



WITZENBERG NEWS

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A municipality that cares for its community, creating growth and opportunity!

June 2024



Executive Mayor
Cllr Trevor Abrahams

From the Mayor's Desk

Good day All

It is my sincere believe that all the registered voters had a free and fair chance to cast their votes in the recent national and provincial elections held on the 29th of May 2024. I applaud you for making your voices heard and for doing your part for a better future for all. This was the 7th general election held since the end of the Apartheid era in 1994, thus we celebrate 30 years of a democratic South Africa. Let's build on the successes and learn from the mistakes. Whatever the outcome, may we grow together as a diverse nation, in unison.

It is also with great pleasure that I announce to you that the following documents were approved by Council during a meeting held on 16 May:

- Budget and Budget Policies 2024/2025 (and indicative figures for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027)
- Amended Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2024/2025. (See summary on page 3)



Winter is here! We urge all to take the necessary precautions at home, school and in your workplace against the cold, rainy, windy (and possibly snowy) weather in the months to come. Although our dams are still fairly full, we appeal to all to use water sparingly and responsibly even during the winter season. Our municipal Control Room is operational 24-hr a day for all emergency and service delivery complaints - **Call 023 316 2328 / 9**. God bless Witzenberg!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY

023 316 1854 (office hours)

24-HOUR EMERGENCY CONTROL ROOM

023 316 2328/9



CERES: 023 316 8600/24



TULBAGH: 023 230 8100

PA HAMLET: 023 313 3133

WOLSELEY: 023 231 8000



CERES HOSPITAL:

023 316 9600

AMBULANCE:

023 346 6000



FIRE SERVICES:

023 316 2328/9 (all towns)

112 (from any cellular phone)



NATIONAL RECOGNITION: Witzenberg Municipality recently awarded a certificate for outstanding municipal partners by Standard Bank, for being ranked among the Top 10 best performing local municipalities nationally, as per Good Governance Africa (GGA). The Good Governance Performance Index evaluates municipalities across five categories including administration and governance; leadership and management; planning, monitoring and evaluation; economic development; and service delivery. One of the core inputs is the Auditor-General's Annual Report. Pictured from left to right: Mr Juandre Klaase (Relationship Manager: Premium Banking), Mr Cobus Kritzing (CFO), Mr Junaid Soday (Provincial Head Public Sector at Standard Bank: WC), Cllr Trevor Abrahams (Executive Mayor), Mr David Nasson (Municipal Manager) and Mr Jeremy Kolkota (Deputy Director: Finance).

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WITZENBERG SUPPLIER REGISTRATION DAY

The Supplier Registration Day was initiated by the Witzenberg LED unit to create a platform for SMME's to access Government Departments to become compliant to do business with Government. The concept was also to bring the services from Cape Town to entrepreneurs from Witzenberg. This event also acted as the LED unit's flagship annual event, which was also a pilot.

The following Stakeholders attended: Provincial Treasury; Department Labour; NHBRC (National Home Builders Registration Council); CIDB (Construction Industry Development Board); Cape Winelands; Commissioner of Oath (utilised EPWP worker); Witzenberg Municipality's Supply Chain unit.

The following services were offered: COIDA Registration; Food Certificate information; CIDB registration; NHBRC registration; Central Supplier Database registrations; Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank registration; Municipal supplier database registration; BEE Affidavits with certification of documents One hundred and seventeen (117) Established and emerging SMME's from all over the local municipality attended the Supplier Registration Day.



They received the opportunity to register on various inter-governmental Supply-Chain databases, as well as to apply for outstanding documents.

The Portfolio Councillor for LED& Tourism, Cllr Patric Daniels opened the event. The Municipal Supply chain unit received a lot of queries, which could be addressed; this helps with transparency, feedback and communication.

Due to the success of this event, It was decided that it will become an annual event, with spin-offs including a "Funding Registration Day" & "Private Business support services Day".



ALERT!

We are concerned to learn that fraudsters are attempting to enter property under the pretense that they have been contracted by the municipality to terminate electricity services due to non-payment.

Please note that only persons who can positively identify themselves with the card shown in the attached example have been appointed by the municipality. **The photos attached show the contracted staff.**

The municipality never sends WhatsApp messages to inform you that your electricity supply will be disconnected.

