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Editor's Note

Our last issue of the 2016/17 financial year looks at the Municipal Standard Chart of Accountants (mSCOA). With effect from 1 July 2017, all municipalities will have to capture all their financial transactions against a predefined classification framework, which will result in uniformity of line items in terms of revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities.

The primary objective here, is to improve governance, accountability, transparency and the management of public funds.

The implementation of mSCOA will not fix historic information but will improve the integrity and credibility of information through its validation principles.

On the 24th of May Council approved its tariffs for the 2017/18 financial year. Tariff-setting is a pivotal and strategic part of the compilation of any budget. When rates, tariffs and other charges are revised, local economic conditions, input costs and the affordability of services are taken into account to ensure the financial sustainability of the municipality.

The basic charges and consumption charges were increased by 6%.

The Eastern Cape Premier, Phumulo Masualle held his office's youth day celebrations in the District on the 23rd of June this year. The District will continue to focus on programmes for youth development in the area and acknowledges youth power as a significant force to improve economic development, health and education amongst others in South Africa.

The Municipal Health By-laws is under review for public inputs. It is important for all residents and businesses to be educated in all by-laws, both District and Municipal related. Well informed communities contribute to the social and economic stability to assist the District in achieving an improved quality of life for all its residents.

We hope you enjoy the read!



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A VIEW FROM THE DECK

This edition is the last one and marks the end of 2016/17 financial year in the sphere of Local Government sector. Necessarily, it is an edition that should not only encapsulate service activities of the fourth quarter but should, of necessity, also serve to reflect on the entire year's activities. Accordingly, the ensuing paragraphs reflect a humble attempt to respond to this perspective.

As we pen down this article, the Auditor General of South Africa, has just delivered and presented the consolidated report on the audit outcomes of municipalities for the 2015/16 financial year. The report portrays an overall progressive improvement in the management of public funds by municipalities across the country. The AG's report further revealed that Joe Gqabi District Municipality is among the five elite municipalities that received clean audit outcomes in the Eastern Cape Province. Lately, but not surprisingly, the clean audit has become an envy of every public institution in South Africa. It is an elusive yet fulfilling feat to achieve.

The achievement of a clean audit outcome is not as challenging as retaining and sustaining it. Invariably, once it has been achieved, there is an expectation that it will be sustained. The sustenance of this positive and outstanding trajectory requires an understanding of the reality that success does not come naturally but has to be worked for and that the things we did to get our institution to where it is, will not necessarily and automatically guarantee future success. Success is so sweet that it dulls the appetite to achieve more. Every effort must be made to eschew this trap, if we are to retain our space in the elite club of excellent performers.

The outlook of South Africa's economy remains distressed and fragile. Not only has the country entered recession but has also been degraded to a junk status. This economic "climate" has had dire implications for the allocation and distribution of the financial resources from the National Revenue fund. Consequently, the grant allocations to the different spheres of government have either been increased nominally or reduced to accommodate the prevailing financial demand pressures. Joe Gqabi District Municipality, as a member of the broader "government family" has not been insulated against the crippling effects of this reality. On the other hand, community expectations of the municipality remains untampered with and this will require that public resources at our disposal are utilised effectively and efficiently. Essentially, this implies achieving more with less resources.

The 2016 Local government elections gave rise to the establishment of a new local municipality, Walter Sisulu, from the former Maletswai and Gariiep local municipalities. The reasoning behind the amalgamation was, as espoused by the Department of Corporative Governance, to facilitate the financial viability of the resultant municipality. Whether or not this intended objective will see the light of the day, remains every one's guess but the current data paints a bleak picture of the future of this municipality. In these circumstances, Joe Gqabi District Municipality must continue to render the much needed support to Walter Sisulu Local Municipality.

As the current financial year tapers to the end, service delivery plans for 2017/18 financial year have been finalised and ready for implementation. The year ahead will see the implementation of the Municipal Standard Charter of Accounts (MSCoA), introduction of prepaid water metres, expansion of access to Wi-fi by communities and establishment of a learning academy as some of the exciting initiatives.

We invite you all to join us as we navigate this exciting journey towards positioning Joe Gqabi District municipality as an epitome of excellence.

ASIJKI SIYAPHAMBILI. FORWARD EVER, BACKWARD NEVER.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER
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WHAT IS mSCOA?

The concept of Standard Chart of Accountants (SCOA) came about when Government realised the need for comparability of financial statements and reporting of different municipalities. The Economic Reporting Format (ERF) and SCOA are fully operational and used by all national and provincial departments. since 2004. The successful implementation of SCOA contributed to growing positive public perception locally and internationally and strengthened public sector accountability and reporting.

