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Municipality Commences R2.3 million Upgrade of Storm Water System

Knysna Municipality has commenced with the upgrade of two existing storm water culverts in Sunridge Street, Hornlee. The project comprises of the exposure and removal of culverts in both positions in Sunridge Street and is set for completion at the end of January 2016.

According to Ward 6 Cllr, Clive Witbooi, the upgrade will improve service reliability and help alleviate roadway flooding, reduce erosion and thus reduce future maintenance problems.

The project will include the removal of unsuitable material to be replaced with approved granular material. "Loose soil and vegetation will also be removed from the bank where the inlet and outlet structures are to be built along with a sub-soil drainage system, which is set to remove excess water from the soil surrounding the roads", said Cllr Witbooi.

"The upgrade will reduce the risk of potential erosion and damage to property of local residents. The improvements will ensure that this infrastructure remains in good condition for years to come", Cllr Witbooi continued.

"Culverts preserve the road base by draining water from ditches along the road, keeping the sub-base dry. Council has agreed to the upgrade for a number of reasons. Due to the recent heavy rains we have experienced flooding and a contributing factor to this is of course the age of the pipelines. Over the years the pipes became eroded and caused damage to our roads. So the upgrade of the stormwater culverts will help us to control stormwater runoff", Cllr Witbooi added.

Municipal Manager, Grant Easton said that the upgrade work is essential and residents may unfortunately experience temporary traffic disruptions during the upgrade works. In order to allow for the upgrade works to commence smoothly and timeously the construction areas will temporarily be limited to one-way traffic only. Road users are urged to please note and adhere to all road signs. The municipality apologises for any inconvenience caused.

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