. The interactive sessions focused on building self-awareness, resilience, and self-discipline, all essential skills for driving positive change in individuals, communities, and society at large.

The event marked a significant milestone in the Council's efforts to promote youth development and community empowerment. The Council's commitment to partnering with organizations that share its vision of becoming a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence was clearly demonstrated through the hosting of the mind education workshop. This event was an important step toward achieving the Council's goal of empowering youth and community leaders to drive positive change in Marondera.

The workshop was well-received by delegates, who appreciated the opportunity to engage with experts and share experiences of Zimbabwe and South Korea. As Council continues to strive towards achieving its vision, it is expected that initiatives like the Mind Education workshop will become a regular feature, providing opportunities for youth and community leaders to develop their skills and make a meaningful contribution to the community.



The District Development Coordinator, Mr Masawi, addressing delegates during the Mind Education Workshop



The Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova (third from the left), Deputy Mayor, Cllr. J Mujaranji (second from the left), the Chamber Secretary, Ms A. Zvoutete, Prof J. Shim (third from the right) and the Acting Director of Local Government Services, Mr Mabhuro (second from the right) pose for a photo with Mind Education facilitators



Councillors socializing with Mind Education facilitators during a health break

COUNCIL EXHIBITS AT THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES AND CAREERS DAY

The Municipality of Marondera participated in the provincial commemoration of the International Day of Families, held at Masasa Primary School in Chikomba District. This year's event carried the theme, "Family-oriented Policies for Sustainable Development: Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development 2025," highlighting the importance of promoting sustainable development and the well-being of families.

The International Day of Families served as a valuable platform for the Council to engage with key stakeholders and gather information regarding family-oriented programs and services. These efforts are crucial in supporting the family unit and advancing sustainable development initiatives.

Recognising the vital role of families in society, Council aimed to underscore its commitment to socio-economic development through its participation in the exhibition. A variety of organizations joined the Council in showcasing their services, including the National AIDS Council, the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development, the Zimbabwe Republic Police, and the Adult Rape Clinic, among others.

In addition to the International Day of Families, the Council also participated in the Ruware Primary School Careers Day. This event provided an opportunity for Council to promote its brand and highlight career opportunities available within the local government sector.

Prominent exhibitors such as Proton Bakers and Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUASt) were also present, contributing to a diverse display of career paths.

As a primary service provider of socio-economic municipal services, Council plays a significant role in the local job market. Its workforce comprises individuals from various fields, including commerce, law, engineering, social sciences, natural sciences, health, arts, and humanities. To ensure a skilled future workforce, it is essential for the Council to inspire and guide the next generation of employees in pursuing educational paths that align with their talents and aspirations.



The Council Exhibition Gazebo

MUNICIPALITY OF MARONDERA ENGAGES STAKEHOLDERS VIA QUARTERLY BUDGET PERFORMANCE REVIEW MEETINGS

The Municipality of Marondera successfully conducted multistakeholder quarterly budget performance review meetings. The quarterly meetings brought together key stakeholders to evaluate the municipality's financial performance and assess progress made during the financial quarters against preestablished targets.

These important interface meetings were attended by the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova, Deputy Mayor J. Mujaranji, Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, councillors, council staff and management, stakeholders, and various heads of associations. The presence of the key officials underscored the importance of the meetings in reviewing the municipality's budget performance.

During the quarterly engagement meetings, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, provided an overview of the financial performance, highlighting key achievements and discussing challenges facing Council along with potential solutions. The Finance Director, Mr Kachingwe, then provided a detailed analysis of the municipality's financial performance, providing insights into revenue collection, expenditure, and budget variances.

During the budget performance review engagement meetings, attendees are afforded the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions during the plenary session. This interactive session empowers a spirit of collaboration and transparency among the attendees, ensuring that all voices are heard and concerns addressed. Throughout the quarterly engagement meetings, the major challenge which kept popping up was the challenge of low revenue collection, averaging sixty-five per cent. To cure this challenge, council management recommended continuous engagement with all debtors via the debt collection office. Client-centred flexible payment plan arrangements are also being implemented by the debt collection office as a way to enhance revenue collection. Council is also on the verge of launching bill payment promotions, and this is expected to enhance revenue collection.

