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Editorial

Dear Esteemed Stakeholders,

We are delighted to welcome you to yet another edition of the Municipality of Marondera Journal, specifically issue five. This edition aims to provide you with a comprehensive update on the current activities and developments taking place within your Council, ensuring you are well-informed about the ongoing initiatives in our cherished municipality. We deeply appreciate the unwavering support we receive from our valued stakeholders, which continues to inspire our endeavors.

As we strive towards achieving city status by the year 2030, Council remains at the forefront of development within Marondera. We are excited to share some significant milestones that we have recently accomplished. Chief among these is the acquisition of a state-of-the-art motorized grader, which will greatly enhance our road maintenance capabilities. Furthermore, we are on the verge of successfully completing the construction of a modern people's market situated along First Street, designed to provide vibrant trading space for our valued traders and SMEs. Additionally, we have added a skip tractor and skip trailer to our fleet, bolstering our efforts in waste management and public cleanliness.

A particularly noteworthy development during this period was the formal signing of performance contracts by our senior management team. This initiative is aimed at strengthening our commitment to meeting key performance targets, guided by the Minimum Service Delivery Standards blueprints set forth by the Government. These performance contracts will eventually be cascaded down to junior staff members, ensuring that every level of our workforce is aligned and engaged in a comprehensive approach to performance management across the Council.

In our journey toward enhanced service delivery, we have also made significant strides in staffing. We are pleased to announce the recruitment of a new Director of Spatial Planning and Land Development, as well as two project engineers. These experienced professionals will significantly bolster our capacity to meet the growing demands of our community and will be pivotal in executing our strategic goals.

On a more somber note, it is with heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of Mr. Mwamuka Chaiye, a dedicated employee of Council. His commitment and contributions to our organization were invaluable, and we extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

In addition to our internal advancements, Council proudly participated in this year's edition of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) for the third consecutive year. This platform allowed us to showcase the diverse offerings and unique opportunities that our municipality presents under the provincial banner. Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming Sanganai/Hlanganani Tourism Expo and the Mashonaland East Agricultural Show, where we hope to further promote Marondera's unlimited investment opportunities in Tourism and other sectors.

These highlights represent just a fraction of the exciting updates and initiatives we have in store for you in this latest edition of our journal. We invite you to delve into the details and enjoy your read!

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 Ndoro 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 Ndoro was appointed as the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services. He holds several qualifications, including a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Management from Chinhoyi University of Technology, a Post Graduate Diploma in Management for Executives from the University of Zimbabwe, and a Planning and Management of Urban Services Certificate from the Human Settlement Management Institute in New Delhi, India.



Itayi Terence Mashonganyika | Pr. Eng, is 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, 5years). 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.



Ms. Ruvimbo Nelisa Mhlanga is the Projects Engineer for the Municipality of Marondera. Ms. Mhlanga has a strong track record in road maintenance, water, and wastewater management. She began her career as a Civil Engineering Graduate Trainee with Gweru City Council from 2021 to 2023. Most recently, she served as a Civil Engineering Graduate Trainee with the Municipality of Marondera from July 2023 to February 2026 before being appointed to her substantive position. She holds a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Zimbabwe and is a registered member of the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers (ZIE).



Mr. Gordon Aneni Maruta is the Director of Planning and Development for the Municipality of Marondera. He is a seasoned spatial planning professional with a distinguished track record in land use planning, urban management, and local governance.

Mr. Maruta began his professional career as a Town Planner (GT) with Zvimba Rural District Council. He later served in the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works under the Department of Spatial Planning and Development from 2021 to 2022. Prior to his current appointment, he worked as the District Planner for Murewa Rural District Council from 2022 to 2026 before joining the Municipality of Marondera.

Mr. Maruta holds a Bachelor of Honours Degree in Rural and Urban Planning from the University of Zimbabwe, a Master of Urban Design from the National University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Business Administration in Strategic Leadership from the University of Zimbabwe. He is a registered Professional Planner with the Zimbabwe Institute of Urban Planners.

MEET OUR COUNCILLORS



HIS WORSHIP
THE MAYOR OF MARONDERA,
CLLR C. MUROVA, WARD 1



DEPUTY MAYOR
CLLR J MUJARANJI, WARD 12

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



CLLR M. NDORO W5, WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



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CLLR H. CHIPASHU W7, FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES



CLLR M. MARADZA W2, HUMAN CAPITAL AND SERVICES

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W3 AUDIT



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SPATIAL PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT

OTHER COUNCILLORS



CLLR C HOVE, PR



CLLR C MAZAMBANI,
WARD 6

OTHER COUNCILLORS



CLLR B GOVERE, PR



CLLR B MUJURU, WARD 8



CLLR L GWANGWARA, PR



CLLR C NGWENA, WARD 4

OTHER COUNCILLORS



CLLR M MUHAMADI, PR



CLLR C NYAMUNDANDA, WARD 9

COUNCIL ACQUIRES A NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART MOTORIZED GRADER

The Municipality of Marondera has made a landmark investment in its machinery with the acquisition of a state-of-the-art 2025 SEM 920F motorized grader. This advanced machinery boasts a robust 147 kW engine, meticulously designed to meet the demanding requirements of maintaining and improving municipal roads. The grader's sophisticated technology promises to dramatically enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of road maintenance operations, a crucial aspect of supporting the municipality's growth.

Marondera is currently undergoing a remarkable transformation, fueled by several key development initiatives. Notable among these are the Ruzawi West Housing Project, the Lower Paradise Extension, the Shepperton Housing Project, and the Chitepo Extension Housing Project. This unprecedented surge in development has created an urgent need for the municipality to upgrade its fleet of road maintenance equipment and machinery, ensuring that it can adequately support these expansive projects. By enhancing its operational capabilities, Council aims to improve service delivery for all residents and ratepayers.

The acquisition of the motorized grader follows closely on the heels of the procurement of two utility vehicles, further underscoring Council's dedicated commitment to modernizing its operational resources. In the past few months alone, Council has invested approximately USD 2.9 million in essential plant and equipment. This comprehensive investment encompasses a variety of critical service vehicles, including refuse collection trucks, fire tenders, ambulances, fuel dispensers, and other vital equipment aimed at boosting efficiency and effectiveness within municipal services.

The introduction of the new motorized grader is expected to bring about substantial improvements in road maintenance throughout the municipality. Enhanced road conditions are pivotal for ensuring safety and accessibility for all users, which is likely to encourage heightened economic activity and growth within Marondera. A well-maintained road infrastructure not only facilitates seamless transportation but also serves as an attractive feature for potential businesses looking to establish themselves in the area, thus contributing to the broader economic vibrancy of the community.

The Municipality of Marondera remains steadfast in its commitment to elevating service delivery standards, in alignment with its strategic objectives. This goal reflects the municipality's vision of continuous improvement and growth, resonating with the overarching national agenda. This includes initiatives targeting the attainment of goals spelt out in the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery, the Minimum Service Delivery Standards blueprints, and the benchmarks set forth in the National Development Strategy Two (NDS2).

As Council continues on this transformative journey, it aims to enrich the quality of life for its residents and ensure enhanced service delivery standards. This effort is in direct alignment with the ultimate aspiration of attaining city status and fulfilling the ambitions articulated in Vision 2030, as outlined by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa. By making strategic decisions today, Council is laying a solid foundation for socio-economic development, thereby attracting a new wave of investors, and reflecting a promising and prosperous future for Marondera.



The newly acquired motorized grader

COUNCIL MOURNS THE LOSS OF A DEDICATED EMPLOYEE

Earlier this year, the Municipality of Marondera experienced the heartbreaking loss of one of its most dedicated and long-serving employees, Mr. Mwamuka Chaiye. His sudden passing at the age of 53 was met with shock and disbelief by many, leaving a significant impact on those who knew him and the Marondera community he served with unwavering commitment.