The Municipal Standard Chart of Accountants (mSCOA) will thus standardise all municipal and the whole of government reporting. The benefits of mSCOA includes credible, reliable and timely database of municipal information, evidence-based financial management in municipalities, improvement of the audit processes, stability and consistency through a defined structure and seamless alignment in the accountability cycle of a municipality.

mSCOA consist of 7 segments:

- Project - Does the transaction relate to a specific project and if so, what type of project ?
- Function - Against which function or sub-functions should the transaction be recorded?
- Item - The nature of the transactions e.g asset, liability, net asset, gain, loss , revenue or expenditure
- Source of funding
- Regional - geographical location for capital investment

- Costing - Impact of funding on secondary costing
- Municipal Standard Classification - The vote or sub-vote to record the transaction against

The implementation of mSCOA is applicable to all municipalities and municipal entities with effect from 01 July 2017. Preparations for the implementation commenced as from July 2015.

Even when mSCOA is implemented, the municipality remains accountable for the capturing and submission of all the legislated information and reports to the National Treasury Local Government Database. mSCOA will enable the National Treasury and other departments to pull information directly from the municipality's system(s).

The National mSCOA project team engaged all system vendors active in local government to assess their system's functionality to accommodate mSCOA.



JOE GQABI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY APPROVED TARIFFS 2017/2018		TARIFFS (EXCLUDING VAT) 2017/2018	
DESCRIPTION		UNIT OF MEASURE	
WATER			
Basic Charge/Availability Charge			
Domestic Consumers - Metered		Availability	• R70.20
Domestic Consumers - Un-Metered		Availability	• R135.72
Business/Industries - Metered		Availability	• 135.72
Business/Industries / Unmetered		Availability	• 266.77
Rural Areas		Availability	• 127.68
Water Consumption Indigents			
• 0-6kl		Consumption/Indigent	• Free
• 6-30kl		Consumption	• R9.04
• 31-50kl		Consumption	• R12.31
• >50kl		Consumption	• R13.54
Water Consumption Other			
• 0-6kl		Consumption	• R9.04
• 6-30kl		Consumption	• R12.31
• 31-50kl		Consumption	• R13.54
• >51kl		Consumption	• R14.89
SANITATION			
Basic Charge/Availability Charge			
• Domestic		Availability	• R111.19
• Water Bourne sewerage - Domestic		Per connection	• R117.87
• Water Bourne sewerage - Schools		Per connection	• R238.20
• Water Bourne sewerage - Hostels		Per connection	• R238.20
• Water Bourne sewerage - Hospitals		Per connection	• R595.51
• Businesses		Per connection	• R253.73
• Government Departments		Per connection	• R235.73
Waste Water Charge			
• 0-6kl		Consumption/Indigent	• Free
• 0-6kl		Consumption	• R1.06
• 6-12kl		Consumption	• R1.94
• >12kl		Consumption	• R2.14
PRE-PAID WATER & SANITATION RESIDENTIAL		PRE-PAID WATER & SANITATION BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT	
0-6kl consumption	• R14.32	0-6kl consumption	• R19.07
6-30kl consumption	• R18.20	6-30kl consumption	• R22.95
31-50kl consumption	• R19.57	31-50kl consumption	• R24.32
>50kl consumption	• R20.93	>50kl consumption	• R25.68

REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES BY-LAWS

Joe Gqabi District Municipality has tabled the draft Municipal Health Services (MHS) By-Laws for public comments by end of June 2017.

The objective of the MHS By-Laws are to enable the Municipality to promote and protect the health and well-being of all people within the Municipal area by providing an effective legal and administrative framework in conjunction with any other applicable laws, within which the municipality can develop and manage its municipal health service obligations.

Principles

- Every person has a constitutional right to an environment that is not harmful to his or her health or wellbeing and to have access to sufficient water and the municipality has a constitutional duty to strive, within its financial and administrative capacity, to promote a safe and healthy environment as per Section 24 and 27 of the Republic of South Africa Constitution 1996 (Act 108 of 1996)
- The risk of a public health hazard occurring, continuing or recurring must be eliminated wherever reasonably possible, and if it is not reasonably possible to do so, it must be reduced to a level acceptable to the Municipality.