During the course of the quarterly budget performance review, the Municipality's Client Charter was reviewed and adopted with minor changes. The budget quarterly performance review engagements demonstrate Council's commitment to implementing stakeholder-centric development, hence the strict adherence to the consultative processes.

The stakeholder engagement meetings embody a spirit of collaboration and foresight, setting the stage for future growth and enhanced service delivery. Council is striving to achieve its Vision of being a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence by 2030, in sync with the national vision, Vision 2030.



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa presenting the quarterly budget overview



The Finance Director, Mr J Kachingwe presenting the budget quarterly review to stakeholders

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER ENGAGES WITH MASH EAST COUNCILS

The Municipality of Marondera joined other local authorities in the Mashonaland East Province at the interface meeting with the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Public Works, Honourable Cde. D. Garwe, which was held at the Marondera Agricultural Showgrounds.

The meeting aimed to foster collaboration and promote teamwork among Chiefs, Councillors, Council secretariats, and other stakeholders in enhancing local governance.

During the meeting, Hon Garwe underscored the importance of sound governance and collaborative efforts in driving development for the Mash East Province and the country at large. The Minister called upon Councillors to work across the political divide to collectively work with local authority management to deliver tangible development as expected under the local authority blueprints, namely the Minimum Service Delivery Standards and the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery.

The meeting provided a platform for the provincial local government fraternity to engage and deliberate on key issues centred on enhancing local government. Hon Garwe emphasised the need to promote teamwork among local government stakeholders, ensuring proper coordination of national development programmes, thereby promoting effective service delivery to communities.

The interface meeting aligns with the collective approach to development as espoused by Vision 2030, which is anchored on the mantra of leaving no one and no place behind in tandem with the global SDGs. The national vision aims to ensure that the nation attains a prosperous and empowered upper middle-income society by 2030, as pronounced by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Dr E.D Mnangagwa.

The high-level meeting was attended by Senior Government Officials and Heads of MDAs, namely the Permanent Secretary for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Cde T. Kutamahufa, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Public Works, Hon A.T Mavunga, Chiefs, the Mayor for the Municipality of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, among other Local Authority Councillors, Council Chairpersons, Chief Executive Officers and stakeholders.

The meeting concluded with a call to action for councils to work closely with the government and other stakeholders to address the challenges facing local authorities. With close collaboration between key stakeholders and assured Central Government support and commitment, councils will be empowered to enhance service delivery and promote development, and ultimately transform the lives of all citizens.



The Minister of Local Government and Public Works, Honourable Daniel Garwe (MP), addressing Mash East Councillors and Council Senior Management



Councillors and Council Senior Management listening attentively to the Minister's address

COUNCIL EXHIBITS AT THE ZITF AND SANGANAI/ HLANGANANI/KUMBANAYI WORLD TOURISM EXPO

The Municipality of Marondera proudly presented its offerings at two prestigious global trade expos: the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) and the Sanganai World Tourism Expo. These events were infused with rich themes: the Sanganai expo focused on “Devolving Sustainable Tourism Development - Our Future,” and the ZITF explored “Industrialisation: Crafting an Integrated Economic Landscape.”

Traditionally held at the expansive ZITF Exhibition Park in Bulawayo, the ZITF was officially inaugurated by His Excellency Daniel Chapo, the President of Mozambique, who was joined by His Excellency Cde Dr E.D. Mnangagwa, the host President of the Republic of Zimbabwe. This notable occasion marked the 65th edition of the ZITF, which drew a multitude of visitors from all corners of the globe, eager to engage with the variety of offerings presented.

Participating under the Mashonaland East Province banner, the Municipality of Marondera exhibited alongside nine other local authorities, showcasing its unique theme: “Transforming Marondera’s Municipal Economic Landscape Through Enhanced Industrialisation and Trade.” Council’s vibrant stand attracted hundreds of inquisitive visitors, all keen to explore a diverse range of enticing investment opportunities. Highlights included proposals for developing world-class golf courses, luxurious hotels, versatile conference parks, state-of-the-art agro-processing industrial hubs, and sustainable solar parks—all promising significant economic benefits for the municipality and the province at large.