Mr. Chaiye's professional journey began on April 1, 2008, when he joined the Municipality of Marondera as a Cemetery Attendant. From that day onward, he became a familiar and compassionate presence, offering support to families during some of their most difficult times. Over nearly eighteen years, he exemplified an exceptional work ethic and a deep sense of responsibility, ensuring that every task he undertook was performed with the utmost care and attention. His role was not merely a job for him; it was a vocation marked by empathy, kindness, and a profound respect for those he assisted.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Chaiye became known for his ability to comfort bereaved families and guide them through the intricacies of burial arrangements, easing their burdens during moments of immense sorrow. His dedication extended beyond mere responsibilities; it encompassed a genuine commitment to the community he loved, and he always approached his work with dignity and respect for the deceased and their loved ones.

The impact of Mr. Chaiye's departure will be deeply felt within the municipality. His colleagues described him as a quiet, unassuming person whose warm spirit and unwavering support fostered a sense of camaraderie and respect among the staff. His contributions to the Municipality of Marondera will be remembered not just for the tasks he accomplished but for the relationships he built and nurtured over the years.

As the Municipality of Marondera strives toward attaining city status and its vision of becoming a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence by 2030, the legacy of Mr. Chaiye will continue to resonate. His commitment to the growth and development of the municipality, along with his enduring contributions, left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who had the privilege to work alongside him. Council and the Marondera community will always hold Mr. Chaiye's memory in high regard, forever grateful for the dedication and compassion he embodied throughout his life.



The late Mr Mwamuka Chaiye

COUNCIL HOSTS UCAZ STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGET VALIDATION WORKSHOP

The Municipality of Marondera recently played host to an important two-day workshop organized by the Urban Councils Association of Zimbabwe (UCAZ) focused on strategic planning and budget validation. This significant event brought together a diverse group of participants, including His Worship the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr Chengetai Murova, the UCAZ Secretary General, Mr. Mutekede, and the UCAZ President, His Worship Cllr Jacob Mafume. Key attendees also included the Town Clerk, Mr. R. D. Nyamuzihwa, Chief Executive Officers from various urban councils, Finance Directors, and policy makers representing thirty-two urban local authorities. Additionally, officials from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, as well as representatives from the Office of the President and Cabinet, were present, reflecting the workshop's significance in the context of governance and urban management in the country.

The workshop's agenda was focused on several critical areas. Participants engaged in discussions regarding an overview of the UCAZ strategic plan, which outlined the association's goals and aspirations for the future. A holistic examination of the budget funding model and its compliance with existing regulations was also conducted to ensure that financial practices align with UCAZ's objectives.

A key component of the workshop was the alignment of the UCAZ 2026 budget with the overarching strategic plan. This alignment is of utmost importance as it directly influences the operational framework through which urban councils can achieve their goals. The participants worked collaboratively to endorse and validate various agreed-upon issues that emerged during the discussions, all aimed at improving urban service delivery in alignment with the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery and the Minimum Service Delivery Standards blueprints.

Another focal point was the Minimum Service Delivery Standards (MSDS), which serve as benchmarks for urban councils in delivering essential services to their communities. By emphasizing the importance of aligning these standards with UCAZ's strategic plan, the workshop sought to reinforce the commitment to achieving the national Vision 2030 targets.

UCAZ, as the coordinating body for all urban local authorities in Zimbabwe, plays a vital role in unifying efforts to enhance service delivery across the urban landscape. The insights and collaborative strategies developed during the workshop were designed to equip urban councils with the tools necessary to navigate the complexities and challenges of the future effectively. The workshop underscored UCAZ's indispensable contribution to fostering sustainable urban development and improving the quality of life for residents and ratepayers in Zimbabwe's urban areas.

COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Municipality of Marondera recently appointed a new Director of Planning and Development, following a ministerial directive that requires all local authorities to establish a dedicated planning and development department within their organizational structure. The new director is expected to lead all planning and development initiatives across the municipality, facilitating the implementation of the new master plan for Marondera.

Before the establishment of this new department, planning activities were managed under the Engineering Department, directed by the Director of Works, while the Town Planner oversaw planning matters. This arrangement was consistent with the organizational setup for most urban local authorities throughout the country. However, due to rapid population growth and ongoing developments in various local authorities, the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works recognized the need for a more specialized focus on planning and development. As a result, the Planning and Development Directorate was officially established.

After a comprehensive recruitment process, Mr. Gordon Aneni Maruta was appointed as the new Director of Planning and Development for the Municipality of Marondera. Mr. Maruta is an experienced spatial planning professional, bringing a strong track record in land use planning, urban management, and local governance. Most recently, he served as the District Planner for Murewa Rural District Council, where he played a key role in several significant planning initiatives. The municipality is fortunate to have Mr. Maruta at the helm of this new department.

To enhance the operational efficiency of the planning department, Council has established a new Planning Council Committee, chaired by Councillor Marozva. This committee will oversee planning and development issues, ensuring they receive the necessary priority and attention.

Planning and development control have become increasingly important, especially given the construction boom within the municipality. This growth is driven by the demand for more residential, commercial, and industrial properties in response to the rising population and the ambition to achieve city status. This aligns with the municipality's vision of establishing a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence by 2030, in accordance with Vision 2030.

Council is committed to improving service delivery in line with the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery and the Minimum Service Delivery Standards blueprints. This commitment requires ensuring adequate human resources. Mr. Maruta's appointment follows the recent hiring of two Project Engineers, Engineer Chikomwe and Engineer Mhlanga, who will support the Works Department. Their contributions are expected to address the increasing scope of construction work in response to service delivery demands.

MUNICIPALITY OF MARONDERA LAUNCHES "CLEAR YOUR BILL" PROMOTION

The Municipality of Marondera officially launched its highly anticipated "Clear Your Bill" promotion, a three-month campaign running from May to July 2026. This initiative aims to reward compliant ratepayers who consistently pay their council bills, while also encouraging those in arrears to make substantial progress in settling their outstanding amounts. Council is offering appealing instant daily prizes, as well as grand prizes in a quarterly draw.

Residents have two options for participating. Those who pay their entire council bill within the promotional period will be automatically entered into both the daily instant draws and the main quarterly draw. Additionally, ratepayers in arrears who pay $100 or more toward their council bill will also qualify for the instant daily draw.

Since the promotion's launch, many lucky winners have gone home daily with exciting instant prizes. In the first two days alone, over forty-four instant draw winners received attractive rewards.

Council encourages all residents to clear their bills and seize the opportunity to win fantastic prizes. Ratepayers are urged to visit the council banking halls located at the Council Civic Centre, the Overdue Office, and the Dombotombo Housing Office to settle their bills and automatically enter the daily and quarterly draws.

The introduction of the "Clear Your Bill Promotion" has been well-received by many ratepayers and stakeholders, who view it as a commendable initiative that will motivate residents to be more consistent in paying their council bills.

Recently, the Central Government introduced the "Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery" and the "Minimum Service Delivery Standards" blueprints, aimed at improving service delivery across all local authorities nationwide. Under these service delivery-focused blueprints, local authorities are tasked with enhancing revenue collection to finance better services. As a result, the Municipality of Marondera launched the bill payment promotion to boost its revenue.

The anticipated increase in revenue from this campaign is set to benefit ratepayers, as seventy per cent of the revenue will be directly allocated to service delivery, as mandated by the Urban Councils Act [Chapter 29: 15], while the remaining funds will be used to cover operational costs.

The Municipality of Marondera is undergoing a transformative journey, having acquired service delivery equipment worth over $2.9 million, as well as constructed new shopping and industrial complexes, and rehabilitated roads and municipal infrastructure in Marondera.



