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Council Snippets

Traffic Intersections at Main & Long and Main & Grey made safer

The municipality has successfully changed the pedestrian crossing time at the above mentioned traffic intersections.

The intersection turns to an All-Red phase and the pedestrian Green-Man is launched for 4 seconds. This allows the pedestrian to start crossing the intersection, once approximately half way the lights will turn green for the cars and the Red-Man will appear.

Road users must please bear in mind that the Green-Man launches the pedestrians into the crossing and the Red-Man allows for the crossing to clear. This means that motor vehicles must wait the 4 seconds, which allows for pedestrians to cross, for the light to turn green for them to drive.

(Picture Knysna Municipality)

Draft 2015/16 Budget

Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans will table the 2015/2016 draft budget during the Council meeting on Thursday March 26th, and will afterwards be available on the municipal website for public comment: www.knysna.gov.za

In terms of legislation it is a requirement that inputs on the budget from the public are sought. We encourage residents to make use of the formal channels open to them when the comment process opens.

For now, constructive ideas and suggestions can be emailed to the Mayor at tips@knysna.gov.za

The final budget must be adopted by end of May this year.

Second phase of Waste Water Treatment Works

Council are investigating viable options and have started deliberations on the second phase of upgrading for the Knysna Waste Water Treatment Works. This phase entails upgrading of the Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR), to a full nutrient removal activated sludge plant which will increase the capacity of the plant to 10.2 megalitres per day.

(Archive picture Desmond Scholtz)

Policy for the electrification of backyard dwellings being developed

Council is in the process of developing a policy on electrification of multiple dwellings on registered residential properties.

Principles considered by the policy may include but are not limited to, i.e. residential properties with existing supplies with a capacity higher than 40A; supplies be split and each unit receive a capacity of 20A; structures must be safe; only three units will be permitted per erf; that split prepaid meters be used; and prior consent from the owner is required.

Municipality Supplier Registration

Knysna Municipality in collaboration with the Western Cape Provincial Government, Eden District municipality and the B municipalities of the district are migrating to a centralised supplier database for all suppliers as from 1 July 2015. The purpose of the database is to facilitate uniformity, develop best practice guidelines, inform sound financial governance and promote and maximise service delivery.

All existing and prospective suppliers of municipal goods and services are therefore invited to register on the supplier database. For further details visit or contact our Supply Chain Department at 044 302 6232 or 6438.

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