Contact the municipality at **023 316 1854** if there is any doubt about a person who wishes to enter your premises.



The authorised staff:



Moshito Mashilwane



Kenneth Mbangula



Bongani Schondo



Dimakatso Sekepe

The Witzenberg Community is encouraged to apply for the below benefits given and proposed by council. This will definitely contribute to the social upliftment of our citizens.

We also encourage our Eskom supply (Op-Die-Berg and Prince Alfred Hamlet) areas to ensure that they receive the benefits.

Indigent Benefits - Proposed Amendment

Home owners with a combined income of less than R5 000 per month may qualify:

- * 100% rebate sewerage
- * 100% rebate refuse removal
- * 100% rebate on water basic charge
- * 50 kwh electricity free
- * 6 kl of water free

Other Benefits - Proposed Amendment

Home owners with a combined income more than R5 000 but less than R6 000 month may qualify:

- * 50% rebate sewerage
- * 50% rebate refuse removal
- * 50% rebate on water basic charge
- * 25 kwh electricity free
- * 3 kl of water free

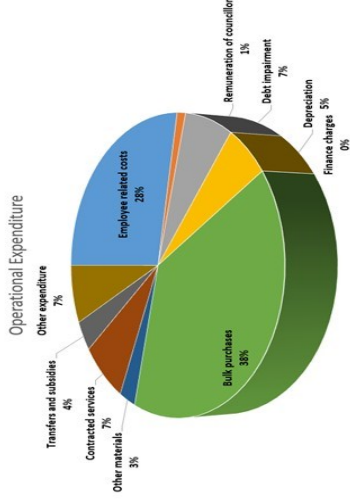
Pensioners benefits

- * 6kl free water units to pensioners
 - * Property tax discount to pensioners
- Please complete the required application form

Witzenberg Municipality Budget 2024/2025

Budget at a Glance:

- Tariffs have been increased in line with budgeted increases on major cost components such as Electricity Bulk Purchases and Salaries and Wages.
- Water +5%. Property Rates Revenue 8%. Sanitation +5%. Refuse Removal +5%
- Electricity 10.8% subject to NERSA approval
- The first 150 000 value of certain properties remains exempt from property rates.
- Bulk purchases from Eskom to increase with 12.7%



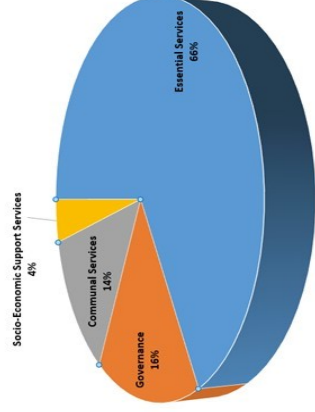
Expenditure:

The operational expenditure budget for the 2024/2025 financial year equates to R996 million, of which R769 million is financed from the revenue generated by the municipality. The rest of the operational budget is financed from grant funding received from government entities

Capital Budget

The Capital Budget for the 2024/2025 financial year is R85 million, of which R20.4 million is from revenue generated by the municipality. Furthermore the rest of the capital budget is financed from grant funding received from government as well as an proposed additional loan for the upgrade of electricity infrastructure.

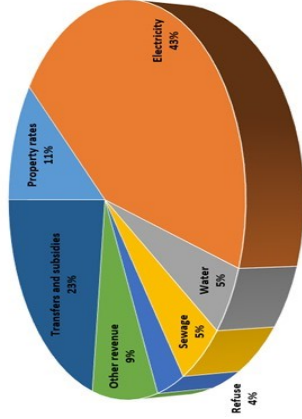
Total Expenditure linked to performance areas



Revenue by source:

The operational income budget for the 2024/2025 financial year totals R1 million, of which R231 million is from capital and operational grants.