Mr Issa from the Municipality of Marondera, engaging residents during the 'Clear Your Bill' promotional campaign that Council ran with support from Proton Bakers



Council employees engaging stakeholders during the ‘Clear Your Bill” road show campaign

NEW COMMUNITY BOREHOLE COMMISSIONED IN WARD ONE

The Municipality of Marondera recently benefited from a newly installed borehole in Ward One, thanks to the Presidential borehole drilling and installation scheme spearheaded by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa. This initiative is part of an effort to improve service delivery in alignment with the Minimum Service Delivery Standards and the "Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery" blueprint.

Dr. Paul Tempter Tungwarara, the Special Investment and Empowerment Advisor to the President, officially commissioned the community borehole in Ward One, Marondera, as part of the Presidential program. The vibrant ceremony was attended by Honourable Advocate Itayi Ndudzo, the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, as well as His Worship, the Mayor of Marondera, Cllr. C. Murova, local councillors, and other senior council and government officials.

During the commissioning ceremony, Mayor Murova expressed his excitement about the successful drilling and installation of the borehole. He extended his gratitude to His Excellency, President Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa, for launching the nationwide presidential borehole drilling initiative, which aims to benefit millions across the country. Dr. Tungwarara assured the Mayor that more boreholes would be drilled and installed within the municipality as part of the program.

The new solar-powered borehole is expected to significantly improve water accessibility in Ward One and surrounding areas, supporting Council's efforts to enhance water access in line with the newly established Minimum Service Delivery Standards (MSDS) introduced under Statutory Instrument 170 of 2025.

The installation of ward-based boreholes serves as a temporary solution to alleviate water access challenges while longer-term solutions are being developed. Plans are underway to upgrade and expand the council's water treatment capacity from the current maximum of 13.5 mega litres per day to over 30 mega litres per day. This upgrade will be supported by the installation of a 1-megawatt solar plant, aimed at providing backup power for the water treatment facility, ensuring an uninterrupted water supply during power outages. The projected cost for the upgrade and expansion is over $18 million USD, and Council is actively seeking prospective investors to fund the project. In the meantime, Council is exploring ways to implement the project in phases.

The upgrades to the water treatment plant are expected to resolve the current municipal water supply issues, complementing the borehole drilling and water rationing strategies being implemented to ease water challenges.



The Special Presidential Advisor on Investment and Empowerment, Dr. Paul Tempter Tungwarara commissions a new borehole while the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs for Mash East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo and the Mayor, Cllr C. Murova look on



Ward One residents fetching water from the new Presidential Scheme Borehole

Marondera Municipality Library Services

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

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

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

Library Schedule

Dombotombo Library
Opening and Closing Hours

Monday to Friday
1000hrs -1700hrs

Children's Library
Opening and Closing Hours

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

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

Library Fees

½ a year	$15 (Zig Equivalent)
Annual	$24 (Zig Equivalent)
Annual fee for ECD A & B, Grades 1 & 2	$10 (Zig Equivalent)

Dombotombo Clinic
0771 512 864

Nyameni Clinic
0778 677 299

Fire & Ambulance
0772 785 086

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COUNCIL CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE BYLAWS AND POLICY REVIEW WORKSHOP

The Municipality of Marondera recently convened an extensive workshop aimed at thoroughly reviewing its bylaws and policies. The primary objective of this workshop was to enhance the Council's corporate governance framework and significantly improve the delivery of services to the community. This crucial workshop attracted a diverse group of participants, including His Worship the Mayor, Councillor C. Murova; Deputy Mayor, Councillor J. Munjaranji; councilors, Mr. Mabhuro, the Acting Director of Local Government Services and Mr. Masawi, the District Development Coordinator. Additionally, council management and officials from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works were also in attendance.

Among the pivotal policies reviewed during the workshop was the regulation of automated electronic defibrillators. In recognition of the pressing need to enhance emergency response services, Council recently made a substantial investment of over 2.9 million USD in essential plant and equipment. This investment not only included vital emergency service tools such as fire tenders and ambulances but also aimed to expand the availability and accessibility of automated electronic defibrillators, which are critical for saving lives in emergency medical situations. The thorough review of the defibrillator bylaws is a necessary step to ensure their proper operation and use.

In light of the evolving challenges faced by both public and private sectors, the workshop also placed significant emphasis on the review of the risk management policy. This policy is crucial as it empowers Council to identify, assess, and manage various risks effectively, ultimately minimizing potential losses and mitigating adverse impacts. By adopting a more robust approach to risk management, Council aims to significantly boost its operational efficiency and safeguard its resources.

Another key initiative from the workshop was the establishment of a standard operating procedure (SOP) for requisitions, designed to streamline and enhance the procurement processes within Council. The SOP aims to foster greater efficiency, accountability, and transparency in purchasing decisions, thereby optimizing resource allocation. Moreover, Council is committed to inclusivity, encouraging participation from all community demographics, particularly focusing on persons with disabilities. This commitment has culminated in the development of a disability inclusion policy, ensuring that the needs of all community members are addressed.

To further this inclusivity objective, female councillors took the initiative of sponsoring the installation of wheelchair ramps at Dombotombo Clinic. This significant step is part of Council's ongoing efforts to promote universal access, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of physical ability, can access municipal services and facilities without barriers.

Moreover, the workshop provided an opportunity to review and establish comprehensive terms of reference for the Spatial Planning and Land Management Committee, which are essential for guiding the operations of the newly formed Spatial Planning and Development Directorate, under the oversight of the Spatial Planning and Development Committee. This structural change aims to improve planning effectiveness and land management practices within the municipality.

In a bid to improve operational oversight and personnel management, the Council also introduced new policies related to breathalyser and biometric data management systems. The implementation of these policies aligns with the Council's strategic goal of integrating cutting-edge technologies to enhance personnel supervision and accountability in the execution of their duties.

Additional policies reviewed and formally adopted during the workshop included an anti-bullying policy designed to create a safe working environment, a recruitment and selection policy aimed at ensuring fair hiring practices, and a training and development policy focused on fostering professional growth among staff.

The policy review workshop is a vital component of the Council's broader governance reform agenda, which is dedicated to improving operational efficiency and enhancing revenue collection mechanisms. These initiatives are designed to deliver superior services to the community. Furthermore, they align with the Minimum Service Delivery Standards and the "Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery" initiative announced by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa. The overarching goal of these efforts is to elevate service delivery in local authorities in line with Vision 2030 benchmarks.



Delegates follow proceedings during the workshop



The Chamber Secretary, Ms Zvoutete facilitating a session during the workshop

COUNCIL SWEARS IN NEW JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Municipality of Marondera recently celebrated a significant milestone with the official inauguration of its new Junior Council leadership for the 2026–2027 term. The vibrant and uplifting swearing-in ceremony took place at Cherutombo High School, a reputable Council. The event marked the commencement of a new term for the Junior Council, which is poised to play a crucial role in promoting youth development initiatives and advocating for the pressing issues that affect young people in the Municipality of Marondera.

The ceremony was presided over by the Town Clerk, Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa, who took on the important duty of administering the oath of office to the newly elected junior councillors. The guest of honour, the District Development Coordinator (DDC) Mr. Masawi, was represented by the Assistant DDC, Mrs. Mukonda. The gathering also included a host of notable figures, among them His Worship the Mayor, Cllr C. Murova, and Deputy Mayor Cllr J. Munjaranji, as well as senior councillors, council management, parents, guardians, school patrons, and various community stakeholders. This diverse assembly came together to witness and celebrate the moment when the young leaders pledged their commitment to serving their community.