The ZITF also played host to a plethora of local and international dignitaries, including esteemed ministers, senior government officials, and the Vice President, Retired General Cde Dr C.D.G.N. Chiwenga. This grand trade showcase stands as a pivotal opportunity for Council, enabling it to promote and market its extensive investment prospects to both local and foreign investors.

The Municipality of Marondera also took part in the Sanganai Tourism Expo, where Council had the honour of being graced by His Excellency Cde Dr E.D. Mnangagwa, who attended as the Guest of Honour. The expo serves as a critical platform in the tourism industry, designed to showcase destinations and promote tourism investment opportunities, attractions, and services from Zimbabwe and beyond.

The Sanganai/Hlanganani Expo attracted a rich tapestry of national, regional, and international brands, providing a perfect opportunity for local authorities to introduce their unique tourism offerings. Council seized the opportunity to forge connections and network with potential investors in the tourism sector by presenting major investment opportunities to a global audience of stakeholders.

Marondera's stand made a significant impact, drawing over three hundred visitors in just a short span of time, which resulted in several firm investment proposals from enthusiastic investors. Attendees gained insights into the ongoing development projects that Council is implementing to enhance service delivery, aligning with broader frameworks such as the Call to Action: No Compromise in Service Delivery, the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), and the Vision 2030 initiative. The ultimate goal was to position Marondera as an internationally recognised hub for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism.

The Sanganai Tourism Expo not only spotlighted Zimbabwe's extensive tourism potential but also showcased a range of innovative ideas and highlighted emerging opportunities within both the tourism sector and other related industries.

Notable figures who attended the expo included the Vice President, Cde Dr C.D.G.N. Chiwenga, multiple Honourable Ministers of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, including the Honourable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, for Mashonaland East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, Chief Executive Officers from various ministries, heads of government departments, and distinguished international delegates.

The Municipality of Marondera joined a diverse array of participants, featuring the National Tourism Board, leading hotels, international airlines, dynamic tour operators, government ministries, local authorities, and various stakeholders, all committed to advancing the tourism sector.

The 2025 edition of the Sanganai Expo attracted exhibitors from a wide array of countries, including Namibia, Kenya, Indonesia, and Malawi, as well as international buyers from the United Kingdom, the United States, China, Canada, and more. This rich diversity underscored the global influence and collaboration within the tourism industry.

Council is steadfast in its belief that fostering investment across various sectors within Marondera's economy is a fundamental solution to addressing key municipal challenges. The focus on strategic investment aims to boost development within the municipality, ultimately leading to the fulfilment of objectives outlined in the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery, the NDS2, and Vision 2030, with the overarching aspiration of transforming Marondera into a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence, reflecting Council's ambitious vision for the future.



The Honourable Vice President, Ret. Col. Kembo D.C.M Mohadi delivers a speech during the 2025 ZITF



The Honourable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, during a question and answer session during the 2025 ZITF



The Municipality of Marondera Exhibition Stand at the 2025 ZITF



The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J. Mujaranji (from left), Mr Paraiwa, Public Health Manager, Cllr C Mujaranji, Cllr, Muhamadi (seated left) and Cllr. Govere (seated right), at the Council Sanganaï stand



Sanganaï Tourism Expo speed networking in action

MUNICIPALITY OF MARONDERA PARTNERS WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS IN PROMOTING HEALTH CAMPAIGNS

The Municipality of Marondera, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, successfully conducted a measles/rubella vaccination and Vitamin A Supplementation program.

This initiative took place at Dombotombo and Nyameni Clinics, as well as other designated centers, and targeted children aged 9 months to 4 years and 6 months for measles/rubella vaccinations, and children aged 6 months to 4 years and 11 months for vitamin A supplementation.

The main objective of the campaign was to prevent measles and other diseases that can severely impact the health and well-being of children. This program was launched in response to recent measles cases reported in Zimbabwe, serving as a preventive measure to avoid further outbreaks. Measles is transmitted through coughing, sneezing, and close contact with an infected person, but vaccination can effectively prevent it. Key symptoms include fever, cough, rash, sore red watery eyes, and a runny nose.

Council is committed to providing high-quality health services to all stakeholders, and this programme reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of the Marondera community.