Revenue By Source



Electricity Tariffs will be adjusted in line with the findings of the Cost of Supply Study. Operational Spend R428 mil Capital Investment R23 mil	Roads Operational Spend R30 mil Capital Investment R9 mil
Refuse Removal Tariffs increase by 5% Operational Spend R77 mil	Housing Operational Spend R41 mil
Sanitation Tariffs increase by 5% Operational Spend R45 mil Capital Investment R16 mil	Water Basic charges unchanged and consumption charges increase by 5% Operational Spend R55 mil & Capital Investment R24mil
Administration Operational Spend R177 mil Capital Investment R2 mil	Property rates Tariff increase by 8% Tariffs to be determined by actual use of property
Public Safety Operational Spend R57 mil Capital Spend R4 mil	Community Services Operational Spend R87 mil Capital Investment R2 mil

Is NHI an affordable system?

The National Health Insurance (NHI)

What is the NHI and how will it change the system?

- The NHI is a Fund, paid by our taxes, from which the government will buy health care services for all of us who live in the country from health care providers in the public sector and private sector.
- This means when you feel unwell, you can go to your nearest GP or clinic of your choice that has a contract with NHI and not worry about the cost of care.

Is NHI an affordable system?

- Yes. The World Health Organization has stated that countries must pursue universal health coverage with the current resources allocated for health and vital countries are able to afford.
- As a nation we spend huge amounts of money for health care for very few people and very little on the majority. Our total spending on health care is far more than any country of similar size and economic activity to ours. We need to spend more efficiently.
- The NHI will redistribute money from the current multi-payer system of nine provincial health systems, for relatives, levies, conditional grants and consolidate into one fund. The pooling into one risk pool will ensure appropriate cross-subsidization between the young and old, rich and poor, healthy and unhealthy.
- The Fund as a single payer and strategic purchaser, will be able to negotiate prices for services and health products on behalf of the country.
- Through the elimination of waste and corruption in both sectors by simplifying the way we work and the use of all public and private health care provider capacity for everyone, health care can be delivered at a cost-effective price.

Who will run the Fund?

The Fund will have a Board and various governance structures as required by the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and the principles contained in King IV's Report on Corporate Governance. The Board will have the responsibility of ensuring that there are institutionalised systems, policies and procedures that proactively prevent, detect, investigate and correct incidents of fraud and corruption.

What is being done to improve the infrastructure of public sector facilities?

There are initiatives underway to improve the conditions of public facilities. The Department of Health has allocated R7.2 billion over three years to facilitate maintenance, refurbishment, upgrades, replacements of infrastructure or new infrastructure.

Will the NHI destroy the private sector?

No, the NHI will not destroy the private sector. The private sector has different role players, and they are: 1. health care providers (like GPs, specialists, pharmacies and hospitals); 2. suppliers of goods (health products like medicines, devices and diagnostic devices); 3. funders (medical schemes) and 4. administrators. They have different roles to play in the NHI and they are described below.

What role do private health care providers play in the NHI?

- Private health care providers will continue to operate privately under the NHI dispensation. Contrary to some public narrative, the NHI is not going to abolish or do away with private health providers.
- NHI will not allow health care providers to set their own fees for NHI funded benefits. The Fund will set the fees that it will pay to private doctors, hospitals and others on your behalf.
- Private General Practitioners will be a part of multi-disciplinary networks in their communities and will be paid by the NHI Fund using a capitation model.
- The private health sector providers will benefit from the opportunity to contract with NHI to provide health services to the broader public, rather than the small proportion for which they currently provide services. They will be able to provide services to patients throughout the year not worried about depletion of funds of patients at any stage.
- Private hospitals will see patients referred by primary health care providers in both public and private sectors and the NHI Fund will settle the bill at the prescribed rates.

How will the NHI Fund procure health products?

Suppliers of health products will remain private companies. The NHI Fund will determine the range of products (medicines, devices, etc) that are required to deliver the benefits that the Fund is paying for at any point in time and will set prices for those products that any contracted provider will pay to the suppliers. The large volumes create certainty for suppliers and help to reduce prices.

What role do medical schemes play in the NHI?

The business models of private funders and their administrators will change over time. Once the NHI Fund covers a benefit, the medical schemes may not cover the same benefits. This means that their membership fees must be reduced, and some will be too small to survive so they will consolidate with others to maintain a viable risk pool for the benefits that they may still cover. Administrators of medical schemes will no longer manage over 250 options, meaning the complexity of their services will be greatly reduced.