In his opening address, Mayor Cllr C. Murova extended his heartfelt congratulations to the newly sworn-in junior councillors, emphasizing the crucial responsibilities they were about to undertake. He challenged them to rise to the occasion and become exemplary role models within the community, urging them to take their roles seriously. “The future of our Municipality and nation lies in your hands,” stated the Mayor earnestly. “As young leaders, you must stand up and fight against prevalent issues like drug and substance abuse, which pose significant threats to the wellbeing and futures of countless youths.” He strongly encouraged junior councillors to embrace their roles as ambassadors of positive change, promoting values such as discipline, education, and initiatives aimed at empowering their peers.

The Town Clerk, Mr. Nyamuzihwa, elaborated on the importance of the Junior Council programme, highlighting it as a respected national initiative designed for youth leadership training. He explained that the programme aims to cultivate the next generation of leaders by providing them with exposure to governance systems, leadership responsibilities, and various developmental initiatives. He also unveiled exciting prospects that awaited the junior councillors throughout their term, such as government-sponsored educational and exchange visits to Chimoi in Mozambique, along with trips to Zambia and Japan in the upcoming months. These experiences are designed to broaden the horizons of the young leaders, offering them unique insights into international cultural exchanges, effective leadership experiences, and exemplary developmental practices through peer exchanges.

“The Junior Council is far more than a mere ceremonial structure,” Mr. Nyamuzihwa emphasized. “It serves as a vital platform equipping young individuals with practical leadership skills, allowing them to make meaningful contributions to national growth and development.” Senior councillors expressed their unwavering support and commitment to mentoring the incoming junior leadership team, reinforcing the collaborative environment essential for effective governance.

The event was met with resounding applause from parents and guardians, who expressed gratitude to the Municipality for fostering a platform that empowers youth and instills essential leadership qualities from an early age. Many parents articulated their hopes that this initiative would inspire the youth to grow into responsible citizens and future leaders of the nation.
The newly inaugurated Junior Council leadership for the 2026–2027 term comprises a diverse group of talented individuals:

- Junior Mayor: Desire Ropafadzo Ziyachecha
- Junior Deputy Mayor: Kundisai Musuka
- Junior Town Clerk: Tinotenda Muroiwa
- Public Relations Director: Enigma Bvetawo
- Chamber Secretary: Praise Gama
- Director of Gender and Youth: Tinevimbonashe Marozva
- Director of Events and Entertainment: Nyatsonza Shalom
- Director of Engineering: Matipa Jonah
- Director of Community Service: Tanatswa Anobhi
- Director of Finance: Tavonga Jeranyama

Other junior councillors include Nyekete Kyla, Tonatswa Pongolani, Sean Chakamonika, Collin Mutasa, Farai Kachidza, Tinevimbo Muyambo, Ryan Mafoti, and Claris Bonza.

The ceremony concluded on a high note, filled with celebration as the newly sworn-in junior councillors posed for photographs alongside council officials, family members, and esteemed guests, commemorating the beginning of an important journey filled with opportunities for learning, leadership, and community service.



The Mayor, Cllr. C Murova congratulates the Junior Mayor, Desire Ziyachecha soon after taking her oath of office



The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. J Munjaranji addressing the Junior Mayor, Desire Ziyachecha and members of her Junior Council leadership



The Assistant DDC, Mrs Mukonda delivering some remarks during the junior Council inauguration ceremony



The Town Clerk, Mr R.D Nyamuzihwa addressing delegates during the junior Council swearing in ceremony

MARONDERA MODERN MARKET PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The Municipality of Marondera is making significant strides toward completing the modern market project located along First Street. This landmark development is poised to revolutionize the trading landscape for vendors and informal traders within the Municipality, enhancing both their working conditions and overall business prospects.

Initiated towards the end of last year, the modern market project is a cornerstone of the Municipality's expansive infrastructure development and service delivery enhancement program. The facility is meticulously designed to provide a hygienic, orderly, secure, and spacious trading environment, equipped to accommodate over four hundred vendors and traders currently operating in the area. This modernized space aims to create a more organized marketplace, addressing the demand for trading space for informal traders.

In recent months, the construction has advanced notably, now entering the final stages, with approximately ninety-five per cent of the work completed. This progress has sparked considerable excitement among residents, traders, and community stakeholders, who view the modern market as a pivotal milestone in Marondera's journey toward growth, modernization, and ultimately, city status.

For many informal traders, the upcoming completion of this facility transcends the mere construction of new infrastructure; it embodies a marked improvement in working conditions and presents avenues for business expansion and ultimately formalization of their business ventures. Long subjected to challenging and often precarious conditions, many traders expressed a sense of renewed hope as they anticipate the transition to a safer and more structured trading environment that promotes respect and operational efficiency. Some have shared their enthusiasm, describing the project as a significant step away from their previous existence characterized by poor and not-so-ideal trading conditions.

The project aligns seamlessly with the Council's visionary goal to transform Marondera into a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence by the year 2030. Moreover, it supports broader national development goals under Vision 2030 by emphasizing infrastructure development, economic empowerment, and enhanced public service delivery. These objectives are further reinforced through local authority blueprints such as the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery and the Minimum Service Delivery Standards established under Statutory Instrument 170 of 2025.

The modern market is set to play a crucial role in bolstering the local economy by cultivating a conducive environment for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Informal trading is a vital component of the economic framework in many urban areas, and the Municipality's strategic investment in this sector showcases its dedication to facilitating entrepreneurship initiatives. This commitment is vital for fostering inclusive socio-economic growth and development within the community.

Residents have warmly welcomed the construction of the market facility, viewing the project as a forward-thinking advancement in urban development and public infrastructure. Community members have praised the Council's proactive approach in prioritizing initiatives that directly enhance the livelihoods of everyday citizens while contributing to systematic urban planning. The modern market will additionally streamline shopping experiences for consumers, offering better accessibility along with improved sanitation and an orderly trading environment. Once operational, the facility is expected to evolve into a vibrant commercial hub, fostering increased business activity throughout Marondera.

As the final touches are applied and preparations for the market's opening are made, the Municipality of Marondera remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering infrastructure projects that significantly elevate the quality of life for its residents, while simultaneously promoting sustainable economic growth and development.

The new modern market stands as a testament to progress and resilience, reflecting the Municipality's unwavering determination to cultivate a more inclusive, modern, and economically vibrant Marondera for both current inhabitants and future generations, in alignment with the Council's transformative agenda.



New modern market construction site



New modern market construction site

COUNCIL EXHIBITS AT THE NATIONAL FIRE AWARENESS WEEK COMMEMORATIONS

The Municipality of Marondera proudly participated in the recent National Fire Awareness Week commemorations, which took place at Goromonzi High School in Goromonzi. This engagement underscores Council's ongoing commitment to enhancing its emergency and fire response capabilities, recognizing the critical importance of safeguarding both lives and property within the Municipality.

The commemorations were held under the theme "Prevent, Protect and Preserve," and drew a diverse gathering of local authorities, emergency service providers, and various stakeholders who are collectively dedicated to promoting disaster preparedness and public safety. The event was graced by the presence of the Vice President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Retired Colonel K.C.D Mohadi, who officiated the proceedings, marking the occasion with an inspirational address highlighting the importance of fire safety and emergency response initiatives.

Throughout the event, the Municipality of Marondera showcased its advancing fire and ambulance services through an informative exhibition that prominently displayed Council's significant investments in emergency response infrastructure and equipment. The exhibition not only served to visualize the Council's progress but also communicated its unwavering commitment to enhancing service delivery and ensuring the safety of residents through effective emergency preparedness systems.

A notable highlight of the commemorative event was the launch of the Integrated Fire Management Hub. This initiative is set to revolutionize national efforts in coordinating fire prevention, emergency response, and disaster management. With the aim of strengthening collaboration between local authorities and emergency response agencies, the hub is anticipated to greatly improve the handling of fire-related incidents and other types of disasters, ultimately leading to enhanced community safety.