In addition, the Council's public health section has been actively working to address the rising issue of stray dogs, which pose significant health threats due to the risk of dog bites and the potential spread of rabies. Residents are reminded to keep their dogs within their premises and ensure their pets are vaccinated and licensed to help prevent the spread of diseases.

Council also partnered with the Albino Trust of Zimbabwe to offer eye care screening and glasses service under the auspices of the Sight to the World program. During this program, eye care screening and glasses services were offered at subsidised rates, making eye care more accessible and affordable for clients.

Council continues to leverage public and private sector partnerships in the delivery of health and other essential services. This approach aligns with the Central Government's thrust of leveraging partnerships to enhance service delivery, thereby contributing to the development targets as outlined in Vision 2030.



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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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TWINE AND CORDAGE OPENS NEW BRANCH IN MARONDERA

Twine and Cordage, a reputable company known for its diverse range of products, officially opened a new branch in Marondera. This marks a significant milestone in the municipality's industrial and commercial landscape.

The iconic event officiated by the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova, also included Senior Council officials, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa, the District Development Coordinator, Mr Masawi and the Director of Finance, HR and Administration in the Office of the President and Cabinet, Mashonaland East, Mr Dvuke. He was standing in for the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Honourable Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, who was the guest of honour.

The Municipality of Marondera is currently undergoing a transformative journey, having attracted significant investments from major corporate brands such as Metro Peach, Electrosales, Bhola, and DriptTech, among others. Twine and Cordage is the latest addition to this growing list of brands establishing a presence in Marondera.

The municipality is on an initiative to attract investors, strategically allocating land to serious and committed businesses. These investments are expected to boost the local GDP, create jobs, and enhance the commercial and industrial ecosystem. By promoting investment, Council aims to improve service delivery and the quality of life for all residents, contributing to the attainment of Vision 2030, as outlined by His Excellency, President Cde. Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa.

Twine and Cordage is recognized for its wide range of products, including polypropylene, polyester, sisal, and cotton ropes and cords, as well as specialized netting solutions for the agricultural sector and other industries. The company is expected to significantly enhance Marondera's industrial value chains, particularly in agriculture, which is the backbone of both the local and national economy. Council looks forward to attracting new investors and invites all potential investors to consider Marondera, as it is open for business.



Recently, Council representatives joined the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, on a tour of two prominent industrial companies in Marondera, Manyame Milling and Toserudo Clothing. Accompanying the Minister were His Worship, the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova, the Permanent Secretary, Cde. T. Kutamahufa, Mr Masawi, the District Development Coordinator and other senior government officials.

The main goal of the tour was to inform and appraise the Minister about the operations, growth potential and challenges facing Manyame Milling and Toserudo Clothing. During the tour, the Minister emphasised the crucial role these companies play in supporting the economy of Marondera and the province at large. Advocate Ndudzo also pledged to address the pressing issues impacting the operations of both entities.

The Minister's tour aligns with his office's mandate of spearheading and superintending provincial development to ensure the fulfilment of the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), which serves as a pathway to achieving Vision 2030, as pronounced by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Dr E.D. Mnangagwa.

The Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova (2nd from the left) and the Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa (extreme left) at the official opening of the Twine and Cordage branch



The Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo (centre), illustrates a point to a Toserudo Company representative while the Mayor, Cllr C. Murova and other delegates look on

COUNCIL TOPS LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT THE MASH EAST AGRIC SHOW

The Municipality of Marondera participated in the Mashonaland East Provincial Agricultural Show, held under the theme “Agriculture: The Future - Growing the Economy”. The exhibition aimed to promote agricultural development while showcasing innovations, highlighting opportunities in the agricultural sector and beyond in the Mash East Province.

The Municipality of Marondera joined several big brand exhibitors, including the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA), the Agricultural Marketing Authority (AMA), Nyaradzo Group, Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council, Proton Bakers, Environmental Management Agency (EMA), Agriseeds, National Aids Council, Zimparks, and Econet, among other stakeholders. This year’s edition of the Mash East Agric Show had an international flair as it attracted an apparel and clothing exhibitor from Kenya, signifying the growth of the provincial agricultural show beyond the country’s borders.

The Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East Province, Honourable Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, visited the Municipality of Marondera pavilion in the company of the guest of honour, Mr Pradan from Varambe (Manyame Milling). Numerous stakeholders visited the exhibition pavilion to learn about the transformative journey that the Municipality of Marondera is undertaking in line with national blueprints, including the “Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery” and the newly established Minimum Service Delivery Standards as outlined by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde. Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa.

Visitors got to learn more about the Council’s new online self-service platform, got free health checks, received free IEC materials and ratepayers in arrears entered into flexible payment plans, among a myriad of services that were on offer at the Council stand.

The Municipality of Marondera proudly secured first prize in the local authorities category at the provincial Agric Show. In addition, Council recently won two awards, namely Best Clinic, which was awarded to Dombotombo Clinic and Best in Water and Sanitation Service Provision. The two awards were won at the Community Services Awards for the year 2025, which were hosted by the Hopefay Hotel recently.

In a related event, the Municipality of Marondera participated in the Mashonaland East investment conference held in Glen City, Goromonzi District. The conference, which was held under the theme “Home of Emerging Opportunities”, aimed to promote Mash East province as a prime investment destination, highlighting opportunities in agriculture, mining, tourism, renewable energy, and more.

The conference was graced by Senior government officials, including the host Minister, the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo and the guest of Honour, the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Prof Mthuli Ncube, who was represented by the Honourable Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon David Kudakwashe Mnangagwa. The Municipality of Marondera was represented by the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa and the Mayor of the Municipality of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova.

Council exhibited alongside other stakeholders, including the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises, Florida Engineering, Nyadire College, Shelter Zimbabwe and other local authorities from the Mash East Province.



Council health personnel conducting health checks during the Mash East Agric Show



The Min. of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, accompanied the guest of honour, Mr Pradan from Varambe (Manyame Milling), to tour the Municipality of Marondera stand whilst the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr. C. Murova and the Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa, look on.

COUNCIL UNVEILS TRANSFORMATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The Municipality of Marondera has been blazing the development trail and has its foot firmly pressed on the development pedal, and it is no surprise that several development milestones have been attained. The development projects carried out or still underway are at the heart of human security, hence their impact. The town is currently undergoing significant transformations, with a focus on improving infrastructure, service delivery, and public safety. These developments are in line with the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), demonstrating the Council's commitment to enhancing the lives of its residents and stakeholders.

One notable project is the installation of new traffic lights at the intersections of Ruzawi Road and Pine Street, as well as Masasa Road and Ruzawi Road near the Metro Peach area. This improvement has enhanced traffic management and safety at the busy intersections. Additionally, Council has partnered with AFC Holdings to replace old road signage in various areas throughout the Municipality, helping road users navigate more easily and enhancing their travel experience. The installation of 200 solar streetlights within the Central Business District and surrounding areas has also improved safety and visibility for road users. These initiatives reflect the Council's ongoing commitment to enhancing infrastructure and service delivery, in sync with the Call to Action: No Compromise on Service Delivery and Minimum Service Delivery Standards.

Council is also focused on rehabilitating existing infrastructure, including the reconstruction of stormwater drains along Boterekwa Road and the Nyamuzihwa extension in Cherutombo. Furthermore, new sewer pipes were installed along Masasa Road, near the Buffalo Food Court, along with the replacement of sewer pipes in the industrial area. These efforts aim to address frequent pipe bursts caused by ageing infrastructure and prevent flash floods during the rainy season. Such projects are crucial for ensuring the municipality's infrastructure can accommodate the growing needs of its residents and businesses.

In a bid to stimulate economic growth and contribute to the overall development of Marondera, Council is constructing a new state-of-the-art market along First Street. The new market is expected to accommodate over four hundred vendors and traders, providing new, modern, and spacious trading stalls. This initiative is part of the Council's ongoing commitment to enhancing infrastructure development, service delivery, and the provision of support to the informal sector. The new market is set to become a hub for economic activity, providing opportunities for vendors and traders to thrive. The construction of the market is a testament to the Council's commitment to supporting the local economy, creating employment, supporting local entrepreneurship and improving the lives of residents.

The Municipality of Marondera's commitment to enhancing infrastructure development, service delivery, and public safety is evident in the various projects that are currently underway and those that Council has completed. The pace of development is accelerating, and the Council remains dedicated to transforming Marondera into a vibrant, smart city of service excellence.



