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HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE THIS?

KIM Councillors will not vote for the approval of the Annual Budget, unless a minimum of 4000 water tanks, with a capacity of at least 2000 litres, is budgeted for in each of the first two financial years of the new Council. For the next three financial years, at least 5000 tanks per annum will be budgeted for.

Water tanks will be provided by the municipality to households residing in properties valued below R500 000, as well as pensioners or disabled persons residing in homes valued below R1 Million.

Rates incentives will be provided to households residing in households valued above the threshold, who install their own water tanks.

Planning and Building Control Policies will cater for compulsory water tanks in all new developments, as well as new structures and alterations.

WHICH AREAS WILL BE PRIORITISED?

Informal settlements, without access to municipal water, and areas that have experienced the most frequent interruptions of water supply in the previous financial year, will be prioritised.

HOW WILL THE TANKS BE FUNDED?

For the current financial year, R4 Million has been budgeted for smart water meters. The cost of installing a smart meter is similar to that of a 2000 litre water tank, including plumbing and gutters.

Smart meters are unreliable, whereas water tanks provide value to each household and eliminate the need for water trucks to be deployed during water outages.

Residents who harvest their own water, ease pressure on municipal water supply and save money.

In the last financial year, Knysna Municipality spent approximately R11 Million on water trucks.

WHICH HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE PRIORITISED?

The elderly and disabled will be the first to receive water tanks.

OUR PLEDGE

KIM Councillors will not vote for any budget for smart water meters, until each home has had a water tank installed.

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Will you find a candidate like that on your ballot paper? Most probably not - but I definitely think you should still vote. Why? Because there is a wonderful smell of change in the air: the Revised White Paper on Local Government. Once this comes into force, it could become a game changer for local councils.

When President Ramaphosa launched the Revised White Paper last week, he didn't mince his words: “Too many communities have grown accustomed to services that are unreliable, infrastructure that is deteriorating and municipalities that are unresponsive. This cannot continue.”

Exactly.

“We underestimated how politicised appointments would open the door to corruption,” he said.

Yes, you did!

“There must be consequences when public resources are stolen, procurement is manipulated, and public duties are neglected.”

About time!

So what will change? Well, once the White Paper becomes law, we won't get “jobs for pals” anymore. Appointments will be based strictly on merit, and National Treasury will be watching who councils choose for municipal manager, chief financial officer and directors.

If they smell fishy, Treasury can scrap them. Way to go!

Councils will also not have a blank cheque for budgets. There will be “transition teams” to ensure budgets align with the White Paper's strict targets. This starts right after elections.

For instance, the money from water and electricity sales will be “ring-fenced” and will have to be spent on maintaining water and electrical infrastructure first. Good. We all know about Knysna's dysfunctional water pumps and the water crisis.

I like the new rules about “kingmakers”. When two parties win an equal number of seats, this creates a “hung council”. Can't work, so a small party can decide which party it will support in a coalition, giving that party the majority – hence the name “kingmaker”.

So a small party effectively dictates who will be in power. In return, they often demand high-ranking positions. All this happens behind closed doors.

The White Paper says any coalition agreement has to be written, signed and made fully public. No more secret agreements.

It also aims to tackle the biggies like corruption, people who can't do the job, decaying infrastructure and the huge R230 billion municipal debt.

Ramaphosa acknowledged that the government had “underestimated the importance of developing a new generation of engineers, town planners and municipal managers”. Yes! Train them and appoint them on merit.

So ja, this is why I say vote next week. Although the White Paper is not yet law, it is mandatory for newly-elected councillors to attend sessions immediately after the elections where they will be trained on the White Paper's objectives.

So make your cross next week. The White Paper isn't law yet, but there's hope on the horizon.

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6:00 pm on Wednesday, 25 November 2026

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

- To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Report of the Society's Committee on the affairs of the Society
- To receive, consider and approve the Financial Statements of the Society together with the Auditor's Report
- To elect the members of the Committee
- To deal with any relevant business or questions within the competence of the meeting and in respect of which the Chairperson has received prior written notice not less than 7 (seven) days before the Meeting
- To appoint an Auditor in compliance with the requirements of the Non-Profit Organisation Act of 1997

Members wishing to make themselves available for election to the Committee and who have been nominated by a member in good standing of the Society must submit their names in writing to the Chairperson, to arrive no later than 7 (seven) clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Each such submission must be accompanied by a written nomination and the nominee's acceptance of her or his nomination and must be submitted to the Chairperson along with a brief, one-page curriculum vitae or motivation which shall be made available for members to read at the Annual General Meeting. As per Clause 5.4 of the Constitution, only members in good standing will be permitted to attend, speak, and vote at the Annual General Meeting. Furthermore, in terms of Clause 5.1 of the Constitution, the membership register shall be closed 21 days prior to the AGM.

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- Supervise and coordinate estate staff, garden services, and external contractors.
- Oversee the maintenance of roads, common areas, infrastructure, and estate facilities.
- Identify maintenance requirements and ensure that work is completed efficiently and to the required standard.
- Monitor service providers and ensure that agreed work is carried out.
- Assist with budgets, expenditure control, record-keeping, and management reports.
- Implement EXCO decisions, estate rules, and operational procedures.
- Maintain good communication with homeowners, staff, contractors, and the municipality.
- Monitor safety, security, and general standards throughout the estate.

Minimum Requirements:
- A tertiary qualification will be beneficial
- At least 5 years' experience in estate, facilities, property, or general operations management.
- Proven ability to supervise staff and manage contractors.
- Good organisational, administrative, and problem-solving skills.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills, particularly when dealing with homeowners.
- Must be process driven.
- Must be driven, trustworthy, disciplined, dedicated, self-confident, adaptable, loyal, and team-driven
- Basic financial understanding, including budgets, quotations, and expenditure monitoring.
- Computer literacy, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and email.
- A valid driver's licence.
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Working Hours:
Monday to Friday, 08:00–17:00. The successful candidate must also be available to attend to occasional emergencies outside normal working hours when required.

Salary:
R330,000–R360,000 per annum, depending on qualifications and experience.

Personal Attributes:
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Applications:
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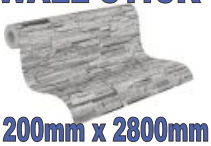

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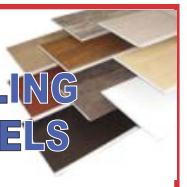

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