This participation is particularly significant in light of the Municipality's recent strategic enhancements to its emergency response fleet, marked by the acquisition of three state-of-the-art fire tenders and two new ambulances. This investment is a monumental step forward in the Council's ongoing mission to elevate public safety and the provision of emergency services, not only within Marondera but also in the surrounding hinterlands.

Two of the newly acquired fire tenders were obtained through a Government-to-Government arrangement between Zimbabwe and Belarus, coordinated through the efforts of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa. Additionally, an extra fire tender was funded through the Council's own resources, bringing the total number of fire tenders in the Municipality's fleet to an impressive four. The enhancement of this fleet has significantly fortified the Council's ability to respond promptly and effectively to fires, rescue missions, road traffic accidents, and various other emergencies. Already, these upgraded emergency response services are demonstrating their value by contributing to quicker response times, safeguarding property, and ultimately saving lives within the community.

Continued investment in emergency preparedness remains a paramount focus for the Municipality, in alignment with its broader development agenda and relentless commitment to delivering quality services to residents. Through ongoing efforts to modernize emergency services, the Municipality aspires to foster a safer, more resilient community that is well-prepared for future challenges. In a proactive move to further strengthen emergency services, Council recently recruited eighteen additional firefighters, who will be instrumental in managing the expanding fleet of fire tenders and bolstering the Council's overall emergency response capabilities. The recruits are expected to undergo rigorous induction and training on the use of the advanced equipment and fire tenders.

Guided by the "Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery" initiative and the Minimum Service Delivery Standards, the Municipality of Marondera remains steadfast in its operational alignment with the national development goals outlined in the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2) and Vision 2030 targets. Through strategic investments, diligent recapitalization efforts, and active participation in national programs, Council continues to exemplify its dedication to community safety, infrastructure development, and the enhancement of service delivery, ultimately benefiting all ratepayers and stakeholders involved.



Figure 1His Worship the Mayor, Cllr C. Murova (second from left, seated), Cllr M.C Mujaranji (extreme right) and Council staff at the Council Gazebo during the National Fire Awareness Week commemorations in Goromonzi

MUNICIPALITY OF MARONDERA SUCCESSFULLY HOSTS PROVINCIAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

In a remarkable demonstration of community solidarity and environmental commitment, the Municipality of Marondera recently organized the “My Environment Clean-Up Drive Campaign.” This initiative brought together a diverse group of participants, including government officials, prominent local leaders, enthusiastic residents, dedicated student volunteers, and various stakeholders focused on environmental preservation. Together, these groups aimed to promote cleanliness across the municipality and enhance sustainable environmental practices.

The campaign was inaugurated by Mrs. Ndudzo, the wife of the Honourable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland East, Advocate Itayi Ndudzo. Representing the First Lady of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Her Excellency Dr. Amai Auxillia Mnangagwa, Mrs. Ndudzo was honored as the distinguished guest of honor. The launch attracted many notable attendees, including the esteemed Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, along with other councillors, council management, and staff members. Additionally, representatives from the Environmental Management Agency (EMA) played a crucial role in coordinating the event, emphasizing its importance. A commendable turnout of local volunteers, school pupils, and engaged residents from various areas of the municipality who contributed their time and energy to this vital cause.

During his address at the bustling Green Park, Mayor Murova expressed heartfelt appreciation to all participants, emphasizing the importance of community mobilization in initiatives like the cleanup campaign. He highlighted the pressing need for a clean environment, noting that efforts such as these significantly impact public health, beautify the municipality, and promote a culture of responsible waste management among residents. His comments resonated with the audience, reinforcing the idea that a clean environment is essential for a vibrant community.

In her inspiring keynote address, Mrs. Ndudzo echoed similar sentiments, arguing that cleanliness and environmental responsibility are shared duties that must be embraced by all community members. She passionately called on every stakeholder to actively participate in initiatives promoting national cleanliness, contributing to the vision of creating cleaner, healthier communities for future generations. Her words served as a rallying cry for collective action, motivating those present to take ownership of their environment.

The clean-up efforts focused on key areas near the central business district (CBD), with special attention given to the bus terminus and adjacent public spaces. Volunteers worked tirelessly, collecting litter, sweeping streets, and removing waste, leading to a noticeable transformation in the community's appearance. This campaign was not just a local effort but also an extension of the national monthly clean-up initiative led by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa, further supported by the advocacy of the First Lady of the Republic of Zimbabwe, enhancing the national narrative of environmental stewardship.

The event served as a powerful testament to the effectiveness of community involvement and illustrated the potential of collective action in promoting environmental stewardship. Residents, schoolchildren, local organizations, and eager volunteers came together, working side by side to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to a cleaner and more sustainable Marondera. The Municipality of Marondera remains dedicated to cultivating clean, safe, and healthy environments as it seeks to achieve city status, ultimately striving to improve the overall quality of life for all its residents and stakeholders. The momentum generated by this campaign is expected to inspire future initiatives and foster greater environmental awareness within the community.



The guest of honour, Mrs Ndudzo addressing attendees during the provincial clean-up campaign



Mayor Murova delivering his welcome remarks during the provincial clean-up campaign



The guest of honour, Mrs Ndudzo emptying garbage following the clean-up exercise

COUNCIL SENIOR MANAGEMENT SIGNS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS

In a significant development for the Municipality of Marondera, senior management recently formalized their commitment to improved service delivery and accountability by signing performance contracts. This milestone followed an intensive two-day training workshop focused on Integrated Results-Based Management (IRBM) and the principles of performance contracting, designed to enhance the effectiveness of municipal operations.

The workshop was attended by notable figures including His Worship the Mayor of the Municipality of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, and Deputy Mayor Councillor J. Munjaranji. Also present were Councillors, the Town Clerk, Mr. R.D. Nyamuzihwa, the Acting Director of Local Government Services, Mr. Mabhuro, the District Development Coordinator, Mr. Masawi, along with key members of the Council management team. The participation of senior leadership underscored the importance of leadership engagement in driving the municipal agenda forward.

The signing ceremony itself marked a pivotal moment in the Municipality's strategic journey, signifying a firm commitment to bolstering accountability, enhancing organizational performance, and improving overall service delivery for the benefit of residents and stakeholders. This initiative aligns with existing frameworks such as the Minimum Service Delivery Standards and the comprehensive Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery blueprints. Performance contracts are expected to guide senior management in aligning their daily activities and strategic initiatives with predefined organizational goals and measurable targets.

At the ceremony, the Town Clerk, Mr. Nyamuzihwa emphasized the importance of the performance contracts, describing them as a vital step toward cultivating a results-oriented culture within the Municipality. He articulated that this initiative not only aims to enhance accountability but is also a critical measure for ensuring compliance with the Minimum Service Delivery Standards as stipulated in Statutory Instrument 170 of 2025. Mr. Nyamuzihwa expressed optimism that the contracts would instill a sense of responsibility and ownership among senior managers as they pursue their objectives.

Prior to this event, similar performance contracts were signed by the Town Clerk and the Mayor in a ceremony witnessed by His Excellency, Cde Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe. This highlights the Second Republic's overarching goal of improving performance and service delivery within all sectors of the public sector, emphasizing a transparent and accountable governance framework.

As the implementation phase progresses, plans are already in motion for cascading the performance and appraisal contracts throughout the entire Council structure. This approach will ensure that each employee, regardless of their role, is actively involved in and contributes to achieving the Municipality's vision and overarching service delivery objectives.

The Municipality of Marondera remains staunchly dedicated to fostering an efficient, accountable, and high-performing municipality that adeptly responds to the evolving needs and expectations of its residents. By investing in strategic management practices and enhancing operational accountability, the Municipality aims to set a benchmark in local governance, ultimately working towards sustainably enhancing service delivery.



