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## **MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024 AT 4.30 P.M TO CONSIDER THE ITEMS SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED AGENDA AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE DEEMED ADVISABLE.**

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3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024.

**S. ZHOU**  
**CHAMBER SECRETARY**

*Our Bulawayo Our Water, Our Water our Bulawayo*



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**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024 AT 4.30 P.M.**

**A G E N D A**

- (1) CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2024.

\*\*\* Attached ANNEXURE 'A' Pages 'A to V'

- (2) REPORT OF THE FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES AND WATER ACTION COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2024.

\*\*\* Attached ANNEXURE 'B'

- (3) REPORT OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024.

\*\*\* Attached ANNEXURE 'C'

- (4) REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024.

\*\*\* Attached ANNEXURE 'D'

- (5) REPORT OF THE TOWN LANDS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024.

\*\*\* Attached ANNEXURE 'E'

- (6) REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2024.

\*\*\* Attached ANNEXURE 'F'

- (7) REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2024.

\*\*\* Attached ANNEXURE 'G'

- (8) APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
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# **ANNEXURE 'A'**

**MINUTES:**

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**MINUTES OF THE THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTIETH MEETING OF THE BULAWAYO CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 4.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

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Councillor	E.	Ndlovu (Deputy Mayor)
“	G.	Gumede
“	N.	Khumalo
“	M.	Mabeza
“	D.	Mabuto
“	F.T	Madzana
“	M.	Mahlangu
“	T.	Maposa
“	M.	Masuku
“	M.	Matunha
“	A.	Mhlanga
“	L.	Mohamed
“	A.R.	Moyo
“	M.T.	Moyo
“	M	Moyo
“	S.	Moyo
“	L.	Mphadwe
“	N.H.	Mpofu
“	J.	Mutangi
“	L.	Mwinde
“	A.	Ndlovu
“	K.	Ndlovu
“	N.	Ndlovu
“	D.	Netha
“	O.D.	Nkomo
“	P.	Nyathi
“	R.	Sekete
“	L.	Sibanda
“	N.	Sibanda
“	S.	Sibindi
“	S.	Sithole
“	T.	Zidya

**ALSO:**

The Town Clerk  
The Chamber Secretary



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The Director of Water and Sanitation  
The Financial Director  
The Director of Health Services  
The Director of Housing and Community Services  
The Human Capital Director  
The Director of Town Planning  
The Acting Director of Works

**ON LEAVE:**

His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart)

**(1) MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be taken as read and signed.

**(2) REPORT OF THE FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES AND WATER ACTION COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report of the Future Water Supplies and Water Action Committee be received and the various recommendations contained therein be adopted with the exception of the undermentioned items which be dealt with as follows:

**a) Status of Water Resources (Item 1)**

Councillor A. Ndlovu sought clarity on the provision of security and repair of vandalized Nyamandlovu Aquifer boreholes. He further explained that residents had tried fundraising so as to assist Council develop some of the boreholes that had not been completed. There was need to rehabilitate the boreholes so that there was increased pumping capacity. There was need to embrace such initiatives from residents willing to help the City complete such projects.

Councillor D. Netha raised concern on the manner in which pump repairs were being dealt with. He indicated that since November only two had been repaired. He requested that the repairs be done urgently.

Councillor Mahlangu raised concern about the delay in responding to bursts resulting in the loss of treated water. He wanted to know the turnaround time for the repair of bursts in terms of the standard operating procedures and if these were adhered to.

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It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Future Water  
Supplies and Water Action Committee be adopted.

b) **Water Delivery (Item 2)**

Councillor M. Moyo encouraged Council to look into Councils internal remedies to curb water shortages. The Committee had to come up with immediate solutions for water. Council was failing to abide to the 120 hour water shedding because of various challenges resulting in residents living without water for a long time. He indicated that research should be made for future water sources rather than relying on existing dams. He felt it was better to have water available regardless of the price and people should have an option to buy water or continue with the use of boreholes.

Councillor D. Mabuto indicated that the Committee should stick to its mandate to supply water rather than addressing technical issues. He explained that the City was faced with the ghost of 4 October 1992 when three of the cities water dams dried up and Council was left with two dams enough to supply the city for only 43 days and from the report he felt that Lower Ncema would be decommissioned, whilst as of now Mzingwane had been decommissioned.. He sought clarity on whether government had released funds to assist and on the progress made towards declaring Bulawayo as a critical water shortage area. He requested the Chairperson to enlighten on the progress of Epping Forest and Rochester and the plans made for the boreholes to assist on the crisis.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Future Water  
Supplies and Water Action Committee be  
adopted.

c) **Water Augmentation Projects (Item 12)**

Councillor O. D Nkomo sought clarity on the status of Glass Block Dam and whether the issue of the unit cost of water had been addressed. He also raised concern on the progress of Gwayi Shangani Dam. There was no progress made for the past months. He therefore indicated the need to be aggressive when engaging Government about the water project otherwise the city would face a more severe crisis.

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Councillor M. Moyo sought clarity on the South East Corridor and the repair of the Nyamandlovu aquifer boreholes. He stated that Bulawayo was losing investment because of lack of water. He explained that Council would have reasonable income only if water was coming out of the people's taps.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Future Water Supplies and Water Action Committee be adopted.

d) **Alternative Water Sources (Item 10)**

Councillor S.Moyo stated that most of the water kiosks in the city were not functioning they needed repairs. She sought clarity on the time it took to disinfect contaminated water kiosks that were donated by partners.

The Acting Mayor (Councillor E. Ndlovu) advised that the Committee did not repair pumps and that the matter be directed to the relevant committee. He highlighted that the city was facing a critical water shortage and the water restoration timetable would always be affected by the shortage and other challenges. He cautioned fellow Councillors not to be complainants, but in their capacity be able to notify and inform residents on the city's water status. Statistics were of paramount importance to the Future Water Supplies Committee because they informed the committee on dam levels and were an indication on how the committee should move forward. As for the Glassblock Dam, the Technical Committee and the Legal Committee were working on a report which when presented would indicate the unit purchase price of water and thereafter the agreement would be signed once the unit price was out. . He emphasized that Council should repair existing boreholes rather than drill new ones. On the issue of declaring Bulawayo as a critical water shortage area, he stated that the President had proclaimed a water crisis in the whole country, Bulawayo included, due to the EL NINO induced drought and could give leeway to approach donors.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Future Water Supplies and Water Action Committee be adopted.

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**(3) REPORT OF THE HEALTH HOUSING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**  
**MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report of the Health Housing and Education Committee be received and the various recommendations contained therein be adopted with exception of the under mentioned items which be dealt with as follows:-

**a) Cleansing Section (Item 2)**

Councillor O. D Nkomo proposed that Council should strengthen its enforcement on illegal litter dumping. He suggested that patrols be conducted and business owners be compelled to keep their business clean. He stated that there should be a way on measuring dirt in the city. He explained that internationally there was a clean city index which measured cleanliness as well as information on the number of street sweepers. He highlighted the role of non-formal waste pickers to be integrated into waste management policies and by laws as they played a key role in terms of making the city clean.

Councillor N. Hove Mpfu raised concern on the non-collection of refuse in his ward. He indicated that some areas had been turned into dumping sites because of lack of collections. He indicated that the outbreak of diseases in the area was imminent.

Councillor A. Ndlovu questioned how only 11 people could have been fined in a city as big as Bulawayo. He stated that the level of lenience had gone too far and there was a need to strength mechanism to make sure that people should be fined. He highlighted that clean cities attracted investment and tourism.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Health Housing and Education Committee be adopted.

**b) Cemeteries (Item 5)**

Councillor M Mabeza raised concern on the unprotected Hydepark cemetery where children had developed play grounds on top of graves. She suggested that the area be walled/fenced.

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It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Health Housing and Education Committee be adopted.

c) **Solid Waste Management Plan (Item 10)**

Councillor M.T. Moyo stated that Council and its residents had failed to clean Bulawayo. The city had remained dirty despite the clean up campaigns. He encouraged the corporate world and business owners to give back to the community by purchasing bins and putting them on their spaces. Shop owners should manage cleanliness around their shop spaces. The motion was once raised but failed to be implemented. Council lacked enforcement of the by-laws.

Councillor K. Ndlovu acknowledged that despite every effort to clean the city, refuse/litter had continued to be a challenge. She encouraged Councillors and residents to assist in enforcing the by-laws. Every effort should be made to clear illegal dump sites in all the wards.

Councillor N. Khumalo (Chairperson) advised that the concerns raised and contributions had been noted. Issues raised which included cemeteries, waste management, schools and recreational facilities would be looked into accordingly. In terms of partnerships she highlighted that they had partnered with the Church of Latter Day Saints. Efforts were being made to improve all areas that were lagging behind due to serious financial challenges and staff shortages resulting in few sweepers in the city. She stated that as Councillors they had to encourage residents to pay rates so that service provision could be improved in all areas. She encouraged Councillors to work hand in hand with residents towards keeping the city clean.

The Acting Mayor advised that it was the duty of all citizens to be brother's keeper and to assist EMA, Police and BCC by reporting offenders. Any offenders should be arrested. Municipal Police could not cover the whole city at once hence the need for assistance from residents for Bulawayo to be a Smart City.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Health Housing and Education Committee be adopted.

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**d) Community Services Section (Item 15)**

Councillor M.T. Moyo acknowledged that the rates rebate was a good initiative. He requested that Community halls be open for use by the youths in order to move them out of the streets and curb drug abuse. He further indicated that attention had to be given to Barbourfields stadium in terms of renovations from the bathrooms to the terraces.

Councillor N.H. Mpofo said it was prudent to partner with private players to establish recreational facilities and community halls.

Councillor N. Ndlovu highlighted the over enrolment at Council schools in the new residential areas e.g. Cowdray park where learners were having their lessons under trees which was improper. Overcrowding at schools affected the pass rate. He suggested that Council collaborate with churches and private players who would be willing to build new schools in new developed areas as the population had continued to grow. He indicated that Mahlathini had 2800 pupils and its capacity was 800 learners.

Councillor T. Maposa applauded UK Embassy and USAID for their donation of books to Council libraries and had been consistent in helping libraries. He felt that libraries needed to be capacitated in terms of computers for the benefit of the younger generation.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Health  
Housing and Education Committee be  
adopted.

**e) Clinics Activities (Item 7)**

Councillor M.T. Moyo proposed that Council clinics should also offer rehabilitation facilities.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Health Housing and  
Education Committee be adopted.

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(4) **REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND  
ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup>  
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**RESOLVED**

That the report of the Environment Management and Engineering Services Committee be received and the various recommendations contained therein be adopted with exception of the undermentioned items which be dealt with as follows:-

a) **Fire and Ambulance (Item 1)**

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committee be adopted.

b) **Portable Water (Item 2)**

Councillor F.T. Madzana raised concern on lack of response to urgent reports on water and sewer bursts. He stated that water bursts were handled carelessly resulting in the loss of treated water. Attention had to be given to sewer hot spots. He cited the beauracatic system as the major cause of delays.

Councillor K. Ndlovu raised concern on the increase in the number bursts. She sought clarity on the measures in place to address the situation. She proposed that there be dedicated vehicles to attend to bursts stationed at areas of priority where these were likely to occur. She emphasised on the need of awareness campaigns on the significance of main holes which had continued to be vandalised by residents.

Councillor R. Moyo proposed that on a week to week basis a report be submitted on the number of bursts reported at the call centre, and how many had been attended to. The information could be tabulated and presented to the Committee.

Councillor M. Mahlangu wanted to know if there was a team which attended to bursts that occurred over the weekend. Were there any interventions made to ensure that when bursts occurred and were reported over the weekends they would be attended to?

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Residents argued that City Council was quick to shut down water whilst they delayed to react to water bursts. Approach to bursts was not good enough.

Councillor N. M. Hove indicated that in his ward (6) a gorge had been created by burst water and making it impossible for vehicles. Burst water was left flowing for 2 days hence damaging the road in Cowdray Park. He highlighted that Cowdray Park had become bigger and experienced the highest number of bursts hence the need to open a Council sub office.

Councillor S. Sithole requested for a vehicle that would be on standby to quickly attend to burst pipes as soon as they were reported. She raised concern on lack of response to telephones and the delay to attend to bursts.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committee be adopted.

c) **Sewerage Section (Item 3)**

Councillor T. Maposa raised concern on the sewer problems that had been raised several times and for years and nothing had been done. He requested that the matter be taken seriously and be brought to its finality. A permanent solution to deal with sewer burst was required.

Councillor M. Mabeza was concerned about the state of Burombo flats sewer system. She stated that the living conditions at Burombo were no longer conducive. She indicated that children were at risk from electrical cables that were exposed. She suggested that the place receive urgent attention and be renovated.

Councillor A Ndlovu indicated that shortage of water and sewerage burst went hand in hand. He said that there were foreign bodies found in the system such as spoons, rags stones, pampers etc. There was need for an awareness campaign.

Councillor T. Zidya highlighted that the sewer problem was becoming worse in Nketa. He indicated that Council employees would pass burst pipes stating that they had not been reported. There was need to find a lasting solution to deal with sewer burst.



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Councillor S. Moyo suggested that Council should engage University students to assist with solutions on how to eradicate sewer bursts.

Councillor M. Moyo felt that the current system had to be changed. New designs had to be drawn to accommodate the current status of the city.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committee be adopted.

**d) Roads Maintenance (Item 9)**

Councillor A. Mhlanga raised concern about the bad state of roads in Cowdray Park. He proposed that a tour be conducted to appreciate the situation on the ground. Being a new suburb Cowdray Park had no tarred roads. He also questioned on the completion of Luveve road.

Councillor P. Nyathi was concerned about service providers who damaged roads when installing underground cables.

**e) Electro Mechanical (Item 6)**

Councillor K. Ndlovu raised concern on the lighting at Egodini. She indicated that the lights were dim hence not safe for the passengers at night.

Councillor M. Mabeza had observed that a lot of accidents were happening at Burnside/Cecil Avenue intersection. She requested that traffic lights be installed at the intersection.

Responding to the above sentiments, the Chairperson (Councillor R. Sekete) advised that contractors would be engaged to attend to sewer hot spots. He indicated that sewer bursts were due to designs which had gone past their life span. Complete pipe overhaul was required. He clarified that during weekends standby teams were available to attend to bursts.

**f) Parks Section (Item 20)**

Councillor S. Moyo indicated that there had been an increase in sand poaching. She sought clarity on the measures to arrest the situation. She suggested that there be an operation “Uyithengengaphi Inhalabathi” in all properties found with loads of sand.

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It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committee be adopted.

**(5) REPORT OF THE TOWN LANDS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report of the Town Lands and Planning and Committee be received and the various recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**(6) REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report of the General Purposes Committee together with reports on:-

- (a) Acting appointments in Excess of Six Months Town Clerks and Chamber Secretary's Departments.
- (b) Recruitment of Council Employees
- (c) Resumption of Commutation of Vacation Leave Days
- (d) Job Evaluation 14 Positions – Housing and Community Services Department – (Community Services Branch) – Castellion System
- (e) Report on Investigation of Work-Related Injury: Street Sweepers: Mthandazo Ndlovu (73401 and BokaNdlovu: (73200) Cleansing Section: Health Services Department.
- (f) Post Entry Study Scheme: Thembanincube S.R. 26473: Diploma/Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Health: Block Release Programme: 22 January 2024 to 20 November 2026 Academic Year : Bulawayo Polytechnic
- (g) Authorised and Actual Establishment Comparison Summary Sheet as At 31 January, 2023.
- (h) Rectification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Bulawayo City Council (BCC) and Zimbabwe Urban Council Union (ZUCWU) Bulawayo Branch
- (i) Authorised and Actual Establishment Comparison Summary Sheet as At 29 February 2024.

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as submitted be received and the various recommendations contained therein be adopted.

(7) **REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report of the Finance and Development Committee be received and the various recommendations contained therein be adopted with exception of the undermentioned items which be dealt with as follows:-

a) **Cash Management (Item 2)**

Councillor A. R. Moyo indicated that as a result of flooding on Mr Ndlovu's property his children were now asthmatic. He proposed that Mr Ndlovu be given a new residential stand in addition to the monetary compensation provided by Council previously.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Finance and Development Committee be adopted.

(8) **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no applications for leave of absence.

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DO NOW SIT IN COMMITTEE**  
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**(9) APPROVAL OF 2024 BUDGET FOR CITY OF BULAWAYO**

The Financial Director reported (27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) that the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works wrote to the Town Clerk on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March a letter of Approval of 2024 Budget for City of Bulawayo. The letter read as follows: -

*“The Minister of Local Government and Public Works has in terms of Section 47(1) of the Public Finance Management Act Chapter 22:19 has approved the 2024 budget for City of Bulawayo with the following conditions:*

- 1. Council to ensure that its audits are completed by 31 May 2024 in compliance with the Public Finance Management Act (Chapter 22:19). We request that you submit detailed monthly progress reports on the outstanding audits.*
- 2. Revenue collection efficiency should improve from 38% to at least 60% in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024.*
- 3. Develop a Council Programme that ensure continuous engagement with residents*

*Council is advised that stringent monitoring of these issues and other matters will be done on a quarterly basis during the course of the year.*

*Be guided accordingly*

*Signed by Dr. J. Basera*

*Permanent Secretary for Local Government and Public Works”*

The condition placed on Council required cooperation by all Council departments in ensuring the fulfilment of these conditions. It would require departments to cooperate with external auditors by expeditiously providing information and documentation required. It would call upon all staff to put extra effort in meeting the audit timeframes stated above.

In order to improve collection efficiency departments should ensure that their service delivery mandates met the expectations of customers who in turn would support Council through timely payment of bills. It also called on Council working as a unit in implementing debt recovery measures on amounts that were genuinely overdue.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

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**(10)(a) ALLOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL STANDS 1 TO 5 DAVISTON OPPOSITE NKULUMANE SHOPPING COMPLEX.**

**(b) RE- ALLOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL STANDS 15 299 KELVIN WEST, 15 295 AND 15 351 KELVIN NORTH.**

\*\*\* The Town Clerk reported (3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024) that the Finance and Development Committee (26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) had deferred the attached items relating to the allocation of industrial stands. The items were now being re-submitted for consideration.

It was: -

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Stands 1 to 5 Daviston Opposite Nkulumane Complex be allocated as follows:-

<b>Stand Number</b>	<b>Land Area M2</b>	<b>Name of Beneficiary</b>	<b>Monthly Rental (US\$) dollar</b>	<b>MBC</b>
1	2 758M <sup>2</sup>	Loftyswords Enterprises P/L Leaford Etric Rewinds	140	270M2
2	2 338M <sup>2</sup>	Donmab Investments (Pvt) Ltd	115	230M2
3	2 337M <sup>2</sup>	Lubemark Global (Pvt) Ltd	115	230M2
4	2 335M <sup>2</sup>	Grade One (Pvt) Ltd	115	230M2
5	2 295M <sup>2</sup>	Garron Industries T/A Aquamat Drilling	115	230M2

- (i) The selling price will be advised after the lessee has complied with the minimum building clause conditions of the agreement of lease.
- (ii) Council is expected to meet the costs of servicing such as sewer and water mains extensions.

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- (2) That Industrial Stands 15 299 Kelvin West, 15 295 and 15 351 Kelvin North be allocated as follows: -

*(\*\*NB. Prices shown below are final after effecting the 60% rebate/discount and adding VAT)*

<b>STAND NUMBER</b>	<b>LAND AREA M2</b>	<b>NAME OF BENEFICIARY</b>	<b>SELLING PRICE (US\$)</b>	<b>MBC</b>
Remainder of Stand 15 299-Kelvin West	3 500M <sup>2</sup>	Sehlile Ndlovu ID 08-607353 S28	US\$8 050.00	350M2
15 295-Kelvin West	8 092M <sup>2</sup>	Tennyson Mpunzi ID 08-189982 D19	US\$13 800.00	800M2
15 351-Kelvin North	3 120M <sup>2</sup>	Kholisani Moyo ID 08-693617 H35	US\$7 176.00	300M2

(11) **INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 6.6KV MOTOR TESTING FOR NCEMA PUMP STATION: 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 AT THE DSK ELECTRICAL PVT (LTD), HARARE: MR S. ZONDO S.R.NO.32434, MR N MKHWANANZI S.R.NO 32867, MR R. SIALUMBA S.R.NO.35914, MR M. KHUMALO S.R.NO 11262.**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) that an email dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 had been received from DSK Electrical Harare and read as follows: -

*“Dear Sir,*

*Please be advised that we will be able to facilitate a meeting at GEC Alsthom, Harare Workington Factory, for the purpose of inspecting the above motor.*

*Please note that in line with the Tender Document, commissioning and testing will take place on site after installation has been done.*

*We would recommend meeting at GEC Alsthom Workington Factory on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 10:00am.*

*Please acknowledge receipts of this letter and confirmation of acceptance of meeting time and allocation so that final arrangements may be made with GEC Alsthom.*

*Yours faithfully”*

Council had sent a motor to DSK Harare for repairs through a tender and the company was in the process of testing it and that necessitated that staff members responsible for repairs and maintenance of the equipment be available when the motor was being tested.

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The department had therefore seconded the following staff to attend, Mr S. Zondo S.R. No.32434, Mr N Mkhwananzi S.R. No 32867, Mr T. Sialumba SR No. 35914 and Mr M Khumalo S.R No 11262. The testing of the motor at DSK would be on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and travelling back from Harare on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. This would help provide insight into the current status of the 6.6kV motor and this would assist in bringing contract COM/ESD/C23B/2019 to commissioning stage.

**MOTOR TESTING OBJECTIVES:**

**1. Performance Evaluation**

-Assessing the motor's efficiency, power output, speed and other other operational parameters and no load test for 8Hrs.

**2 Quality Assurance**

-Ensuring that the motors met specified standards and requirements.

**3. Compliance Testing**

-Ensuring that the motor adhered to industry standards, regulations, and customer specifications.

-Test certificate to be provided.

This was a very crucial site visit that, Mr S. Zondo S.R. No.32434, Mr N Mkhwananzi S.R. No 32867, Mr M Khumalo S.R No 11262 and Mr T. Sialumba SR No. 35914 had to attend. This was beneficial to Council as it would help provide insight into the current status of the 6.6kV motor. Checking the status of the motor was essential for the overall performance evaluation of the motor.

Council would meet costs of conference fees, travel, accommodation, dinner and incidental allowances in the usual manner.

It was: -

**RESOLVED** (Submitted for confirmation only)

- (i) That the action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor in authorizing Mr S. Zondo S.R No. 32434, Mr N Mkhwananzi S.R No. 32867, Mr M. Khumalo S.R. No 11262 and Mr T. Sialumba SR No.35914 to attend the Motor Testing at DSK Electrical Harare 2024 from 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at DSK Electrical, Harare be confirmed.
- (ii) That Council to pay, travel, accommodation, meals and incidental allowances in the usual manner.
- (iii) That Special leave covering the period be granted.

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**(12) REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF TELEPHONE AND WI-FI: WARD 29 COUNCILLOR ENGINEER R. SEKETE.**

The Town Clerk reported (3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024) that Council (6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) resolved that the request for payment of telephone and Wi-Fi for Councillor R. Sekete and all other affected Councillors be acceded to and that an equivalent of average costs be paid as provided based on US\$ equivalent.

A comparison of telephone bills was made on the following Wards as at 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024:-

Ward 9	-	\$49 061,58
Ward 14	-	\$21 482,00
Ward 1	-	\$30 083,80
Ward 8	-	\$39 487,03

The rate as at 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 was 15 098,0368 meaning that on average the bill was US\$2.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the affected Councillors be paid a minimum of US\$20 per month.

**(13) INVITATION TO BE PART OF BULAWAYO METROPOLITAN PROVINCE'S DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS FROM 24 MAY – 1 JUNE 2024 BY THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND DEVOLUTION. THE TOWN CLERK; MR C.DUBE (S.R. NO. 31981) AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES; DR E.N. SIBANDA- MZINGWANE (S.R. NO.21597).**

The Town Clerk reported (2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024) that he was in receipt of the following invitation from the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution: Bulawayo Metropolitan Police, Hon Judith Mkwanda;

“My office, the Office of the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Bulawayo Metropolitan Province has been invited to visit the Republic of Belarus under Black Horse Alley LLC Trade and Commerce umbrella, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May to the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2024.



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The main purpose of this visit is to explore areas of possible cooperation through; having formal meetings with National agency of Investment and Privatization of the Republic of Belarus, Formal meetings across a wide sector of industries for commercial Trade and Joint implementation opportunities and most importantly, site visits and inspections with enterprises in the fields of pharmaceutical medicines, animal health products, agricultural mechanization equipment and technologies.

It is against this background that I do hereby invite the Town Clerk and Director of Health Services to be part of the delegation that will represent Bulawayo Province on this official visit to the Republic of Belarus. All traveling costs will be borne by the participants.”

Council representation at this platform was a valuable opportunity which would economically benefit the City. It would help solidify the trade relationship with Belarus through promoting the importation and distribution of Belarusian products in Bulawayo.

Additionally, participating in this platform could lead to further investment opportunities. Health care initiatives that might arise from this visit could potentially benefit Council's Health Services Department.

It was therefore –

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That authority be granted to the Town Clerk, Mr C. Dube (S.R. No. 31981) and the Director of Health Services, Dr E.N. Sibanda- Mzingwane (S.R. No.21597) to be part of the delegation that will represent Bulawayo Province on this official visit to the Republic of Belarus.
- (2) That Council pays for their travel, subsistence and incidental allowance costs in the usual manner.

**(14) GLASSBLOCK DAM AND PURCHASE OF WATER**

The Financial Director reported (3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024) that Council (3 January, 2024) had resolved to sign the Glass Block Dam Water Purchase Agreement subject to negotiation of the price of water at the time of actual purchase of the water.

To operationalize the project two committees i.e. Technical and Legal & Finance were set up to produce detailed reports. The Finance and Legal Committee had held two virtual meetings where requests for both classified and unclassified Council information were made. In these meetings the BCC team’s concern were the risks: -

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- i) associated with the sharing of this unclassified and classified information
- ii) of operating outside the Council resolution i.e. the scope had extended beyond signing a water sales agreement; and
- iii) related to the intended use of the information to ‘explore methods through which council receivables (debtors) could be used in structuring’ funding

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As a strategy to mitigate Council against legal and financial risks it was recommended that authority be granted to carry out due diligence and share information with the contractor subject to CGF Africa signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).

**RESOLVED:**

That authority be granted to carry out due diligence and share information with the contractor subject to CGF Africa signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).

**(15) EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES AND WATER ACTION COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2024**

**(a) Bulawayo Water Supply: Alternative Permanent Remedy Inyankuni Tunnel Project Data Request (Item 7)**

\*\*\* The Director of Water and Sanitation had reported (25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) to the Future Water Supplies and Water Action Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024) that the attached request had been received through T A Chery on behalf of Mr. Chris Parnham And Mr. Graig Panham seeking information on the Citys Water Supply, elevation of the various dam spillways, conveyance pipelines lines elevation drawings linking to Ncema Waterworks and all the respective dams. Data requested also included the understanding of the entitlement of Council to abstract water from the supply dams Insiza, Inyankuni and Lower and Upper Ncema.

Through the request for information they sought to assess the feasibility of constructing a tunnel to convey water from Insiza Dam to Ncema via Inyankuni dam.

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The consortium had since done a presentation to the Bulawayo Water Technical Committee.

The matter was considered and there after it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the data request be acceded to and a Non-Disclosure Agreement be signed by the representative.

**(b) Matobo Aquifer- A Promising Avenue for Bolstering Bulawayo's Water Security (Item 8)**

The Director of Water and Sanitation had reported (2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024) to the Future Water Supplies and Water Action Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

**Executive Summary**

This report presented a potential breakthrough in our ongoing efforts to address Bulawayo's water crisis. Initial investigations indicated that the Matobo Aquifer, located near the Hope Fountain Mission site, held significant promise as a new source of fresh groundwater. Early estimates suggested the aquifer's potential yield could reach 40 Megalitres (ML) per day, a substantial contribution to our water supply.

**Project Details**

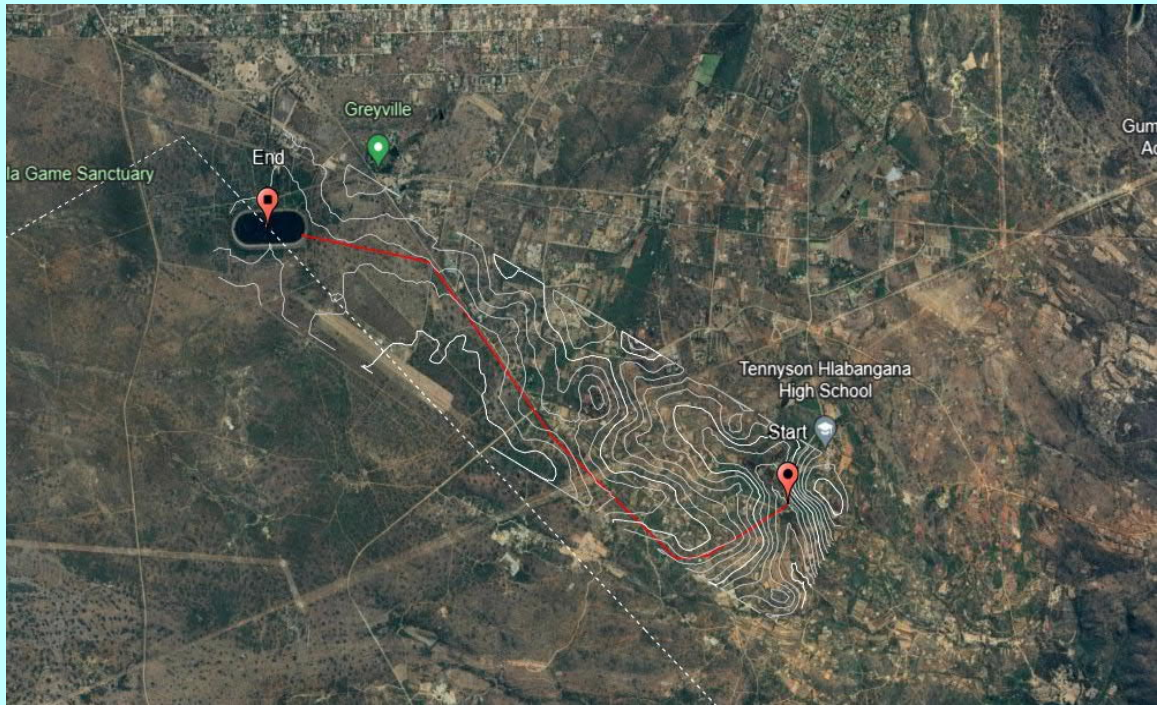
A potential partner had approached the City with a proposal for groundwater abstraction from the Matobo Aquifer. This initiative aligned perfectly with our multi-pronged strategy to secure sustainable water sources for Bulawayo.

