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Waste Transfer Station crucial part of Knysna Waste Management System

With a 72% overall compliance rating the Knysna Waste Transfer Centre (WTC) is a vital component of the Knysna Municipality waste management program.

Acting Municipal Manager Mr Dawid Adonis said the position of the centre, situated in Auction Mart Ave in Knysna Central, was chosen in 1999 due to its proximity next to the railway line used to transfer waste to regional landfill sites. "Operations at the site are audited on an annual basis - the centre received a 71,6% audit compliance in the 2019/2020 audit, and the next one is due shortly."

The refuse trucks deliver the daily refuse collections to the transfer station where it is compacted and then transported by delivery trucks to the regional landfill sites. Adonis said a WTC is a crucial part of the Municipality's waste management programme. "After considerable flood damage to the railway line in 2006, trucks replaced the trains. The prime objective of the site is to reduce transport costs between a service area and the regional landfill site, but it also has added advantages as it gives us the opportunity to remove hazardous waste and recyclables that were not separated before."

Although waste transfer stations are a vital component of modern waste management programs, locations can cause concern in local communities with regards to noise pollution, bad odours and litter around the site.

He said this has also been the case with the Knysna WTC. "Most of the public's concerns can be addressed through a variety of short term interventions. A suitable WTC site must meet stringent conditions and factors that are considered are the environmental impact, noise, dust and odour interference, social impact and planning, zoning and land ownership, current and projected volumes and waste streams. And of course, the cost, estimated to be in the region of R22 million based on the construction of the Plettenberg Bay Facility in 2016."

"The Municipality simply cannot afford to move the centre, and as the current WTC is effective and receives high compliance ratings, there is no immediate need to."

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