From the Mayor’s Pen

October 2015

IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Western Cape to assist motorists during eNaTIS transition period

Motorists in the Western Cape are advised that renewal notices for motor vehicle licences will not be sent via the South African Post Office while the National Department of Transport (NDOT) is in the process of transferring the Electronic National Traffic Information System (eNaTIS) to the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC).

The eNaTIS system is currently managed centrally at the NDOT, which includes the issuing of Motor Vehicle Licence (MVL2) renewal notices. This transition period will directly affect the thousands of motorists in the province who were due to renew their licence discs by the end of September 2015.

Motorists are urged to be proactive in checking their licence disc expiry dates, and ensuring that they renew by 22 October 2015 to avoid penalties. Affected motorists residing outside of the City of Cape Town can contact the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works at its Provincial Service Centre for assistance on:

Contact Number: 0860 21 24 14
SMS: 31022
Send “Please Call Me”: 079 769 1207
Fax: 021 483 7216
E-mail: service@westerncape.gov.za

Alternatively vehicle owners can also visit the Knysna municipality’s registration section in Main Street, Knysna with their South African Identity (ID) document or valid Driving Licence Card, and complete a green ALV form for licence renewal at the counter.

Municipality looking to buy vacant land for a new cemetery

The Knysna Municipality is looking for vacant land for the use of cemeteries and has issued tender T57/2015 inviting property owners to submit offers to purchase property.

Municipal Manager Grant Easton said they are very close to capacity at the existing facilities. “The existing graveyard in Vigilance and Barracuda streets is reaching capacity and we need to find alternative options. We need to cater for about 18 000 burials over a period of 45 years and are looking for suitable land to buy in the Knysna Municipal area.”

He continued to say that obviously the land must meet certain criteria as specified in the tender document.

“The first being that it must be within the Knysna Municipal area. A geohydrology investigation will have to be done to look at soil excavatability, soil permeability, site drainage, topography and basal buffer zone. It is also important that the site is a safe distance from potable water resources.”

Other obvious important factors that will influence suitability are traffic flow, accessibility by communities and the availability of civil services. “A minimum size of about 11Ha would be ideal and we would obviously take into consideration the position of the land in context with key biodiversity areas,” said Easton.

As legally required, the acquisition of the new sites will be done as part of a formal tender process (T57/2015). Once a short-list of a maximum of 5 suppliers of appropriate land is identified, keeping in mind the specific nature of cemetery services, such as inheritance and burial planning, the following governance requirements, Heritage Requirements and Land Use Requirements, the following governance framework will apply:

• The Municipality will conclude a land availability agreement with the short-listed suppliers to ensure availability of land to determine its feasibility;
• The Municipality will at own cost, conduct the aforesaid feasibility analysis and the potential suppliers must make the land available to the Municipality for assessment;
• Once the most appropriate land has been determined, the suppliers will be informed;
• The Municipality will then apply for the required Environmental Impact Assessment and other prescribed approvals;
• Once approvals have been obtained, the Municipality will, via its attorneys, purchase the land from the identified supplier.

All tenders must be submitted by 12h00 on 20 January 2016 and tender documents can be requested via e-mail from the following address: customercare@knysna.gov.za at no cost. For enquiries or more information, please contact Mr. John Jaftha on (044) 302 6407 or email jaftha@knysna.gov.za.

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Knysna Municipality

October Mayoral Golf Day

Commemorative Days & Events

Dates to remember

Municipal meetings:
21 October: IDP Meeting: Ward 3
22 October: IDP Meeting: Ward 2
27 October: Special Governance & Economic Development Committee
27 October: IDP Meeting: Ward 8
28 October: IDP Meeting: Ward 1
29 October: Ordinary Council Meeting
3 November: Governance & Economic Development Committee
4 November: Finance Committee
10 November: Community Services Committee

Commemorative Days & Events:
24 October: Stepping Stones Fun Run
25 October: Karatara Kite Festival
26 October: Sedgefield Striders Cansa Walk/Run
29 October: Local Design & Food Market
7 November: Leisure Isle Festival

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Twitter: @KnysnaMuni

Facebook: www.facebook.com/knysnamunicipalities

Website: www.knysna.gov.za

New Facebook page for the municipality

The Knysna Municipality launched its new Facebook page in October.

Knysna Municipal Manager Grant Easton said that this addition to the municipality’s communication portals is aimed at better communicating the services of the municipality.

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