The proposed project encompassed several key elements:

- **Groundwater Abstraction:** A dedicated groundwater booster station would be established near Hope Fountain to extract water from the aquifer.
- **Water Storage:** Holding tanks would be constructed to store the extracted groundwater.
- **Renewable Energy Integration:** A solar farm would be incorporated to power the project's operations, promoting sustainability and reducing reliance on the already strained electricity grid.

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- **Water Transportation:** A dedicated pipeline would be installed to convey the extracted raw water to the Criterion Raw Water Reservoir for treatment and distribution.



**Figure 1: Proposed pipeline route from aquifer source to Criterion Raw Water Reservoir.**

### **Next Steps**

While the initial information was encouraging, further studies were necessary to solidify this promising opportunity:

- **ZINWA Consultation:** Collaboration with the Zimbabwe National Water Authority (ZINWA) was crucial to obtain the necessary permits and ensure responsible management of the aquifer.
- **Feasibility Study:** A comprehensive groundwater potential and recharge feasibility study was paramount. That would provide critical data on the aquifer's long-term sustainability and optimal extraction rates.
- **Land Acquisition:** The Water and Sanitation Department was actively investigating land ownership within the proposed project area. Securing access to land for the pumping station, solar farm, and pipeline servitude was essential for project execution.

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Given the potential impact of this project on Bulawayo's water security and by taking these decisive steps, this would allow Council to gather the necessary data and secure the required approvals to determine the full potential of the Matobo Aquifer and, if viable, move forward with this promising water supply solution.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That Council supports the Director of Water and Sanitation on the following actions:-

- (i) **Expedited ZINWA Consultations:** Initiate immediate discussions with ZINWA to secure their expertise and expedite the permitting process.
- (ii) **Feasibility Study Commissioning:** Allocate resources for a comprehensive pre-feasibility study to definitively assess the aquifer's potential and guide project development whilst funds are being sought through Donors such as VEI (Waterworx) and AFDB for a detailed feasibility study.
- (iii) **Land Acquisition Support:** Authorize the Water and Sanitation Department to finalize land ownership investigations and negotiations to secure the necessary land for project implementation.

# **ANNEXURE 'B'**

**REPORT OF THE FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES AND WATER ACTION COMMITTEE:  
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON  
TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2024 AT 4.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	K.	Ndlovu (Chairperson)
“	T.	Moyo (Deputy Chairperson)
“	E.	Ndlovu (Deputy Mayor)
“	M.	Matunha
“	N.H.	Mpofu
“	J.	Mutangi
“	P.	Nyathi

**ALSO:**

The Town Clerk  
The Chamber Secretary  
The Director of Water and Sanitation

**APOLOGY:**

Councillor	N.	Khumalo
“	T.	Maposa
“	N.	Sibanda

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## (1) STATUS OF WATER RESOURCES

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

### Dam Levels



The combined storage capacity of the dams supplying the City of Bulawayo stood at 41.02% as of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024, representing a total volume of 170, 070, 579m<sup>3</sup>, of which 153, 485, 471m<sup>3</sup> (90.2%) was currently usable. The current 2023-2024 rainy season was approaching the end with the City's Mzingwane catchment having received insignificant inflows totaling 13,218,577m<sup>3</sup> into the dams which translated to 3.2% of the City's dams' full holding capacity. Furthermore, in comparison to a similar time in 2023 the dams held 8.3% more water than presently.

**Table 1: Comparison of dam volumes as at 20 March 2024**

DAM	20 MARCH 2024		20 MARCH 2023		20 February 2024	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Percent (%)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Percent (%)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Percent (%)
Insiza	98,042,699	56.51	132,462,923	76.35	101, 690, 687	58.61
Inyankuni	22,277,580	27.58	36,176,670	44.78	23, 620, 930	29.24
Lower Ncema	3,714,600	20.37	4,612,900	25.29	15, 124, 930	28.10
Umzingwane	1,252,000	2.80	7,448,400	16.68	1, 788, 400	4.00
Upper Ncema	7,560,100	16.63	21,630,170	47.58	7, 794, 580	17.15
Mtshabezi	37,223,600	71.59	43,619,000	83.89	37, 964, 000	73.01
Total	<b>170,070,579</b>	<b>41.02</b>	<b>245,950,063</b>	<b>59.32</b>	<b>177, 982, 887</b>	<b>43.93</b>

### Dam Water Usage.

#### Drawdown and Abstraction

An average net drawdown of 7,912,308 m<sup>3</sup> estimated as of 20<sup>th</sup> March from 20 February 2024 versus an abstraction of 3,400,713m<sup>3</sup>. The variance was attributed to evaporation losses as illustrated in Table 1.

**Table 2: Monthly drawdown for the month ending 20 February 2024.**

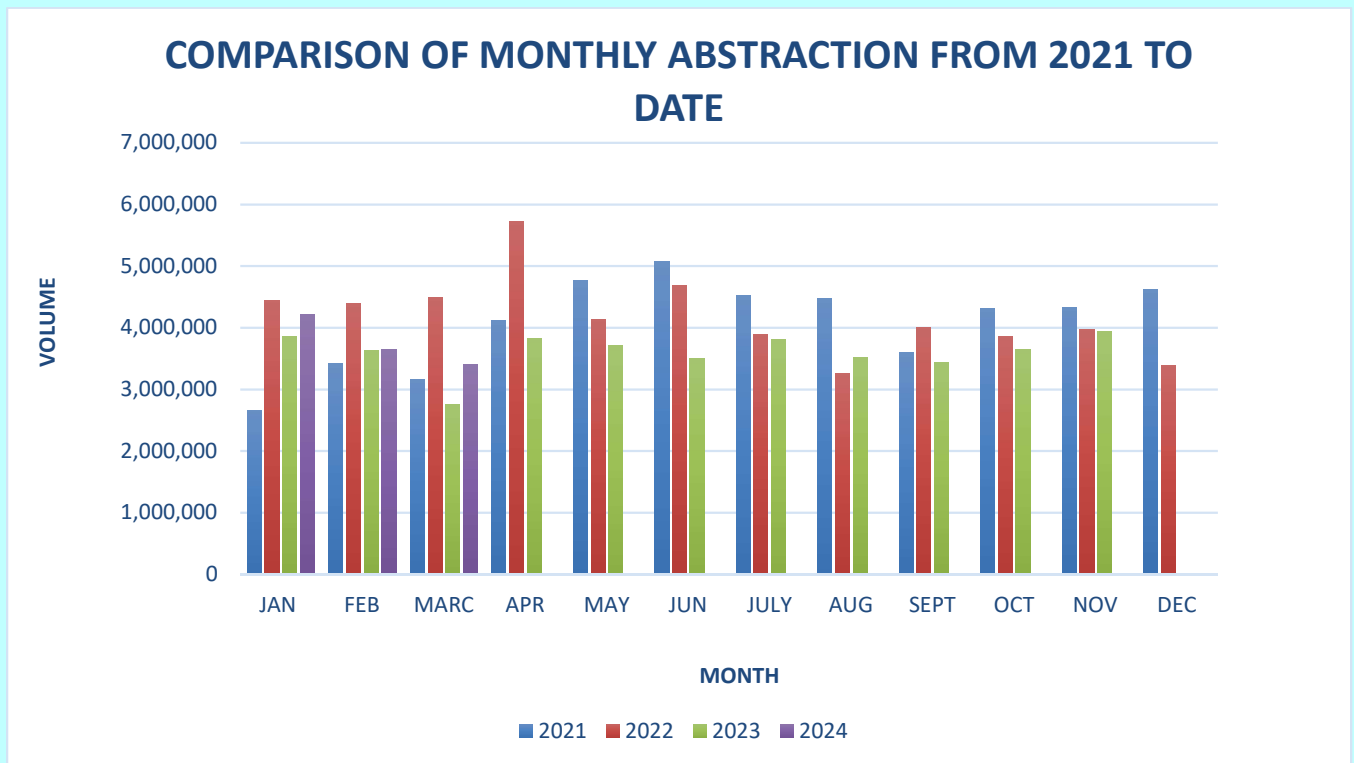
Month	MARCH 2024	February 2024	Net drawdown	Abstracted
Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	<b>170,070,579</b>	<b>177,982,887</b>	7,912,308m <sup>3</sup>	3,400,713 m <sup>3</sup>
% full	41.02	42.93		



Abstraction from supply dams as of the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 totaled 3,400,713m<sup>3</sup> while Mtshabezi pumped 363,333m<sup>3</sup>, which was an average delivery of 12 000m<sup>3</sup>/day versus the anticipated 17,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day. The variation was attributed to breakdowns and power outages affecting water delivery from Mtshabezi to Umzingwane. Table 1-3: Comparison of monthly dam volumes, percentages, and abstractions for the years 2023 and 2024 whilst Figure 1.2.1 was a comparison of abstraction from the years 2021 to date.

**Table 3: Comparison of monthly dam volumes, percentages, and abstractions.**

	Volume (m3)		Percentage		Abstraction (m3)	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>March</b>	170,070,579	245,950,063	41.02	59.32	3,400,713	2,763,019
<b>February</b>	177,982,887	234,950,268	42.93	56.67	3,653,199	
<b>January</b>	183,496,191	187,980,440	44.26	44.96	4,211,487	3,853,970



**Figure 1: Comparison of monthly abstraction for 2021, 2022, 2023& 2024**

## Projected Depletion

The depletion schedules for the City's supply dams were detailed in Table 4, outlining the dam depletion dates as of 20 March 2024. Notably, UMzingwane dam was decommissioned on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 after reaching 4%. Currently it was still at a critical level of 2.80% and was presently used to receive water from Mtshabezi Dam. UMzingwane dam was indirectly used to convey water from Mtshabezi Dam to Ncema Water Treatment Plant.

Upper Ncema and Lower Ncema Dams were projected to be decommissioned prior to the onset of the next rainy season that was by the beginning of August 2024. This would result in the City relying on Inyankuni, Insiza and Mtshabezi dams as well as Nyamandlovu aquifer. The optimum water abstraction was constrained by pipeline capacities although water was available in these dams. Presently, the capacities were estimated at 17ML/day (without power outages) for Mtshabezi and 51ML/day for Insiza whilst Inyankuni delivered 17ML/day. Nyamandlovu on the other hand supplied the City with an average of 5.5 ML /day. This brought the total amount of water available for consumption to a mere 90ML/day against an unrestricted demand of 165ML/day, leaving the City with a demand gap of 75ML/day. This underscored the need for careful consideration of the available water sources and infrastructure limitations in addressing the impending challenges in the city's water supply.

**Table 4: Dam depletion dates as at 20 March 2024**

Dam depletion figures as at 20 February 2024		
Dam	Volume of Available Water(m <sup>3</sup> ) (Less Dead water)	Depletion Month
Insiza Dam	91,103,059	13/05/2026
Inyankuni	19,046,340	13/01/2026
Lower Ncema	2,985,092	13/06/2024
Umzingwane	-534,540	09/03/2024
Upper Ncema	5,741,760	11/08/2024
Mtshabezi	35,143,760	19/11/2027
<b>Total (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>153,485,470</b>	

**Table 5: Projected daily water abstraction capacities from supply sources from January to December 2023 if there were no further rains.**

Dam	Abstraction capacities	DAILY MAXIMUM WATER AVAILABLE FOR ABSTRACTION (ML) UP TO DECEMBER 2024											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Insiza	55ML/day	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	45	45	45	45	45
Inyankuni	18ML/day	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Upper Ncema		Water abstracted via lower Ncema											
Lower Ncema	45ML/day	35	35	35	35	35	TO BE DECOMISSIONED IF NO FUTHER RAINFALL IS RECEIVED						
Umzingwane	35ML/day	DECOMISSIONED 19 NOVEMBER 2023											
Mtshabezi	Abstracted via Umzingwane Dam	10	10	12	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Nyamandlovu Aquifer. (Epping + Rochester)	16ML/day	5.8	5.68	5.51	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Total Raw water Available for Treatment (ML)	169ML/day	103	113	115	136	109	109	109	109	109	109	109	109
Ave System Input Volume 2024 (ML/d)		116.53	116.21	112.70									
Act. Ave, Daily Consumption 2023 (ML/d)		124.7	119.1	103.1	122.7	130.2	121.5	122.6	113.9	114.5	120.1	117.8	112.2
Act. Ave, Daily Consumption 2024(ML/d)		121.1	120.58	111.98									

Table 5 illustrated the maximum abstractions that could be achieved per dam site if still in operation for the year. This was assuming that the city population and the city development growth remained as it was.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(2) **WATER DELIVERY**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

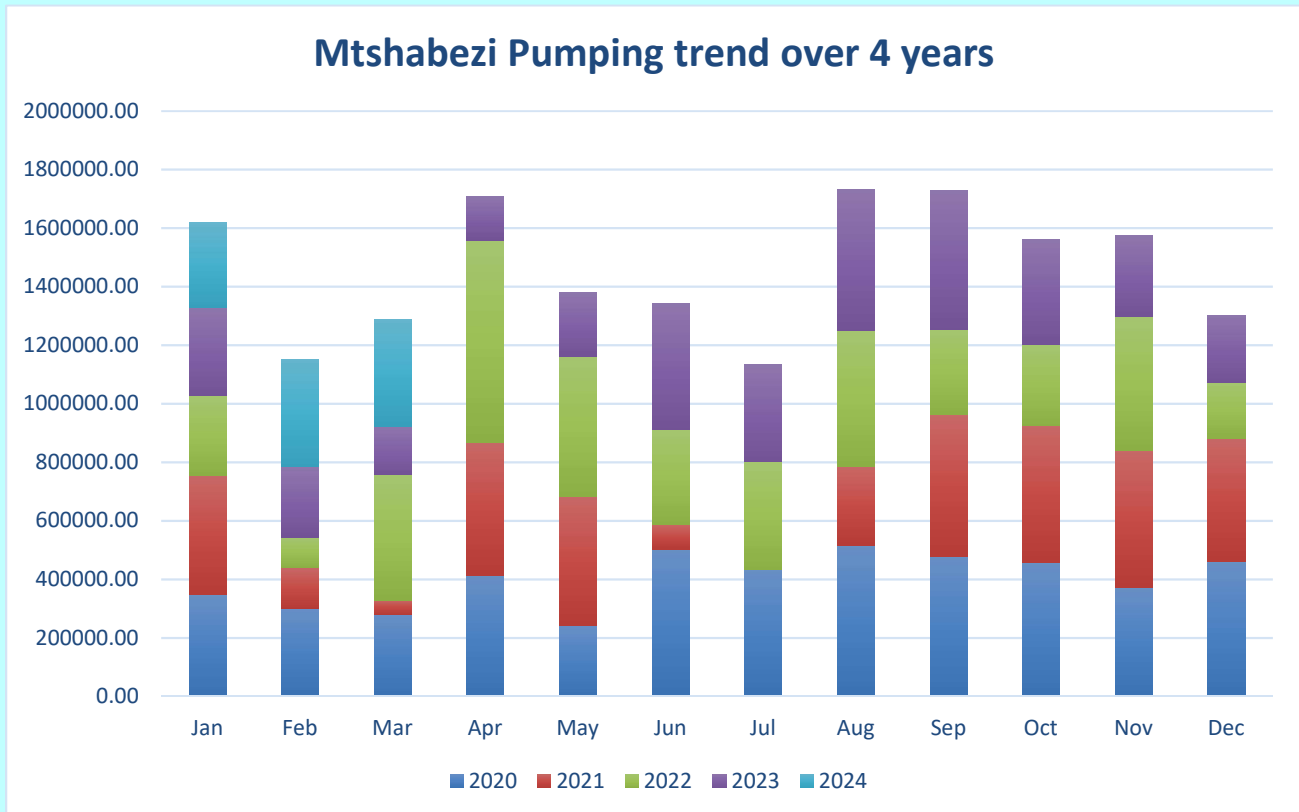
**Pumping Status**

**Table 6: Status of current available pumping**

Source	Pump station	No. of Pumps	Functional	Not Functional	Comments
Surface Water	<b>Ncema</b>				
	Flow serve	3	1	2	
	Sulzer	3	1	2	A planned maintenance program was being prepared whilst also mobilizing the required resources for the repair of the pumps
	37" Sulzer	8	4	4	Planned was a shutdown for the repair of pump no 4, whilst the other 3 were planned to be refurbished one at a time through the engagement of contractors.
	42" Sulzer	2	0	2	
	<b>Fernhill</b>				
	Flow serve	3	1	2	
	Sulzer	3	0	3	The only operational Sulzer pump was on breakdown due to an electrical fault at the station. Contractors currently doing assessments for quotations and to carry out the subsequent repairs.
	42" Sulzer	7	4	3	
	<b>Inyankuni</b>	3	2	1	The motor for pump number 3 was with the contractor for repairs.
	<b>Mzingwane</b>	4	1	3	Refer to 7.2 on update for Umzingwane Booster Station Rehabilitation.
Groundwater	<b>Nyamandlovu</b>				
	Rochester	5	3	2	Pump 5 was under repair, awaited spares and pump 4 awaited spares
	Cowdray Park	5	4	1	Clayton valves required repairs and scoping to be done in order to proceed with the repairs

## Available Pumping Capacities

At present, Ncema water works had a capacity to pump a maximum of 40Mℓ to 45Mℓ/day out of the expected 80Mℓ/day (design capacity) clear water due to 60% of the filters not working. Raw water pumping figures were currently influenced by the available abstraction from operational dams, the conveyance capacities of the bulk mains and the number of operational pumps at any given time.



**Figure 2: Comparison of 2021, 2022 & 2023 Mtshabezi Pumping.**

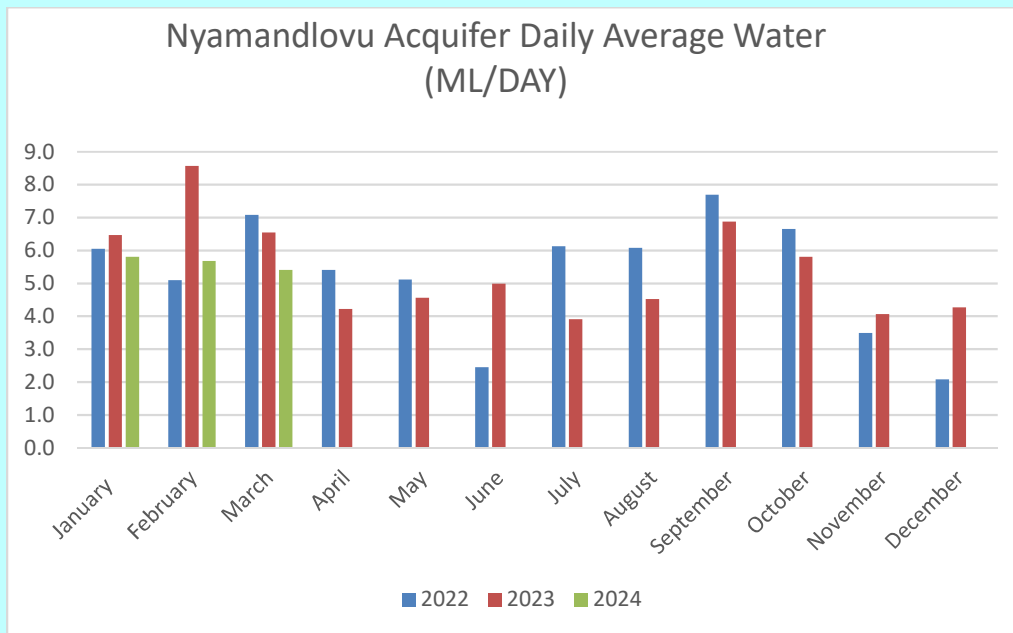
## Ncema and Fernhill

Ncema delivered a total of 2,281,017 m<sup>3</sup> of raw water to Fernhill and 984,616m<sup>3</sup> treated water to Tuli Hill reservoir for distribution.

## Nyamandlovu

A total of 163ML was delivered to Magwegwe reservoir from Cowdray Park. This was a decrease from last month's total of 184 ML delivered. There was also a decrease in the daily average deliveries from 5.7ML/day in March 2024 to 5.4ML/day in the month of March 2024. The pumping fluctuated due to a number of factors such as electricity outages and breakdowns.

The Zimbabwe National Water Authority (ZINWA) had embarked on a project rehabilitation programme for the Nyamandlovu aquifer boreholes. The project sought to ensure a total of 60 boreholes were operational (20 at Epping Forest and 40 at Rochester). A total of 36/60 boreholes were operational and were reported to have the capacity to deliver 16ML/day. The City of Bulawayo meters both at Cowdray Park and Rochester were non-functional and required urgent replacement. The scoping for the meter repairs was ongoing. ZINWA would be securing the transformers in cages whilst also conducting awareness campaigns to curb the issue of vandalism of transformers.



**Figure 3: Nyamandlovu pumping in the year 2022-2024**

### Leaks on the delivery lines

A total of 22 leaks were encountered during the month of March 2024 on the conveyance pipelines including leaks on the air vessels.

**Table 7: Bulk conveyance burst pipes and leaks.**

Pipeline	Insiza	Inyanku ni	30 ”	Mzingwane	Flowserve	Sulzer	15 ”	Nyamandlovu	Ncema	Total
<b>Received</b>	0	3	3	2	4	1	3	5	1	22
<b>Repaired</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	5
<b>Outstanding</b>	0	3	2	2	3	0	2	4	1	17

The pipeline inspector had been allocated a vehicle to speed up the repairs process on the main pipelines. A program was being drawn for the repair of the leaks and mobilization of other required resources.

Thereafter it was:-

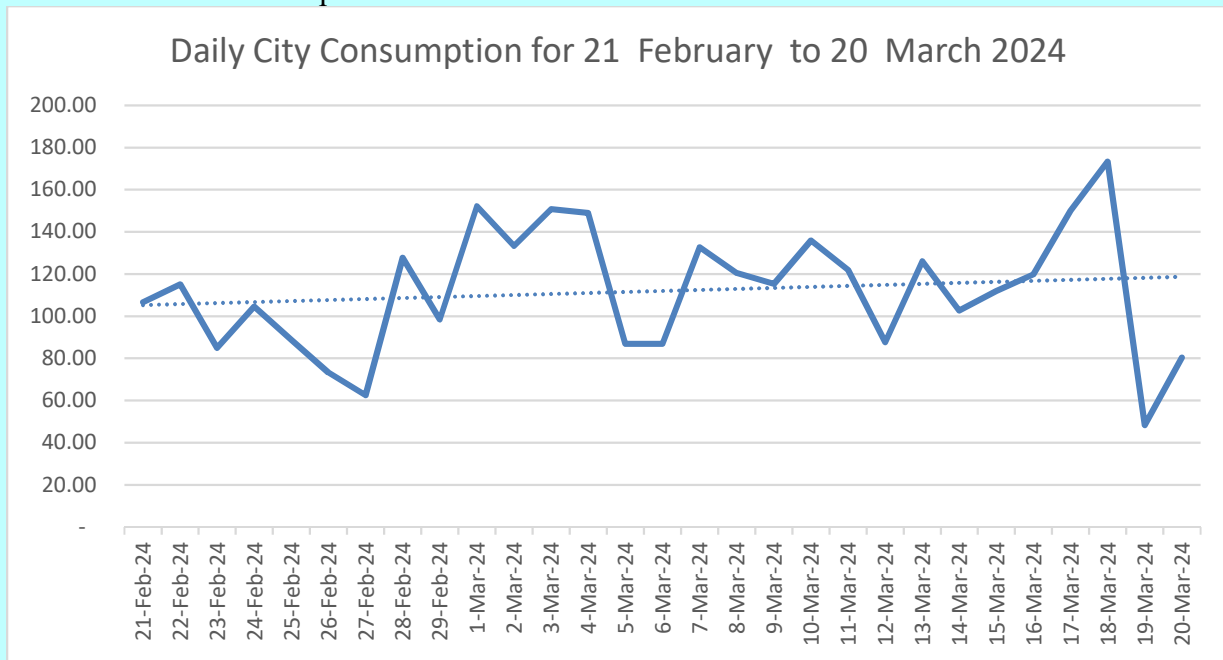
**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

**(3) WATER CONSUMPTION**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

**4.1.1 Water Consumption**



**Figure 4: Daily City Consumption Trend**

The total consumption as at the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 from the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2024 was 3,247,450m<sup>3</sup>. The average consumption from 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 was 110.26ML/day.

**Water treatment**



Water treatment capacities for the city's two water treatment plants were as follows:

**Table 7: Treatment capacities of Criterion and Ncema waterworks**

<b>Plant</b>	<b>Design Capacity (m<sup>3</sup>/d)</b>	<b>Estimated Current Functional Capacity (m<sup>3</sup>/d)</b>	<b>Actual Raw Water Treated in March 2024 (m<sup>3</sup>/day)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ncema	80,000	45,000	33,700	8 filters out of 20 were operational and this translated to an operational capacity of 35%. Project preparation work was ongoing with the scoping of work for the repair of 4 filters.
Criterion	180,000	110,000	78,300	16 out of 16 Filters were operational and this translated to a 100% operational Capacity. De-sludging system and cleaning of clarifiers had been completed. The chemical dosing plant required attention and repair works would be conducted through a quotation system. The works had been scoped.
<b>Total</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>112,000</b>	Variance between actual and current capacity was as a result of raw water availability.

**Reservoirs**

**Table 8: Average Reservoir levels in the Month March 2024**

<b>Reservoir</b>	<b>Critical level</b>	<b>Average level Level</b>	<b>Design Volume</b>
Magwegwe	9.0 ft	12.0	108.0ML
Hillside	17.0 ft	15.8	45.0ML
Rifle Range	5.0 ft	15.6	67.5ML
6.J	12.0 ft	15.3	45.0ML
Tuli	6.0 ft	14.8	45.0ML
Crit Clear	1.0 m	2.6	90.0ML
Crit Raw	1.0 m	1.1	1400ML
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1 800.5ML</b>

In the month of March there were minimal disruptions affecting the reservoir levels hence all were above critical minimum operational level. The reservoir level stabilization had also been enhanced by the 120-hour shedding in place.



Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(4) ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

**City Boreholes**

**Maintenance of Boreholes**

**Table 9: Maintenance Work done on Boreholes in March 2024**

Borehole	Location	Date done	Work done
Zimiseleni gardens 13292	Nkulumane 12	11/02/2024	Changed 1 rod
5045 Nketa 9	Nketa 9	11/02/2024	found functioning
Entumbane Complex	Entumbane	10/02/2024	Replaced rod
Entumbane Complex	Entumbane	25/02/2024	replaced cylinder, 1 rod and 1 pipe
Intersection Nkulumane Clinic	Nkulumane 5	21/02/2024	changed cylinder, 1 pipe, 1 rod , frame
646 Nketa	Nketa 6	10/02/2024	Changed 1 rod, 1 pipe and frame
Amaveni	Nkulumane 5	11/02/2024	Replaced 1 rod
3545 Nkulumane 5	Nkulumane 5	18/02/2024	Replaced pipe
Next to no.11 New Mag	New Magwegwe	21/02/2024	Changed cylinder
Lion of Judah	Pumula South	18/02/2024	Changed 1 rod and frame
3545 Nkulumane 5	Nkulumane 5	18/02/2024	Changed cylinder
Near Pentecostal Church	Njube F	21/02/2024	Changed rod and U-bracket
Near shops	Mabuthweni	25/02/2024	Extended casing, 1 rod and introduced short rod
Complex	Entumbane	25/02/2024	Replaced cylinder, 1 rod and 1 pipe
Bullet shop	Nkulumane 5	24/02/2024	Replaced 1 rod and 1 pipe
Near house no. 1366	Nkulumane 5	24/02/2024	Replaced 1 rod

The City had a total estimate of 419 boreholes distributed around the City. In the month of March an exercise commenced for the GIS mapping of boreholes and to date 327 community and institutional boreholes had been mapped. Of the boreholes mapped 274 were established to be functional and 53 non-functional. The cumulative number of reported broken down boreholes was 53 and 16 boreholes were repaired in the month of March 2024, leaving a deficit of 37. The section was prioritizing the borehole repairs so as to alleviate the water challenges in the communities. The repairs were also currently being stalled by the lack of a palfinger truck as the one that was used had hydraulic mechanism problems.

### **Water Kiosks**

The city had a total of twenty-three (23) water kiosks installed in the community and twenty-two (22) within institutions. Water was ferried to some of the kiosks using bowsers with others connected to Municipal supply. Main challenges faced with water kiosks was that they were reliant on water being conveyed by bowsers as the city was also constrained with water tanker resources. A number of water kiosks had been identified that required to be disinfected. Water Quality section working on the modalities to execute the tasks.