The MHS By-Laws covers the following Municipal Health Frameworks :

Potentially hazardous uses of premises and enforcement	Dry-cleaning and laundry establishments
Sanitary services	Swimming pools and spa-baths
Private sewage works	Accommodation establishments
Water	Child care services
Food control	Office accommodation
Environmental pollution	Construction sites and industrial premises
Air pollution	Prisons and holding cells
Health care risk waste	Keeping of animals
Hazardous waste	Ritual slaughter
Offensive trades	Operation and management of initiation schools
Second-hand goods	Disposal of the dead
Hairdressing, beauty and cosmetology services	Disease surveillance
Dry-cleaning and laundry establishments	Schools and boarding schools
Nursing homes	

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION - (SANITATION)

- Adequate Ablution Facilities must be provided (1:20 ratio) for each gender.
- Potable running water must be provided - hand wash basins.
- Floors of toilets made of smooth easily cleanable material.
- Walls made of smooth finish, light coloured paint.
- Ventilation and illumination.
- Cleaned regularly.

More information on Office Accommodation may be obtained from Chapter 17 of the JGDM MHS By-Laws

CHILD CARE FACILITIES

- No person or body of persons shall conduct a preschool institution unless such person or body of persons is in possession of a health certificate
- An approved first aid kit must be provided

More information on Child Care Facilities may be obtained from Chapter 18 of the JGDM MHS By-Laws

FOOD CONTROL Food caterer premises

Caterer to have a certificate of acceptability issued by the Municipality.

- All food areas must have adequate ventilation and lighting.
- Provision must be made for a wash hand basin or any other similar utensil for washing of hands.
- Provision must be made for a sink or any other similar utensil, for washing of food and equipment.
- Raw and cooked foods must be kept separately during all stages of catering process.
- Adequate measures must be taken to prevent contamination of food by flies, chemicals, rodents and other vermin, and pathogens.

More information on food control may be obtained from Chapter 7 of the JGDM MHS By-Laws

INJURY ON DUTY REPORTING PROCEDURES



The employee has to report the accident to the employer as soon as possible after such accident has happened - Section 38 of the COID Act.

If notice is not given to the employer/Compensation Commissioner within 12 months after the date of accident the employee forfeits his / her right to compensation as the claim cannot be considered in terms of the Act

Should the employer fail to report the accident the employee has to complete a Notice of Accident and Claim for Compensation

The employee must assist the employer in obtaining the medical reports as the employee has chosen the doctor, sees the doctor regularly and it is his / her (employee's) case that has to be finalised.

It is important that the employee must get involved and drive his / her case. He / she must not sit back and wait for other people to do it.

JOE GQABI WATER



PILOT PROJECT FOR INNOVATIVE WATER AND SANITATION PROGRAMME IN JOE GQABI DISTRICT

The Joe Gqabi District Municipality is one of the water service providers selected by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) for the implementation of their Technology Solution and Innovation Programme. 120 low flush toilets were installed in Mt Fletcher rural areas to an amount of R2 million as part of the Pilot project.

The programme aims to demonstrate innovative sanitation technologies in rural areas in South Africa and is a partnership between the DST, the Water Research Commission (WRC), and Melinda Gates Foundation. Appropriate sanitation solutions showing social acceptance, low operation and maintenance and sludge removal are implemented .

This innovation technology has improved access to quality sanitation while saving water in rural areas. The system is low maintenance and uses only two litres of water per flush.



The low flush addresses the aspirations of many South Africans for a flush toilet while overcoming the logistical problems involved with standard sewage, working within the limits of the country's water resources.

NEW STEEL PANEL RESERVOIRS FOR MT. FLETCHER VILLAGES



An amount of R11 million was injected for the upgrading of the Mt. Fletcher reservoirs during the 2017/18 financial year.

Existing reservoirs with leaks have been restored and 14 additional steel panel tanks were constructed. 14 villages around Mt Fletcher are benefitting from this project.

Employment were provided to 26 local community members during the construction period.



Programme participants are involved in community work thereby contributing to improvements that benefit all community members.

The programme is designed to enrol 1 000 people per site for a site that is operating at full capacity. It offers two days of work a week, eight days a month, or 100 days a year. Currently, an average of 1000 participants are enrolled at Elundini, 2000 at Senqu and 1500 at Walter Sisulu Municipalities.

One of the advantages of the programme is that it creates a caring community environment. It also strengthens the interface between local government and communities, and community participation in local development planning through local structures such as CWP Local Reference Committees (LRCs) in which Ward Committees are represented.

Joe Gqabi District Municipality coordinates the Regional Management Committee that meets quarterly with Elundini, Senqu and Walter Sisulu Local Municipalities, the implementing agents and other government departments to identify and unblock any challenges impacting on the implementation of the programme.

The Community Works Programme (CWP) is an innovative offering from government to provide a job safety net for unemployed people. The programme provides additional funding to support them in their search for full-time or part-time employment.

PROVINCIAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATED IN JOE GQABI DISTRICT



to brainstorm a brighter tomorrow which is now business and reaped by the youth of today.

e c o n o m i c Masualle highlighted the progress development made by government, and for youth in the programmes for youth development with the aim of investing in their future.