Council senior management poses for a photo with Councillors soon after signing performance contracts

COUNCIL HOLDS LEAP REVIEW WORKSHOP

The Municipality of Marondera, in a strategic collaboration with the Environmental Management Agency (EMA), recently welcomed attendees to a comprehensive two-day Local Environmental Action Plan (LEAP) Review Workshop. This significant event was graced by several distinguished guests, notably His Worship the Mayor of Marondera, Councillor C. Murova, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J. Munjaranji, Honourable Member of Parliament, Mr Gotora; Senator Chinyanga, Acting Director of Local Government Services, Mr Mabhuro and the District Development Coordinator, Mr Masawi, represented by Mrs Mukonda. The event also saw the participation of councillors along with heads of multiple Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

The LEAP workshop served as a vital platform for engaging key stakeholders from across the municipality, including councillors, council management, representatives from the EMA, leaders of associations, community-based organisations and development partners. The collective purpose was to assess and review progress made in implementing the LEAP since its inception in the year 2022, ensuring that the municipality adheres to its commitment to environmental sustainability and management.

During the workshop, a series of presentations detailed the notable advancements achieved in numerous priority areas. The areas included solid waste management, wastewater management, the protection of wetlands, urban greening initiatives, and the promotion of environmental awareness among residents. The participants highlighted significant enhancements in refuse collection services, including the procurement of new waste management equipment like refuse compactors, a skip tractor and skip bins. Furthermore, there were updates on the rehabilitation efforts of various sections of the existing sewer network and an increase in environmental education initiatives aimed at local communities.

Stakeholders expressed appreciation for the growing participation of residents, educational institutions, community groups, and development partners in environmental conservation programs. The positive outcomes were attributed to heightened awareness and increased stakeholder engagement, which were underscored as essential components in achieving environmental goals within the municipality.

Despite the progress, the workshop also provided a candid assessment of the challenges that continue to impede effective environmental management. Participants identified pressing issues such as illegal dumping practices, encroachment on wetlands, illegal sand extraction, ageing wastewater infrastructure, and the persistent challenge of securing adequate financial resources for important environmental projects.

Engaging in interactive discussions and group work sessions, the participants collectively reflected on lessons learned over the past year and explored practical, innovative solutions to emerging environmental challenges. The discussions underscored the necessity for bolstered partnerships, effective resource mobilization strategies, and enhanced monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure that all partners are successful in implementing environmental programs.

The workshop further emphasized the importance of prioritizing environmental challenges, fostering strengthened collaboration among stakeholders, identifying new financing opportunities, and developing a clear roadmap to facilitate the review and updating of the Local Environmental Action Plan.

Throughout the workshop, participants reaffirmed their ongoing commitment to promoting environmental stewardship and collaboratively striving towards a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable municipality. The LEAP document was recognised as a critical legal framework required of all local authorities, as stipulated by the Environmental Management Act. Attendees were also informed about proposed legislative changes, including the upcoming Wetlands Act, aimed at enhancing the legal protections in place for wetlands.

The workshop concluded with the unanimous adoption of key recommendations intended to guide the next phases of environmental planning and implementation. The recommendations are expected to considerably strengthen environmental governance, improve service delivery mechanisms, and enhance the Municipality's overall capacity to tackle both current and future environmental issues effectively. Furthermore, the draft LEAP document will be made accessible to the public for feedback and suggestions before its finalization.

The Municipality of Marondera remains steadfast in its dedication to collaboratively working with all stakeholders, with the ultimate goal of safeguarding the environment and significantly enhancing the quality of life for both current and future generations.



The Public Health Manager, Mr T. Paraiwa presenting council achievements during the LEAP document review



The Mayor, Cllr C. Murova delivering welcome remarks during the LEAP workshop



Honourable Senator, Mr Gotora making some remarks during the LEAP review workshop

COUNCIL BOOSTS WASTE MANAGEMENT CAPACITY WITH NEW SKIP TRACTOR AND SKIP TRAILER

The Municipality of Marondera has strengthened its waste management fleet through the acquisition of a new skip tractor and trailer, a significant investment aimed at improving refuse collection services and enhancing environmental cleanliness across the municipality.

The newly acquired skip tractor and trailer will be used in conjunction with skip bins that will be strategically placed in high litter zones throughout the municipality to facilitate efficient collection and transportation of solid waste. The addition of the brand-new skip tractor and trailer is expected to improve response times for waste collection and disposal needs, reduce illegal dumping, and contribute to cleaner residential, commercial, and industrial areas.

Speaking on the development, Council's Public Health Manager, Mr Tonderai Paraiwa, said the skip tractor and trailer acquisition forms part of the Municipality's ongoing efforts to modernise service delivery and address growing waste management demands brought about by urban expansion and population growth.

The skip tractor and trailer complement other waste management initiatives being implemented by the Municipality, including regular refuse collection, environmental awareness campaigns and partnerships with stakeholders involved in environmental management like EMA, Clean Marondera, Restore Eden Initiative and others. It also supports the objectives of the recently reviewed Local Environmental Action Plan (LEAP), which prioritises sustainable waste management and environmental protection.

Residents and other stakeholders are expected to benefit from improved waste collection services, especially in areas where high waste generation is experienced. The equipment will also assist in the timely removal of waste from public spaces, helping to maintain a clean and healthy environment.

The Municipality urges residents to complement Council efforts by making proper use of designated waste disposal facilities and refraining from illegal dumping. Community participation remains critical in ensuring the success of environmental management programmes and maintaining the cleanliness of the Municipality.

The acquisition of the skip tractor and trailer demonstrates the Municipality of Marondera's commitment to investing in infrastructure and equipment that enhance service delivery and improve the quality of life for all residents and stakeholders. As the Municipality continues to strengthen its waste management systems, such investments will play a key role in building a cleaner, greener and more sustainable Marondera in line with the dictates of the Minimum Service Delivery Standards and the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery blueprints.

The Municipality of Marondera is on a transformative journey and remains committed to providing efficient, reliable and responsive services while promoting environmental stewardship and sustainable urban development for the betterment of Marondera, the Mashonaland East Province and the nation at large en route to meeting Vision 2030 targets.



The new skip tractor



The newly acquired skip trailer

COUNCIL HOLDS INDUCTION WORKSHOP FOR SPATIAL PLANNING AND SCHOOLS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Municipality of Marondera recently conducted an induction workshop for councillors and management serving on the Spatial Planning and Land Management Committee and the Schools Subcommittee. The workshop aimed at enhancing participants' understanding of the operations, responsibilities and strategic importance of the two committees in advancing effective local governance and service delivery.

The workshop was facilitated by representatives from the Provincial Planner's Office, the District Development Coordinator's Office and the Director of Spatial Planning and Land Management, Mr. Maruta. The workshop brought together councillors, council management and other key stakeholders, providing a platform for knowledge sharing and capacity building.

A key focus of the workshop was the induction of the newly established Spatial Planning and Land Management Committee. Participants were introduced to the committee's mandate, which includes overseeing spatial planning activities, land management processes and development control procedures within the Municipality. The establishment of the committee follows the creation of the Spatial Planning and Land Management Directorate, a development that reflects the growing importance of planning and land management functions within the Municipality of Marondera and local authorities in general.

Facilitators highlighted the importance of spatial planning in guiding sustainable development, coordinating land use activities and ensuring orderly growth within urban areas. Participants also gained an understanding of spatial planning legislation, planning instruments and development control procedures that are critical in managing development and ensuring compliance with approved plans and regulatory frameworks.

Participants deliberated on issues surrounding illegal developments and their impact on communities. Discussions focused on how unauthorised developments can strain infrastructure, compromise environmental sustainability and undermine orderly urban growth. Participants were encouraged to support measures that promote compliance with planning regulations and safeguard community interests.