### **Water Bowsers**

The City had a complement of seven (7) bowsers and currently three were functional. Periodically the city was hiring bowsers to cater specifically for supplying high lying areas and funerals. In the month of March 2024, the city hired two (2) bowsers to cater specifically for supplying high lying areas and funerals.

Thereafter it was:-

#### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

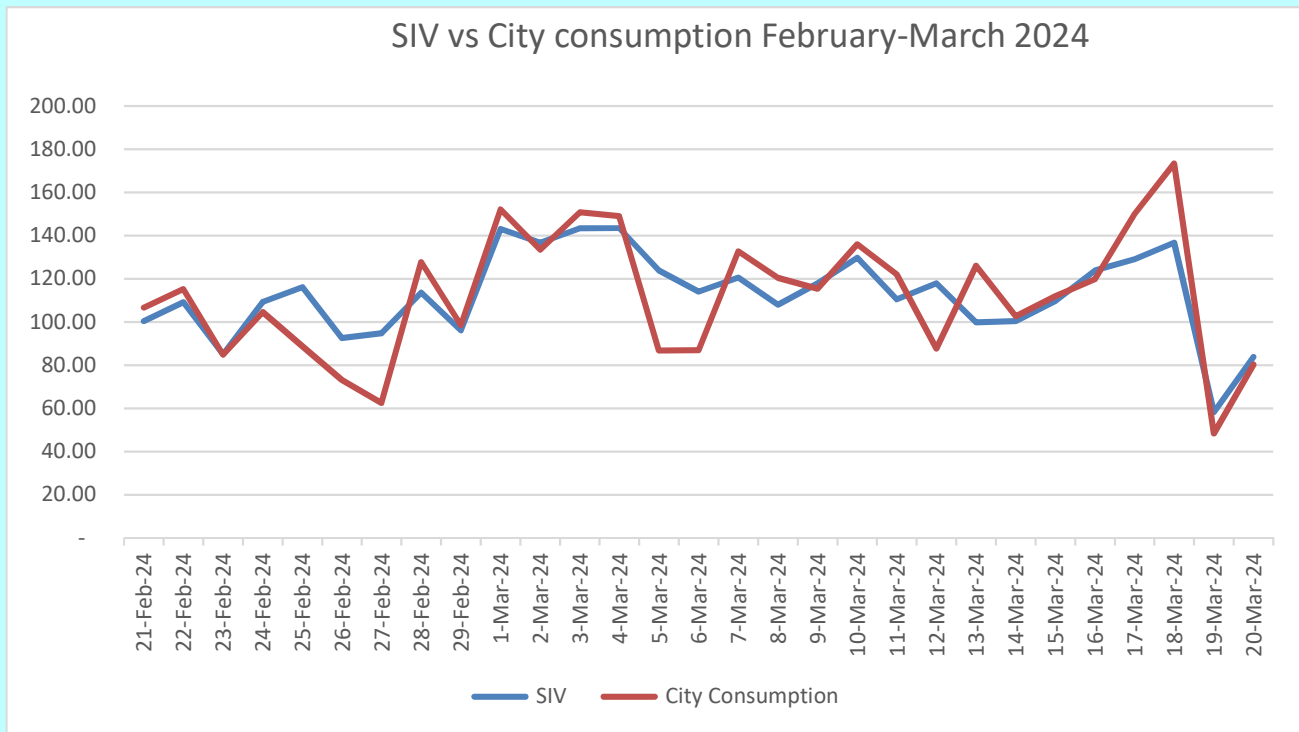
That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

### **(5) WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGIES**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

#### **Water Shedding**

The available water resources in the dams had continued to decline and was projected to be insufficient to provide an adequate continuous supply of water in the City (21-month supply rule). Although water shedding had its own negative impacts including negative impact on public health and social equity (unfair distribution), it presently still remained a practical conservation strategy for the City. The City was currently under a 120hour shedding program.



**Figure 6: System Input Volume Vs Consumption**

The average System Input Volume in March was 112.70 ML/day and consumption 110.26 ML/day against a target of 120ML/day. The total estimated available volume of abstraction of 113ML/day. In the month of February focus had been to build the raw water reservoir level in order to shield the City against risks of power interruptions and emergency repairs. The Criterion reservoir raw water level was currently on 1.64m, which translated to 21.87% of the maximum reservoir capacity.

The department to intensify public awareness and water saving campaigns through engagement of various stakeholder groups utilizing all media platforms to disseminate information.

**Water restrictions (rationing)**

Demand management in the city had historically proven to sustain the city through the recurrent urban droughts which had furthermore inculcated a culture of conservation. It follows that, if drought management follows a demand management approach, it would be easy to cope with, through the community’s mitigation efforts in their adoption of conservation practices. An exercise was ongoing to re-consider the viability of current restrictions (rationing allocations) versus the available resources and projected available water resources.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted

**(6) WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECTS**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) that there were various proposed alternatives and ongoing initiatives reflecting the city's proactive approach to securing sustainable and long-term water resources. The table below outlines a number of projects to improve the current water situation in the short medium and long term.

**Table 10: Short, Medium- and Long-Term Water Augmentation Projects**

Name of Project	Description	Projected Vol. Increase/ML	Estimated Cost US (\$)
<b>Immediate Short-term project included in 2024 Budget</b>			
Umzingwane Pump Station Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation of Booster pump station		\$260,000
Mtshabezi Mzingwane by pass	Pipeline connection upstream of the pump house.		\$150,000
Inyankuni Booster Station Upgrade	Increasing booster capacity of the pump station from two operational and one stand by pump to three operational and one stand by pump	7 ML/Day	\$250,000
Mtshabezi In-line Boosters	Locating additional booster pumps on the Mtshabezi to UMzingwane line so as to increase water volume pumped through	5.5 ML/Day	\$800,000
Insiza Elevated 100 m Section	To elevate a 100 m section of the Insiza line where there was a sag and where-in the Hydraulic grade was compromised thus resulting in increase in head and corresponding increase in flow.	5 ML/Day	\$320,000
Ncema treatment works filters rehabilitation	At Ncema treatment Plant there were 12 filters requiring refurbishment together with construction of Sludge beds and 3 Clarifiers		\$400,000
Criterion By pass	Plant 2 to Clear water reservoir diversion pipeline		\$150,000
Water Meter replacement for 5000 customers.	The city had close to 16000 non-functional domestic meters which required to be replaced. Targeted in 2024 was the replacement of 5000 water meters		\$400,000

Reservoir level control and monitoring.	The City was currently under a 120-hour shedding program which became more and more challenging to operate in the absence of reservoir level control mechanisms		\$400,000
Exploration of Glass-block Dam	Glaas block dam was a proposed dam that was identified as a potential water source for the city and was located on the UMzingwane River.		
Water Quality Equipment	Procurement of equipment and ISO 17025		\$200,000
Cowdray park Water Workshop Depot Construction	Due to the prevailing City expansion, it had become imperative for the City to decentralize operations for enhanced service delivery response.		\$100,000
Water mains renewal	Targeted areas included Masotsha avenue, Luveve Corridor		\$1,000,000
Tuli Criterion link	As part of the City's forward planning in preparation of receiving water from Gwayi Shangani planned was the design of the Criterion Tuli link		\$200,000
<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Projected Vol. Increase/ML</b>	<b>Estimated Cost US (\$)</b>
<b>Medium Term 2025-2027</b>			
Gwayi Shangani	Dam construction at approximately 75% complete.		
Insiza pipeline duplication	The proposed scope of the pipeline duplication included construction of a 32km, 600mm diameter pipeline from Insiza to Ncema and require authority to increase the dam yield to 10%	16 .8ML/day	\$28,000,000
Sulzer clear water pumps rehabilitation			
Water Recycling	Recycling of wastewater for secondary use e.g. Power generation by ZPC so that the potable water currently used for Power generation was thus saved for primary use. Rehabilitation of WWTW, sewer reticulation and recycled water network.	11 ML/Day	

## **Wastewater Recycling**

In 2023 the City received Euro 100,000 to conduct a pre-feasibility study of Wastewater re-use to augment the gap between freshwater supplied and the present required demand. The purpose of the pre-feasibility study was to provide the City of Bulawayo with a basis for future detailed feasibility studies, broaden the understanding of financing approaches and tools to promote sourcing of funding, implementation of infrastructure projects and other interventions aimed at improving the potential for re-use as an adaptation measure to mitigate the water supply demand gap which more often than normal was aggravated by the seemingly frequent dry seasons.

### **Prefeasibility Study Progress**

- a) Award of Pri Fund – February 2023
- b) Inventory and Assessment Condition Survey commenced in March 2023 by the City of Bulawayo staff and was eventually concluded with a mapping exercise during the mission of the PUM expert.
- c) Inception Meeting -23 June 2023
- d) PUM Expert onsite advise - September 24 – October 7 2023
- e) Academic Research Study - November 2023 – May 2024
- f) Online consultations and weekly meetings with WouterHulsbos a PUM expert Mechanical Engineer and TeunMentzel, PUM senior expert on financial and organizational management were currently scheduled and ongoing.
- g) The PUM Senior experts were scheduled to visit Bulawayo in April and a series of stakeholder meetings were being planned

### **Way forward**

- Meetings with key stakeholders of the City, starting with the major consumers of water. Proposed focus of this engagement was not only to ask if they were willing to use WWTP effluent in their processes in the future, the social component, but to make them aware of the City's water problem in all its facets (Water Crisis Committee).
- The feasibility study was then concentrated into a pilot to establish a workable PPP construction.
- City to focus on Wastewater treatment and associated sewer conveyance infrastructure rehabilitation.

### **Bulawayo Technical Water Committee**

The City had received 6.9 billion from the Government to support the implementation of the projects prioritised to improve the water situation in the City.

**Table 11: Bulawayo Technical Committee activities update**

	Progress update
<b>Raw Water Sub-Committee Projects Activities</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rehabilitate Mzingwane dam booster pump station including transformer upgrade to increase delivery of water from current 125ML/day to 175ML/day.</li> <li>2. Ensure improved potable water supply coverage in the city from the current target of 125ML/day to a minimum 175ML/day.</li> <li>3. Reduce non-revenue water from 52% to 45%</li> <li>4. Ensure the sustainable operation of the Nyamandlovu Aquifer Water Supply System to consistently supply 16ML/day<sup>1</sup>.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UMzingwane Booster pump stations a meeting was held with the contractor on scope reduction and agreed was to proceed with reduced scope. Contract finalization in progress.</li> <li>2. The Mtshabezi-Mzingwane pipeline link surveys had been done to allow for works to have a RFQ sent out. A supplier had been sought to give an estimate cost of the pipeline so as to have an indicative budget.</li> <li>3. Inyankuni awaited contract awarding.</li> <li>4. The rehabilitation of Ncema Water Treatment Works was earmarked under the immediate term interventions by the City of Bulawayo. Ongoing is the scoping of works for the rehabilitation of the filters.</li> <li>5. A NRW Reduction Action plan consisting of projects amounting USD 2.3 million had been identified and earmarked for implementation in 2024. The requirements had been submitted to the Ministry for consideration.</li> </ol>
Upgrade 2.8km 110mm PVC pipeline Cowdray Park water mainline to 315mm PVC pipeline so that all the 25,000 households in Cowdray Park get water, at the right pressure.	The scoping of work and Bills of Quantities had been completed, however project currently on halt pending budget availability
<b>Sanitation Sub-Committee Projects Activities</b>	
Improve sanitation in the areas of sewer leakages and increased treatment of wastewater generated in the city to above 50ML/day.	The committee was riding on the internal work being done by the City under the Sewerage Blockages Clearing Framework Agreement which was in the process of being awarded to four contactors. Currently under 14-day advert allowance for bidders to query.
<b>Planning Sub-Committee</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure consistent and adequate supply of water treatment chemicals.</li> <li>2. Recommend institutional strengthening required improving water and sanitation service delivery</li> <li>3. Produce a short, medium and long-term plan for sustainable improvement of water and sanitation services in the City of Bulawayo.</li> </ol>	Observations and recommendations were submitted to the Minister through the 100-day report.

Discussion ensued and Councillor K. Ndlovu proposed that instead of hiring bowser the City should at least repair one bowser using the funds. She requested that there be a dedicated bowser for high lying areas e.g. D square area in Njube which always had no water even when water had been restored in the area after water shedding.

Councillor T. Moyo highlighted that Sizinda had a similar challenge of critical water shortage. She indicated that water bowser were not adequately covering the area. In the event that the bowser was made available only a few people were able to get the water. The reason being that funerals took first preference. She also indicated that at Mzilikazi Clinic there was a water kiosk lying idle without water for a long time because of lack of a bowser. She concurred with Councillor K. Ndlovu on why Council was hiring bowser instead of repairing own bowser.

Councillor P. Nyathi also felt that hiring of bowser was not ideal with the present water crisis. She sought clarity on the costs involved to repair bowser as compared to hiring.

The Director of Water and Sanitation highlighted that immediate short-term measures depended on funding from the Minister of Finance with the hope that the finances would be made available. He also indicated that a potential investor was ready to assist the city with investigations on underground water and would utilize the findings to request for funding from the Africa Development Bank.

The Town Clerk advised that Council needed to hire bowser in the short term to complement the Council fleet. Currently Council needed bowser dedicated to the Water and Sanitation Department. The available bowser were overused because of demand hence the constant breakdowns.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE LAID UPON THE TABLE**



# **ANNEXURE 'C'**

**REPORT OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:  
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
ON TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024 AT 4.00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:**

Councillor	N.	Khumalo (Chairperson)
“	S.	Moyo (Deputy Chairperson)
“	F.T	Madzana
“	A.	Mhlanga
“	A.R	Moyo
“	L.	Mphadwe
“	K.	Ndlovu
“	R.	Sekete
“	D.	Sibanda
“	L.	Sibanda
“	Susan	Sithole

**ALSO:**

The Town Clerk  
The Chamber Secretary  
The Director of Health Services  
The Assistant Director of Housing and Community Services

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(1) **FOOD HYGIENE: REGISTRATION OF PREMISES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

Renewals– There were seventy-five (75) renewals and no new registrations during the month of March 2024.

The matter was considered and Councillor A. R Moyo enquired on the braai policy. He wanted to know if any progress had been made concerning the policy.

In response the Assistant Director of Health Services explained that Council was guided by the Registration of Premises By-Laws. Braaing was not in the Council's by-laws. The issue had been referred to the Management Committee which did not disapprove of the activity. Council had amended by-laws and they had not been updated/approved. Council had enacted a policy that would be used until the by-laws were approved. He also indicated that the Department would advertise to the public laying out guidelines and punishments for those who did not comply with the policy.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(2) **CLEANSING SECTION**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

a) Street Sweeping

The department made efforts to clean streets in the Central Business District though it could not keep pace with the rate of littering. Littering at the high-pedestrian volume areas remained high despite daily sweeping. 5<sup>th</sup> avenue was less littered as it was under construction and had less vendors. Awareness sessions on the need to keep the city clean were required.

b) Waste Management Education and Enforcement

A total of thirty-eight (38) clean up campaigns were conducted during the month by various organizations. One hundred (10) waste education sessions were facilitated by the department. Ten (10) residents were fined for littering and dumping. Vehicle shortages impeded effective waste education and enforcement in the city.

c) Refuse Removal

Bulawayo City Council compactors continued servicing the eastern areas once weekly with most tasks being carried out as per schedule and a few being completed the following day or being pushed to the following week. The Central Business District continued to be serviced by community truckers daily during the day. The western areas were fairly covered by community truckers though there were some delays in finishing tasks. Challenges remained with the clearing of sweepings and illegal dumps due to shortage of refuse collection trucks.

The vehicle situation was summarised in the table below:

Type of Vehicle/ Plant	Total Number of Vehicles/ Plant	No of vehicles/ Plant Operating	No. of Vehicles under Workshop	Comment
Refuse Trucks	16	10	6	
Skip hauler	1	0	1	
Tippers	02	02	0	
Water Bowser	01	01	0	
3 Tonne Trucks	01	0	01	BCC 036 waiting for spares
1 Tonne trucks	08	03	05	

Vehicles with Outstanding Problems

BCC NO	MAKE	NATURE OF THE PROBLEM	COMMENT
014	Mazda B1600	Engine overhaul, brakes	Waiting for order for repairs from PMU
022	UD330 Compactor	Clutch assay, sleeve, radiator, adjusters, c/shaft, sensor	Waiting for PMU to procure spares
036	3 Tonner	Brakes and clutch	Work in progress
039	Mazda B1600	Engine Overhaul	Waiting for order for repairs from PMU
042	UD80 Tipper	Brakes	Work in progress
043	UD80 Tipper	Clutch overhaul, tyres, tubes, flaps	Waiting for PMU to procure spares
055	Mazda B1600	Engine Overhaul	Waiting for order for repairs from PMU
072	Sino Howo Compactor	Broken Differential Pinion, coupling, tensioner, radiator	Waiting for PMU to procure spares
085	Sino Howo	Excessive engine smoke. Big	Undergoing repairs

	Compactor	telescopic cylinder.	
097	Sino Howo Compactor	Engine needs attention. 3 Cylinders oiling.	Undergoing repairs

e) Dog Control

Dog control activities were not carried out during the month due lack of transport to do patrols. The department was in the process of planning a tie up order that would see stray dogs being put to sleep.

f) Landfill

Equipment shortages continued to plague landfill operations and efforts were underway to repair landfill machinery. Fire break outs were recorded at the landfill due to the informal recycling assistants' activities and methane gas due to non-compaction.

The following volumes were disposed at the Richmond Sanitary Landfill during the month:

Type of refuse	March 2024
Domestic & Commercial Waste	3502220kg
Industrial Solid Waste	520750kg
Council Departments (solid waste)	16 640kg
Industrial Liquid Waste	63 200litres

The matter was considered and Councillor K. Ndlovu appreciated the pegging of parking bays and indicated that it had helped in keeping the streets clean. However, she recommended that the Committee implements measures to promote and maintain cleanliness within the City. She also recommended involving TTI and the Roads Department to ensure proper management of certain roads that had been rendered inaccessible by the presence of illegal vendors. Illegal vendors were depositing waste on those roads. She also concurred with Councillor A. R. Moyo on engaging the owners of the buildings to control garbage deposition on illegal places. She also highlighted that fine tickets should be given to building owners. She advised the Committee to come up with strong ways to solve the issue. She stated that the Committee should engage shop owners/building owners along the corridors where vendors deposited their waste.

She further enquired on garbage collection in Hlalanikuhle Cowdray Park. She indicated that garbage was not being collected in the area.

Councillor A. R Moyo noted that Council was faced with enforcement challenges. He indicated that Council had formulated by-laws but they were not being enforced. He advised the Committee to activate all relevant sections to make sure sanitary lanes were kept clean. He indicated that building owners should be engaged because they were allowing vendors to deposit waste on their sanitary lanes. He highlighted that building owners should be held accountable for waste deposited on their sanitary lanes. He also indicated that illegal vendors had resumed

operations and the responsible municipal police were not efficiently executing their duties. Councillor K. Ndlovu concurred.

He echoed on the sentiments raised by Councillor K. Ndlovu by proposing that the matter pertaining to the Hlalanikuhle Cowdry Park area be taken to the General Purposes and the Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committees to conduct a fact finding mission on the inaccessibility of the area. The Committees would then produce a report that would be brought back to the Committee for decision making.

He also raised concern on the prevalence of stray dogs in the City noting that they were a danger to the community. He proposed that Council dedicates at least three months to controlling stray dogs. Additionally, he mentioned instances where parents postponed sending their children to school to wait for stray dogs to leave. The existing law did not specify which dog breeds were allowed in residential areas, particularly for households without durawalls. Councillor S. Moyo concurred.

Councillor S. Sithole concurred to Councillor A.R. Moyo. She indicated that she had reported incidents of stray dogs but had only received reference numbers without any further action. She also urged the Committee to establish specific time frames for resolving such cases.

She further enquired on the possibility of introducing a night shift for the municipal Police. She indicated that if working hours could be extended for few weeks order would be maintained. She also enquired if Council had failed to deal with afterhours buses.

Councillor S. Sibindi indicated that Council should have a time frame to deal with issues to avoid dwelling on the same issue for a long time. She also raised concern over night buses and sought clarity on the measures that were being implemented by Council to address the matter. She further indicated that the number of tickets issued by the municipal police was not speaking to the problem. She stated that the number of tickets issued to offenders were less. She also enquired on what Council was doing to solve the problem of enforcement.

Councillor S. Moyo proposed that buses should use proper ranking facilities and make sure they would pay a fee to Council. She suggested a \$20 fee per day for buses.

Councillor N. Khumalo (Chairperson) noted that municipal police had to be empowered so as ensure that they effectively performed their duties. By-law enforcement was challenge because some vendors were working after hours. Buses had to be fined for abandoning their ranking bays and operating on illegal sites. She also enquired on the amount of level 3 charge.

In response to the Assistant Director of Health advised the Committee to refer the item to the Committee that dealt with transport in order to address the issue of buses that were ranking on illegal sites. He also indicated that Council had engaged shop owners who bordered the sanitary lanes and advised them to keep the areas locked as a means of limiting refuse dumping on sanitary lanes. He also acknowledged that the issued tickets were less. However when issuing a ticket, an officer should have evidence beyond reasonable doubt that the ticket was issued to

the actual offender. He indicated that it was easy to issue tickets to sanitary lane owners than to vendors.

On refuse removal he indicated that the area had no road infrastructure hence its inaccessibility. He suggested contracting the service as Council vehicles would not survive in the area.

Responding to the dog control section the Assistant Director of Health Services indicated that there was usually a tie up order where a notice would be circulated to residents and any dog that would be found astray would be shot dead through the help of the ZRP. He also indicated that only two dog breeds were allowed for domestication in high density areas and they should be vaccinated. He also advised the Committee that Council had slots on Skys Metro FM which would be used to disseminate important messages to residents. He also indicated that the programs would cover precautionary measures and what should be done when one gets bitten by a stray dog.

In response to the issue of refuse removal in sanitary lanes, the City Legal Officer explained that littering was associated with vending. There was need to engage other stakeholders in order to bring sanity into the city. This required intervention of the state. With regards to fines, she said that these were not random figures. Fines went up to level 3 which was USD\$30. She further explained that the gazettement of by-laws had been put on halt. She also advised against issuing of tickets to building owners as they were also trying to get rid of the illegal vendors.

The matter of poor road infrastructure in the Cowdry Park Hlalankuhle area had to be referred to the Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committee.

She further advised that dogs were animals which were supposed to be confined. Residents were allowed to keep any dog breed but all dogs had to be confined.

With regards to night vending, she stated that discussions had been held and suggestions had been made to extend working hours for the municipal Police to 9.00 p.m to limit the movement of vendors. The issue of parking had also contributed to night vending.

Thereafter it was-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(3) HEALTH INSPECTORATE**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

### Routine Inspections

Inspections for compliance monitoring were conducted during the month. non-compliant premises were issued with deposit fine tickets. The branch with the assistance of Housing and Community Services managed to remove pigs that were being kept in a residential area against Council policy.

### Tickets issued

Tickets were issued to for the following offenses

- No registration certificates
- no medical certificates for food handlers
- improper handling of food
- use of unclean vessels and utensils
- exposing food to contamination

### Condemnations

<b>Type of food Condemned</b>	<b>Quantities</b>	<b>Reason for condemnation</b>
Fruits and vegetables	55kg	Rotten
Drinks	5 litres	Expired
Beef	2.3kgs	Unwholesome
Potatoes 60kg	60kg	Unwholesome
Bull brand Tinned Beef	300 kg	Expired

### Food handlers training

A total of 28 Holiday Inn hotel staff were trained on safe food handling.

### Water Quality Monitoring

#### Routine Sampling

A total of 15 water samples were collected and sent to Criterion Laboratory for routine bacteriological analysis. Below are tabulated results of analysis

<b>PARAMETERS</b>	<b>NO. NON-COMPLIANT</b>	<b>AFFECTED POINTS</b>
Faecal coliforms	1	Nkulumane country rank
Non faecal coliforms	3	Sidojiwe Flats, Nkulumane rank and Mtshingwe primary school
High Plate Count	4	Vulindlela primary school, Mahlathini primary



		school, Emakhandeni clinic, Nkulumane country rank
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### Borehole Sampling

Thirteen (13) boreholes were sampled for bacteriological analysis and below are results of their analysis:

NO.	SAMPLED POINT	FAECAL COLIFORMS	NON-FAECAL COLIFORMS	PLATE COUNT
1	Opposite No. 1 Gainsborough Road Barham Green	-ve	+ve	06
2	Opposite No. 24 Gainsborough Road Barham Green	-ve	+ve	20
3	Future Water Supplies Choppies Bellevue	-ve	-ve	10
4	Community Garden Opposite Marula Bar Emganwini	-ve	-ve	01
5	Opposite 1841 Emganwini	-ve	01	03
6	Opposite 5903 Nketa 9 Water Kiosk	-ve	-ve	14
7	Emsenyeni Community Garden Nketa 9	+ve	03	17
8	Behind 5908 Nketa 9	+ve	+ve	72
9	BICC Nketa 9	-ve	05	04
10	Touch The Sim Garden Opposite 2568 Nketa 8	+ve	14	09
11	Loving Hand Garden Opposite 1507 Nketa 8	-ve	-ve	23
12	Loving Hand Garden Opposite 1492 Nketa 8	-ve	-ve	40
13	Opposite No. 37 Gainsborough Road Barham Green	-ve	-ve	03

### ZITF Water Sampling

A total of 17 water samples were collected from ZITF premises and nearby food outlets in preparation for the upcoming ZITF event. Below are results of their analysis:

SAMPLE NO.	SAMPLED POINTS	FAECAL COLIFORMS	NON- FAECAL COLIFORMS	PLATE COUNT
1	Buffalo Range Spurs	-ve	+ve	08
2	Rainbow Hotel	-ve	-ve	05

3	Holiday Inn Hotel	-ve	+ve	15
4	Cresta Churchill Hotel	-ve	-ve	05
5	Tower Block	-ve	01	03
6	VIP Lounge	-ve	-ve	05
7	Administration Common Room Tap	-ve	-ve	07
8	Hall 5	-ve	-ve	07
9	Hall 4	-ve	-ve	TNTC
10	Members Pavilion	-ve	-ve	05
11	Hall 3	-ve	-ve	TNTC
12	Steak n Chops Restaurant	-ve	-ve	01
13	Hall 2 Refreshment Centre	-ve	-ve	TNTC
14	Hall 1	-ve	-ve	03
15	ZINARA	-ve	-ve	TNTC
16	Casino	-ve	-ve	10
17	Sis Bee's Kitchen	-ve	-ve	04

### Food Safety Monitoring

A total of seven (7) premises were swabbed which included two (2) hotels, four (4) restaurants and one (1) bakery. One (1) premise was graded with an **A**, three (3) premises were graded with a **B** and three (3) premises were graded with a **C**.

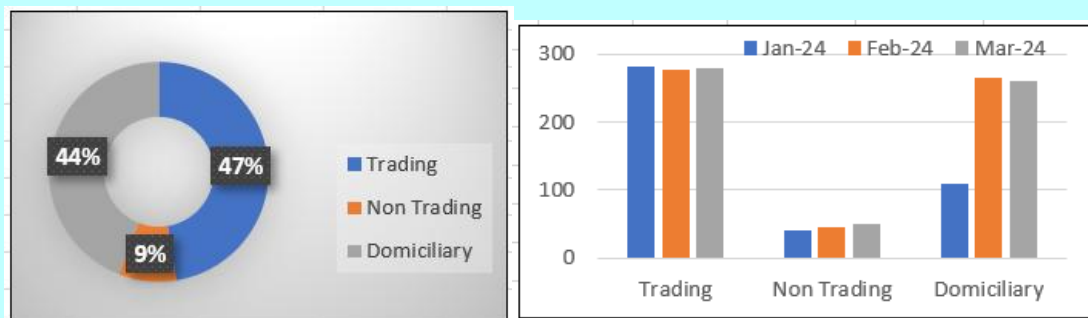
Where: **A** = Very Good, **B** = Satisfactory, **C** = Unsatisfactory, **D** = Potentially a Health Hazard,

### Suburban Inspectorate

Prevention activities to monitor the health status of the community so as to identify potential problems and prevent emergence of risk factors were rolled out. These included the following:

- Premises Inspections

Five hundred and eighty-nine (589) premises were inspected during the month of February 2024 compared to the previous month (423), with the highest being trading premises (65%), followed by domiciliary visits (25%) inspections (Fig 1&2).

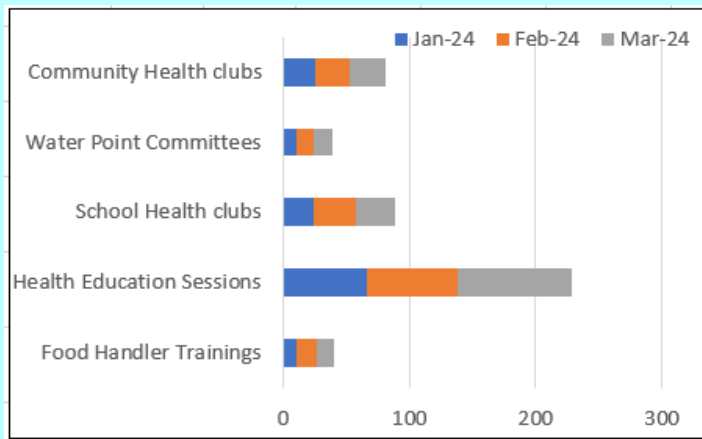


**Figure 1:** % Premises Inspected  
March 2024

**Figure 2:** Comparison of Inspections  
January to March 2024

During the inspections, unsatisfactory conditions were identified and contained. Nine(9) offenders were issued with intimations for failing to comply with Public Health legislation. Four(4) new shops were recommended for licensing.

