

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM IDP PUBLISHING PERIOD: APRIL – MAY 2021

The Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) was tabled to Council and has subsequently been advertised for public comment. Below is a summary of all the comments received:

NO.	COMMENT SUBMITTED BY:	COMMENT RECEIVED	RELEVANT DEPARTMENT
1.	HOUTENIQUA KHOI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL FOR WARDS 11 AND WARD 6	Education teaching to all religions	
		Creation of economic hubs near township areas	Economic Development
		Change of code of conduct to all office bearers who are guilty of corruption – implementation of the criminal act	Corporate Services
		Audit of land distribution	Corporate Services
		Appropriation of land to all Khoi and San people	Corporate Services
		Acceleration of land claims and the provision of legal aid for land claims	Corporate Services
		Procurement processes to give power and to the community to provide their own services in their wards	
		Establishment of a library in ward 11	Community Services
		Provision of housing with solar geysers	Integrated Human Settlements
		Scrapping of the term 'coloured'	
		Equal job opportunities to 60% Khoi in municipality	Corporate Services
		Scrapping of 7% of the daily electricity tariff	Financial Services
		Mobile clinic for ward 11 and distribution of medication at AGS church	Community Services
		24/7 availability of law enforcement	Community Services
		Closure of taverns at 12pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 8pm on Sundays	Corporate Services
		Skills development for youth in Hornlee	Community Services
		Name change from Hornlee to Bigia	Corporate Services
		All apartheid 2 rooms to be rebuilt into BNG houses	Integrated Human Settlements
		All asbestos roofs be removed in Hornlee	
		All bylaws to be revised and removal of any laws that show form of apartheid system	Corporate Services
Satellite fire station for Hornlee	Community Services		
2.	HOUTENIQUA KHOI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL FOR WARD 8	Recycling projects in the ward that run 5 days a week to keep the ward clean	Community Services
		Funding for Early Childhood Development Center at Simmers Street or Lewendal Street – request for funding	Community Services
		Closure of all property (yards) of people to keep animals inside	Integrated Human Settlements
		Installation of LED solar street lights	Infrastructure Services
		Paving of roads (Simmers Street, Lewendal Street and other streets towards Concordia High School and other roads to houses)	Infrastructure Services
		Food Security for small farmers	Economic Development

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		Communal Farming projects	Economic Development
		Street markets for residents to buy fresh fruits and vegetables	Economic Development
		Sewing classes with certification for the youth	Economic Development /Corporate Services
		Plumber workshops for the youth with certification	Economic Development/Corporate Services
		Request for high mast lighting	Infrastructure Services
		Sending 10 matriculants from ward 8 for paramedic training and provide them with a stipend each year	Economic Development/Corporate Services
		Sending 10 matriculants from ward 8 for traffic officer training and provide them with a stipend each year	Economic Development/Corporate Services
		Sending of 10 matriculated youth from ward 8 for chef, food technology and beverages training and provide them with a stipend each year	Economic Development/Corporate Services
		Sending of 10 matriculated youth from ward 8 to nursing school in Oudtshoorn or Mosselbay	Economic Development/Corporate Services
		Establishment of free computer hubs with wi-fi in various locations within ward 8	Community Services
		Establishment of mobile libraries to serve as book hub for all ages	Community Services
		Establishment of a sports field to accommodate training in areas such as golf, tennis, cricket and cycling	Community Services
		Sponsorship for entrepreneur day workshops that will be running for an entire year for children ages 5-15	Economic Development
		Having cycling events and competition days as part of tourism	Economic Development
		Sponsorship for children that want to attend swimming classes in the CBD	Economic Development/Community Services
		Offering of life skills and drivers license training to all matriculated unemployed youth	Corporate Services
		Development of an mobile art hub for children to develop their skills	Community Services
		Establishment of a community center	Community Services
		Monthly checks at the river area from Concordia to Dinagwe	Environmental Management
		Establishment of a youth center with monthly youth programmes	Community Services
		Establishment of a programme for woman empowerment	Community Services
		Establishment of an agricultural programme	Economic Development
		Building of temporary housing at Concordia primary school	Integrated Human Settlements