Construction works have commenced at the new 1st Street Market



Ablution facilities at the new First Street Market



One of the new traffic lights installed at the corner of Pine Street and Ruzawi Road within the CBD to enhance traffic management



New Solar Street lights along Ruzawi Road



Council workers working on a drain

COUNCIL EXHIBITS AT THE PROVINCIAL CANCER AWARENESS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Municipality of Marondera successfully participated in the Provincial Cancer Awareness Campaign Netball Tournament that was held at Dombotombo Courts. The netball tournament was officiated by the guest of honour, Mrs Makanyara, Director of Infrastructure Development in the Office of the President and Cabinet for Mashonaland East, who represented the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo. The netball tournament, which ran under the theme, "MASH EAST, LET'S UNITE AND FIGHT AGAINST CANCER", aimed to raise awareness about cancer, promoting early detection and treatment.

Council's exhibition at the provincial cancer awareness netball tournament provided attendees with valuable information about cancer awareness, prevention, treatment, and support services, as the Council's health section provided on-the-spot health checks to visitors. Additionally, those who visited the Council's exhibition booth received information about ongoing and planned development projects to be undertaken in the not-so-distant future.

Council joined several other exhibitors, including the National AIDS Council, Zichire, Proton Bakers, Friends of the Environment, Fairview, Nyaradzo, First Mutual, ZB, Island Hospice, and KidsCan, among others. These organisations played an important role in promoting cancer awareness, testing and screening support services to the community during the event.

The Municipality of Marondera is a key player in the health sector within the province. It administers two busy clinics: Dombotombo and Nyameni Clinic, which offer essential primary health services. These health centers are supported by the public health section, which is mandated to conduct disease surveillance and prevention to minimize outbreaks within the community. Recently, the Dombotombo Clinic won the Best Clinic Award at the Community Services Awards ceremony hosted by Hopefay Hotel. This award recognizes the vital role the Council plays in promoting community health in Marondera.

To enhance overall health and reduce the disease burden, the Council prioritizes maintaining a clean environment through regular refuse collection, clearing illegal waste dumping sites, and participating in clean-up campaigns. Furthermore, the Council is establishing sports fields to encourage residents to engage in physical activities and promote a healthy lifestyle. The Council has also acquired refuse trucks, skip bins, and emergency service equipment to improve health-related services within the municipality. It collaborates closely with the Ministry of Health and Child Care and other development partners on various health campaigns aimed at promoting public health. Plans are underway to refurbish and convert the former Kasipiti bar into a clinic, enhancing access to primary health care.

Council plans to establish several new health centres to cater for the needs of the ever-growing population of Marondera. The intention to create more health centres is clearly captured in the Council's master plan.



His Worship the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr C. Murova addressing delegates during the awards ceremony



Mrs Makanyara, the Director of Infrastructure Development in the OPC Mash East officiated the ceremony on behalf of the guest of honour, the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Mash East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo



Council exhibited during the Cancer Awareness Netball Tournament



One of the netball matches in action

COUNCIL CONDUCTS 2026 MULTI-STAKEHOLDER BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

The Municipality of Marondera recently conducted a series of multi-stakeholder budget consultative meetings across all 12 wards. The meetings were attended by the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr. C. Murova, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, councillors, council staff, residents, and other stakeholders. The purpose of the meetings was to gather input for the 2026 budget, ensuring that the final document reflects the collective needs and aspirations of all wards and stakeholders. To enhance engagement, Council also utilized an online budget consultation survey.

One of the primary issues raised during the meetings was Council's proposal to introduce levies for water, sports, and roads. These levies are intended to generate funds to address challenges related to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and to refurbish roads and sports infrastructure. The proposal sparked vigorous debate, with residents and stakeholders sharing a variety of views, opinions, and concerns. The feedback collected during the consultative meetings will inform the final budget.

The Municipality of Marondera is committed to improving service delivery in alignment with the principles outlined in the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2) and the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery and Minimum Service Delivery Standards (MSDS) blueprints. The MSDS now has legal force following the promulgation of Statutory Instrument 170 of 2025. The meetings demonstrated Council's commitment to transparency and accountability, allowing residents and stakeholders to participate in the budgeting process, thus building rapport and fostering stronger relationships with key stakeholders.