In addition, the induction covered the Schools Subcommittee, whose role has become increasingly important in strengthening oversight of council schools. Participants discussed governance issues relating to school operations, procurement processes, financial accountability and compliance with statutory requirements. The induction sought to equip councillors with the knowledge required to effectively discharge their oversight responsibilities and contribute to the improvement of educational service delivery.

The workshop underscored the critical role of councillors and management in promoting orderly development, ensuring effective governance and supporting the Municipality's development agenda. Through enhanced understanding of committee functions and regulatory frameworks, participants are now better positioned to make informed decisions that contribute to sustainable development and improved service delivery.

The induction workshop forms part of the Municipality of Marondera's ongoing commitment to strengthening institutional capacity and improving service delivery in line with national development priorities, Minimum Service Delivery Standards and the Call to Action: No Compromise to Service Delivery blueprints.



Delegates following proceedings during the Spatial Planning Committee and Schools Sub Committee induction workshop



Mr Maruta, the Director for Spatial Planning and Land Development making a presentation during the Spatial Planning Committee workshop

COUNCIL EXHIBITS AT THE 2026 ZITF EXHIBITION

The Municipality of Marondera showcased its offerings during the 2026 edition of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF). This year's ZITF was held under the theme "Connected Economies: Competitive Industries."

In keeping with tradition, the ZITF exhibition took place at the ZITF Exhibition Park in Bulawayo. This year's opening ceremony was officiated by His Excellency Duma Boko, the President of Botswana, accompanied by His Excellency Cde Dr E.D. Mnangagwa, the host President of the Republic of Zimbabwe. The 66th edition of the ZITF attracted a large number of visitors from around the world, who were eager to engage with the diverse offerings on display.

Representing Mashonaland East Province, the Municipality of Marondera showcased its unique opportunities under the theme: "Delivering Smart Socio-economic Services for Connected and Competitive Industries, towards Vision 2030," alongside nine other local authorities. The theme was well-aligned with the main event theme, making it particularly relevant. Council's lively stand drew in hundreds of interested visitors, all eager to learn about a wide array of exciting investment opportunities. Council promoted five key flagship investment projects, which included the creation of a world-class golf course, the development of a hotel and conference centre, a solar park, an industrial park, and the expansion of the water treatment plant, along with a 1MW solar park. If pursued, these investment opportunities are expected to provide substantial economic advantages for both the municipality and the province.

The ZITF featured a variety of local and international dignitaries, including ministers, senior government officials, and the Vice President, Retired General Cde Dr C.D.G.N. Chiwenga, along with the Vice President, Retired Colonel Kembo D.C.M Mohadi and several 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. The ZITF serves as a premier platform for Council to promote its flagship opportunities, allowing it to showcase its broad range of investment prospects to both local and international investors.

The Municipality of Marondera plans to participate in the upcoming Sanganai Tourism Expo set for September, where Council will have the chance to present tourism investment opportunities to potential investors. The Sanganai expo is an essential platform for the tourism sector, aimed at highlighting investment opportunities, destinations, attractions and services from Zimbabwe and beyond.

International trade exhibitions draw a rich assortment of national, regional, and international brands, giving Council an excellent opportunity to promote its investment offerings.

Council's stand at the 66th edition of the ZITF attracted numerous visitors, leading to multiple firm investment proposals from eager investors. Attendees learned about the ongoing development initiatives that Council is implementing to improve service delivery, consistent with major blueprints such as the Minimum Service Delivery Standards, the Call to Action: No Compromise in Service Delivery, the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), and Vision 2030.

Council is firmly convinced that encouraging investment across various sectors of Marondera's economy is a vital approach to resolving significant municipal challenges. The emphasis on strategic investment seeks to enhance development within the municipality, ultimately contributing to the realization of the overarching goal of transforming Marondera into a Vibrant Smart City of Service Excellence by 2030, reflecting Council's ambitious but realistic vision for the future.



The Vice President, Cde K.D.C Mohadi addressing delegates during the Connect Africa Symposium



The Vice President Cde C.D.G.N Chiwenga addressing delegates during the ZITF International Business Conference 2026



The Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Prof Mthuli Ncube makes a presentation during the Connect Africa Symposium



The ZITF Chairperson, Mr Busisa Moyo addressing delegates during the International Business Conference



Mayor Murova with Mr Muzawaka and Ms Muchavhaira at the Municipality of Marondera exhibition cubicle at the ZITF

CLEAN MARONDERA- MARONDERA'S VERY OWN GREEN GUARDIAN GLADIATOR

Environmental and waste management issues are gaining prominence as key components in local authority governance. With the increase in population growth, there is an exponential increase in waste generation, creating a greater risk of pollution and environmental degradation. The Municipality of Marondera, as a key environmental steward, has been working collaboratively with volunteers, EMA, CBOs and other stakeholders to ensure sustainable waste and environmental management practices are enforced throughout Council's municipal jurisdiction. Clean Marondera is one of the leading CBO's that Council has been partnering with to help manage waste in Marondera. The Council's Public Relations Officer (PRO) sat down with the Clean Marondera founder, Elizabeth Gundu (EG), to establish the impact of Clean Marondera's work and its vision of waste management in Marondera. The following is a transcript of the discussion.

PRO: Please tell us about yourself and about Clean Marondera?

EG: I'm a representative of Clean Marondera, a community-based environmental initiative founded in 2012 by Mrs Elizabeth Gundu, a widow who is deeply passionate about the environment. We focus on waste recovery, recycling, and civic education in Marondera. We empower women and young people mainly by turning waste into value and creating green livelihoods while keeping our Municipality clean, green, and sustainable.

PRO: When was Clean Marondera established and what inspired its formation?

EG: Clean Marondera was established in 2012 by Mrs Elizabeth Gundu. It was inspired by her personal commitment to the environment, the growing waste challenges in our communities, and the need to create income opportunities for women and young people through recycling.

PRO: What is the organisation's mission and vision?

EG: Mission: To promote a clean, healthy, and sustainable Marondera through waste recovery, recycling, environmental education, and the empowerment of women and youth.

Vision: A clean, green, and waste-resilient town where women and young people lead in protecting the environment.

PRO: What are the main programmes and services offered by Clean Marondera?

EG: - Door-to-door and business waste collection
- Glass, plastic, and can recovery and recycling
- Community clean-up campaigns
- Green Guardians Initiative – school recycling and waste management competitions
- Environmental awareness and school outreach
- Skills training and income projects for women and young people
- Support for waste pickers and informal collectors

PRO: Which communities or sectors do you primarily serve?

EG: We primarily serve residents, schools, businesses, and markets in Marondera. Our core beneficiaries are women and young people across households, SMEs, and local institutions.

PRO: What waste management challenges is the organisation working to address?

EG: We are addressing illegal dumping, low recycling rates, limited waste separation at source, unemployment among women and youth, and lack of public awareness. We also work to reduce the volume of waste ending up in landfills.

PRO: Can you share some of your key achievements since the organisation was established?

EG: I am proud to mention that we achieved the following major milestones since our formation;
- Recovering around 150 tonnes of waste for recycling every single month
- Recovered over 53.8 tonnes of glass between Jan–June 2026 alone
- Launched the Green Guardians Initiative with 18 local schools participating in a recycling and waste management competition. Nyameni Primary School won the competition and received a brand new laptop
- Won several National Awards recognizing our work in waste management and environmental sustainability
- Established several collection points across Marondera
- Trained and employed women and young people as waste collectors and recycling agents
- Ran and participated in multiple community clean-up drives in collaboration with the Municipality of Marondera, EMA and other stakeholders.

PRO: How have your projects positively impacted local communities?

EG: Our work has created income opportunities, especially for women and youth, diverted 150 tonnes of waste monthly from landfills, and inspired the next generation through school programs like Green Guardians. Schools and residents are now more aware of the importance attached to waste separation and recycling.

PRO: Are there any success stories that best illustrate the impact of your work?