- Health Education



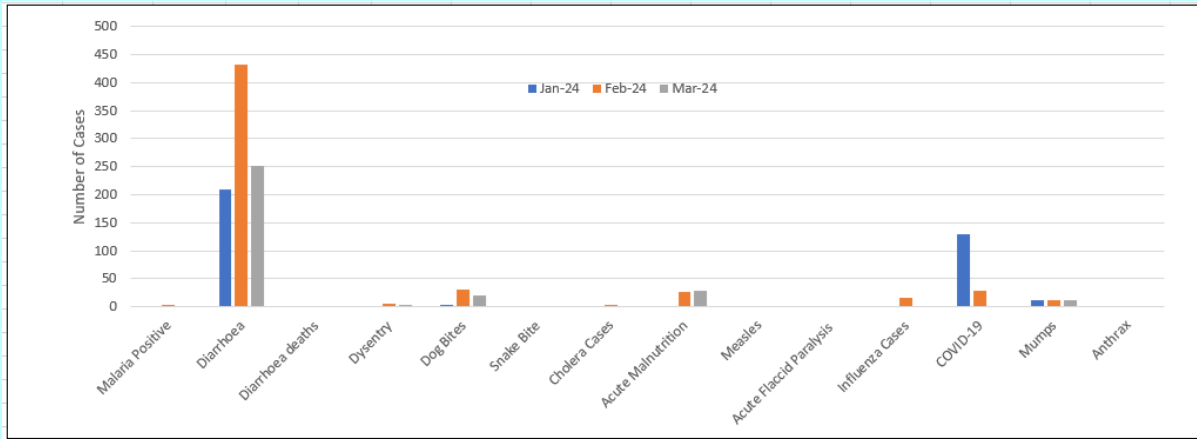
- Health Education Sessions were conducted for the various groups and were satisfactory (Fig 3)

**Figure 3:** Targeted Groups Trained January to March 2024

- Disease Surveillance

The province rolled out intensified Emergency Response Mechanisms for all pillars to detect, contain, monitor, predict and manage disease outbreaks as they evolved. The city also remained on high alert for the following ten (11) adverse events:

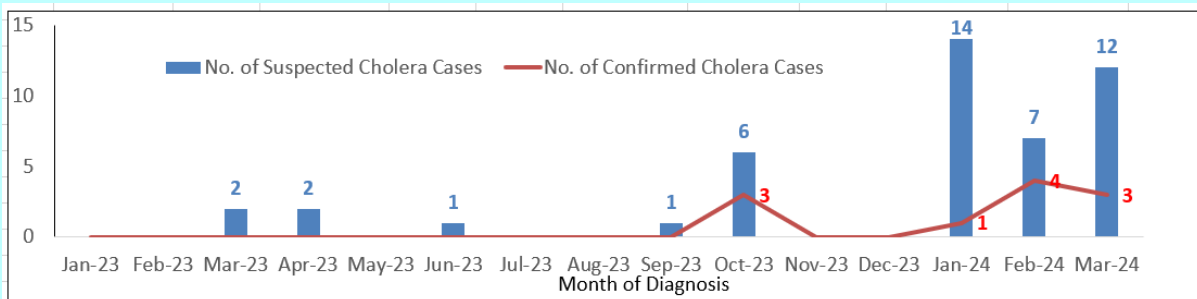
- Ebola in Congo
- Marburg Virus (Tanzania, Equatorial Guinea)
- Multi-country outbreak of M-pox virus (Clades 1 & 2)
- Wild poliovirus type 1 outbreak in Malawi and Mozambique, Tete Province
- Cholera outbreak in Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe (Provinces) and South Africa
- Typhoid, endemic in neighbouring cities in Zimbabwe
- Measles
- Food Poisoning
- Mumps
- Chickenpox (VZV)
- COVID-19 globally
- GIT Disease and Cholera in Bulawayo



**Figure 4:** Comparison of Disease Conditions January to March 2024

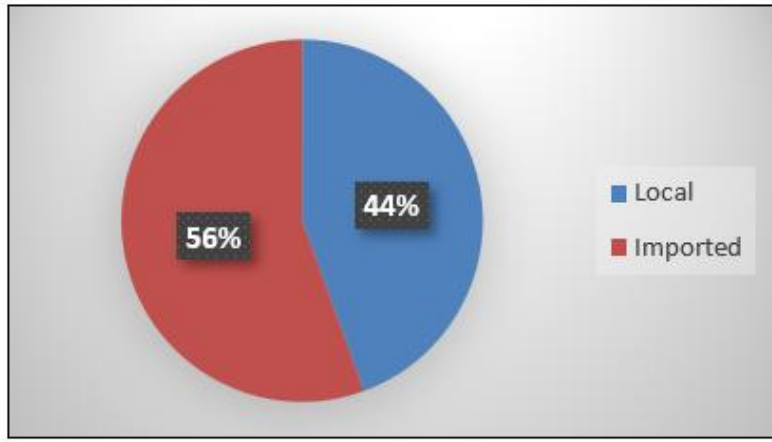
The following adverse conditions were reported in January 2024:

- One (1) Malaria case compared to the previous month (4). All (100%) the Malaria cases were imported.
- Two hundred and fifty-two (252) GIT cases compared to the previous month (210).
- Three (3) Dysentery cases compared to the previous month (5).
- Twenty (20) Dog bite cases compared to the previous month (26).
- Twenty-nine (29) Acute Malnutrition cases compared to the previous month (26).
- Zero (0) Measles case compared to the previous month (0).
- Zero (0) Influenza cases compared to the previous month (0).
- Three (3) COVID-19 cases compared to the previous month (29)
- Twelve (12) Mumps cases compared to the previous month (11).



**Figure 5:** Distribution of Cholera Cases as of 31 March 2024

- Three (3) confirmed Cholera cases compared to the previous month (1) out of 12 suspected cholera cases that had been reported.



-Northern Suburbs District was the most affected (66.7%).

- Most of the confirmed cholera cases were been imported.

**Figure 5:** Distribution by place

These were driven by low-risk perception and breach of isolation protocol (for infectious disease conditions).The increase in adverse conditions reported called for the calling up of the following interventions:

- Early detection, Response (24hrs) and timely containment (14 days) of Cholera and other outbreaks.
- Early identification of priority areas for multisectoral interventions and targeted response (Spatial Distribution).
- Maintaining surveillance and staying alert, ready to respond quickly to any Suspected Cholera Cases (12) and other infectious diseases, so that any flare-ups, or sporadic cases that may occur following an outbreak, are contained, timeously.
- 100% follow up of all Suspected Cholera cases and all GIT cases.
- Identifying Risk factors associated with contracting Cholera or GIT to recommend prevention and control measures.
- Active case finding and tracing activities through CATI (50 by 50m concept).
- NFI distribution to households affected by the cholera outbreak, supported by UNICEF, Africa AHEAD and Danish Church Aid (DCA):
  - To enhance efforts to prudently implement effective outbreak containment measures in view of the common disease outbreaks (GIT, **Cholera**, **COVID-19**, Mumps and Chickenpox).

### Licensing and Plans

#### Plans Examined

Plans examined	Total	Approved	Comments	Pending
Residential	35	24	11	0
Commercial	32	9	6	17

Churches	6	2	0	4
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### Licensing

Licenses Received	Total	Approved	Rejected	Not approved	Approved with condition	Pending
Full license	121	36	0	3	0	82
Temporary license	26	15	0	0	0	11
Liquor license	2	2	0	0	0	0

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

#### **(4) PEST CONTROL**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

##### Mosquito Control

The section continued with the larviciding programme and all streams throughout the city were covered. Most streams are drying up due the heat, but where there were stagnant pools, heavy breeding of Culex mosquitoes was encountered. A total of 12.5 litres and 4 litres of Fenitrothion were used. One (1) IRS was done on a household and two (2) sachets of Bugstop were used raising USD \$47.

##### Rodent Control

One (1) rodent complaint was received and investigated. Remedial action was taken two (2) kgs of brodifacoum were used.

##### Interdepartmental Requisitions

Fourteen (14) requisitions were received for the control of mosquitoes, cockroaches, rodents, white and black ants. Twenty-three (23) requisitions were attended to for the control of mosquitoes, cockroaches, rodents and white and black ants. Six (6) requisition follow ups were also done. A total of 20 lambdacyhalothrin, 14.5 litres Fenitrothion, 2.2 litres imidacloprid and 52kg brodifacoum were used.

##### Supplies and Equipment

The section received 35x5 litres Fenitrothion, 130x500 ml Kontakill and 40x10 kg Brodifacoum.

### Cholera Control Activities

A total of four members of the team were deployed to Thorngrove hospital weekly to conduct disinfection at the cholera treatment centre.

### COVID-19 Activities

No other disinfections were carried out during the month.

### Stock Levels

<b>Chemicals</b>	<b>In-Stock</b>	<b>To Last</b>	<b>Yearly Requirements</b>
Lambdacyhalothrin (Bugstop)	303 sachets		800 sachets
Brodifacoum (super finale)	348		1200 kg
Imidacloprid (premises)	9.4 liters		50 liters
Fenitrothion / Reskol	156.5 liters		50 litres
Baccillus Thuringiensis Var Israelensis (BTI)	NIL		600 x 500g
Aluminium phosphate tablets	NIL		3000 tablets
Vapona (DDVP)	500 ml		50 litres
Dibrom (DBM)	1.5 litres		24 litres
Paraffin	NIL		2400 litres
Hydrogen Peroxide 50%	25 x 30 litres		
Hydrogen Peroxide 3 %	49 x 20 litres		
Sodium Hypochloride	95x5 litres		
Alcosan Sanitizer	Nil		
Hand Sanitizers	44 litres		
Knapsacks	115		
Chloride of lime	119kg		
Chlorine Granules (HTH)	3 x 45kg		

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(5) **CEMETERIES/CREMATATIONS**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

Cemetery	Females 0-12 years	Females 13 years +	Sub Totals	Males 0-12 years	Males 13 years +	Sub Totals	Paupers	Totals	
Luveve Old	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	1	<b>1</b>	0	<b>1</b>	(4)
Luveve Ext	35	47	<b>82</b>	65	58	<b>123</b>	0	<b>205</b>	(200)
Luveve No.3 (Pioneers)	0	2	<b>2</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>2</b>	(0)
West Park	0	2	<b>2</b>	0	3	<b>3</b>	0	<b>5</b>	(12)
Hyde Park	0	2	<b>2</b>	1	1	<b>2</b>	0	<b>4</b>	(3)
Athlone Avenue	0	5	<b>5</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>5</b>	(1)
Lady Stanley Avenue.	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	(5)
Umvutcha Park	0	70	<b>70</b>	0	54	<b>54</b>	0	<b>124</b>	(124)
<b>Totals</b>	35	128	<b>163</b>	66	117	<b>183</b>	0	<b>346</b>	(349)

The figures in brackets are for the previous month.

**Highlights**

**Luveve Cemetery** received bodies from outside Bulawayo as follows, South Africa 16, Esigodini 1, Bubi 1, Insiza 1, Umguza 1, Nyamandlovu 1 and Gwanda 2.

**Umvutcha Cemetery** received bodies from outside Bulawayo as follows South Africa 7, Botswana 1, England 1 and Umguza 1.

**Graves of Former ANC Umkhonto We Sizwe (SOUTH AFRICA) Liberation Fighters**

The department received a delegation from the Republic of South Africa to visit graves of former Umkhonto we Sizwe fighters who died in 1967 and were buried at Athlone and Hyde Park cemeteries. Repatriation of the remains was in progress.



## **Cremations**

A total of three (3) cremations, 1 male and 2 females were carried out during the month.

The matter was considered and Councillor A. R. Moyo enquired if residents were allowed to reserve graves. He also raised concern over the lack of parking and roads at Umvutcha cemetery. He also indicated that the cemetery had no ablution facilities. He advised the Committee to look into the matter of vending at cemeteries. He stated that the Committee should engage the Town Planning Department on the possibility of introducing caravan sites at cemeteries.

He also indicated that vending was associated with littering, hence the need to install refuse bins at cemeteries.

Councillor S. Sibindi suggested that the cemeteries lying idle be turned into memorial parks. She indicated that culture was evolving hence the need to adapt to change. She encouraged the Committee to look into the ways which could be adopted to monetise vending on cemeteries.

Councillor N. Khumalo acknowledged the changes that had been done on Luveve cemetery road. However, she raised concern over vending at cemeteries and indicated that there were by-laws that banned vending at cemeteries.

Councillor S. Sithole advised the Committee to only prohibit selling of alcoholic beverages at cemeteries.

Councillor K. Ndlovu concurred with legalizing vending on cemeteries. However, she raised concern over the violation of cultural norms and values.

Councillor S. Moyo however felt that the vendors should be engaged and given alternative places to ply their trade.

In response the Assistant Director of Health Services indicated that it was within the rights of residents to reserve graves. However due to space limitations the policy only applied to spouses.

Cemeteries had a minimum of one toilet because people were not fixed at such places. He also stated that vending was not allowed on Council premises and legalizing cemetery vending would be far damaging to Council.

The City Legal Officer explained that the Town Planning Department was in a better position to answer if vending and burying were compatible. She also indicated that having memorial sites at cemeteries was against African norms and values.

## **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

### **(6) HEALTH PROMOTION UNIT: MARCH 2024**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

	February	March
Health Education sessions held in the clinics	2375	2518
Number of persons reached	51318	60982
Male condoms distributed during March 2024	91638	128804
Female condoms distributed during March 2024	3328	6800

The City of Bulawayo participated in the national novel Oral Polio Vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) campaigns, round 2, in conjunction with Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC), Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (MOPSE) and partners. The vaccine was administered to all the children aged 0 to under 10years from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024. The vaccine was given in all Municipal clinics, Central hospitals, Mater Dei hospital, selected private surgeries offering vaccination, Crèches, Primary schools, market places, churches, bus termini, and outreach points including house to house.

### **Results Summary**

#### **Round 2: Vaccination coverage by District**

<b>District</b>	<b>Target population</b>	<b>Number Vaccinated</b>	<b>Coverage %</b>
Emakhandeni	60 564	62 817	104%
Nkulumane	43 659	46 916	107%
Northern Suburbs	42069	57 221	136%
<b>Bulawayo Province</b>	<b>146 292</b>	<b>166 954</b>	<b>114%</b>

The city achieved 114% surpassing the expected target of 95% most likely attributed to highly mobile population and caregivers high risk perception. However, the campaign was marked by refusals by caregivers to get their children vaccinated mainly due to religion and conspiracy theories. Dialogue continues with refusals to ensure that all children are protected from vaccine preventable diseases.

Social and Behaviour Change Communication activities were conducted using various communication channels. Integrated key messages were on; Immunisation, Waste management and diarrhoea prevention including cholera. Street hailing continues with being the major communication channel used in all the three (3) administrative districts. Road shows were

conducted with support from partners. Two (2) radio programs were done on Skyz Metro FM focusing on Food Safety, Immunisation and Cholera prevention.

Health Education sessions on various health issues were conducted in all health facilities complimented by different videos with various health messages flighted on television sets.

<b>Type of Video</b>	<b>Play time</b>
COVID-19	10
Tuberculosis	20
Diarrhoea	21
Diabetes	18
Asthma	10
Hypertension	13
Nutrition	12
HIV & AIDS	21
Oral Health	19
Mental Health	12
Gender Based Violence	15
Cholera	15
Polio	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>206hrs</b>

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

### **(7) CLINIC ACTIVITIES**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the following activities were provided at clinics in the month of: March 2024:

#### Support Services – Laboratory

<b>Investigations</b>	<b>February 2024</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>March 2024</b>	<b>Positive</b>
Chest X Rays	0	-	0	Machine out of order
Ultra Sound Scan	131	-	133	
Sputum for AAFB New	14	0	13	1
XDR tests	28	0	28	2
Urine examination	6	-	0	
CD4	188	-	153	-

FBC	1318	-	1225	-
RPR	0	0	0	-
Gene Xpert	704	53	847	53
HBsAg	34	4	32	2
Malaria Parasites	6	1		0
CrAg	0	0	90	4
Stool Xpert MTB Rif Ultra	101	0	107	0
GL. Xpert MTB Rif Ultra	0	0		
TB LAM	67	4	84	7
SARS COV-2 PCR	0	0	0	
Cholera AG	0	0	0	0

No X-rays were done in March as the X-ray machine was out of order. Patients were referred to Mpilo Hospital or United Bulawayo Hospitals. A new X-ray machine was donated by OPHID in March. A locum Radiographer will be employed by OPHID.

### **Out Patient Attendance: March 2024**

New		Repeat		Total	
March 24	February 24	March 24	February 24	March 24	February 24
41444	<b>44168</b>	22639	<b>21027</b>	64263	<b>65195</b>

There was a slight decrease in the number of new out-patients seen in March 2024 compared to February 2024.

### **Reproductive Health Services: March 2024**

Reason for attendance	New		Repeats		Total	
	March	Feb 24	March24	Feb 24	March24	Feb 24
ANC	972	1090	2189	2411	3247	3501
Deliveries	286	295	BBA27	24	313	319

In February there was a decrease in the number of new ANC visits compared to February 2024 and deliveries decreased slightly during the same period.

### **Tuberculosis Services: March 2024**

	Notifications		Defaulters		Deaths		Total in Register	
	March	Feb 24	March	Feb 24	March	Feb 24	March	Feb 24
Emakhandeni District	43	48	1	0	4	9	298	310
Northern Suburbs	26	16	0	0	6	3	170	182

District								
Nkulumane District	20	31	1	1	1	4	228	241
<b>Province</b>	89	95	2	1	11	16	<b>696</b>	<b>733</b>

Emakhandeni District continued to notify the highest number of TB patients with Nkulumane District notifying the lowest number of TB patients in March 2024.

**Cervical Cancer/VIAC Services: March 2024**

	Screened	VIAC +ve	Suspicious of cancer	Cryotherapy	LEEP	Referred for Punch Biopsy
<b>February</b>	1714	49	10	11	23	13
<b>March</b>	1677	58	4	6	41	7

The number of clients screened for VIAC decreased by 2% in March 2024 compared to February 2024. Among the clients screened 3% had positive VIAC results.

**Dental Services at Pelandaba Clinic: March 2024**

Activity	March 24
Dental caries	163
Dental abscesses	14
Periodontal conditions	41
Other conditions	20
Tooth extractions	217
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>238</b>

Dental services resumed in March as the dental therapist returned from leave. There is need to employ a Dental Therapist to prevent disruption of services.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

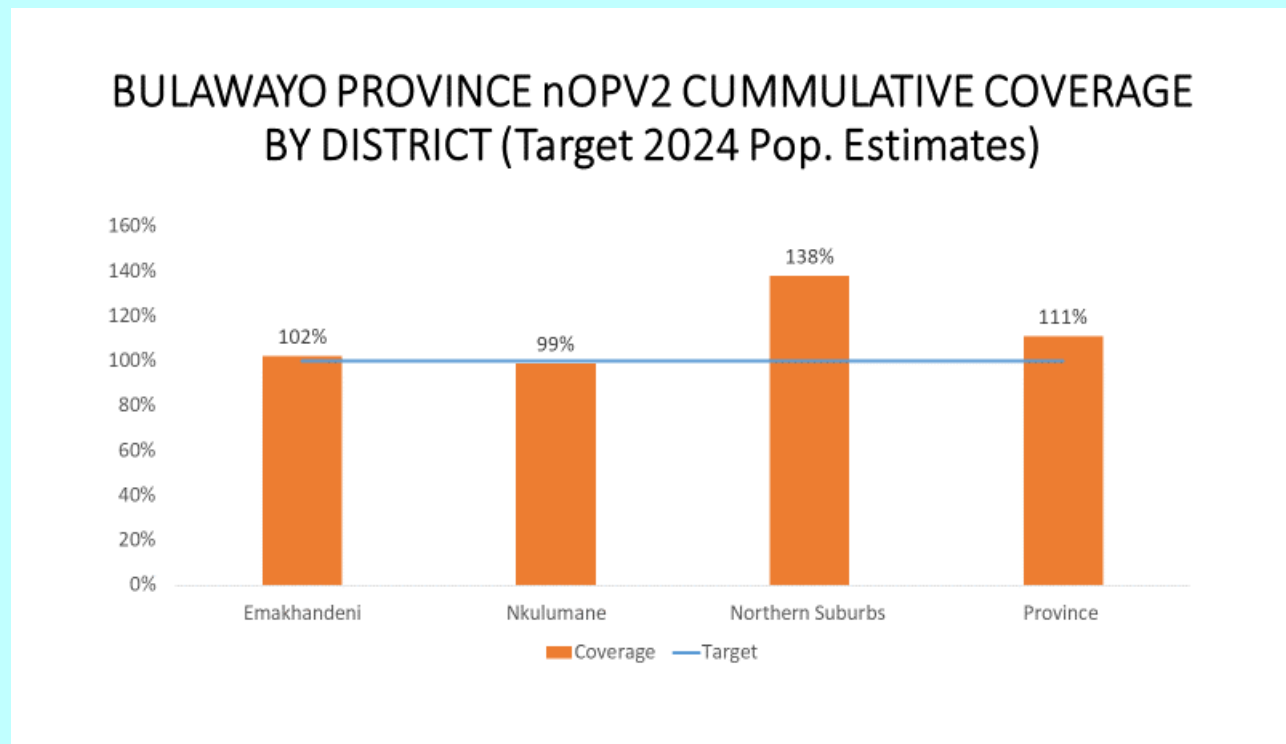
**(8) NOPV2 CAMPAIGN ROUND 1 VACCINATION COVERAGE AND DATES FOR NOPV2 CAMPAIGN ROUND 2**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the City of Bulawayo participated in the National nOPV2 campaign from 20 -23 February 2024. The target for vaccination with the oral polio vaccine was children from age zero months to 9yrs. The city performed well and achieved coverage of 111%. Exceeding the target was expected as a significant population spends the day in the city and goes back outside the city at the end of the day.

The second round of the nOPV2 Campaign will be conducted on 19 – 22 March 2024.

**nOPV2 Campaign Round One Coverage**

District	Target Population 0 months-9yrs	No Vaccinated	%
<b>Emakhandeni</b>	60 857	62 051	<b>(102%)</b>
<b>Nkulumane</b>	59 187	45 739	<b>(99%)</b>
<b>Northern Suburbs</b>	39 207	54 141	<b>(138%)</b>
<b>Province</b>	146 292	161 931	<b>(111%)</b>



**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(9) THORNGROVE HOSPITAL**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that thirteen (13) suspected cholera patients were admitted in Thorngrove Hospital in the month of March 2024. Out of the 13, three (3) had a cholera positive stool culture results in March 2024.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(10) RECEIPT OF DONATIONS FROM CORDAID: CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the department is pleased to report that it received several donations from organizations as follows:-

- 1) Cordaid of 21 Argyle Road, Avondale, Harare donated to the department the items listed below:-

Item Name and description	Unit measure	Quantity	State
Chairs		15	Good
Desk		1	Good
Projector		1	Good
Paint 5L		1	Good
Screen Door		3	Good
Lock Set		3	Good

The donations will be distributed to the needy clinics.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(11) DONATION OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the department also received from Cordaid of 21 Argyle Road, Avondale, Harare the following office equipment as listed below:-

Swivel Chair x 1  
Printer/Photocopier x 1  
Samsung Tab A-7.

The department was grateful for the donation.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(12) **REPLACEMENT OF SOLAR BATTERIES AND PANELS AT PUMULA CLINIC**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the department received with appreciation donations in kind from UNDP in the form of solar batteries and panels being replacement of solar batteries and panels that were previously stolen. Another organisation, Land hope also re-secured the solar batteries and panels for security reasons.

The department was grateful for the donation.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(13) **PROCUREMENT OF CAD4TB SOFTWARE FOR KHAMI DIGITAL XRAY MACHINE**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the department was in receipt of an X-Ray machine for use at Khami Clinic. The donation came through OPHID with the assistance of Ministry of Health and Child Care, National TB Programme unit.

The donated machine would be used as per the following arrangement:-

**AGREEMENT TO OFFER ASSET FOR USE**

This Agreement made and entered into as of **15 January 2024**, by and between:

- OPHID, with a principal place of business at 20 Cork Road, Belgravia, Harare (“Owner”), and
- **Khami Road Clinic**, with a principal place of business at **Khami Road Clinic, Old Khami Road, Bulawayo** (“Facility”).

WHEREAS Owner owns an asset, specifically **Portable Xray Machine** (“Asset”), which may be of benefit to Facility; and

WHEREAS Facility desires to use the Asset for **Tuberculosis Screening** but does not wish to acquire ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Offer and Acceptance**

- (i) Owner hereby offers the use of the Asset to Facility.



(ii) Facility hereby accepts the offer to use the Asset.

## **2. Term**

This Agreement should commence on **12 December 2023** and should continue for a period of **30 September 2025** renewable yearly unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided.

## **3. Use of Asset**

(i) Facility should use the Asset for the purpose of **Tuberculosis Screening** and for no other purpose.

(ii) Facility should use the Asset in a safe and responsible manner and should comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

(iii) Facility should not modify, alter, or damage the Asset in any way without the prior written consent of Owner.

## **4. Insurance, Maintenance and Repair**

(i) Owner should be responsible for all insurance, maintenance, and repair of the Asset.

(ii) Facility should notify Owner of any damage to the Asset as soon as practicable.

## **5. Risk of Loss**

(i) Owner should bear the risk of loss or damage to the Asset, except to the extent such loss or damage was caused by the negligence or intentional misconduct of Facility.

(ii) Facility should be responsible for any loss or damage to the Asset caused by its negligence or intentional misconduct.

## **6. Termination**

(i) This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon **30 days** written notice to the other party.

(ii) This Agreement may be terminated immediately by either party upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- A material breach of this Agreement by the other party that was not cured within **7 days** after written notice of such breach.

- The insolvency, bankruptcy, or dissolution of the other party.

## **7. Return of Asset**

Upon termination of this Agreement, Facility should return the Asset to Owner in the same condition it was received, normal wear and tear excepted.

## **8. No Ownership Transfer**

This Agreement does not constitute a sale or transfer of ownership of the Asset. The owner should retain all rights, title, and interest in the Asset. The owner would also verify the existence of asset at least twice a year.

## **9. Notices**

All notices and other communications hereunder should be in writing and should be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally, sent by mail, or by email, addressed as follows:

If to Owner: OPHID, 20 Cork Road, Belgravia, Harare.

If to Facility: **Khami Road Clinic, Old Khami Road, Bulawayo**

## **10. Governing Law**

This Agreement should be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Zimbabwe.

## **11. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, or agreements, whether oral or written.

## **12. Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement was held to be invalid or unenforceable, such provision should be struck and the remaining provisions should remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties had executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

<b>Sequence</b>	<b>OPHID</b>	<b>Khami Road Clinic</b>
Name	Dr Theonevus Tinashe Chinyanga	Dr Edwin Sibanda
Designation	Executive Director	Director of Health Services
Signature& Date		
Witness 1		
Witness 2		

The department was grateful for the donation as it would help the department to run its activities effectively.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(14) DONATION FROM UNICEF**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that UNICEF had donated 5 x tyres 7.50 R16 with tubes to the department which had been sent to Cleansing Section.

The department had received the donation with appreciation as these would help the department to run its activities effectively.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(15) DONATION OF FOOD PACKAGES: PELANDABA CLINIC**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the department had received from Simbisa Brands (Bakers In Section) a donation in kind in the form of food packages for use at clinics. The donation would be channeled towards breast feeding children with malnutrition. A total of 20 children had been identified with either moderate or severe malnutrition from the whole clinic catchment area to benefit from these packages. These children were between the ages of 6-59 months. The food package consisted of the following items:-

- 10kg mealie meal
- 2 liters cooking oil
- 4kg brown sugar
- 500g sugar beans

The department was grateful for the kind donation as it would go a long way in up lifting the spirits of caregivers on Infant and Young Child Feeding (4 star diet).

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(16) DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS: THORNGROVE HOSPITAL**

The Director of Health Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the department had received donations in kind from the various organizations as follows:-

The Healing Institute donated 22 bed sheets while the Local Government Administration came forth with a donation of 2 x 5kg White Rice and 2 x 5 liters hand sanitizer.

The Zion Church of Christ in the United Kingdom repaired food trolley and also donated 4 zimmer frames to the Hospital.

The donated items would go a long way in ensuring that Infection Prevention and Control measures were better executed with more resources.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(17) IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the table below showed progress on the implementation of the Council resolutions:

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DATE OF RESOLUTION</b>	<b>DATE OF IMPEMETATION</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>Applications for waiver of clause 16 and 17 of the agreement of sale for stands 15524 Pumula South and 6190 Magwegwe North</b>	3 April 2024	8 April 2024	All approved by Council.
<b>Repossession of house no 42043/11/2</b>	3 April 2024	8 April 2024	All approved by Council. Instruction

<b>Mabusela flats, 44033/08/01 Makokoba, 42067/7 Makokoba ,92127 Makokoba, 1489 Makokoba and 2116 Makokoba</b>			memo to Chamber Secretary to begin the Legal process of repossession begins the implementation process.
<b>Other items</b>	3 April 2024	On -going	All noted by Council. These were mainly reports for information

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(18) HOUSING ADMINISTRATION MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2024**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the City of Bulawayo had eleven (11) Housing Administration offices across the city and those were Nketa, Mpopoma, Mzilikazi, Lobengula, Entumbane, Tshabalala, Magwegwe, Pumula, Nkulumane, Luveve and Cowdray Park. Amongst various administration matters the offices facilitated sessions. These were for deceased estates, court orders and re-sales of houses. The sessions were for properties that were on long term lease (25, 40 and 99 year leases) and those on agreements of sale. The tables below showed Housing Administration statistics for the months February and March 2024 and staffing levels in the section.