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		Building of houses for Khoi San across the White Location water pump station as well as at Windheuwel and Gouna	Integrated Human Settlements
3.	HOUTENIQA KHOI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL FOR (BUFFELSNEK/KRUISVALLEY VILLAGE ROUTE R304/R339)	Rebuilding of houses on the existing footprints that were demolished by the Apartheid regime	Integrated Human Settlements
		Maintenance of roads – the roads are currently subjected to erosion and vegetation	Infrastructure Services
		Building of a clinic	Community Services
		Maintenance of residential areas – the houses that are still in the village is in a dire state	Integrated Human Settlements
		Clearing of alien vegetation	Environmental Management
		Maintenance of sewerage infrastructure and replacement of all asbestos pipes	Infrastructure Services
		Building of a new damn	Infrastructure Services
		Laying of new water pipes	Infrastructure Services
		Replacement of water pump	Infrastructure Services
		Establishment of electrical connections for houses, streets and other building infrastructure	Infrastructure Services
		Creation of a transport network	Infrastructure Services
		Refuse removal	Community Services
		Skills training	Economic Development
		Building of a museum to practice Khoi-San culture	Community Services
		Clearing and upgrading of sports field	Community Services
		Agriculture equipment to become commercial farmers	Economic Development
		Upgrading of street lights	Infrastructure Services
		Establishment of an ECD center	Community Services
		Recycling programme	Community Services
		Establishment of fire valves	Community Services
Provision of study bursaries	Corporate Services		
Establishment of a community hall	Community Services		
Establishment of an e-center	Community Services		
Establishment of a satellite fire station	Community Services		
Establishment of a communication tower			
4.	LAKE BRENTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	Incorporation of the Brenton on Lake(Ridgewood): Storm water drainage, erosion mitigation and rehabilitation into the IDP document	Infrastructure Services
		Provision of adequate budget allocation towards addressing the storm water drainage, erosion and rehabilitation at Ridgewood	Infrastructure Services

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5.	KEITH KILLOPS – SEDFIELD FOR WARD 1 & WARD 2	The IDP is not a tactical plan that typically outlines priorities and interdependencies together with the resources required to give effect to the issues, activities, actions and project documented to be completed within specified timelines, unlike many documents in the South African Public Sector, the IDP is strategic in its focus and, to avoid confusion, it should rather be termed an Integrated Development Strategy	IDP/PMS
		Strategic projects are listed but yet to be adequately resourced	
		<p>Creation of efficient communication systems with communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communications and tools used by the municipality are largely one-dimensional ▪ Ward committee meetings are a good means to identify and discuss local community issues pertinent to a ward. However the perception is that this communication method is not effective because the actions agreed and which are perhaps addressed by the ward councillor are seldom actioned energetically by the services directorates to produce positive outcomes within reasonable timescales ▪ Public meetings are scheduled far too infrequently and seemingly as a ‘need to have one’ rather than to interact with communities for specific purpose to engage respectfully with all communities and provide specific project transparency and obvious added value. The perception arises that the municipality doesn’t respect the communities it serves and, in reaction an attitude of disrespect and mistrust towards the municipality is created by many communities 	<p>Communications</p> <p>Corporate Services</p> <p>Corporate Services</p>
		<p>Building Leadership competency and capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ During the past approximate decade, the perception that the Municipality was declining in its service delivery, sadly this became a reality. The turnover of key management has been at an unacceptably high rate and this has 	Corporate Services