PERIODIC ROAD MAINTENANCE, UPGRADES & RESEALING STREETS IN PROGRESS

Various provincial roads and local streets in the Witzenberg municipal area are currently being upgraded and/or resealed, and periodic maintenance done as needed. Updates as per the contractors are regularly posted on our platforms. We urge all road users to allow for extra travel time due to the Stop & Go controls.



A) RESEALING STREETS IN CERES

– Municipal streets

Start Date = 22 April 2023

End Date = 22 July 2024

Contract Value = R 10 000 000 (incl VAT)

Resealing of streets with pre-treatment (surface repairs and crack sealing), and the application of Asphalt overlays and the application of Slurry Seals to existing roads in Ceres.

B) THE PERIODIC MAINTENANCE TR22/1 AND TR22/2 FROM WOLSELEY TO TOWSRIVER

– Provincial roads

Start Date = 7 Aug 2023

End Date = 8 July 2024

Contract Value = R 130 million

Resurfacing and upgrading of TR22/1 from Wolseley to Touwsriver. Periodic

Maintenance intervention in the form of pre-treatment (surface repairs and crack sealing), the application of an Ultra-Thin Friction Layer (UTFCL) and the application of a seal.

C) PERIODIC MAINTENANCE TO UPGRADE THE R303 BETWEEN CERES & OP DIE BERG

– Provincial roads

Start date: 20 November 2023

End date: 20 March 2026

Contract value: R 380 million

Resurfacing and upgrading of the R303 from Ceres to approximately 7 km north of Op die Berg. This includes a full rebuild of the section from km 37.9 to 50.6 from south of Op die Berg to just north thereof including a new bridge over the Houden-hek River. The patching and resurfacing of an approximately 5km portion of DR 1458 and 18km section of DR 1487 is also included.



EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

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TULBAGH CHRISTMAS IN WINTER

28-30 JUNE 2024

- THREE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS FUN
- CHILDREN'S WINTER WONDERLAND
- FARMERS ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE
- TRADITIONAL FESTIVE MEALS
- DELICIOUS FOOD VENDORS
- LOCAL PRODUCT MARKET
- WINE TASTING
- OPEN DAY AT 5 MUSEUMS
- STREET PERFORMERS
- BEER & WINE BARS
- LIVE MUSIC
- SHUTTLES TO WINE FARMS

THE BEST FUN THIS WINTER !!!

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ALL WEEKEND PASS R200

- VALID FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
- ACCESS TO ALL ACTIVITIES ON CHURCH STREET
- THE FARMERS ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE
- ACCESS THE PASTORIE POP-UP
- SHUTTLES TO THE BEAUTIFUL WINE FARMS OF TULBAGH
- FABULOUS & FESTIVE CHRISTMAS HAT
- BOTTLE OF THIRSTY WATER

FRIDAY NIGHT TICKETS R100

- VALID FRIDAY
- ACCESS TO CHURCH STREET
- FARMERS ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE
- FABULOUS & FESTIVE CHRISTMAS HAT
- FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT
- BOTTLE OF THIRSTY WATER

SATURDAY & SUNDAY TICKET R200

- VALID SATURDAY & SUNDAY
- ACCESS TO ALL ACTIVITIES ON CHURCH STREET
- ACCESS TO THE PASTORIE POP-UP
- SHUTTLES TO THE BEAUTIFUL WINE FARMS OF TULBAGH
- FABULOUS & FESTIVE CHRISTMAS HAT
- BOTTLE OF THIRSTY WATER

WINE TASTING TICKETS R50

- WINE TASTING TO PARTICIPATING TULBAGH WINE FARMS
- PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL NOT BE RECEIVING AN INDIVIDUAL WINE GLASS THIS YEAR, BUT THERE WILL BE TASTINGS GLASSES AVAILABLE AT THE WINE FARMS FOR TASTINGS

KIDS UNDER 8 YEARS OLD - FREE
KIDS 8 - 15 YEARS OLD -25% DISCOUNT



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GPS Coordinates:
33°21' 0.00"S 19°18' 0.00"E
CERES via Michell's Pass,
± One and a half hours.



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33°17' 18.75" 19°08' 18.6"E
TULBAGH via Nuwekloof Pass,
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WOLSELEY TOURISM BUREAU

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