Table2.1. Housing Administration statistics for February and March 2024

No	Administration Office	Deceased Estate		Court Orders		Voluntary transfers/resale		Conversion to Home Ownership	
		FEB	MAR	FEB	MAR	FEB	MAR	FEB	MAR
<b>1</b>	Nketa	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
<b>2</b>	Mpopoma	2	2	0	1	3	2	0	0
<b>3</b>	Mzilikazi	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>4</b>	Lobengula	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0
<b>5</b>	Entumbane	4	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
<b>6</b>	Tshabalala	1	2	1	1	2	2	0	0
<b>7</b>	Magwegwe	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<b>8</b>	Pumula	4	6	0	0	3	4	0	0

<b>9</b>	Nkulumane	3	2	0	0	3	6	0	0
<b>10</b>	Luveve	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
<b>11</b>	Cowdray Park	9	5	1	1	13	8	0	0
<b>12</b>	Eastern	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A total number of 69 sessions were processed in the month of February 2024 while 58 sessions were processed in the month of March 2024.

Table 2.2 Housing Section staffing levels

No.	Description	Grade	Authorised Establishment	Actual Establishment	Variance	Acting
1	Senior Housing Officer	11	1	1	Nil	Nil
2	Housing Officer	9	6	5	1	1
3	Admin Assistant	7	6	1	5	5
4	Senior Clerical Assistant	5	Nil	2	0	Nil
5	Housing Clerk	4	28	17	11	1
7	Hostel Matron	5	1	0	1	
8	Housing Assistant	3	11	7	4	2
9	Hostel Overseer	1	1	1	0	
10	Cleaner	1	12	12	0	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>

N.B.: There were no changes in the month of March 2024 in the sections staffing levels

### **UPDATE ON HOUSING REGISTRY ACTIVITIES**

Table 2.3: Processing of Housing Waiting List forms

Category	February	March
House waiting list renewals	279	242
Duplicate forms processed	11	14
New applicants	210( 94 females, 68 males, 48 joint)	189( 87 females, 55 males, 47 joint)
Number Of Captured Forms into AS400 system	633(349 males, 265 females,19 joint)	1725(921 males, 751 females,53 joint)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>1911</b>

Table 2.4 Accumulative totals of Captured forms as of February and March 2024.

No.	Month	Cumulative Total
1	February	112 909
2	March	114 823

The updating and capturing of Housing waiting list forms into the AS400 computer system was an ongoing process and as of February 2024 an accumulative total of 112 909 forms had been captured. In March 2024 a total of 114 823 forms had been captured into the AS400 computer system. The table above showed accumulative totals of captured forms during the past two months.

Housing Waiting list

As at February 2024 – 139 334

As at March 2024 – 139 523

**UPDATE ON HLALANI KUHLE/GARIKAI DOUBLE ALLOCATIONS  
REGULARISATION**

At the beginning of the period under review Council had thirty (30) unresolved cases of double allocation. However, a total of six (6) cases were resolved during the period under consideration resulting in twenty four (24) cases being outstanding. The table below summarised double allocation statistics.

Table 2.5. Double allocations, resolved matters and outstanding cases

No.	Category	Total	
		February	March
1	Double allocation	30	30
2	Resolved matters	6	6
3	Outstanding	24	24

There were no changes in March 2024.

**CONVERSION TO HOME OWNERSHIP**

A total of four hundred and ten (410) houses had been converted to date from rented to home Ownership. There were no changes in March 2024.

Table 2.6. Conversion statistics at Iminyela, Mabuthweni and Emganwini (Millennium)

No.	Description	Total number of units	Number converted to date	Variance
1	Iminyela	1232	175	1057
2	Mabuthweni	1815	206	1609
3	Emganwini	167	40	127
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3214</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>2793</b>

In Mzilikazi/Makokoba a total of 1567 houses had so far been converted to home ownership

Out of a total of 2283 units and 716 units were yet to be converted. Statistics of home ownership conversion in Makokoba and Mzilikazi was shown in the table below. There were no changes in March 2024

Table 2.7. Home ownership conversions Makokoba/Mzilikazi.

No	Total number of units	Converted to date	Variance
1	2283	1567	716

There were no changes in March 2024.

Table 2.8. Rented properties for Pumula

No.	Description	Total number of units	Converted	Variance
1	Pumula	5	1	4

There were no changes in March 2024.

### **CONSTRUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL TOILETS**

The construction of individual toilets resulted in ten (10) toilet units being completed and 217 remaining partially complete at Iminyela. Four hundred and eight-four toilets (484) toilets had been done to date at Mabuthweni. A total of 1331 units were still outstanding from the two Suburbs. The table below summarised individual toilets construction progress so far.

Table 2.9. Individual toilet progress update

No.	Description	Total number of units	Number of individual toilets date	Variance
1	Iminyela	1232	10 units complete	1 005
			217 units partially complete	
2	Mabuthweni	1815	484	1 331

N.B: The project was at a standstill due to funding constraints.

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.



**(19) COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION MARCH MONTHLY REPORT**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned;

**UPDATE ON RESULTS BASED FINANCE PROGRAM**

The City of Bulawayo together with Catholic Organisation for Relief and Development Aid (CORDAID) an international non-governmental organisation had been implementing the Results Based Finance (RBF) Urban Voucher program since 2014. The program was jointly implemented by departments of Health Services and Housing and Community Services. Health Services Department provides the medical component of the program whereas Housing and Community Services Department had been doing assessments and registration of beneficiaries. The objectives of the program were to assist venerable women to assess free maternal care. The funding of the project had since come to an with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Program Partnership**

The program was an arrangement and partnership between the Governments of Zimbabwe, World Bank. World Bank was working with its development and project implementing partner CORDAID, an international non-governmental organisation.

**RBF program Close out workshop**

To mark the official ending of financial support for the RBF project a close out function was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 at Harare International Conference Centre. The function was graced by the Minister of Health and Child Care. Attendants were drawn from project participating rural districts, municipalities of Bulawayo and Harare. The objective of the close out workshop was to handover the project to the Ministry of Health and Childcare for onward institutionalization by the participating rural districts and municipalities.

**Institutionalization of the RBF program**

The Ministry of Health and Child Care proposed that the City of Bulawayo institutionalizes the RBF programme in order to continue supporting vulnerable women. The issue was tabled before Council last year and was approved. The RBF program impacted positively on the lives of thousands of beneficiaries since 2014. Institutionalization of the program would be done in line with available resources and internal institutional capacity. Program institutionalization process and activities were budgeted for in the 2024 financial year.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(20) UPDATE ON ARTS CULTURE AND HERITAGE ACTIVITIES**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that this report sought to give an update on Arts Culture and Heritage section activities conducted during

the month under review. Arts Culture and Heritage office was one of the eight sub-sections under Community Services. The Arts Culture and Heritage office was established in May 2022 and it's responsible for all the arts culture and heritage activities within Council. The highlight of the month was the launch of the [UNESCO Culture|2030 Indicators](#) survey and the assumption of duty by the Arts Culture and Heritage Officer.

### **Assumption of duty by Arts, Culture and Heritage Officer**

A job position of Arts Culture and Heritage Officer was created in Council a few years ago. The Arts Culture and Heritage Officer who was hired in May 2022 resigned some time last year, however a replacement had since been found. The officer assumed duty on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. The officer was going to spearhead arts and cultural activities in the City such as managing the Bulawayo Arts Festival amongst other artistic and cultural events. The incumbent would network and coordinate with stakeholders in the creative industries to ensure a vibrant creative arts industry in the city.

### **Launch of UNESCO Culture|2030 Indicators survey**

It should be recalled that in July 2023, City of Bulawayo signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UNESCO committing towards cultural data collection and analysis which would enable the City of Bulawayo to measure and monitor the contributions of culture to the implementation of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The launch was held at the Council Chamber and was attended by Government officials, councillors, artistes and other creatives. The workshop was facilitated by UNESCO- assigned cultural experts.



*Council officials, facilitators, delegates, creatives and artistes pose for photo during the UNESCO Culture 2030 Indicators survey launch*

The [UNESCO Culture|2030 Indicators](#) was a framework to measure and monitor culture's contribution to the national and local implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development. The survey was expected to help the city and the country to build and quantify cultural capital, promote the preservation of local traditions, customs and culture



*Councilor Mrs Sandra Sibindi and Director of Inkululeko Yabatsho School of Arts Mr Nkululeko I. Dube and other delegates follow proceedings during the [UNESCO Culture/2030 Indicators survey launch workshop](#)*

The implementation of [UNESCO Culture/2030 Indicators](#) survey was in line with the city's objectives on arts, culture and heritage. The survey was expected to enrich the city's creative sectors. It would enhance building a coherent and strong narrative on culture and development that was evidence-based. This would aid decision makers in coming up with policies and strategies.

### **Bulawayo Arts Festival Preparations**

Preparations for this year's edition of Bulawayo Arts Festival (BAF) are on course. The festival would be held during the first week of the month of June 2024. Venues such as community halls, Large and Small City Halls would be used to commemorate the event. The festival would be commemorated through activities such as exhibitions, fairs, music, and arts amongst others.

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.



**(21) EDUCATION SECTION MARCH MONTHLY REPORT**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF SANITARY WEAR (PADS) TO GRADE 6 & 7 FEMALE LEARNERS IN COUNCIL SCHOOLS**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the Human Capital Department through its Gender Offices sought for donation of sanitary wear/pads for our girls in all the 31 Bulawayo City Council schools. A total of 3783 pads were donated. The Education Section was tasked to distribute the pads to its schools. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024 the sanitary pads were distributed by Education Officers to the Grade 6 and 7 girls in all our primary schools as well as to Form 1 to Form 4 girls at Sizalendaba Secondary School.



**Ngwalongwalo Primary School girls happily showcasing their sanitary wear they had received.**



**Dumezweni Primary School girls receiving their sanitary wear**

Providing sanitary pads for schools girls ensures that they do not miss their valuable time and lessons. This enhanced academic performance by female learners. This gesture was in tandem with the Sustainable Development Goals No. 4 (Provision of Quality Education) and No. 3 of Good Health and Well-Being by ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all at all ages which was essential to sustainable development.

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

### **(22) SIBO THE ENGINEER EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO CRITERION WATER WORKS**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Siboth the Engineer Tour of Criterion Water Works by Council Schools was conducted from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024.

Stem Explorers in partnership with the City of Bulawayo held the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of this Program in 2023. Under the program selected schools contribute 40 learners (50% Girls and the other 50% being Boys) to tour the Council Water Works in a bid to promote girls to take up Science Subjects which would ensure they also got into professions like Engineering which were previously thought to be male fields. Six schools were selected last year and this year to send learners Totalling 140 to these exciting tours. The learners were taken through the water treatment process.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024, learners from our primary schools, St Peters; Mgombane; Aisleby; Manondwane; Tategulu and Ntshamathe had a virtual tour which took them through the rigorous water treatment process at the Criterion Water



Treatment Works detailing the steps involved in the conversion of raw water from our Dams to the clean, safe and high quality water coming out of the tap. The pictorial presentation of the report was as follows:



These tours sponsored by Sibon the Civil Engineer to exciting places where they learn about and appreciate what a civil engineer does, provided some insights about road construction and concrete works. It was hoped that an interest will be kindled in the young learners to drive them to take up careers in the sciences and engineering fields.

The young engineers to be, were taught to appreciate that the Bulawayo City Council (BCC) was responsible for providing treated water to its residents and institutions, hence back at their homes

and in schools they should conserve water as much as possible, “WATER IS A PRECIOUS LIQUID and must be SAVED”.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(23) PROVINCIAL MUSEUM AND MONUMENTS HERITAGE QUIZ 2024**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the Provincial Museum Quiz was held on 14 March 2024 at Milton Junior School. The 10 schools- 2 learners per District participated in the competitions. Two schools amongst the thirty City Council schools took part in the competition i.e. J.W Mthimkhulu and Mtshane Primary Schools. The results were as follows:

**HERITAGE QUIZ OVERALL SCORESHEET**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
1	44	Ngwenyama Primary school	Mbizo
2	37	J W Mthimkhulu	Khami
3	35	Khumalo	Bulawayo Central
4	34	Eubigle	Reigate
4	35	Mtshane	Mzilikazi
6	32	Rose camp	Bulawayo central
6	32	Matshayiskhova	Khami
6	32	Mhali	Mzilikazi
9	29	Tategulu	Reigate
10	28	Cement	Imbizo

We congratulate the two schools for lifting the City Council Flag high.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(24) NATIONAL ATHLETICS COMPETITIONS 2024**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

Venue: Kyle Preparatory School, Masvingo

The National athletics competitions were held from 20-21 March 2024.

**The theme of the competitions was: Physical Education: fighting drugs substance abuse**

All the 10 provinces were represented

## **The Results**

### **OVERALL MEDAL STANDING**

PROVINCE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	POSITION
MASH WEST	18	4	6	28	1
MIDLANDS	8	10	14	32	2
MASVINGO	8	7	7	22	3
BULAWAYO	8	4	10	22	4
MANICALAND	7	7	7	21	5
HARARE	6	10	5	21	6
MASH EAST	6	9	8	23	7
MASH CENTRAL	6	9	7	22	8
MAT NORTH	3	1	4	8	9
MAT SOUTH	2	6	4	12	10

Bulawayo improved significantly this year in all categories. It came out as position 4 out of 10 provinces which was a remarkable improvement. It was represented by the Education Section at the National athletics competitions 2024 in Masvingo.

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

#### **(25) ANGLO AMERICAN DONATES BOOKS TO LUVEVE LIBRARY**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that Luveve Public Library Received a donation of 1503 books from Anglo American on 27 March 2024. The donation was sponsored by Anglo American through partnership with Book Aid International. The books were handed over by Ms Christina James who was also the project manager then when she was an employee of Anglo American

Speaking at the launch ceremony Christina expressed her passion for reading and for books when she was a reader at the library. She attested that she came to be what she was now because of Luveve Library which supplied her with books of every kind. When the opportunity arose to support reading Ms James was determined to develop the library that nurtured her reading culture and giving her access to reading materials. The donation was received by Assistant Director, Community Service with Councilor Gumede and Sithole.



The need to increase the reading materials to avail more books for all, thanks to was therefore apparent. Thanks to Ms James and Anglo American who endeavored to purchase the reading materials to increase the collection with attractive books that would boost the morale of young readers. The donation comprised 1000 children's UK books worth £13,000 and 503 locally purchased books worth USD 3000\_all purchased by Anglo American. The occasion was attended by teachers, learners and writers.



### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

### **(26) PRESCHOOLS FAREWELL FOR PRESCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that a farewell for outgoing preschool board members was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 at Entumbane ECD centre. The occasion was graced by the Assistant Director Mrs. L. Sibindi and the Principal Education Officer Mr. M.Mpofu. Mrs Sibindi thanked and appreciated the voluntary work done by the board members in the development of Council Preschools and encouraged the preschool chairpersons and teachers to emulate the work done by the board members. The five (5) board members were elected during privatisation when council handed preschools to be run by communities.

The members were given tokens of appreciation and certificates by council.

Below are pictures from the occasion



Outgoing Board Members Receive Certificates of Appreciation

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(27) KIDS ATHLETICS**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the 1<sup>st</sup> School Term was usually busy with various sports including Athletics, track and field events in line with the National Curriculum. Kids Athletics were held in all the five clusters involving our ECD centres. Luveve cluster had theirs at Mafakela Primary school, Pumula cluster at Ingwegwe Primary school grounds, Tshabalala at Mabhukudwane Primary School and Mpopoma cluster at Mpumelelo Primary School. Learners participated in various activities that included straight run, relay, pick and drop, hurdles and endurance races.

Magwegwe old and Magwegwe west preschools came first in their clusters, and were awarded medals and trophies.







The Competence based Curriculum seeks to ensure that every child exits school with competencies at the end of their course. Some may be good in academics while others may excel in Handiwork or sports. These should ensure that everyone who passes through the education system was able to make a livelihood with their God given Talent. The sporting activities apart from making the learners grow physically; these will empower them to take up sports and making a living out of it.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(28) APPLICATIONS TO SELL IMPROVEMENTS ON STAND 798 MARVEL KILLARNEY TOWNSHIP AND A WAIVER OF CLAUSE 17 OF THE AGREEMENT OF SALE**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an application had been received from Febbie Msipha to sell her improvements of 4 roomed cottage and also request for a waiver of Clause 17 of the agreement of Sale.

It would be recalled that Council entered into an Agreement of Sale with the applicant a former councillor on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 for the property. The application letter read as follows:

“I hereby submit my application to sell my improvements on stands 798 Marvel Township. I have since developed a cottage with 2 bedrooms kitchen and dining room. Also i request for a waiver on clause 17 of the agreement of sale which does not allow me to sell my property before 5 years. I have experienced financial problems and i m relocating to the rural areas”

Clause 17 reads as follows:

“Save with prior written consent of the municipality the purchaser shall not any time during the currency of this agreement nor during the period of 5 years immediately following the transfer of the property into purchasers, lease, part with possession, sell, donate, transfer or otherwise dispose of the said piece of land or any portion thereof”

It is against this background that the beneficiary cannot sell his/her improvements before 5 years period. Hence they are requesting for a waiver from council. The department circulated the application to other departments who have since responded as follows:

The Director of Health Services advised that there are no objections to the application.

The Financial Director advised that the balance as at 29/02/2024 on account 250798000 is USD 107.43 and this needs to be cleared before the application is processed.

The City Valuer recommended the sell of improvements as tabulated below:

<b>Stand Number</b>	<b>Land area m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Price in (US\$)</b>	<b>10% Cession fee (US\$)</b>	<b>15% VAT (US\$)</b>	<b>MBC (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>
798 Marvel	4 075m <sup>2</sup>	\$22 400.00	\$2 240.00	\$336.00	160m <sup>2</sup>

Other departments had not responded at the time of writing this report despite circulations having been sent. In view of the above, the Department had no objections to the granting of a waiver as requested subject to the payment of all due owed to the council.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (i) That the applications for waiver be acceded to.
- (ii) That the beneficiary pays off cession fees owed to Council before finalization of the transfers as recommended by the City Valuer.
- (iii) That the applicant to clear all outstanding bills before finalization of the transfer in terms of policy.

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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE LAID UPON THE TABLE.**

# **ANNEXURE 'D'**

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024 AT 4.00PM.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor N. Ndlovu (Deputy Chairperson)  
“ O.D. Nkomo  
“ M.T Moyo  
“ J. Mutangi  
“ A. Ndlovu  
“ D. Netha

**APOLOGY :**

Councillor R. Sekete (Chairperson)  
“ His Worship the Mayor ( Senator D. Coltart)  
“ D. Mabuto  
“ M. Masuku  
“ M. Matunha  
“ S. Sibindi

**ALSO:**

The Chamber Secretary  
The Director of Water and Sanitation  
The Acting Director of Works  
The Assistant .Director of Housing and Community Services



(1) **FIRE AND AMBULANCE**



The Chamber Secretary submitted (12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to the abovementioned matter;

Discussion ensued and Councillor A. Ndlovu raised concern on the general public's lack of awareness on Fire and Ambulance emergency numbers. When a fire broke out residents wasted time seeking for emergency numbers. He felt that notices and publications showing the emergency numbers should be availed to the general public. There was need to strengthen awareness campaigns. He had witnessed an incident where a house was gutted down by fire as the people around did not know the Fire Brigade numbers.

Councillor M.T. Moyo wanted to know if it was part of the Fire Brigade to do an analysis of what started the fire.

In response the Chamber Secretary advised that Fire awareness campaigns were being conducted to the City's residents and the emergency numbers were as follows 0292 – 71717. The number 994\993 was also the actual emergency number and worked efficiently in redirecting emergency calls. She explained that the major factor which resulted in the burning down of the house witnessed by Councillor A. Ndlovu was that the occupants were away. The whole incident was dependent on neighbours. She further highlighted that investigations on fire causes and detailed analysis were always carried out where the level of details were communicated with the property owners after the investigations. The analysis was availed upon request.

There after it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(2) **WATER DISTRIBUTION**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter;

**Executive Summary**

The Water Distribution Section was responsible for the storage and distribution of water after treatment. The distribution pipelines reduced in size from the storage reservoirs interconnecting transport mains, to the water distribution network and finally the service pipes that connected to the households. The section was also responsible for operation and maintenance of the reclaimed water system. For operational purposes, the city was divided into four zones, namely Town, Mabutweni, Nkulumane and Cowdray Park.

The section received a total of 509 reports combining bursts, leaks and other water related faults during the month of March 2024. Out of the total received, 507 faults were attended to including

101 bursts, leaving a backlog of 494. Town Zone received the highest number of bursts contributing 44%.

### Budget

Table 1.1 Budget Availability

Vote	Description	Budget 2024\$	Partial Budget to Date \$	Expenditure to Date \$	Available \$	Variance
0860	Reticulation General	88,996,389,600	22,249,097.25	1,254,304,581	82,731,736,790	5.53

Vote 860 had a variance of 5.53%.

### Portable Water General Maintenance

#### Bursts

The City experienced the same number of bursts as the previous month of February 2024. Resource constraints continued to affect response time to complete the repairs. The number of bursts were also amplified by the erratic water supplies experienced in the reporting period.

Figure 1.1 below showed water bursts in 2024 compared to the same period in 2023.

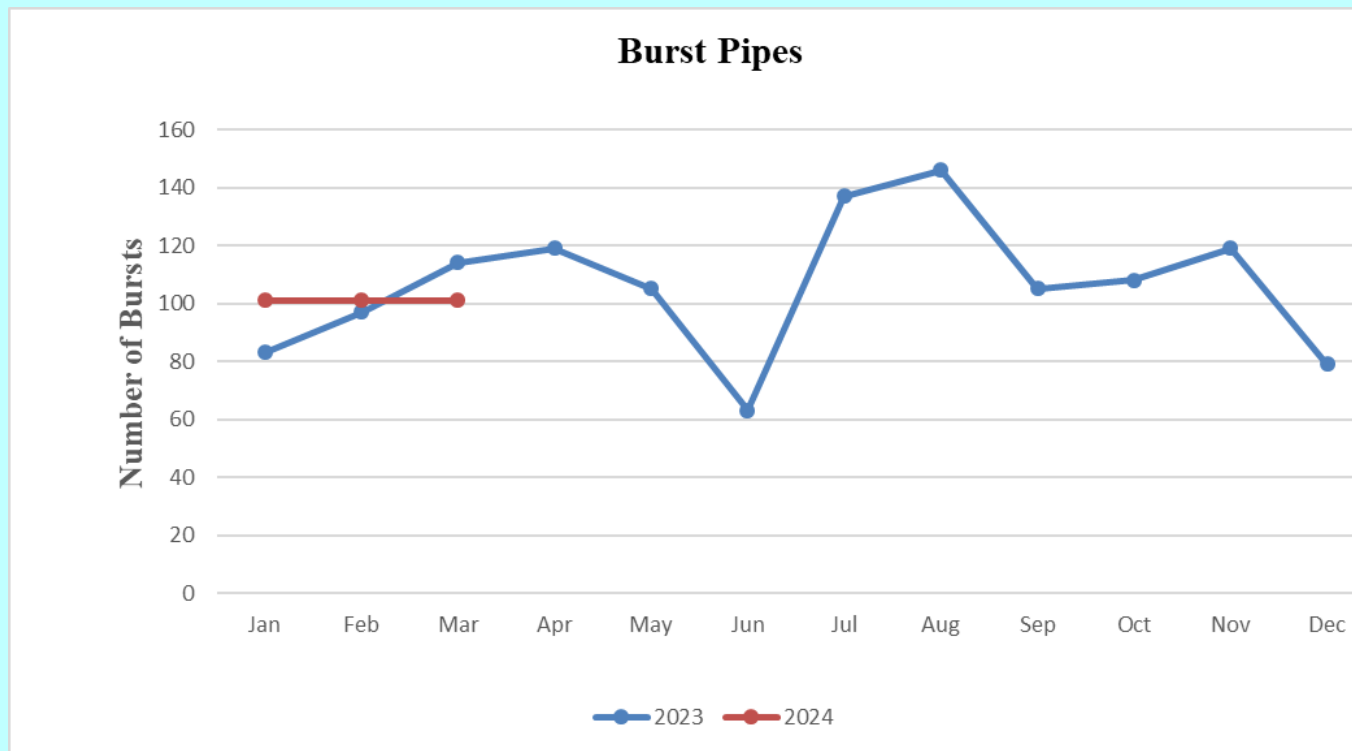


Figure 1.1: Trend showing water bursts in 2024 compared to the same period in 2023

Zone	Number of Bursts attended	Number of leaks Pending	Number of leaks attended	Number of leaks outstanding	Length of reticulation (m)	Mileage (km)	Average No. of plumbers operational vehicles
Town	45	226	72	154	987,44	13900	4/7
Mabutweni	12	144	111	33	428,13	6595	2/3
Nkulumane	31	337	45	292	568,078	4857	1/6
Cowdray Park	13	71	56	15	268,037	9061	2/4
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>2,251,685</b>	<b>34413</b>	<b>9/20</b>

Table 1.2 below showed the water bursts and leaks attended in the month of March, 2024

### **Vehicles**

The section had a fleet of twelve (9) vehicles out of a required twenty (20) vehicles for daily operation and maintenance for use by plumbers. In the month of March 2024, the section had a fleet of (10) operational vehicle on the road with others frequently off the road due to breakdowns. Nkulumane and Town zones were the most affected because of wider reticulation coverage. The only one backfilling vehicle was not able to meet the demand for backfilling jobs due to the extensive coverage and also carried chemicals to outstations. Total monthly mileage for the section increased from 35,611km in February 2024 to 42,219km in March 2024.

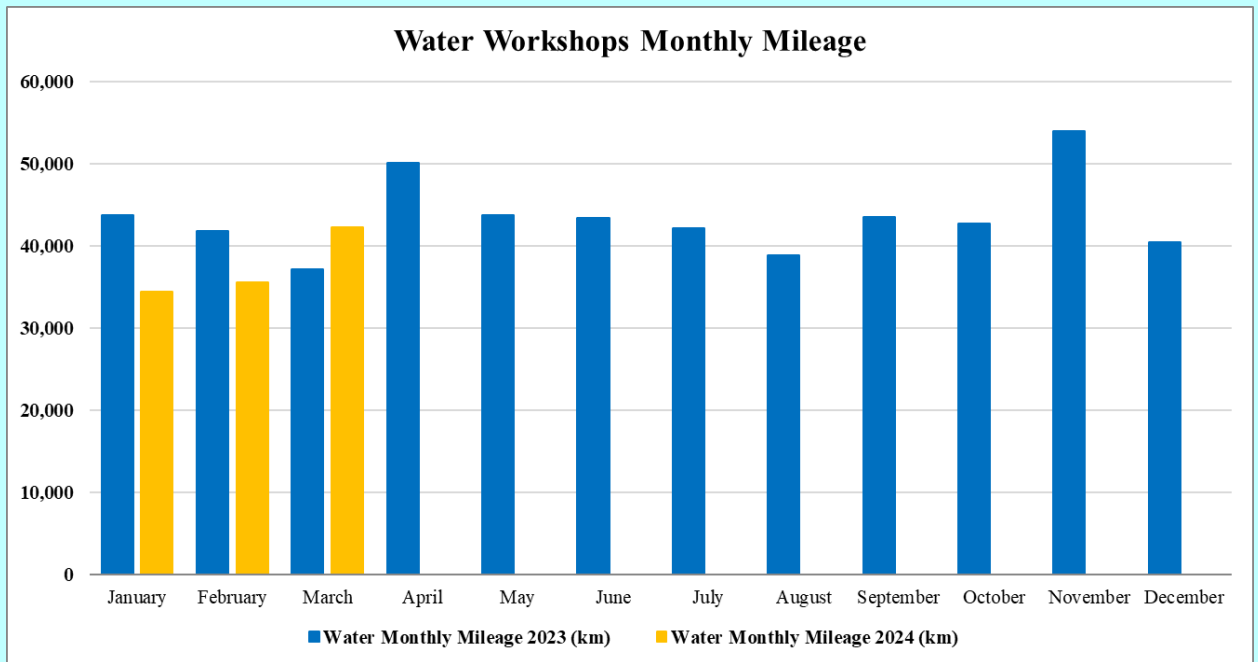


Figure 1.2: Graphical representation of total monthly mileage for 2023 and 2024.

### Meter Section

The meter section had done a total of 503 jobs including 96 new water connections and 68 water meters replacements. Table 1.3 showed the meter statistics in all zones.

Table 1.3 Metering and connection work done by the Water section team.

Year 2023 (Month)	New meter Connection	Meters Replaced	Meters Tested in-situ	Fire Con	Mains Link-up	Meters Repositions	Total meters tested
January	61	27	3	4	0	12	195
February	136	107	14	1	1	2	197
March	96	68	3	5	0	11	320

Discussion ensued and Councillor J. Mutangi raised concern on the issue of people performing their daily chores like laundry and cooking at an illegal water point in Sizinda. Such activities might lead to disease outbreak

Councillor M.T Moyo expressed his concern on the issue of dug holes that were left open after fixing burst pipes, he emphasized that the holes posed as a danger to the public and could lead to serious injuries. He also highlighted that the city could no longer sustain the 120-hour water shedding scheme, and therefore requested that dysfunctional boreholes should be attended to. He noted that the existing functional boreholes were overwhelmed and could not cater for the whole population. He further sought clarity on whether it was possible to automate the existing boreholes and connect them to water kiosks, that would eliminate the labor of having to pump the water.