EG: Yes. The Green Guardians Initiative is one of our proudest projects. Last year, 18 schools competed, and seeing Nyameni Primary School win a laptop motivated learners and teachers to take ownership of waste management. We're also seeing women and youth earn a dignified income from recovering waste. Our National Award wins have also helped validate and scale our model.

PRO: How does Clean Marondera promote waste management and environmental sustainability?

EG: Through education, practical collection services, recycling partnerships, clean-up campaigns, and targeted empowerment programs for women and youth. Our Green Guardians Initiative specifically builds a culture of recycling among learners from a young age.

PRO: What partnerships have been instrumental in helping you achieve your objectives?

EG: Partnerships with the Environmental Management Agency, the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, local businesses, recycling companies, community leaders, schools, women's groups, and youth organizations in Marondera have been key to reaching 150 tonnes per month and rolling out Green Guardians. EMA and the Ministry provide critical technical guidance, policy alignment, and support for our waste management work.

PRO: How important is collaboration with Council in advancing your work?

EG: Collaboration with Council is critical. Council provides the policy framework, waste management infrastructure, and community reach. Working together helps us scale impact, especially in schools and with women and youth.

PRO: What challenges has the organisation encountered and how have you addressed them?

EG: Transport is a huge hurdle for us. Moving recovered waste from collection points to buyers and running daily collections is costly and limits how much we can do. Other challenges include limited recycling markets and low public participation. We've addressed this through community mobilization, partnering for logistics where possible, and showing the economic value of waste to women and young people.

PRO: What opportunities do you see for expanding waste management and community participation?

EG: There's a huge opportunity in school programs, women's cooperatives, youth-led recycling enterprises, and incentivized recycling. This year, we are making the Green Guardians competition bigger and better with more schools and bigger prizes.

PRO: What projects or initiatives are you currently implementing?

EG: We're currently running glass recovery drives, business waste collection, community clean-ups, women and youth empowerment programs, and preparations for the 2026 Green Guardians Initiative, which will be bigger and better than last year.

PRO: What are your future plans and priorities for the organisation?

EG: We want to start building a training centre and a processing plant at our site. This will allow us to train more women and youth in recycling skills, process waste locally, add value before selling, and create more green jobs. We also plan to expand to more wards in Marondera, increase recycling volumes beyond 150 tonnes per month, scale the Green Guardians Initiative to more schools, and roll out environmental education and entrepreneurship training.

PRO: How can residents contribute to waste management efforts?

EG: Residents can separate waste at home, use designated bins, participate in clean-ups, support women and youth-led collection initiatives, and encourage schools to join Green Guardians.

PRO: What message would you like to share with the residents of Marondera?

EG: Let's take pride in our municipality. A clean Marondera starts with each of us. Dispose responsibly, recycle where you can, and support the women, young people, and learners working to keep our environment safe.

PRO: In what ways can organisations such as Clean Marondera contribute to the Municipality of Marondera's vision for a clean, green and sustainable municipality?

EG: We complement Council's efforts by recovering 150 tonnes of waste monthly, educating communities, empowering women and youth with green jobs, and building environmental leadership in schools through Green Guardians. With support from the Environmental Management Agency and the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, and with a training centre and processing plant, we can process more waste locally and reduce Council's landfill burden. Our National Award-winning model shows what's possible when communities lead.

PRO: Is there anything else you would like the public to know about Clean Marondera?

EG: Clean Marondera was born in 2012 from Mrs Elizabeth Gundu's passion. We believe waste is a resource and that women, young people, and learners are key to the solution. Every month we recover 150 tonnes for recycling and we've been recognized with several National Awards for our work. With support from EMA and the Ministry of Local Government, we are now working to build a training centre and processing plant to do even more. Through Green Guardians, we're shaping future environmental champions. This year's competition will be bigger and better – join us.



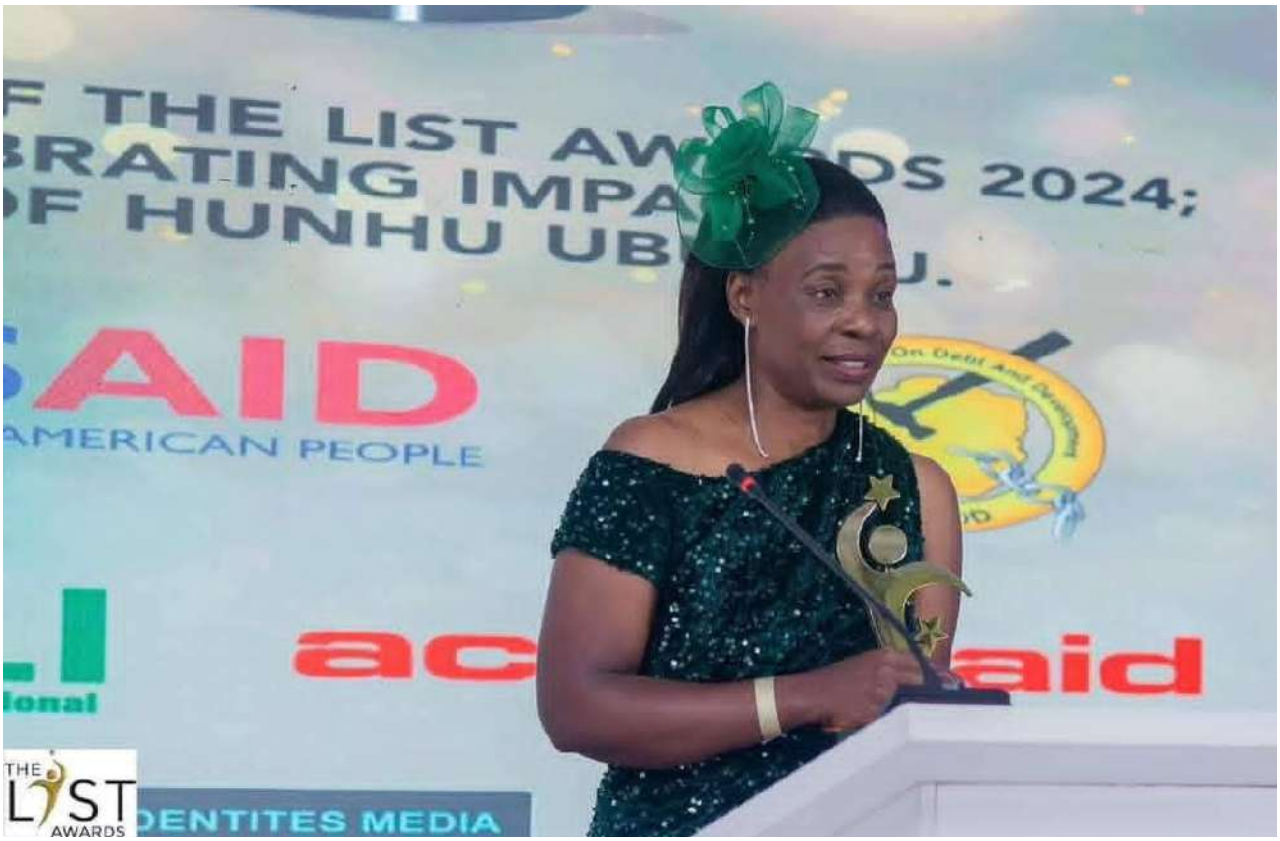
Mrs Gundu (second from left) and members of Clean Marondera join other volunteers during one of the many clean up exercises at the Dombotombo Hostels



Mrs Gundu (far right) with her Clean Marondera team pose for a photo with Springvale school pupils and staff members during the Plastic Free July commemorations event



Some the Clean Marondera products made from recycled materials



Mrs Gundu, the Clean Marondera Founder receiving the Climate and Environment award at the List Pan African awards ceremony

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