As the council finalizes the 2026 budget, the input gathered from the meetings is expected to guide budget decisions, ensuring that the budget reflects the needs and priorities of the Marondera community. A majority of stakeholders supported the introduction of the road and sports levies, which are set to be implemented in 2026. Joint council and stakeholder committees will be established to oversee the funds collected from the two levies, which will be earmarked specifically for their intended purposes. The revenue generated from these levies is expected to significantly improve the development of road and sports infrastructure within the municipality.

The Municipality of Marondera is on a transformative journey focused on delivering high-quality services to its residents. The success of the budget consultative meetings represents a crucial step towards the successful implementation of the upcoming budget. The 2026 budget will play a key role in financing various municipal service delivery activities and development projects, underscoring the importance of this budget process.



Cllr Mazambani engages ward 6 residents during the 2026 ward-based budget consultations



Part of the group of residents who attended the 2026 ward 6 budget consultations

COUNCIL HOSTS THE MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CHEERFUND DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Municipality of Marondera hosted the 2025 Christmas Cheer Fund fundraising dinner at the Hope Fay Hotel and Conference. As is becoming a customary tradition, the hotel generously donated the venue and provided food at a discounted rate, which facilitated the successful hosting of the charitable fundraising dinner.

The event was attended by His Worship the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr. C. Murova, councillors, the Town Clerk, Mr R.D. Nyamuzihwa, corporate sector representatives, Marondera Urban Business Association chairperson, Mr Carlos Pindirire, residents and Council staff.

The Town Clerk, Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa, opened the fundraising dinner by introducing councillors and dignitaries and thanked them for their attendance and support of the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund. He urged attendees to remain united in their efforts to assist those in need within the Marondera community.

During the launch, Mayor Murova encouraged all attendees to contribute generously to the cause of assisting the less fortunate. He emphasised that the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund is not only a call to action to assist the needy all the time, above and beyond the festive season by providing all-round support throughout the year.

The fundraising dinner was graced by the guest of honour, who happened to be none other than Dr Last Hamandishe, who is one of the leading dentists in Marondera at Absolute Dental. Dr Hamandishe, in his keynote address, touched on the importance of giving back to the community that has contributed to the economic development of Marondera. He further pledged that his dental practice would provide free dental care to fifty less fortunate members of the Marondera community. This pledge was well received by a loud round of applause from the delegates.

The fundraising dinner delegates were entertained and serenaded by the local Jazz musician, Calvin Mtukudzi, who played a live band of mixed songs alternating between his original music and yesteryear hits from the music legend Dr Oliver Mtukudzi. Delegates took to the dance floor and engaged in lively dance contests while they pledged donations.

As the curtain came down on the fundraising dinner, the Cheer Fund chairperson, Mr Tonderai Choga, addressed delegates and assured attendees that the Mayor's Office had established a Cheer Fund Committee to oversee the collection and distribution of donations, ensuring transparency regarding the use of contributions and selection of deserving beneficiaries. The Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund Committee is operated with administrative oversight from Council, and donations will be made public.

During the fundraising dinner, several pledges were made towards the Cheer Fund, both in cash and kind. The goal is to raise USD 20,000 to assist disadvantaged groups, such as orphans and the elderly, within the Marondera community.



The Mayor of Marondera, Cllr. C Murova (centre) makes some remarks while the guest of honour, Dr L Hamandishe (far right) listens on



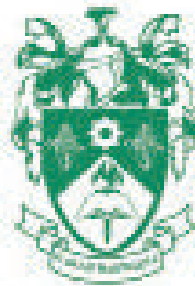
Musician, Calvin Mtukudzi, serenading delegates during the Cheer Fund fundraising dinner



The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Mujaranji delivering his vote of thanks



Delegates following the proceedings during the fundraising dinner



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

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His Worship the Mayor, Councillors, the Town Clerk, Management and Staff of the Municipality of Marondera join the nation and the World at large in commemorating **16 365 days of activism against gender based violence. Marondera let's have zero tolerance for all forms of gender-based violence. Any act of violence is an act too many.**

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