Councillor A. Ndlovu highlighted that community members had donated over US\$1000 to construct pipes to bring borehole water on donated boreholes which was drilled at school premises. The extension of pipes outside the school fence will enable residents to have access to water

Councillor N. Ndlovu raised concern on the behaviour of bowser drives who sold water to the residents. Bowsers were no longer going to the Specific agreed sites to serve the community. He also indicated that water kiosks had run dry for a long time and that had a negative impact to the life span of the water tanks.

Councillor D. Netha noted that he had been witnessing vandalism of manhole covers. He urged the department to continue installing the new and improved covers which could not be easily vandalised. He raised concern on the shortage of vehicles to attend to sewer bursts although he had observed Council vehicles running up and down even passing through the burst areas. He further suggested that Human Capital Department be engaged to assist in addressing the manpower shortage.

In response, the Director of Water and Sanitation, explained that in the case of Sizinda, in the past, arrangements had been made with a private partner who had installed a water tank to alleviate water challenges.. It was noted that the private partner had scheduled hours whereby residents were permitted to collect water from the designated area. He further explained that the issue of residents using contaminated water from the well and disease outbreak were a cause for concern which required urgent attention. Attempts to close the water point proved to be a challenge in that residents vandalized and removed the manhole which had been put to protect the valve. Experienced plumbers tampered with the valve resulting in water coming out.. Investigations were underway to find a permanent solution on how best the valve could be protected to avoid future water leaks. Council was in the process of regularizing boreholes. He further highlighted that the automation of high yielding boreholes was recommended but costly in terms of maintenance. . He further clarified that Council usually engaged NGO's for the funding of boreholes. Council had no budget for borehole repairs. Every effort was being made to deliver water to residents using bowsers and a few bad apples had been dealt with in terms of the conditions of service.

The Chamber Secretary advised that Committees had different Terms of reference. Employment of additional manpower was in progress. In terms of vehicles, each department was allocated its own vehicles with the bulk of Council fleet allocated to Water and Sanitation Department. The Pipeline inspector had an off road vehicle capable of use in bushy areas and unfortunately the vehicle had broken down and that was when he failed to attend to a burst. On the issue of holes left open after attending to burst she emphasized that the holes were left open deliberately in order to assess the efficiency of repairs and they were covered after the maintaining period . She explained that the department left warning signs to caution the residents on the open holes. She encouraged residents not to remove warning signs which were put on site.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

**(3) SEWERAGE SECTION**



The Director of Water and Sanitation submitted (26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) the attached report relating to the abovementioned matter;

Discussion ensued and Councillor M.T. Moyo indicated that sewer hotspots had to be identified and an interim solution to deal with them should be identified. Community plumbers may be engaged to assist Council on the matter.

In response, the Director of Water and Sanitation explained that the private plumbers were not performing as they wanted payment in USD. Council was not competitive in terms of remuneration, underlining that council remunerated its employees and contractors in local currency rather than United States Dollars. Nonetheless, he clarified that attending to sewer was very sensitive, hence the reason why Council dealt with contractors as there was need to pay attention to health issues and complexity of the work. Council was likely to engage three (3) or four (4) contractors to deal with the hot spots. The department had repaired main holes but most of them had since been vandalised.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

**(4) WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS**



The Director of Water and Sanitation submitted (26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) the attached report relating to the abovementioned matter;

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

(5) **WATER QUALITY SECTION MARCH 2024**



The Director of Water and Sanitation submitted (26<sup>th</sup>March, 2024) the attached report relating to the abovementioned matter;

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

(6) **ELECTRO MECHANICAL**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (26<sup>th</sup>March, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter;

**Pump Stations**

Table 5.1 showed the status of pumps at the City of Bulawayo water pump stations.

**Table 5.1: Pump Status**

Source	Pump station	No. of Pumps	Functional	Not Functional	Comments
Surface Water	Ncema				
	Flow serve	3	1	2	No.2 and No.3 required realigning of pump and pipe work
	Sulzer	3	1	2	No.6 motor burnt and delivery valve required replacement No.8 motor burnt, starter and delivery valve under repair.
	37" Sulzer	8	4	4	No. 1, No. 5 no motors, stored at the main stores, Motor No.3 motor burnt, onsite. No 4 pump to be repaired, required shutdown, No.6 running but due for service since 2019, No. 7 & 8 running but due for service since 2018.

	42" Sulzer	2	0	2	No.9's motor failed after power surge (24/10/22) No.10 required starter repairs
	<b>Fernhill</b>				
	Flow serve	3	1	2	No.2 Isolator mechanism to be repaired, required shutdown, air valves required an O-ring. No. 3 Rotork valve failed, needed to initiate repair works to curb emergencies.
	Sulzer	3	0	3	No. 5 transformer bushing failed and burnt, No.6 starter needed repair, motor needed drying, transformer down No.7 motor burnt, Rotork unit needed repair, transformer down.
	42" Sulzer	7	4	3	No.5 motor burnt and cable required replacement. No.2 valve under repair awaited spares and No.6 Breaker needed repair.
	<b>Inyankuni</b>	3	2	1	Pumpset 3, motor and pump under service
	<b>Mzingwane</b>	4	1	3	Pump 1 and 3 volute was leaking, Pump 2 needed replacement, and pump set testing. No.4 pipe removed, pending repairs.
<b>Groun dwater</b>	<b>Nyamandlovu</b>				
	Rochester	5	3	2	Pumpset 3, motor and pump under service
	Cowdray Park	5	4	1	No. 5 under repair.



The volume of water that was pumped at Ncema and Fernhill pump stations was shown in Fig 5.1.

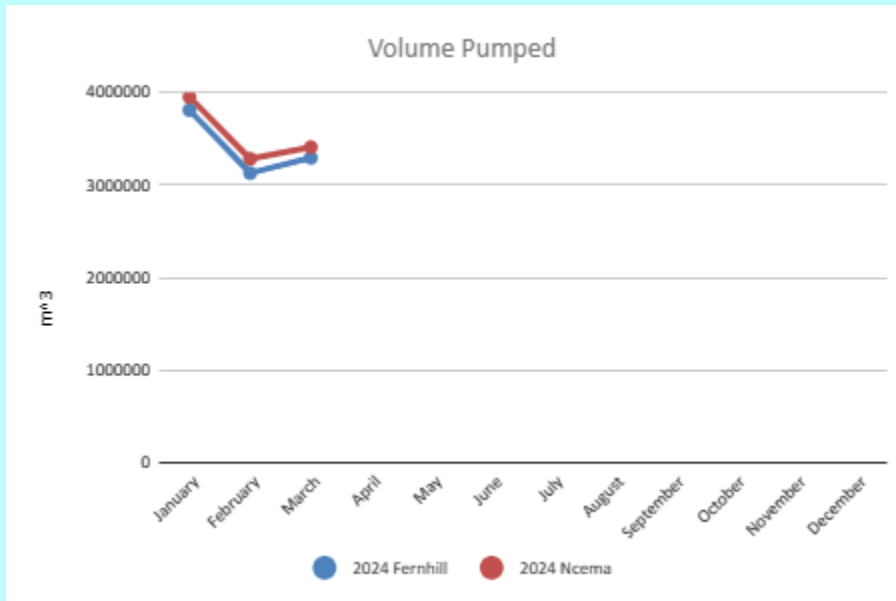


Figure 5.1: Volume of water pumped

### Substations

Table 5.2. Status of Transformers at the Substations

Substation	Description	Status	Comments
Ncema	88/6.6KV Transformers	functional	Sulzer 6 and Sulzer 8, no motor.
Fernhill	88/6.6KV Transformers	Transformers 1, 3, 4 & 5 functioning	No. 2 Isolator under repair, required shut down to repair No.6 and No. 7 needed repairs

Thereafter it was:-

#### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

(7) **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS – GIS**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (26<sup>th</sup>March, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter;

**Trainings - Staff capacitation**

Institutionalisation of GIS in the organisation was one of the mandates of the GIS Section and in a bid to meet the provisions of the GIS Strategy, there had been ongoing internal staff training. A total of 16 staff members from Electro-mechanical were training on the introduction to QGIS, QField, data collection, downloading, cleaning, manipulation and map creation which was data representation. This therefore brought the cumulative number of 89 staff members that had been capacitated on the use of GIS in their operations. The objective was to afford the Electro-mechanical Section an opportunity to improve decision making through effective data sharing and to institutionalise GIS.

**Data Collection**

GIS Section took a leading role in data collection for the preparation of Local Subject Plan 18 by the Town Planning Department, which covered the northern part of the CBD. ArcGIS Survey 123 was the tool that was used to collect data and it proved to be easy to use even by those whom it was the first time to interact with the tool. Furthermore, the officers had to assist with data analysis and data representations.

Pest Control Section which was under the Health Services Department was assisted in an extensive data collection exercise for the city wide rodent baiting points in preparation for the baiting season. A total of 1 140 points were mapped along the city boundary.

The data collection exercise was the effective decision making and above for the creation of geodatabases for the institution that would enable ease of data sharing.

Cadastral Cleaning

The cadastral dataset was undergoing cleaning by populating missing attributes and verification of already cleaned data through the use of a script that checked for duplicates and missing stand numbers.

For further cleaning the team had adopted the Evaluation Roll dataset which had been used to compare and compile missing stands for both sections in the Emganwini Western area. From this the section had been able to update and amend the cadastral dataset.

Sewer and Water database

The sewer and water datasets were approximately at 80% in terms of data cleaning with a larger coverage being the western suburbs of Bulawayo. Physical verification was conducted in the Emganwini western suburb. This had helped in updating the datasets for sewer manholes, fire hydrants, valves, sewer and water lines. The section planed on rolling out this exercise for the rest of the Bulawayo western suburbs.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

**(8) BUILDING PLANS**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

In the month of March 2024, a total of 265 Building plans were processed and of these, 174 building plans with a value of US\$3 296 514 were approved while 91 were referred back for corrections. There was a decrease of 22.67% on approved plans compared the total approved in February 2024. A total of 214 building plans with a value of US\$4 222 700 were submitted in March 2024, a decrease of 2.39% compared to last month's figure. A total of 3012 inspections were carried out in March 2024 constituting a decrease of 1.44% when compared to the previous month total. From these inspections, 24 advertising signs and 30 Dilapidated Buildings were captured and accordingly processed.

**VEHICLE STATUS**

<b>FLEET NO.</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>DEFECTS</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
171	RUNNER	-	UNDER WORKSHOP
236	RUNNER	-	RUNNING
860	RUNNER	-	AUCTIONED

**STAFF STATUS**

**Skilled Workers**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Authorised</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
BUILDING CONTROL OFFICER(BUILDING TECHNOLOGY)	11	1	1	0
PLAN EXAMINER(BUILDING TECHNOLOGY)	9	2	1	1
DISTRICT BUILDING INSPECTOR(BUILDING TECHNOLOGY)	9	2	0	2
BUILDING INSPECTOR (BUILDING TECHNOLOGY)	8	9	8	1
ADMIN ASSISTANT (ADMINISTRATION)	6	1	0	1
CLERICAL ASSISTANT(CLERICAL)	5	2	1	1
RECEPTIONIST(CLERICAL,	5	1	1	0

COMMUNICATION)				
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**There were no changes this month**

## **STATISTICS**

Shown below were statistical figures of approved plans, submitted plans and building inspections carried out:

### **APPROVED PLANS FOR MARCH 2024**

<b>WARD</b>	<b>TYPE OF DEVELOPMENTS</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>VALUEUS(\$)</b>	<b>FLOOR AREA (M<sup>2</sup>)</b>
1	COMMERCIAL	1	4200	25
2	RESIDENTIAL	8	1 121 776	2182
	PUBLIC	1	141 925	811
	COMMERCIAL	1	28 700	219
3	RESIDENTIAL	10	382 200	2 264
	PUBLIC	1	105 200	530
4	RESIDENTIAL	13	850 150	4052
5	RESIDENTIAL	8	81 851	520
	COMMERCIAL	2	14 000	17
6	RESIDENTIAL	12	80 000	781
7	RESIDENTIAL	1	12 000	12
	PUBLIC	1	30 900	255
8	RESIDENTIAL	1	6 500	58
	PUBLIC	1	30 900	177
9	RESIDENTIAL	2	5 800	63
10	RESIDENTIAL	4	16 720	135
11	RESIDENTIAL	4	17 400	174
12	RESIDENTIAL	2	18 000	173

13	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
14	RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC	3 1	8 280 51 000	62 409
15	RESIDENTIAL	16	104 886	1 029
16	RESIDENTIAL	4	44 665	489
17	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
18	RESIDENTIAL	7	101 028	840
19	RESIDENTIAL	1	12 000	120
20	RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL (Change of use)	2 2	19 300 12 000	190 -
21	RESIDENTIAL	1	6 900	66
22	RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL	2 1	11 170 11 500	95 77
23	RESIDENTIAL	5	129 550	854
24	RESIDENTIAL	2	17 700	131
25	RESIDENTIAL	1	28 483	182
26	RESIDENTIAL	19	239 147	2007
27	RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC	14 1	146 218 8 700	1230 66
28	RESIDENTIAL	15	131 350	1033
29	RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL	3 1	38 800 6 000	307 -

**BUILDING CONTROL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>VALUE IN US \$</b>
<b>SUBMITTED PLANS</b>		
➤ INDUSTRIAL	NIL	NIL
➤ COMMERCIAL	15	185 000
➤ PUBLIC	9	478 300
➤ RESIDENTIAL	190	3 559 400
<b>APPROVED PLANS</b>		
➤ INDUSTRIAL	NIL	NIL
➤ COMMERCIAL	8	76 400
➤ PUBLIC	6	368 625
➤ RESIDENTIAL	160	2 851 489
<b>BUILDING INSPECTIONS</b>		
➤ MANDATORY	579	8 685
➤ ROUTINE	2342	-
➤ OCCUPATION CERTIFICATES	38	570
<b>HOARDING</b>	3	410
<b>SCAFOLDING</b>	-	-
<b>ADVERTISING SIGNS</b>	24	1338
<b>PLAN SEARCHING</b>	14	200
<b>DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS</b>	30	-

**PROPERTIES ISSUED WITH CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPATION**

In terms of the model building by laws (1977), chapter 2, sections 44 and 46 no new building should be occupied without an occupation certificate issued by the local authority. As such the Department inspectors routinely issued certificates of occupations to new residential developments that comply with the bylaws. New Commercial and Public buildings were inspected by an interdepartmental team before an occupation certificate was issued. On issuing of the occupation certificate the number of new toilets were recorded and forwarded to the Financial Director for sewerage billing for areas with sewer reticulation. As a result the revenue base of Council was improved.

The table below indicated completed new developments that were issued with certificates of occupation for the period of March 2024 and part of February 2024 together with estimated minimum sewerage fees and monthly fixed charges raised.

**TABLE ON OCCUPATION CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN THE CITY**

LOCATION	NO OF JOBS COMPLETED			NO. OF NEW WATER CLOSETS ADDED	APPROXIMATE SEWARAGE CONNECTION FEES RAISED@ Eastern/ind/comm- US\$77.39 Western- US\$48.06 Per connection	APPROXIMATE MONTHLY FIXED CHARGES RAISED@ US\$ Eastern-\$1, 63 Western-\$0, 82
	ADDS	NEW	Ind .& Pub & Com			
EASTERN	-	8	1	25	US\$696.51	US\$40.75
WESTERN	-	30	2	60	US\$1596.58	US\$49.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>US\$2292.79</b>	<b>US\$89.95</b>

**CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT APPROVED PLANS AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024.**

Properties listed below were captured as had carried out some building works without Council approval and were accordingly charged with building penalties.

ITEM	STAND NUMBER	NAME
1	18230 COWDRAY PARK	T RWAUYA
2	12348 COWDRAY PARK	H NDLOVU
3	25159 COWDRAY PARK	N T DUBE
4	12364 COWDRAY PARK	G NKOMO
5	12348 COWDRAY PARK	H NDLOVU
6	11795 COWDRAY PARK	E MOYO
7	18228 KELVIN WEST	NEW ROYAL INVESTMENTS
8	2301 EMGANWINI	S D NKOMO

**DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS VISITED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH**

The Department only dealt with unsightly, dilapidated and dangerous buildings in terms of the model building by-laws. Buildings in the city centre were in a poor state and some were considered abandoned, dilapidated or derelict were identified. As per Statutory obligations notices had been issued to these properties in terms of Sections 48, Dangerous Buildings and Section 49, Dilapidated and Unsightly Buildings & Defective Sewerage Systems of the Model Buildings By-Laws, 1977, Section 214 of the Bulawayo (Buildings, roads and Streets) By-Laws 1971. Council had latitude in terms of statutory provisions to carry out such operations to remove

the offending danger/ nuisance to the public at the cost of the landlord. This avenue had not been effectively pursued in the city in view of lack of specific resources that were required to undertake this costly work i.e. clearing the sites and effecting demolitions and making good the site.

To date, a total of 161 buildings were identified in the CBD and of those, 17 had complied, 61 partially complied, 4 taken to court while 79 had not attempted. Accordingly penalties were being charged to the non-compliant properties. The details were indicated in the annexure A table annexure. Shown below were sample pictures of partially compliant, complied and non compliant properties.





Stand 112 R.G. Mugabe partially complied



Stand 344 B.T. Complied



Stand 451 B.T. no attempt

**NB: VARIOUS FEES AND PENALTIES CHARGED BY BUILDING CONTROL (VAT EXCLUCIVE)**

BUILDING PENALTY (WITHOUT PLANS).....	US500
BUILDING PENALTY (WITH PLANS).....	US250
DELAPIDATED BUILDINGS .....	US250
ADVERTISING SIGNS.....	US30/m2 per year
HOARDING.....	US5/metre

Discussion ensued and Councillor N. Ndlovu sought clarity on the strategy that had been put in place to address the issue of dilapidated buildings within the CBD.

Councillor M.T Moyo raised concern on the dilapidated state of Barbourfields stadium and felt that the stadium required renovations.

The Assistant Director of Housing and Community Services, explained that the department only looked at the structural integrity of the buildings and those that were dangerous were attended to in terms of Council By-laws. He further explained that routine inspections were carried out by a team involving other Council departments which was a continuous program that was taken up almost everyday.

The Acting Director of Works indicated that Barbourfields structural assessment was done in 2020 to look at the foundation, cracks and steel corrosion and it was ruled out that the cracks did not threaten the structural integrity of the building, noting that the structure was still intact. Nonetheless the stadium would be attended to accordingly.

The Chamber Secretary advised that several options to deal with the dilapidated buildings were available on the City's By-laws. It was a challenge to effect these as Council's own buildings were also dilapidated. Residents always complained about flatse.gSidojiwe and Burombo Flats. Council did not afford to revamp dilapidated buildings as it was already struggling to refurbish its own premises (buildings and halls).

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

**(9) SWIMMING POOLS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2024**  
**REVENUE AND ATTENDANCE**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter

The five (5) Swimming Pools recorded increase on both attendance and revenue as compared to the same period of 2023; this was due to high temperatures recorded during the month.

Below were statistics of revenue and attendance for the five pools:

**BARHAMGREEN POOL VOTE: 0024**

<i>DETAILS</i>	<i>ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>REVENUE</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
ADULTS	15	US \$ 45.00	Each adult paid US \$ 3.00
ADULTS	1	ZW \$ 49 825.52	Each adult paid ZW\$ 49 825.52
CHILDREN	132	US \$ 198.00	Each child paid US \$ 1.50
CHILDREN	21	ZW \$ 639 406.46	Various rates used
BAPTISM	220	US \$ 70.00	For 2 x Baptism on 2 March 2024
BAPTISM	150	US \$ 35.00	For 1 x Baptism on 23 March 2024
BAPTISM	-	US \$ 35.00	Advance payment for April 2024
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>US\$ 383.00</b> <b>ZW\$ 689 231.98</b>	

During the same period in 2023 the pool recorded 262 bathers an increase of 277 whilst revenue collected was US\$ 294.50 and ZW\$ 149 923.50, an increase of US\$ 88.50 and ZW\$ 539 308.48.

**BULAWAYO POOL VOTE: 0025**

<i>DETAILS</i>	<i>ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>REVENUE</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
ADULTS	78	US \$ 234.00	Each adult paid US\$ 3.00
ADULT LUNCH	3	US \$ 4.50	Each adult paid US\$ 1.50
CHILDREN	1041	US \$ 1 561.50	Each child paid US\$ 1.50
CHILDREN	88	ZW \$ 2 318 610.44	Various rates used
ADULTS	9	ZW \$ 530 154.32	Various rates used
ADULT LUNCH	15	ZW \$ 428 181.20	Various rates used
GALA	81	US \$ 90.00	Gala on 16 <sup>th</sup> March
GALA	962	ZW \$ 2 624 040.68	Gala on 25 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2 277</b>	<b>US\$ 1 890.00</b> <b>ZW \$ 5 900 986.60</b>	

During the same period in 2023 the pool recorded 1 665 bathers an increase of 612, whilst the revenue collected was US\$ 1351, ZW\$ 954 247.96 and R54 an increase of US\$ 539 and ZW\$ 4 946 738.64.

**NORTHEND POOL VOTE: 0026**

<i>DETAILS</i>	<i>ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>REVENUE</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
ADULTS	145	US \$ 435.00	Each adult paid US\$ 3.00
CHILDREN	358	US \$ 537.00	Each child paid US\$ 1.50
BAPTISM	70	US \$ 40.00	1 x Baptism on 17 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>US \$ 1 002.00</b>	

During the same period in 2023 the pool recorded 330 bathers an increase of 243, whilst the revenue collected was US\$ 421.00, an increase of US\$ 591.00.

**MPOPOMA POOL VOTE: 0101**

<i>DETAILS</i>	<i>ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>REVENUE</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
ADULTS	2	US \$ 6.00	Each adult paid US\$ 3.00
CHILDREN	186	US \$ 285.00	Each child paid US\$ 1.50
BAPTISM	534	US \$ 175.00	Sessions x \$35 March
BAPTISM	13	US \$ 45.00	1 x \$ 45 Public Holiday
BAPTISM	172	US \$ 30.00	1 x \$ 30 for March
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>US \$ 500.00</b>	

During the same period in 2023 the pool recorded 462 bathers an increase of 343, whilst the revenue collected was US\$ 240, an increase of US\$ 260.00.

**LUVEVE POOL VOTE: 0102**

<i>DETAILS</i>	<i>ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>REVENUE</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
ADULTS	17	US\$ 51.00	Each adult paid US\$ 3.00
CHILDREN	104	US\$ 156.00	Each child paid US\$ 1.50
BAPTISM	-	US\$ 35.00	Advance booking for 13 April 2024
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>US\$ 242.00</b>	

During the same period of 2023 the pool recorded 104 bathers an increase of 17, whilst the revenue collected was US\$55.50, an increase of US\$186.50.

**GALAS**

Bulawayo City Pool hosted two (2) Galas on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, namely School of Swimming club and Zimbabwe Army Schools.

## **BAPTISM**

Mpopoma and BarhamGreen pools hosted a total of five baptismal as compared to three (3) of the previous year, Luveve recorded one advance booking whilst there were no bookings for Bulawayo and Northend pools respectively. There was an increase of four as compared to six same months.

## **ZESA AND WATER LOAD SHEDDING**

Electricity and water shedding was a challenge as it affected the smooth running of the pools since most of the time there would be no Zesa and water. However pool water dropped to a level whereby pumps had to be switched off due to evaporation and this affected the pool as it made it difficult for the plant to function well.

## **REPAIRS**

- Mzilikazi builders attended to a cracked concrete as they started blocks on the warm up pool.
- Carpenters at Luveve attended to leaking roofs at main offices and pump room.
- Parks section spruced up the pool gardens.
- Mr. Hudgson of Paint and Allied continued to help out in sprucing the City Pool premises.

## **STAFFING**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>AUTHORISED</b>	<b>ACTUAL ESTBLISHMENT</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
SWIMMING POOLS SUPERINTENDENT	9	1	1	0
S\POOL SUPERVISOR	6	6	3	3
S/POOL ASSISTANT 1/LIFEGUARD	4	6	2	4
S/POOL ASSISTANT2/ GATE ATTENDANT	3	5	2	3
CUBICLE ATTENDANTS	2	12	0	12
LABOURERS	1	19	8	11

TOTAL		49	17	32
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**No changes from last month**

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

**(10) PARKS SECTION MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2024**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

**DEGRADATION IN THE GREATER BULAWAYO AND WATER CATCHMENT AREAS.**

**Water catchment.**

Joint patrols were conducted by BCC rangers and Esigodini ZRP. During these patrols, five (5) illegal gold panners were arrested and handed over to Esigodini Court of Law for trial. Total of 28 gold panners had been arrested from January to March 2024. Upper Ncema had been invaded by the Chinese and a visit to the site was done on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2024 by Senior Parks Officer, Lands Inspector, Town Planning and Water and Sanitation Staff.

**Greater Bulawayo (minerals and Sand Poaching)**

Extended, blitz and routine patrols were conducted in the Greater Bulawayo. During these patrols a total of **40** tickets were issued to various offenders. From **40** tickets issued, only **23** tickets had been paid worthy **USD\$1873.09**. A total of 16 tickets were still outstanding with a value of **USD\$14264.88**.

## **Sale of Pit sand**

Only 6 trucks were recorded and a total of **USD\$380.00** was collected from sales.

## **Tools confiscated**

Load shedding enhanced number of tools seized. The tools include 12 scotch carts, 3 wheel barrows and other hand tools which embody 3 shovels, 4 chisels and 3 hammers. A consignment of hand tools, scotch carts wheelbarrows was handed over to stores for auctioning.

## **Challenges**

### **Open Air worshippers**

Open air worshipping was a concern to the local authority. A questionnaire and program targeting to mitigate the distress of open air worshipping had been started as from 8 April 2024. The results would be reported in the next committee meeting accordingly.

## **Stray Animals**

The impact of Elnino was illustrated by drought which had increased stray animals due to poor pastures country wide.

## **Vehicles**

Shortage of patrol vehicles limited the coverage of the hotspots. At the moment one (1) van was functional in the Greater Bulawayo and one (1) van at water catchment area.

## **Summary of Patrols**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March an operation against wood poachers took place. During the patrol 9 scotch carts were impounded and stored at SAST Khami.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of March rangers attended a workshop on **Anti-stock theft** at Cold Storage Company (C.S.C).

Shown below was the summary table of statistics for Lands Inspectorate:



**TABLE 3.1.MONTHLY STATISTICS FOR LANDS INSPECTORATE**

<b>OFFENCE /ACTIVITY</b>	<b>NO. OF PAID TICKETS</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>VALUE OF PAID TICKETS US\$</b>	<b>NO. OF UNPAID TICKETS</b>	<b>VALUE OF UNPAID TICKETS US\$</b>
<b><u>Soil Excavation</u></b> <b>Truck (5 tonne)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$5179.70</b>
<b>Wheelbarrow</b>		<b>\$119.67</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$478.68</b> <b>\$359.01</b>
<b>Pitsand sales 1Tonne (38)</b>		<b>\$380.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>Woodcutting</u></b> <b>Scotchcart</b> <b>Wheelbarrow</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>8</b> <b>3</b>	<b>\$8287.52</b> <b>\$359.01</b>
<b><u>Illegal grazing</u></b> <b>Donkeys</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$88.89</b>	<b>\$444.45</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>Other Activities</u></b> <b>Illegal repairs</b> <b>Tree inspection</b> <b>Movement Permit</b> <b>Compressor</b>	<b>1</b> <b>7</b> <b>1</b>	<b>\$78.64</b> <b>\$20.00</b> <b>10</b>	<b>\$78.64</b> <b>\$140.00</b> <b>\$10.00</b>	<b>-</b> <b>-</b> <b>1</b>	<b>-</b> <b>-</b> <b>\$78.64</b>
	<b>23</b>		<b>\$1873.09</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$14 264.88</b>

**Total Value of Paid Tickets US\$ - \$1873.09**  
**Total Value of Unpaid Tickets US\$ - \$14 264.88**  
**Hire of Amphitheatre RTGSS\$ - \$ 1 800 523.67**



## **VELD MANAGEMENT**

### **HEDGE AND TREE TRIMMING**

Hedge trimming was done at City Hall, Tower block, Central Park, Centenary Park and ZITF, Tshabalala Clinic, Luveve Library, Magwegwe Library, Entumbane Clinic and Housing Office, Mpopoma Housing office, Inyathi Youth Centre, Njube Clinic/ Library and Desert, Ikhwezi Training Centre and Pelandaba Clinic.

### **Tree and Lawn Propagation**

Lawn and flowers were planted at ZITF, City Hall, Central and Centenary Parks and Luveve Stadium.

### **CHALLENGES**

Two boreholes at Central Park were not working and there was still no reclaimed water at the Park. Efforts to repair the bore-holes were advanced. Finally all toilets were not working at Central/Centenary Parks and a quotation and reports had been forwarded to the Health Services and follow-ups had been done.

## **CONSERVATION EDUCATION**

### **Tree Planting**

23 trees were planted, 3 trees were planted at Khumalo Open Space and 20 trees were planted at Trade fair open space. This brought the total of trees planted to 198 from January 2024 to date.

### **Environmental Clubs**

One environmental campaign was conducted at Bulawayo Adventist High School (BAHS).

### **Clean-Up**

One Clean-up campaign was conducted along 5 avenue on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024.

## **TRACTOR ANALYSIS**

From a complement of 12(twelve) tractors there were two (2) tractors that were cutting grass. The third one was a runner but could not use a mower. Detailed in the table below was the status of the conditions of the tractors in the department.