Eastern Cape future. An amount of R500 000 was Premier Phumulo donated to 5 youth projects in the Masualle during the Joe Gqabi Region as part of youth development and the Province's goal to leave legacy projects for the youth on the 23rd laid of Joe Gqabi District Municipality.

wreaths together with Executive Executive Mayor of Joe Gqabi District Municipality, Alderman Z.I. Dumzela

said that youth power is a significant force in the world today and with this in mind, government has committed

itself to invest in young people's education, economic empowerment, health and the protection of their rights. He highlighted the internship, bursary and expanded public works programmes implemented in the District.

This year the Provincial youth day celebrations were held in Aliwal North in the Joe Gqabi District on the 23rd of June. Adding to this year's message, "Advancing Youth Economic Empowerment" the day was preceded by the Joe Gqabi District Municipality's Youth seminar held on the 9th of June 2017 where youth were invited

Mayor Dumzela and family members of 15 youths slain at a massacre in August 1985 in Aliwal North.

Premier Masualle speaking to learners from Aliwal North and surrounding schools, encouraged them to take part in conversations about the challenges confronting the youth today, reminding them that youth of 1976 stood up for

NEW LOGO AND VISION FOR A NEW MUNICIPALITY



Burgersdorp Town was abuzz on the evening of 22 June 2017 when a gala dinner to unveil the new Walter Sisulu Local Municipality (WSLM) logo, vision and mission, was hosted at the Burgersdorp Town Hall. Gala dinner guests ranged from political leaders, civil servants, local stakeholders of the municipality, as well as a delegation of the Walter Sisulu family.

Since inception in August 2016, subsequent to the merger of the Gariiep and Maletswai local municipalities, WSLM had made use of an interim logo developed by the merger transitional structures established by the MEC for Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs, Fikile Xasa.

The new logo came into effect following a public consultation process where the public made inputs and selected their preferred logo choice from the five samples publicised. Public participation platforms where the five logo samples were scrutinised included municipal social media platforms, the local newspaper, notice boards, ward meetings, Ward Committee meetings, the municipal Strategic Planning Session, as well as the Sisulu family.

Speaking at the launch event, the honourable Mayor of WSLM, Councillor (Cllr) Bulelwa Khweyiya, said that the overwhelming public input into the logo selection process was encouraging; "...it made us proud to see Pillar 1 of the Back-to-Basics local government approach, which is public participation, in its best form. The interest demonstrated by our community in crafting the identity of their municipality was sheer demonstration of democracy in play. African National Congress stalwart, tata Wal-

ter Max Sisulu, after which our municipality is named, would be proud to see the democracy he fought for being used this constructively," she added.

Mayor Khweyiya went on to make a call to the Walter Sisulu University, represented at the gala, to open a satellite branch in Walter Sisulu Local Municipality as realising this prospect would prove as one major economic driver for the district and would have multitude spin-offs for the people of this area.

Other speakers on the night included Reverend Sphiwe Mali who delivered a sermon, Mr Vuyisile Mbundu who was a friend of Walter Sisulu, Walter Sisulu's adopted son - Mr Jongumzi Sisulu representing the Sisulu family, and the Joe Gqabi District Municipality (JGDM) Executive Mayor, Cllr Zibonele Dumzela. Speaking of his friend, Mr Mbundu said that Walter Sisulu was a gentle giant; "he was generous, not only with material things, but also in spirit. A businessman who could have persuaded his goals and dreams... but he chose to pursue the liberation of his people," he reflected.

Speaking of his father, Mr Jongumzi Sisulu, said that the family was humbled by the community of Walter Sisulu Local Municipality for having chosen their father's name amongst other proposed names for the municipality. The responsibility would now be one the municipality's leadership to protect and uphold his positive legacy, he added.

In his closing remarks, JGDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Z Dumzela urged the WSLM leadership to work in unity to ensure the success of the new entity.

jgdm STAFF APPOINTMENTS

APRIL, MAY & JUNE



Z.Y. Mdede
OHS Officer



Z. Cwecwe
OHS Officer



N. Mgeyi
**Assistant Accountant :
Expenditure**



S.S. Mpoza
**Practitioner :
Legal Assistant**



B. Mgubasi
**Assistant
Accountant : Budget,
Planning, Costing
and Control**



S. Sobhuza
**Expenditure /
Creditor's Clerk**



Z. Madabane
**Technical Coordinator
: Demand**

Not present at the time of photoshoot :

S.V. Pongoma :
Manager : WSA

D.C. Lourens
**Head : Water Service
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N. Seleokane
**Community
Development Worker**