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		<p>affected the competency and capacity of the Municipality in its ability to manage and deliver services to the communities which it serves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The fact that there have been 8 or 9 Municipal Managers or Acting Managers during the past approximately 4 years is indicative of there being a far from solid management team leading the Municipality. ▪ In addition, more recently key positions in the Municipal Organogram have not been filled. This affects service delivery directly. ▪ Another issue of concern is that some senior managers do not have the experience or skills that support the requirements of their roles. Once again, this affects the sustained delivery of services to the communities that the Municipality serves. 	<p>Corporate Services</p> <p>Corporate Services</p> <p>Corporate Services</p>
		<p>Reduction of the Low Cost/Subsidized Housing Backlog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whilst it is understood that National and Provincial Government are responsible for funding the various housing projects, the Municipality has a key role to play in actively planning these projects. Sadly it has become obvious that the Municipality has not dedicated appropriately skilled and experienced resources to perform this key planning function. ▪ Consequently the low-cost housing backlog has grown to a point where the informal dwellings (shacks) total comprises an estimated 25 per cent of the total Greater Knysna requirement. Reportedly, Knysna holds the dubious achievement of being far higher in this statistic than elsewhere in the Garden Route, sadly. 	<p>Integrated Human Settlements</p> <p>Integrated Human Settlements</p>
		<p>Re-alignment of the SANRAL N2 Bypass Project:</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is an example where, no matter where this key project is listed, be this in a Municipal IDP or at National Government Strategic Level, this clear need is not being driven through focused attention by skilled and experienced senior management. ▪ The benefits of this potential project have been discussed by generations of experts and Town Planning consultants as well as senior public sector management. The redirection of heavy vehicles alone over a 20 year period will amount to R billions in road maintenance savings. 	
		<p>Sedgefield Ward 1:</p> <p>Accelerated provision of Low-Cost Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sedgefield including Smutsville is proud to be associated as a unique village with its marketed 'Slow Town' health and lifestyle benefits to all residents and visitors. But, sadly, it is apparent that the Municipality and seemingly the Provincial Government too, have decided to apply this Slow Town model and concept to reduce the pace, of their combined planning and delivery of desperately required housing for the low-income sector, to less than any of the speed of the tortoises for which the Sedgefield area is fondly known. ▪ Over recent years, a number of concerned Sedgefield residents have attempted to engage with various senior officials, including management at Municipal Director level and Provincial Government, about what can and should be done to address this severe problem affordably – a problem that is unfortunately worsening with every month that passes and as more and more jobless people arrive to squeeze into the informal settlements. This is a situation that is near breaking point and with all the adverse socio-economic circumstances that also need urgent addressing. For instance, currently it is absolutely clear that the criminal 	Integrated Human Settlements
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		<p>elements are exploiting the Sedgefield growing informal settlements. And this criminal activity is almost unchecked due to inadequate SAPS resourcing and trained expertise, as well as the minimal availability of Municipal Law Enforcement officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An essential requirement to begin to address this problem is to identify suitable land that can be developed economically. Without doubt, Sedgefield's urban edge has to be extended to accommodate these growing requirements. 	<p>Planning & Development</p>
		<p>Electrification of Informal Settlements and Backyard Dwellers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Once again this has been on the IDP list for some years. Fortunately attention has been given to providing electrification, however there are still many areas without power. ▪ Hopefully the informal dwellers who illegally invaded land on dune slopes will be provided with alternate land on a Site with Services basis. Clearly it is precedent-setting for illegal land invaders to be provided with services on land which they have invaded without Municipal permission. 	<p>Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Services</p>
		<p>Creation of EPWP & CWP Projects in Support of Job Creation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Once again this key social uplifting of the jobless is key and training to provide the required skills that can be utilized locally in the Sedgefield area is a vital supporting action. But this project has also been identified in previous versions of the IDP strategy without the 	<p>Economic Development</p>