	<b>FLEET NO.</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
1	605	RUNNER	-
2	607	RUNNER	-
3	628	NON-RUNNER	AT ROADS WORKSHOP
4	689	NON - RUNNER	AT ROADS WORKSHOP
5	690	NON-RUNNER	AT ROADS WORKSHOP
6	692	NON RUNNER	VERY OLD( needed constant attention) Hydraulic Problem
7	701	NON-RUNNER	AT ROADS WORKSHOP
8	696	NON-RUNNER	AT ROADS WORKSHOP
9	719	RUNNER	CENTRAL PARK( cannot use a mower)
12	706	NON RUNNER	needed seals

### **STAFF**

#### **General workers**

<b>Parks East</b>	<b>Authorized 70</b>	<b>Actual 66</b>	<b>Variance-5</b>
	Contracts <b>16</b>	Actual <b>13</b>	Variance <b>-4</b>
	Seasonal <b>20</b>	Actual <b>20</b>	Variance <b>0</b>
<b>Parks West</b>	Authorized <b>75</b>	Actual <b>44</b>	Variance <b>-31</b>
	Contracts <b>18</b>	Actual <b>16</b>	Variance <b>-2</b>
	Seasonal <b>30</b>	Actual <b>29</b>	Variance <b>-1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-40</b>

There were no changes this month

#### **3.6.2 Lands Inspectorate**

<b>Rangers</b>	Authorized <b>74</b>	Actual <b>54</b>	Variance <b>-20</b>
	Acting <b>4</b>	Actual <b>4</b>	Variance <b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-20</b>

There were no changes this month

### **ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF COUNCIL LAND AND STRAY ANIMALS.**

#### **Animals impounded**

<b>Animals Impounded</b>	<b>Number</b>
Cattle	41
Calves	08
Donkeys	24
Goats	06
Pigs	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

## HORSES

### Gum plantation and Aisleby Farm

<b>Gum Plantation</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Aisleby farm</b>	<b>Number</b>
Stallion	03	females	02
Females	03	castrated	03
Colt	05	colt	01
Fillies	05		
Castrated	02	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>06</b>

Discussion ensued and Councillor NNdlovu expressed his concern on the issue of open-air worshipping and the spread of illegal shacks around the city.

Councillor M.T Moyo raised concern on the Nketa 6 park, noting that the park required water in order for it to be revamped and bring it back to life. He indicated that if Council was unable to maintain the park it would be wise to avail the open space for other productive uses. Nonetheless, he expressed his gratitude to the department for sweeping and clearing the park.

The Assistant Director of Housing and Community Services highlighted that open-air worshipping was an illegal occupation of Council land and rangers were on the ground to deal with open air worshippers. He noted that a report addressing the issue would soon be submitted. Alternative use of parks would require the involvement of Town Planning. Partnership with other stakeholders was a challenge because the contracts were tied. Free donations to spruce up the parks were required. Even though the water was available in some parks, the irrigation system was a challenge. A Council Resolution on Friends of the park to solicit for partners without tied funds was in place. An update would be submitted on the progress of "Friends of the Park"

The Acting Director of Works explained that they had performed structural assessment on BarbourFields Stadium during the year 2020 and only detected cracks, and it was ruled out that the cracks did not threaten the structural integrity of the building, noting that the structure was still intact.

The Chamber Secretary advised that illegal occupation of land around the City by open air worshippers had continued to take place. She indicated that an exercise to deal with the situation was in place though posing to be a great challenge because of lack of positive response from the worshippers. Enforcement of by-laws were taking place and offenders were being fined.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

**(11) EVALUATION AND REVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF GRASS CUTTING COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE 29 WARDS BEGINNING 01 FEBRUARY TO 31 MARCH 2024: REQUEST TO EXTEND CONTRACTS BY ONE MONTH**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter

**INTRODUCTION**

The Department ran a seasonal work contract program whereby Groups from the Community were offered short term contracts to carry out maintenance of work of grass cutting and bush clearing along roads and open spaces. Interested groups were invited through Ward Councilors. The concept of Community Groups was initially adopted as a measure to supplement labour shortages in Council as well as to benefit the less privileged members of the community. The concept of Community Groups had been running for the past six (6) years in the 29 wards of the city. A group was made up of 10 people and 290 workers were engaged. The payments of groups were based on the measured completed works. The current rate of USD \$ 0.000709 per square metre per group for the above stated activities/ tasks were as per Council Resolution of 16 March 2022. Wards 3 and 4 had not participated.

The Community groups program ended on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. The program showed improvements as 75% of the targeted works was covered by the end of March 2024. In the Eastern Area, out of 5 wards, only 3 wards participated, i.e. wards 1, 2 and 5.

**ATTENDANCE**

The majority of the community groups had started during the month end of February 2024 however wards 3 and 4 had not participated. Those groups that were in attendance, the numbers were very low and showed less commitment to duty. Due to this reason payable amounts were very low and extremely varying from group to group. All areas worked were measured and agreed upon between the two parties, i.e. community groups and Council staff.

**STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE**

At the beginning of grass cutting and bush clearing, the community groups had a slow start as in some days they had not attended to duty as expected. Generally the groups had not shown

seriousness to assignments though verges coverage and thicket was suppressed by very low rainfall during the period under review.

## **QUALITY**

Generally owing to reasons such as worn out and insufficient tools, inexperience of the group members, absenteeism and in some instances completely ignoring the contract, the quality of work achieved was below anticipated standard as the set targets were not met.

## **AREAS COVERED**

The following roads were covered in the Eastern areas:

Matopos Road, Coghlan Road, Victoria Fall Road, Cecil Road, Burns Drive, Jacaranda Road, Museum, Central Park and Centenary Park, ZITF, Museum, Central Park and Centenary Park,

Roads covered in Western areas:

Tshabalala Beit Hall, Pumula North, Pumula South, Mpopoma, Entumbane, Tshabalala Clinic, Nketa 7 Clinic, Maqhawe, Emganwini Clinic, Mpopoma, Pelandaba, Entumbane Clinic, Garikai and mountain view, Nketa Drive, Mpopoma Drive- Esibayeni, Khami road, Emadibheni Road, J Chinamano Primary School, Lobengula old Rugby Ground, Firebrigade Mpopoma, Sikhulile Secondary School, Garikai Caravan Area, Luveve Youth Centre, Pumula North Hall, Ntemba Road, End time message church, Ntemba Road- Ashes, Tshabalala open space, Fire brigade and Football Pitch-Choppies open space.

## **Council Installations covered**

Nketa 6 Park, Luveve Youth Centre, Luveve Park, Luveve Stadium, Inyathi Youth Centre, Mpopoma/ Nketa Park, Ikhwezi Training Centre, Siziba Park, Fire brigade, White City Stadium/ and B. Arena.

## **AREAS NOT COVERED AND STILL NEEDS ATTENTION**

The following roads, intersections and open spaces had not been cleared and needed attention:

### **Eastern Side**

1. Cecil Road from Burnside Intention to Old Esigodini Road
2. Joburg Road from UBH Turn to Cecil Intersection
3. Leopold Takawira From Harare Road to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue
4. Burnside Road from 23<sup>rd</sup> to Cecil Intersection
5. Plumtree Road from Datlabs to Wellington Bellevue.
6. Airport Road ( Mainly Stumping) from Zuva to Umguza
7. Old Esigodini Road from Townsend to J.M.N Medical Centre.
8. Old Esigodini Road from Fortunes gate onwards

## Western Side

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Suburb</u>	<u>Areas not Covered</u>
6	Cowdray Park	Garikai to Ashes Garage Rangemore Road to Roman Catholic Church
7	Sizinda	Firebrigade Road
8	Mzilikazi	Hyde Park Road from Flyover to Khami Café Towards Bulawayo Shelter Thorngrove
9	Mpopoma	Luveve Road towards Entumbane Complex
10	Entumbane	Luveve 5 Roads
11	Luveve 5	Masiyephambili Road
12	Njube	Goveya Kelvin Road to West Commonage Khami Road from sedmore to Solusi Turn
13	Pelandaba	Marisha Ground
14	Old Magwegwe	Magadzira Road-Area 10
15	Cowdray Park	Luveve road, Gwabalanda Road Ntemba Road from Chigumira shops to Maplanka
16	Luveve	Pumula North Quarry Road
17	Pumula North	Pelandaba new stands surroundings roads
18	New Magwegwe	Ntemba Road from Pumula East roundabout to Pumula Housing Office
19	Pumula Old	Rangemore Road to Roman Catholic Church
20	Nkulumane	Road from Ashes garage
21	Tshabalala	Road from firebrigade to Tshabalalaeextension
22	Nketa 6	Indaba Road, from firebrigade to Nketa 6 Park Mqamlazwe Road
23	Nkulumane	Road from Pasilla to ChelstonePrivate School to Nketa Secondary School
24	Nketa 7	<b>Done</b>
25	Nketa	From Power Station Road to Nketa 9 Shops
26	Emganwini	Nketa Drive from Tashas
27	Pelandaba West	Ntemba Road
28	Cowdray Park	Mahlathini School area and surrounding Roads
29	Magwegwe West	<b>Done</b>

## CONCLUSION

A lot of areas were still not fully covered due to the reason given above. The current grass cutting would need to continue. Most of the payments were delayed due to shortage of measuring gargets and vehicles. However positive progress had been made. The contracts were to be paid in USD for all works done and completed.

In view of the above, the Department's requested that another month be extended to those community groups that were willing and ready to complete the grass cutting for the above-named areas. The budgetary provision was available to cover the requested month.

There after it was:

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

1. That the interested grass cutting groups be engaged for a period of one month subject to the usual terms of conditions of Council.
2. That the date of engagement be from 1 May 2024.

**(12) ROADS BRANCH**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the above mentioned matter;

**ROAD MAINTENANCE**

*Table 1.1: Maintenance*

Item	Description	Planned 2024	Planned in Mar 2024	Partial Target to Mar 2024	Actual in Mar 2024	Cumulative to Date	Variance %
1	Re-gravelling	30km	2.5km	7.5km	5.71km	17.61km	-134.8%
2	Storm-Water	12km	1.0km	3km	0.75	8.172	-172.4%
3	Storm Water Community Groups	150km	12.5	37.5	0	0	100%
4	Entrance Slab Production (No)	240	20	60	14	52	13.3%
5	Pothole Patching Cold Mix (Including CommGrps)	1200t	100	300	0	0	100%
6	Pothole Patching Jet Patcher	30000m2	2500m2	7500m2	0	0	100%
7	Median Cleaning & verges	24 km	2	6	4.5km	9.5km	-58.3%
8	Stone pitching	1080m	90	270	70	110	59.3%
9	Streams/canals	6 000m	500	1500	7000m	8600m	-366.67%

*The Variance is the difference in percentage between the partial target and the cumulative to date.*

**Regrading / Regravelling**

The Department proposed to re gravel 1.5km per Ward and this financial year four Wards had been selected as indicated in Table 1.2 below. The earthworks would be carried out in-house with surfacing works being outsourced. Currently plant and equipment was being mobilised taking into cognisance that the plant was being shared with other sections in the Department.

Tenders for the surfacing works were being prepared ready to be advertised. Tentatively the works on the ground were proposed to commence in June 2024 when the surfacing tender could had been awarded.

Four Wards would be targeted this Financial year as indicated below.

*Table 1.2: Regravelling Wards*

<b>WARD</b>	<b>LENGTH TO BE COVERED (km)</b>	<b>LENGTH COVERED (km)</b>
Ward 14	1.5	0
Ward 18	1.5	0
Ward 19	1.5	0
ward 29	1.5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7.5km</b>	<b>0</b>

### **Community Drain Clearing**

Teams in the first batch with eight Wards had been mobilised and were on the ground. This year the uptake of the program was positive and this could be a result that payments would be in US Dollars. The teams would finish up towards the end of April and the completed works would be measured and calculations would be done and forwarded to Finance for payment.

**The program for the year is as shown in the Table below.**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Finish Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13	40	22/02/2024	22/04/2024	Drain cleaning and median cleaning
<b>2nd Batch</b>				
2, 3, 6, 11, 15, 16, 28	40	02/05/2024	26/06/2024	Drain cleaning
<b>3rd Batch</b>				
14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 27, 29	40	08/07/2024	01/10/2024	Drain cleaning
<b>4th Batch</b>				
4, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	40	07/09/2024	29/11/2024	Drain cleaning



## Stone pitching

### i) Community groups

Currently, there were no groups on this project. It was anticipated that works would be commissioned during the Month of May 2024 for the wards who had moved to procure tools for the project. Procurement of these tools was made during the 2023 calendar year with procurement of input materials to be done during the month of April 2024.

All programs for stone pitching continued to be funded under ward retention funds.

## Asphalt Concrete Works

### Pothole Patching

#### i) Pothole Patching by Community Groups (Materials and Plant/Equipment)

The pothole patching by community groups was currently unsustainable. The total quantity of asphalt concrete (pre-mix) required per batch (i.e 10 groups) per month was 700 tonnes and this translates to US\$175,000 per month over three months.

#### ii) Pothole Patching - Contractor (Glenwonder Enterprises)

The pothole patching Contract was awarded to Glen Wonder Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd and works commenced on the 23rd of October 2023, in Ward 1, CBD. The Scope of works in the CBD included the following roads:

- a) ***S. Parirenyatwa Rd*** between 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and L Takawira
- b) ***L Takawira Ave*** Between S Parirenyatwa and RG Mugabe
- c) ***J Tongogara*** between L Takawira and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave
- d) ***6<sup>th</sup> Ave*** between S Takawira and Fort Street
- e) ***Fort Street*** between 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave

The contractor submitted their program of works as per contract and committed to completing works in both Ward 1 and Ward 5 by the 15th of December 2023.

Progress to date was illustrated in the table below:

*Table 1.3: Pothole Patching Progress to date*

Description	Remarks
Overall Percentage Completion:	24%
Contract start Date:	23 October 2023
Contract End Date:	22 October 2024
Expected completion (as per approved program)	15 December 2023
Time Elapsed:	45 days

Time Elapsed as percentage:	21%		
Progress to date:		<b>Ward 1</b>	<b>Ward 5</b>
	<b>Total Area</b>	2,000m <sup>2</sup>	1,000m <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Prepared</b>	1,027m <sup>2</sup>	0
	<b>Patched</b>	723m <sup>2</sup>	0

The Contractor had not been on the ground since the end of November 2023 citing challenges of procuring surfacing material, as such, the Project Manager had given the Contractor an early warning notice of the intent to issue a 30 day notice to terminate the contract. This was attributed by the Contractor for failing to execute the contract in accordance with the approved program of works.

**iii) Pothole Patching - Contractor (Asphalt Products)**

Pothole patching of 16,000m<sup>2</sup> at a Contract price of USD376, 860.00 citywide had been awarded to Asphalt Products (Pvt) Ltd and was awaiting contract signing from the awarded contractor.

The contractor started works in the CBD along Fifth Avenue and Fort Street and progress to date was illustrated in the table below:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	
Overall Percentage Completion:	10%	
Contract start Date:	12 February 2024	
Contract End Date:	01 March 2025	
Expected completion (as per approved program)	TBA	
Time Elapsed:	80 days	
Time Elapsed as percentage:	30%	
Progress to date:		<b>Ward 1</b>
	<b>Total Area</b>	16,000m <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Prepared</b>	1,950m <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Patched</b>	5,500m <sup>2</sup>

**Pavement Rehabilitation (CBD)**

Rehabilitation of Central Business District (CBD) pavements (Ward 1 Community Groups) was still on hold due to material constraints.

## Ward Retention Projects

Table 1.4: Ward Retention Projects

Ward	Project Description	Current Status
2	Rehabilitation of Lighting in Highmount: Tagore rd, Lotus rd, & Shakespeare rd.	Currently on hold due to financial constraints and requests for foreign currency. All received lights had been installed. Project was at 10% progress.
5	Rehabilitation of Street Lights in Hillcrest: Hampshire, Cornwall, Leicester, Stafford, Huntingdon, Hereford, Durham Worcester, and Cumberland road.	Project was ongoing. 46x35W energy savers and 2000m aluminium wire received had all been installed. Progress is at 80% completion
	Community Pothole Patching	Project set to commence in May 2024, pending availability of ward retention funds.
6	Rehabilitation of Street Lights in Barham Green on Burke Road and Beethoven Road	Project was still at 5% progress with 800m aluminium wire and 5 x 3W lights had been installed to date
17	Community Stone Pitching	Project set to commence in May 2024, pending availability of ward retention funds
22	Community Stone Pitching	Project set to commence in May 2024, pending availability of ward retention funds.

## Water Deliveries.

Table 1.5: Water Deliveries using Bowser during the month of March 2024

Point of Delivery	No. of Deliveries
Residents	108
Funerals	178
Schools, Hospitals & Clinics	13
Water Kiosks	20
Airport	7
Stadiums	33
TOTAL	359

Bowers BCC 336, 338 and 3 three (3) hired bowzers were operational during the month of March whilst the rest of the council's fleet were broken down and at the workshop.

**For all Bowser Requests Contact +263 (29)2267008** - Monday to Thursday between 07:00 to 16:30 hours Friday to Sunday between 07:15:30 hours

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

**(13) ROAD REHABILITATION 2024**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter;

**CURRENT ONGOING ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Project Name	Scope of Works	Size	Cost US\$	Progress	Responsible Road Authority
Luveverd	Rehabilitation	1.5km	500,000	85%	City of Bulawayo
Leeds st	Reconstruction	0.5km	200,000	70%	City of Bulawayo
Waverly St	Rehabilitation	2.0km	800,000	85%	City of Bulawayo
Nketa drive	Reconstruction	0.2km	81,000	98%	City of Bulawayo
Madibhenird	Reconstruction	0.2km	61,000	98%	City of Bulawayo
Cecil Avenue	Reconstruction	2.0km	Unknown	35%	Ministry of Transport
Baschst	Overlay	0.6km	168,000	100%	City of Bulawayo
8th Ave Ext	Overlay	0.7km	415,800	95%	City of Bulawayo
5th Ave	Reseal/Overlays	1.5km	594,000	70%	City of Bulawayo
2nd Ave Vending bays	Construction	10,000m2	300,000	100%	City of Bulawayo
Nkulumane Vegetable mkt	Earthworks & Drainage Works	6,000m2	150,000	85%	City of Bulawayo
Plumtree Road	Rehabilitation	250m	150,00	30%	DoR
Woodville	Rehabilitation	1600	560,000	5%	Hopeville/BCC

### Emergency Roads Rehabilitation Programme 2 (ERRP2)

- (a) The ERRP2 allocation for the year 2024 was ZWL 12,124,293,120.29 (Twelve billion, one hundred and one hundred and twenty four million two hundred and ninety –three thousand one hundred and twenty dollars and twenty nine cents) for procurement of the Asphalt batching plant (and supporting equipment) [ZWL7, 237,568,125], and for routine maintenance works [ZWL4, 886,724,995.29].

Zinara disbursed ZWL2, 811,833,323.06 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 which would be utilised as detailed in table below:

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Total (USD)	Total (ZWL)
1	BITUMEN	litre	30,000.00	1.25	37,500.00	<b>656,557,061.25</b>
2	CATMIX	litre	30,000.00	1.25	37,500.00	<b>656,557,061.25</b>
3	QUARRY SAND	tonnes	160.00	25	4,000.00	<b>70,032,753.20</b>
4	7MM STONE	tonnes	20.00	29	580.00	<b>10,154,749.21</b>
5	13MM STONE	tonnes	20.00	29	580.00	<b>10,154,749.21</b>
6	BATCHING FEES	tonnes	200.00	143	28,600.00	<b>500,734,185.38</b>
7	STREET LIGHTING	sum			20,000.00	<b>350,163,766.00</b>
8	HIRE OF FLAT BED				30,000.00	<b>525,245,649.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>2,779,599,974.51</b>

- (a) The key priority roads that require urgent rehabilitation works during the year 2024

Order of Priority	Road Name	Section	Scope of Works	Estimated Cost(US\$) Works	Responsible Road Authority
1	Wellington rd	Wellington/ Northleach	Reconstruction (1.5km)	465,790	BCC
2	Murchison rd	Including Scone dr	Reconstruction (2.8km)	600,000	BCC
3	Luveve 5 rds	Unnamed roads	Reconstruction(1.1km)	500,000	BCC
4	Hebert C. st	1 <sup>st</sup> Ave to 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Rehabilitation(1km)	750,000	BCC
5	Fort st	1 <sup>st</sup> Ave to 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Rehabilitation(1km)	800,000	BCC
6	Maduma drive	Intemba to Ngwenya shops	Reconstruction(1.2km)	535,000	BCC
7	Luveve road	Nketadr to Masiyephambilidr	Improvement(2.2km)	2,000,000	BCC
8	Chinamanost	14 <sup>th</sup> Ave to B/head rd	Rehabilitation(2.2km)	1,500,000	BCC

9	Caxton to Wingrove	Baschst to Wingroverd	Reconstruction(2.6km)	708,000	BCC
10	Matopos road	23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave to City b.	Overlay(2.5km)	2,750,000	DoR
11	Khami road	Lob st to Mpopoma Ave	Improvement(1.5km)	1,375,000	DoR
12	Steel Works rd	Lob st. to Nketadr	Improvement(2km)	5,850,000	DoR
13	Fairbridge Way	Philips Dr to Cecil	Overlay(1.2km)	680,000	BCC
14	Lobengulast	1 <sup>st</sup> Ave to 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Rehabilitation(1km)	900,000	DoR
15	G. Silundikast	1 <sup>st</sup> Ave to L Takawira Ave	Rehabilitation (1km)	950,000	BCC
	<b>Total</b>		<b>23.1km</b>	<b>20,553,000</b>	

### Challenges

Contractors/ Suppliers of bituminous materials were now demanding payment in US\$ hence the delay in utilising the disbursed funds.

### Luveve Road Improvement Works

*Table 1.12: Luveve Road Progress Executive Summary*

<b>Name of Contractor:</b>	City of Bulawayo's in-house teams.
<b>Project start date:</b>	9 January 2023
<b>Original completion date:</b>	15 April 2023
<b>Revised completion date 1:</b>	31 May 2023
<b>Revised completion date 2:</b>	To be advised
<b>Estimated cost of absolute minimum works:</b>	US\$1,200,000
<b>Estimated cost of desired works:</b>	US\$9,200,000
<b>Revised project cost:</b>	To be advised
<b>Expenditure to date:</b>	<b>USD 717,649.23 and ZWL 707,154,344.06</b>
<b>Outstanding Payments to date:</b>	US\$659,346.00 payable in RTGS

<b>Works progress:</b>	85% complete
<b>Challenges and/or Constraints:</b>	i)Ground water; ii)Reclaimed water mains; iii)Sewer pipes; iv)Expansive/collapsible materials; v) Delayed payments; vi)Working near live carriageway; and vii) Working in a built up area with high pedestrian traffic; viii) Batching plant breakdowns; ix) Other competing projects i.eBaschst Improvement works, 8th Avenue Extension Overlay works, Nkulumane Vegetable Market Earthworks, 2nd Ave/Lobengulast Vending bays, and 5th Ave Improvement works.

- Westbound Traffic lane earthworks were completed and were currently being primed in preparation for surfacing which was expected to begin end of April 2024.
- Surfacing of Eastbound Lanes was complete.
- Currently priming the westbound lanes.

### **Lobengula Street, Herbert Chitepost and Fort St**

The sections of the above roads between 1st Ave and 4<sup>th</sup>Ave required urgent rehabilitation works. These works were earmarked for implementation during the year 2024 subject to availability of funding. However the department would continue patching these roads to ensure that these roads were trafficable.

### **2024 Pavement Interventions / New Constructions**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Inte rventions</b>	<b>2024 Target</b>	<b>Partial target</b>	<b>March Target</b>	<b>March Achieved</b>	<b>Achieved to date</b>
1	Roads Overlaid (km)	2	1	1	1.059	2.359
2	Roads Resealed(km)	0	0	0	0.213	0.213
3	Roads Reconstructed (km)	8.2	0	0	0	0

4	Roads maintained (km)	71.4	22.23	7.41	5.71	17.6
5	Roads Constructed (km)	17.5	0	0	0	0
6	Bridges Constructed	100%	0	0	0	0
7	Bridges maintained	100%	0	0	0	0
8	Roads surfaced (km)	4.5	2	0	0	0

Discussion ensued and Councillor N. Ndlovu sought clarity on the revised completion date of the rehabilitation of the Luveve Road. He had noted that a lot of accidents had occurred on the part of the road. He also sought clarity on why Council was using less on ZINARA disbursements. He also raised an issue relating to unprofessional jobs done by contractors on the roads and pavements after digging and laying their fibre optic cables.

Councillor J. Mutangi wanted to know whether ZINARA disbursements included USD component.

In response the Acting Director of Works highlighted that the challenge being experienced at Luveve Road was that the supply of sulphate concrete was not reliable since the sole supplier in the region had constant machine breakdowns. The challenge with ZINARA funds was the delay by them to pay contractors and the funds were allocated in local currency which continued to lose value caused by the prevailing market rates. Hence contractors refused local currency in preference of the USD as most materials were imported. He acknowledged the fact that roads were being damaged by companies laying their fibre optic cables. Technically the road would never be the same once it had been dug through. He indicated that current road constructions included ducts where other service providers would insert cables without digging the roads.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.



**(14) TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SAFETY**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the above mentioned matter;

**Traffic Management Summary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Road Furniture &amp; Facilities</b>	<b>2024 Target</b>	<b>Partial target</b>	<b>March Target</b>	<b>March Achieved</b>	<b>Cumulative to date</b>
1	Traffic signs installed (No.)	150	45	15	0	27
2	Carriageways marked (km)	30	9	3	0.4	0.9
3	Intersections upgraded (No.)	2	0	0	0	0
4	Traffic survey reports produced (No.)	1	0	0	0	0
5	Parking bays marked (No.)	3000	900	300	0	4
6	Pedestrian crossings	20	4	2	1	11
7	Vending bays	2000	1000	500	1601	2626

**Foot Note:** Refer to Annexure 1 for detailed execution of work during the month of March.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

**(15) SERVICING OF PELANDABA WEST AND PUMULA SOUTH RESIDENTIAL STANDS BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that Pelandaba West and part of Pumula South was serviced by three developers, namely APG, Hawkflight and E C T Shonhiwa.

**AP GLENDENNING**

● **Pumula South - 198 stands**

All works were completed, ie, Roads, Water and Sewerage reticulation systems. The roads were constructed to approved gravel standard as per the development permit. Storm water drains were ditches or vee drains as per the approved designs. The drains had silted and roads not in the best of state due to a number of rainy seasons since completion in June 2020. It was now the responsibility of the City to maintain all the services (ie water, sewer and roads) since they were handed over to Council for future maintenance. It should be noted that gravel roads required a high frequency maintenance regime. The certificate of completion was available as proof that works were completed to Council's satisfaction.

**E C T SHONIWA**

The developer completed sewer and water reticulation and had done partial handover. However construction of roads was left incomplete and the developer was now deceased. This was private land that the owner subdivided and intended to fully service the land before handing over to Council. Unfortunately, the developer failed to fully service the said land and as a result some of the properties were inaccessible. Most of the roads were just bush cleared and no formal construction was carried out.

Roadworks done summarised in table 2 below.

**TABLE 1.14**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TOTAL QTY</b>	<b>WORKS DONE</b>	<b>%AGE COMPLETE</b>	<b>%AGE OUTSTANDING</b>
15m Roads	900m	473	52%	48%
15m Rd (surfacing)	900m	0m	0%	100%
10m Roads	1386m	320m	23%	77%

It was proposed that the residents or beneficiaries to fund the outstanding road works of this development. The affected beneficiaries would be contacted through the local Councillor in due course.

**On average roads completed as a percentage was 33%.**

### **HAWKFLIGHT.**

The developer completed all the works as per the development permit and approved designs. The completed works were handed over to Council for future maintenance. However the developer was yet to forward all the documents relating to handover.

For the projects that were completed and handed over to Council the maintenance was now the responsibility of the Water and Sanitation department. The maintenance would now be carried out using the General Maintenance now competing with other maintenance projects City wide.

### **Servicing of Residential Stands City Wide With Roads, Water and Sewer Reticulation Systems**

Beneficiaries continued paying top ups to reach the required levels for works to be commissioned. It was previously agreed and resolved that a top-up of 66% of the required amounts would then foster immediate movement to the project site by Council team(s) or selected contractor(s) to engage on project completion. The payment patterns differed with each development but the majority of the beneficiary groups had not reached the 66% threshold. Council had received 13% top-ups from Emhlangeni 2 beneficiaries, 62% from Emganwini and Tshabalala beneficiaries, 4% from Magwegwe West beneficiaries, 18% from Woodville beneficiaries, 2% from Magwegwe Extension beneficiaries whilst beneficiaries from Pumula South scheme were yet to commence top up for their project completion. These funds were ring fenced to the specific project. It would be noted however that none of the beneficiaries had reached the 66% threshold.

*Table 1.3: Status Summary for servicing of residential stands City wide with Roads, Water and Sewer reticulation systems.*

<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>% Works Progress</b>	<b>Expenditure to Date US\$</b>	<b>Value of Outstanding Works US\$</b>	<b>Expected Project Duration</b>
Emganwini 2 (377) Tshabalala (47)	Surfacing: 0 Water: 100 Sewer: 100	597,396	300,000	2 month
Tzircalle Bros (Pvt) Ltd Magwegwe West (390)	Sewer 70 Water 95 Roads 30	664,070	895,925	9 months
Asphalt Products (Pvt) Ltd Woodville (144)	Roads: 46 Water: 82	1,046,245	1,700,000	6 months

<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>% Works Progress</b>	<b>Expenditure to Date US\$</b>	<b>Value of Outstanding Works US\$</b>	<b>Expected Project Duration</b>
Emhlangeni Phase 2 (502)	Sewer: 0 Water: 25 Roads: 10	867,803	3,557,549	18 months
Magwegwe Extension (213)	Bush clearing	738,218.48 (RTGS)	1,735,091	18 months
Pumula South (280)	0%	0	2,200,000	12 months
<b>TOTAL COST</b>			10,388,565	

***Foot note:***

*(xxx) Refers to the number of stands*

The department was currently working on requisitions to procure the required materials for the execution of three projects, ie, Magwegwe West, Emganwini and Woodville. This would also include hire of plant as Council's Plant and Equipment was not enough to be shared between General Maintenance Works and Servicing of Projects. The procuring process was delayed by late budget approval. We also needed to beef up labour and supervisory staff.

