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We have experienced the ‘bad’ along with the ‘good’, and 2018 saw much political upheaval. As Council and as a community we saw the sad and untimely murder of ANC Councillor Victor Molosi, as well as the arrest and imprisonment of another councillor. We have weathered land invasions, housing protests and another wave of violence. These incidents have strengthened my resolve to ensure that we are able to effectively deal with these kinds of issues. Desmond Tutu once said that “Hope is being able to see that there is light, despite all of the darkness.” I believe that the light of our achievements outshines the times of darkness we have experienced.

I also believe that it is our duty to keep on keeping on. The Bible’s Galatians 6, verse 9 reads: “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Yes, we face several challenges- known and unknown- I commit to the turning of these challenges into opportunities. I commit to KEEP ON KEEPING ON. If we can commit to work together as a Council and a community towards the benefit of our town, I believe that we will reap the benefits afforded to us during this year, The Year of Opportunity.

Till next month...

MARK WILLIAMS
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY ANNOUNCES DATA CLEANSING PROJECT

The Knysna Municipality will soon commence with a clean-up of its customer data, aimed at improving the reliability of the revenue data which will ultimately result in improved revenue collection for the municipality. A Service Provider, Myrias Consulting, has been appointed to conduct the survey which is expected to take approximately three months to complete.

This project will include customer data cleansing, data quality checks, data enrichment, billing data cleansing, data verification, monitoring and verification. Once the data clean-up is complete the new accurate data will assist the municipality with timely and accurate meter readings, correct billing as a direct result of accurate readings, timely billing due to automating the meter reading process and reduction in billing errors. Additionally, the new data will result in a reduction in administrative errors and queries on the exceptions report and eliminating the system of estimations.

Knysna Executive Mayor Mark Williams said: “Hope residents will support our initiative and open their doors to the data collection field workers. Twenty-two field workers have been appointed and will collect data door to door. The data collection officials will be identified with branded identity cards and will be wearing yellow safety vests. Should residents have any doubts about the field workers, they may contact the Finance Section on 044 382 6597/6550 to confirm of the identity of the official.”

NEW HUMAN SETTLEMENTS MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER MEANS BUSINESS

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Despite her only starting in her new role as Mayoral Committee member recently, she has been busy. She initiated weekly housing meetings with Ward Councillors and interested PR Councillors, and started regular site visits to the Wards, starting with Wards 1, 4 and 8.

Wasserman said the purpose of these initiatives was to provide the Ward Councillors and stakeholders with up-to-date information regarding human settlements (housing) developments taking place in the various wards. “This is not only a means to allow us to raise any concerns related to human settlements to the fore, but also an opportunity for me to visit the sites on which projects are taking place or planned to take place.”

BRAND NEW OFFICE FACILITIES FOR KNYSNA TAXI RANK

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Knysna Executive Mayor Mark Williams said he is pleased that the project has come to its implementation phase. “The municipality has had various engagements with the Knysna Taxi Association and both parties have come to an agreement which will benefit the Knysna commuter community.”

Hundreds of people make use of the Taxi Rank on a daily basis. We have experienced problems in the past with the public toilets at the Taxi Rank and the upgrading will ensure that commutes have proper and adequate ablution facilities. This project will add value to the revitalisation of the precinct around the taxi rank.”

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DATEs TO REMEMBER

MUNICIPAL MEETING

6 March Mayoral Committee Meeting
28 March Ordinary Council Meeting

COMMEMORATIVE DAYS & EVENTS

28 Feb - March Oakhill College Chukka Festival
9 March Tortoise Tuff
21 March Human Rights’ Day

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