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		necessary related resources being planned.	
		<p>Critical Care of the Dune Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Yet again, in spite of a detailed Environmental Assessment being conducted and compiled during 2018, at large cost to the Municipality and therefore cost to residents and ratepayers, no consequential actions have been undertaken to control the rate of informal settlement growth and the related severe ongoing damage to the dunes. The proven fact that Dune topology is completely unsuitable for low-cost informal or formal dwellings is seemingly ignored by the Municipality, as is the fact that such illegal informal development is taking place within a declared Nature Reserve.▪ Once again the solution is that the Sedgefield urban edge must be extended and to include suitable land which is available for such low-cost development including the provision of basic services.	<p>Environmental Management</p> <p>Planning and Development</p>
		<p>Critical Provision of Basic Services to Informal Dwellers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fortunately some progress with the provision of potable water as well as sewerage services and solid waste collection has been achieved for the informal dwellers. However there is a long list of informal dwellings that do not have these services. Consequently waste and human excrement are commonplace on the dune slopes and this has an obvious public health risk to all Sedgefield and Smutsville residents.▪ In addition some dune dwellers keep goats and pigs and these areas and the condition of such animals should be monitored and inspected regularly to mitigate any public health issues and risks.▪ Much of the above is not mentioned in the IDP strategy, yet this is of	<p>Infrastructure Services</p>

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		<p>significance to all who reside in Sedgefield and Smutsville.</p>	
		<p>Sedgefield Ward 2:</p> <p>Accelerated Upgrading of the Waste Water Treatment Works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The upgrade to the WWTW has been on the IDP strategy or some time apparently, but as yet this key project has not been planned tactically or budgeted. ▪ Sedgefield doesn't have any major dam to help with the management of its water resources. The available water is provided through 2 rivers and a number of boreholes. ▪ The Desalination Plant has not been operated regularly (at least weekly is the recommended requirement and as far as I am aware this plant hasn't been operated at all since 2018) and as a consequence, the plant is no longer serviceable/operable. Potable water is possibly the Number 1 strategic resource of any town or city, yet maintenance for this Desalination plant is not even given priority in the IDP or any other municipal planning apparently. 	<p>Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Services</p>
		<p>Removal of Alien Plant Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This action and project is definitely strategic for the whole Sedgefield area, yet this is not adequately resourced. Not only are alien species typically high water consumers but several of these are also a severe fire hazard too. ▪ One would believe that Knysna Municipality would be fire aware and experienced and because of this the Municipality should plan the removal of alien species as a key strategic project. 	<p>Environmental Management</p>
		<p>Management of Solid Waste and Garden Refuse Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These basic services leave much to be desired. If any Municipality should have the expertise and resources it should be in the management of these services. Yet these remain problematic for all Sedgefield and Smutsville residents. 	<p>Community Services</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These issues are both strategic (i.e. IDP) and tactical in terms of ensuring public health as well as showing a vital clean image for visitors and tourists. To be sure if Greater Sedgefield is a dirty area because of inadequate solid, builders' rubble and garden waste management, tourists will go anywhere else. 	Community Services
		<p>Management of River Water Sources – Weir Systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The sustained supply of water to Sedgefield is not guaranteed and without a fully working Desalination Plant, greater Sedgefield is vulnerable. ▪ A strategic project to investigate the building of cost-effective weirs upstream in either or both of the rivers supplying Sedgefield, is key for the medium term and should be included in the top IDP projects for both Ward 1 and Ward 2. ▪ Much development has occurred and more is being planned and approved for the greater Sedgefield area. What detailed audit and forecast has been conducted regarding the required water resource for this Sedgefield growth? 	<p>Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Services</p>
6.	<p>Leisure Island Residents Association (LIRA)</p>	<p>We request Municipality make sufficient funds available in the budget to facilitate active enforcement of the by-laws relating to anti-social behavior, the consumption of alcohol and traffic violations on Leisure Island</p> <p>We request adequate provision is made for the additional costs of Law Enforcement and Traffic personnel that may be required to implement these requests including the use of road blocks on George Rex Drive and additional deployment that may be required on Leisure Island during the busy periods</p> <p>We request provision be made for the urgent repairs required to deal with the infrastructure requirements – particularly the need for tarring of critical roads, the ongoing repair of potholes and eroding road edges</p> <p>We request urgent budget allocation be made for interim repairs required to the seawall and eroding dunes at Bollard Beach</p>	<p>Community Services</p> <p>Community Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Services</p>

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		We request budget be allocated for the ongoing maintenance of public open spaces including , but not limited to Thornely Park and Green Hole	Community Services