Beneficiaries in all schemes continued to pay their top ups, save for Pumula South and Magwegwe Extension.

In line with the above-mentioned Council resolution, the inter-departmental committee continued to constantly engage the committees representing the beneficiaries to ensure transparency and fairness.

**PRIVATE DEVELOPERS PROJECTS STATUS AS AT 29TH MARCH 2024**

Project	No. of Stands	Developer	Type	Progress %				Comments
				Water	Sewer	Roads	Public Lighting	
Cowdray Park Lots	151	Aggregate (Pvt) Ltd	PPP	98	99	99	0	
Norwood Tracks Phase 1-2045 Stands	Phase 1: 321	Masimba Murena JV	PPP	100	100	80	0	
	Phase 2: 350			44	43	35	0	
Luveve North	453	Natwecraft	PPP	52	47	30	0	
Mahatshula East	650	Enock Construction	PPP	98	100	55	14	
Unganin Phase IV Lot 1	478	Heaven View Properties	PPP	0	0	0	0	Design Stage
Unganin Phase IV Lot 2	731	Heaven View Properties	PPP	48	30	10	0	
Unganin Phase IV Lot 3	283	Valentina Investments	PPP	75	54	26	0	
Unganin Phase IV Lot 4	479	Cabin Lock Construction	PPP	92	90	25	0	
Willsgrove Phase 2	149	IDBZ	Private	96	N/A	68	0	
Cowdray Park	1000	Rent a Roof	Private	83	75	66		

Total	5045							
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### **New Servicing Projects**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Cowdray Park Residential Flats	Ministry of Housing	The Service Agreement was yet to be signed.
Emganwini Residential Flats	Mambo Encorporated	The Service Agreement was yet to be signed.

Thereafter it was:-

#### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

#### **(16) LEEDS STREET BETWEEN J CHINAMANO ST AND PLUMTREE ROAD**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that Council and Baker's Inn agreed to partner in doing earthworks, (Phase 1 works), where Baker's Inn would provide motorized graders, bowser and roller with Council providing expertise in the form of manpower. The Other stakeholders were currently mobilising resources to commence the final stage of the project which was surfacing the road as the earthworks were complete. The stakeholders would communicate with the City of Bulawayo once the resources had been secured.

Thereafter it was:-

#### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

#### **(17) ADOPTION OF THE INTERSECTION KHAMI ROAD / NKETA DRIVE INTERSECTION**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that Davies Granite in partnership with Neddick Industries and Asphalt Products had approached Council with the request to adopt the intersection of Khami Rd and Nketa Drive as part of their social responsibility.

They intended to carry out a complete rehabilitation of the intersection and also erect recognition signs at the islands. This was in order as per the Council Adopt a Road Scheme.

Council met with Davies Granite representatives and presented the intended scope of works to be carried out. Response with regards these works were still being awaited from the parties involved.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

**(18) HOPEVILLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - UPGRADING OF WOODVILLE ROAD TO SURFACED STANDARD**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the department had been approached by Hopeville Estate Development to partner in upgrading Woodville Road. The developer had proposed to upgrade the 1.6km stretch from Airport Road to the end of the Hopeville Estate Development. This road had outlived its lifespan and was now littered with potholes and required urgent improvement works. The scope of works would include Drainage works, earthworks and Surfacing.

- **Contributions by BCC**
- To avail source of decomposed gravel for the works (5010m<sup>3</sup>) at no cost to the Developer, at Khumalo Pit, Corner Cecil Avenue and Coghlan Avenue.
- To provide an excavator to stockpile and load decomposed gravel to Developer's tipper trucks.
- To provide tipper trucks whenever they were available to assist in the haulage of gravel.  
To provide traffic management signs during the construction.
- To provide cement for stabilizing base 1 material (Exact quantities were to be confirmed). 2% cement stabilization.
- To inspect and ensure compliance to approved designs during construction by carrying out density tests.

**Contribution by the Developer**

- To carryout setting out;
- Provide construction plant and equipment to carry out the works to surfacing standard.

**Project Status**

- The works commenced on site on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

**(19) MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING IN COWDRAY PARK HLALANI KUHLE AREA (Segment 11 and 12)**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that he Council of 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2022 resolved that Beneficiaries of stand numbers 18666, 18667, 18668, 18712, 18853, 18852, 20143, 20144, 20145, 20113 20074, 20060, 20061, 20062, 20063, 19837 and 19807 to be relocated to allow for the construction of the proposed storm water drainage that would help alleviate flooding in the area.

**Preliminary Assessment showing the status of affected properties below.**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Stand no.</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	18666	vacant	cancel & relocate	Team agreed
2	18667	*house	demolish & relocate	Team agreed
3	18668	slab level	demolish & relocate	Team agreed
4	18712	vacant	cancel & relocate	Re-allocated to 23059
5	18853	vacant	cancel & relocate	Team agreed
6	18852	slab level	demolish & relocate	Re-allocated 22743
7	20143	vacant	cancel & relocate	Team agreed
8	20144	slab level	demolish & relocate	Team agreed
9	20145	slab level	demolish & relocate	Team agreed
10	20113	slab level	demolish & relocate	Team agreed
11	20074	slab level	demolish & relocate	Team agreed
12	20060	vacant	cancel & relocate	Team agreed
13	20061	vacant	cancel & relocate	Team agreed
14	20062	vacant	cancel & relocate	Team agreed
15	20063	vacant	cancel & relocate	Team agreed
16	19837	slab level	demolish & relocate	Team agreed
17	19807	*house	demolish & relocate	Team agreed
<b>Total</b>				



A detailed assessment had been carried out by an inter-departmental committee of Engineering, and Town Planning departments. It had been concluded that the best possible route for the drain was within the aforementioned stands. A detailed drainage design was being produced.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

**(20) COWDRAY PARK - HLALANI KUHLE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICING**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter

**Introduction**

The Cowdray Park, HlalaniKuhle housing development project, which was a self-financing scheme, sought to service about 15,524 stands with roads, sewer, and water reticulation at an estimated cost of US\$46,052,200. At the time of handover (2012), Council met with HlalaniKuhle residents and agreed on US\$50 monthly contributions that would go towards servicing the Area. The US\$50 contributions had been calculated with the assumption that if everyone was paying the project could be completed in five years, that was – by 2017. Over the years since 2012, residents had been struggling to meet the monthly US\$50 contributions leading to Council later meeting with residents and resolving to reduce the contributions to US\$15 per month. This resulted in low financial contributions towards the project, affecting projected cash-flows. The new projected time to complete the works was now around 16 years from the initial 5 years on US\$50 monthly instalments. Historically and from records show that about 75% of the allocated beneficiaries failed to meet their agreed monthly obligations of US\$50. Since around 2019 the residents started to pay ZWL15 till to date.

**Contributions from Development Partners**

Council had managed to engage with Donors and Development partners to garner support towards the completion of the HlalaniKuhle servicing project. This had come in Cash and in Kind from notably the following funders:

**Australian Government** - The Civil Society Organization, managed to donate water and sewer pipes towards the HlalaniKuhle project.

**African Development Bank** - The Africa Development Bank (AfDB) under the Bulawayo Water and Sewage Services Improvement Project grant was funding purchase of pipe to service some of the segments and approximately 4,600 water meters.

**Dutch Government** - This program had provided 7,868 water meters completed with connection materials at a cost of USD\$ 322,168. 61.

**Zimbabwe Government** (Ministry of Finance) – constructed 2.9km of road to surfaced standard.

### Summary Cost to date

To date, the total cost of work done could be summarised as follows:

Water, Sewer and Roads	US\$ 7.6 Million
Australian Govt Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Contribution	US\$ 132,000.50
AFDB	US\$ 4.8 Million
Dutch Funding	US\$ 322 168.61
<b>GRAND TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>US\$ 12.85 Million</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>US\$46 Million</b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>US\$ 33.2 Million</b>

### Progress to-date

- Water: 97%
- Sewer: 33%
- Roads: 4%
- Total Number of stands: 15,524

### Way Forward

The Inter-departmental committee would meet during the month of April 2024 to discuss an appropriate financing models for the HlalaniKuhle servicing project. The financing model would involve engaging private companies to fund, execute and complete the outstanding works.

Thereafter it was:-

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

### (21) **MABUTWENI - IMINYELA REDEVELOPMENT**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that Mabutweni (1815 units) - Iminyela (1232 stands) improvement works comprised the following:

- Provision of accesses to individual properties;

- Provision of Water and Sewer to individual properties.

The current survey plan or Town Planning layout showed the boundary lines without the building lines which made it impossible to progress the designs for water, sewer and roads.

According to the Survey team, the topographical survey was expected to take 8 weeks. The estimated cost of the survey was USD\$184,200.00. The designs for water, sewer and roads would follow once the topographical survey had been completed and these were expected to take four (4) weeks. Bidders for the survey works were invited and only one bidder submitted the bid. This bidder was subsequently disqualified and the works were awaiting re-tendering. The re-tendering would start once the 2024 budget and procurement plan were approved.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

(22) **TRANSPORT UNIT REPORT**



The Acting Director of Works submitted (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to the above mentioned matter;

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted.

(23) **PUBLIC LIGHTING REPORT**



The Acting Director of Works submitted (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to the above mentioned matter;

Discussion ensued and Councillor A. Ndlovu raised concern on public lighting, noting that tower lights were dysfunctional and had not been attended to for a long time. He suggested the use of solar tower lights as the best option

The Acting Director of Works, explained that ZESA had switched off tower lights without the knowledge of Council and they were now installing pre-paid meters on the tower lights. However ZESA had stated that Council had to settle its electrical debt before switching on the lights. Requisitions were in progress in order to settle the amount owed.

The Chamber Secretary advised that the initial capital outlay to install solar tower lights was what was holding Council back, but the initiative was ongoing.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

**(24) BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE SECTION REPORT**

The Acting Director of Works reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter

**Highlights of the Period under Review were as follows:**

- a. Routine General Maintenance activities were being conducted by the Section.
- b. Planned Maintenance and Capital Projects continued to be undertaken in conjunction with various Stakeholders.

**Routine Assessment of Buildings**

As part of standard procedure, Buildings were assessed on an ongoing basis, informing other succeeding processes such as Maintenance scope of works, budgetary provisions and procurement documentation.

2024 FACILITIES ASSESSED				
Item	Facility	Findings	Required	Remarks
1.	Revenue Hall Cashiers Section	Structural Cracks at the Cashiers Office and Strong Room	Structural Engineers Assessment and Recommendations	To be outsourced. Preliminary works to be done by Building & Maintenance Workshop.
2.	Bulawayo Home Industries		General Repairs and snags	Technical Documentation was required
3.	Road Stores	Assessment for Requisitioned Works	Refurbishment & scope confirmation	Technical Documentation was required
4.	Njube Clinic	Assessment for Planned Maintenance Scope	Refurbishment & scope confirmation	Technical Documentation was required
5.	Rochester Nyamandlovu Water Works	Assessment for Requisitioned Works	Refurbishment & scope confirmation	Technical Documentation was required
6.	Thorngrove Hospital	Assessment for Requisitioned	Refurbishment, construction	Technical Documentation was required

		Works	&scope confirmation	
<b>2023 FACILITIES ASSESSED</b>				
7.	Aisleby Farm Sewer	to be assessed – existing staff houses, toilets, tanks, stores and construction of new staff houses	Clear project Scope	Transport Challenge & Competing projects and administration issues
8.	Aisleby Farm School	to be assessed – staff houses and school toilets	Refurbishment &scope confirmation	Transport Challenge & Competing projects and administration issues
9.	Bulawayo Pool	to be assessed	Identify major repairs and be tackled as projects	
10.	13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Water	Assessed	Refurbishment and creation of female toilets	Client to get plans and BOQ
11.	Luveve Cemetery	Saturated Soaker way due to poor soils and small space	Deviation	Excavator. Health services to excavate
12.	BMC	Malfunctioning Ablution blocks	Refurbishment	RRA – report
13.	Magwegwe Hall	Refurbishment	Refurbishment	RRA – report
14.	Garden of Rest where Ashes are buried	Perimeter wall needed cleaning	Reconstruction	Cleaning resumed by Health services
15.	North end clinic	Storm water affecting the clinic	Engineering to advise	Handed over to engineering
16.	Emganwini Toilet 2	No boundary pegs	Pegs establishment	Engagement of Town Planning
17.	Thorngrove Hospital	change door opening to French doors	Material procurement	use vote managers vote to order
18.	Stanley square	Refurbishment	Scope + Plum+elect materials	
19.	Mahatshula Clinic	Refurbishment	Refurbishment	
20.	Entumbane public toilets (2 no)	Attention to cracks and replacement of missing door and door frames		Vote manager to write works orders



All Trades	157	3	0	0	0															<i>Material Deliveries are key to effective Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings.</i>	
Bricklaying	39	0	0	0	0																
Carpentry	32	0	0	0	0																
Plumbing	7	0	0	0	0																
Painting	10	0	0	0	0																
Weld/ Fence	6	0	0	0	0																
Glazing	6	0	0	0	0																
Administration	18	3	0	0	3																
Tools & Equipment	17	0	0	0	0																
Stock Replenishment	22	0	0	0	0																

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the above mentioned report be received and noted

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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE LAID ON THE TABLE**

# **ANNEXURE 'E'**



**REPORT OF THE TOWN LANDS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD  
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL,  
2024 AT 4.00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:**

Councillor	D.	Netha (Chairperson)
“	M.	Mahlangu (Deputy Chairperson)
“	G.	Gumede
“	A.	Mhlanga
“	F.T	Madzana
“	M	Masuku
“	A. R.	Moyo
“	M.	Moyo
“	S.	Moyo
“	L.	Mphadwe
“	E.	Ndlovu
“	L.	Sibanda
“	S.	Sithole

**ABSENT**

Councillor	L.	Mwinde
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**ALSO:**

The Town Clerk  
The Chamber Secretary  
The Director of Town Planning

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(1) **APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (ECD) ON STAND 13721 NKULUMANE TOWNSHIP (13721 NKULUMANE 12, P.O NKULUMANE, BULAWAYO): WHIZKID ECD CENTRE: AREA= 450M<sup>2</sup>.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 09 January 2024 to establish an early childhood development centre (ECD) on Stand 13721 Nkulumane Township had been received from WhizKid ECD Centre. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per the site visit of 10 April 2024 the early childhood development center (ECD) had not yet been established.



The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<b><u>PROPERTY</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>
13720 Nkulumane	Mr L Jeche	1067 Nkulumane, P O Box Nkulumane, Byo
13723 Nkulumane	Mr T Nkala	13723 Nkulumane, P O Box Nkulumane, Byo 13719
Nkulumane	Miss N Mpofo	24229 Pumula South, P.O Pumula, Byo
13722 Nkulumane	Miss B Ncube	6219 Emganwini, P O Nkulumane, Bulawayo
13725 Nkulumane	Mr A Dube	13725 Nkulumane,P O Nkulumane, Bulawayo
13717 Nkulumane	Mr N Dube	2777 Nketa 7, P.O Nkulumane, Bulawayo
13716 Nkulumane	Ms Z Ndlovu	13716 Nkulumane,P O Nkulumane, Bulawayo
13718 Nkulumane	Mr E Tabengwa	13718 Nkulumane,P O Nkulumane, Bulawayo
13726 Nkulumane	Mr N Nkala	13726 Nkulumane,P O Nkulumane, Bulawayo
13727 Nkulumane	Mr V Moyo	13727 Nkulumane,P O Nkulumane, Bulawayo
13728 Nkulumane	Mr I Sheta	13728 Nkulumane,P O Nkulumane, Bulawayo
13729 Nkulumane	Mr E Mutanhugwa	13729 Nkulumane,P O Nkulumane, Bulawayo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish an early childhood development centre (ECD) on Stand 13721 Nkulumane Township be granted to Wizkid ECD Centre subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements including a monthly levy of US\$50.00 subject to review at the pleasure of Council.

(2) **APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR WHOLESALE ON STAND 12299A BULAWAYO TOWNSHIP (44/46 FALCON STREET, BELMONT, BULAWAYO): BRANDS AFRICA (PVT) LTD: AREA= 1727M<sup>2</sup>.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 21 December 2023 to establish a liquor wholesale on Stand 12299A Bulawayo Township had been received from Brands Africa (Pvt) Ltd. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per site visit of 10 April 2024 the liquor wholesale had not been established.



The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
13810 BT	Datlabs (Pvt) Ltd	75 Plumtree Road, Belmont, Byo
13832 BT	Mining Industry Pension Fund	C/O Datlabs PO Box 8476 Belmont Byo
12294A BT	Zimplot T/AC/T Bolts	P O Box 1437 Byo
12296 BT	Interco Agencies (Pvt) Ltd	P O Box FM19, Famona, Bulawayo
12286A BT	Jacob Bethel Corporation (Pvt) Ltd	P O Box 8097, Belmont, Bulawayo
5550 BT	Mrs SS Moyo	1 Baring drive, Barham Green, Bulawayo
5568 BT	Mr C Carlsson	4 Le Grange Ave, Barham Green, Bulawayo
5569 BT	Mr DS Alfred	3 Le Grange Ave, Barham Green, Bulawayo
5570 BT	T/A Patel & Patel	3 Wordsworth place, Barham Green, Bulawayo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish a Liquor Wholesale on Stand 12299A Bulawayo Township be granted to Brands Africa (Pvt) Ltd subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements including a monthly levy of US\$100 which is subject to review at the pleasure of Council.



(3) **APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A GROCERY SHOP ON SUBDIVISION A OF STAND 1186 BULAWAYO TOWNSHIP (17A MAIN STREET, BULAWAYO): GUGULETHU HERRY: AREA= 340M<sup>2</sup>.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 24 January 2024 to establish a grocery shop on Subdivision A of Stand 1186 Bulawayo Township had been received from Gugulethu Herry. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per site visit of 10 April 2024 the grocery shop was already operating under temporary license No:70139027S.



The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1187 BT	Dr P Chhanabhai	19 Main Street, Bulawayo
1185A BT	Main Investment & Construction	P O Box 1017, Bulawayo
1169 BT	Multiple Investments	20A Main Street, Bulawayo
1197 BT	Private Security Worker	18 Jason Moyo Street, Bulawayo
1196 BT	Chikoti Family Trust	20A Jason Moyo Street, Bulawayo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish a grocery shop on Subdivision A of Stand 1186 Bulawayo Township be granted to Gugulethu Herry subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements.

**(4) APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH SIX (6) TOWN HOUSE UNITS ON LOT 2 OF SUBDIVISION 8 KILLALO: 8A NERINE ROAD: MOSES AND MORRIS DHLOMO: AREA=7432M<sup>2</sup>.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 5 October 2023 to establish six (6) town house units on the above-mentioned stand had been received from Moses and Morris Dhlomo. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per the site visit of 10 April 2024 the town house units had not been constructed.



The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<b><u>PROPERTY</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>
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S/DA of S/D 8 Killalo S/D 7 Killalo	Mr J Ncube Fakir & Naran	Plot 8 Nerine Rd, Killalo Trenance,Byo. P.O Box 10 Byo
RE/S/D5 Killalo	Messers M&O&V&S Joseph	5A Nerine Rd, Trenance,Byo.
Lot1 of S/D 9 Killalo Lot 7 of S/D 9 Killalo	Mr A Chako Miss S Dhlakama	181 Emakhandeni,Byo. Lot Narine Rd,Byo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish a Six (6) Townhouse Units on Lot 2 of Subdivision 8 Killalo be granted to Moses Dhlomo subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements including a once-off premium of US\$2500.

(5) **APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH FIVE (5) TOWN HOUSE UNITS ON REMAINDER OF LOT 1 OF PLOT 6 INTINI: 2 PINE CLOSE: NKOSANA NCUBE: AREA=6442M<sup>2</sup>.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 8 February 2024 to establish five (5) town house units on the above-mentioned stand had been received from Nkosana Ncube. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. At the time of writing the report the town house units had not been constructed.





The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lot 3 of Plot 6 Intini	Mr B Mthimkhulu	1 Spine Close Intini, Byo
Lot 2 of Plot 6 Intini	Mr & Mrs K & L Ben Dakhil & Jacson	5 Spine Close, Intini, Byo.
Plot 5 Intini	Mr A Raftopoulos	142 R. Mugabe Way, Byo.
Plot 2 Intini	Mr YS & GH & JS Moore	9 Sparrowlark Way, Byo.
Lot 1 of Lot of Plot 6	N. Ncube	3 Hillside Road, Byo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

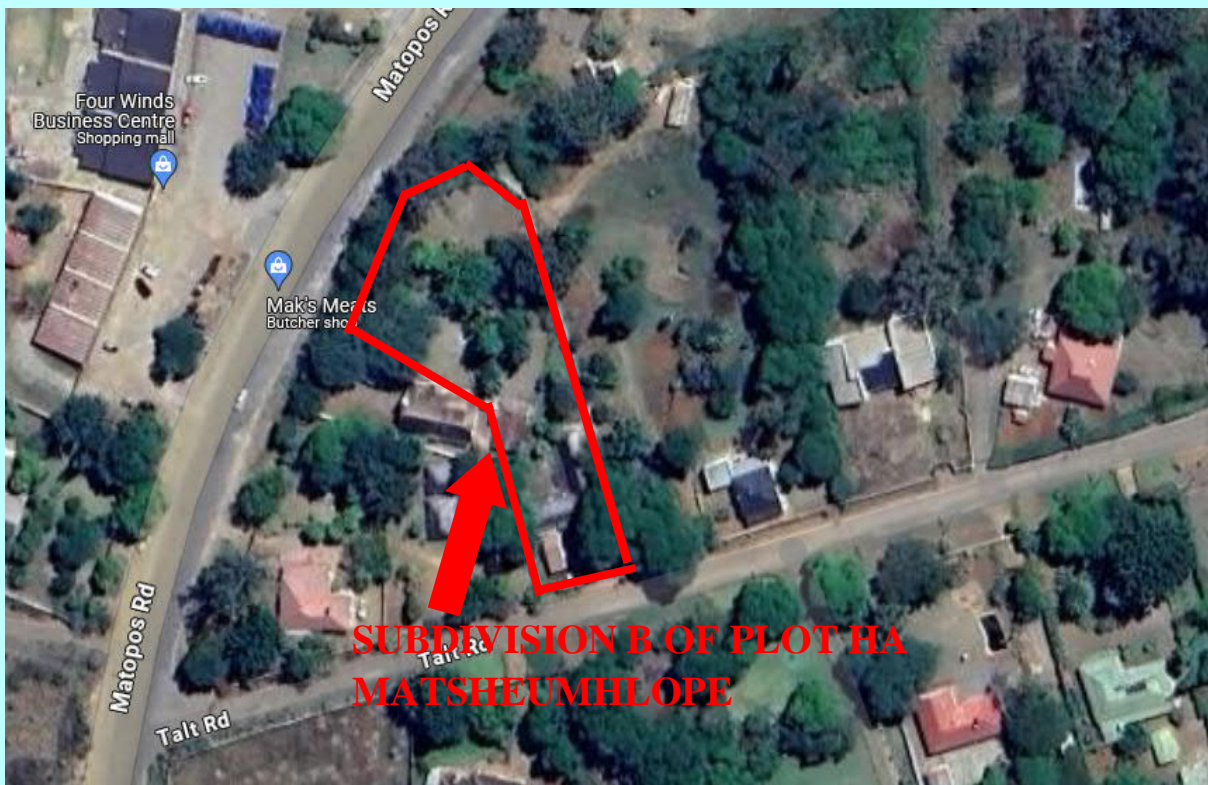
**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish five (5) town house units on Remainder of Lot 1 of Plot 6 Intini be granted to Nkosana Ncube subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements including a once-off premium of US\$2500.



(6) **APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH AN OLD PEOPLE’S HOME ON SUBDIVISION B OF PLOT HA MATSHEUMHLOPE: 9A TAIT ROAD: IDAYMANA RESPITE CENTRE (REECE OUTRICH ENTERPRISES PVT LTD): AREA=4482M<sup>2</sup>.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 07 February 2024 to establish an Old people’s home on the above-mentioned stand had been received from Idaymana respite Centre (Reece Outrich Enterprises Pvt ltd). The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. At the time of writing the report the old people’s home had not started operating.



The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<b><u>PROPERTY</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>
RE/SD/A of Plot B/D/SD/D Mats	Mr B.Mhlophe	10B Tait Road ,Hillside ,Byo
S/DA of Lot HA Matsh	Mr K.N.Gwabi	9 Tait Road ,Hillside ,Byo
RE Of Plot E of S/D 1B	Mr A Mpofu	3 Tait Road Fourund ,Byo
67 Eloana	Mr EC Elreid	67 Cherly Road ,Eloany,Byo
Plot 1 of SD 1B Matsh	Mr C.Nyathi	156 Matopos Road ,Byo
Lot 24 A Matsh	Brandigo Projects	17 Doncaster Road
Lot 2 of SD A of Plot B of	Mr and Mrs PE and BR Morrow	10 Tait Road ,Hillside,Byo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish an old people's home on Subdivisiuion B of Plot HA Matsheumhlope be granted to Idaymana respite center (Reece Outrich Enterprises Pvt ltd) subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements including a monthly rental of US\$50 subject to review at the pleasure of Council.

(7) **APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A LODGE ON STAND 1668 KUMALO TOWNSHIP: 4 WHITE ROAD: YVONNE VALERIES NOMATHEMBA: AREA=2718M<sup>2</sup>.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an application dated 26 January 2024 to establish a lodge on the above-mentioned stand had been received from Yvonne Valerie Nomathemba. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per the site visit of the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the lodge had started operating without Council authority as such the application shall attract a regularization fee of \$1000.



The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1667 Kumalo T\Ship	Mrs P Bandura	2 White Rd, Kumalo,Byo
1669 Kumalo T/ship	Mr G X Nyika	6 White Rd, Kumalo Byo
1673 Kumalo T/ship	Mon of Construction	10 Russell Dr, Kumalo,Byo
1674 Kumalo T/ship	Mr g Evans	8 Russell Drive, Kumalo,Byo
1675 Kumalo T/ship	Mrs M Barrow	15 Sir James Mc D Ave,Kumalo,Byo.

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish a lodge on Stand 1668 Kumalo Township be granted to Yvonne Valerie Nomathemba subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning , Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements including a monthly rental of US\$35 subject to review at the pleasure of Council and a regularization fee of \$1000.00.



**(8) APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A FUEL FILLING STATION ON STAND 606A BULAWAYO TOWNSHIP: 68 JOSIAH TONGOGARA: FRENCH MONTANA INVESTMENTS (PVT) LTD: AREA=2776M<sup>2</sup>.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 3 August 2023 to establish a fuel filling station on the above-mentioned stand had been received from French Montana Investments (Pvt) ltd. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per the site visit of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the fuel filling station had not yet been established.



The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
538 BT	Open Space Properties Pvt) ltd	70 R.G Mugabe Way,Byo
537 BT	Prestige Enterprises (pvt)ltd	C/o CB Richard Ellis P/L 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor mutual life building
S/D A of 608BT	Messis BH&VM Lezar& Elkington	18 Baxendale Street,Kumalo,Byo
605 B.T	Doves Crocker Morgan (Pvt)Ltd	70 J.Tongora St,Byo
539 B.T	Excelsior Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd	Betsi Gordon House,69 R.Mugabe
646 B.T	A&DE Scuza Properties	P.O.Box 1423,Byo
645 B.T	Mr R.G Motsi	SV Mansions 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave&J.TongogaraSt
RE of 644 B. T	Manston Court Owner Association Commercial	65 J.Tongogara Street,Byo
S/D A/644 B.T	Rampant Investments	65 A J.Tongogara Street,Byo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish a fuel filling station on Stand 606A Bulawayo Township be granted to French Montana Investments (Pvt) Ltd subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements.

**(9) APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH LETTABLE UNITSHOPS (67 UNITS) ON STAND 973 BULAWAYO TOWNSHIP (58 HERBERT CHITEPO): PEARL FAMILY TRUST: AREA = 1110 SQUARE METRES**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an application dated 29 January 2024 to establish lettable unit shops (67 units) had been received from Pearl Family Trust. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per the site visit of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the property was under renovation.



The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<b><u>PROPERTY</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>
882 B. T	Kesan Investments (Pvt) Ltd	c/o Knight Frank O Box 384, Byo

S/D A /972 B. T	Essendale Investments (Pvt) Ltd	60 Chitepo Street, Bulawayo
RE/972 B. T	S B Nathoo Investments (Pvt) Ltd	P O Box 1899, Bulawayo
974 B.T	Mr E Nhende	56 Hebert Chitepo St, Byo
RE\1030 B. T	Mr Sk Naik	57 Herbert Chitepo Street
1031 B.T	V,N,Das,&,Co (Pvt) Ltd	59 Herbert Chitepo St Bulawayo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish lettable unit shops (67 Units) on Stand 973 Bulawayo Township, be granted to Pearl Family Trust subject to full compliance with the requirements of Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements including a monthly payment of US\$360. This levy is subject to review at the pleasure of Council.

(10) **APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A SERVANTS QUARTERS MEASURING SEVENTY SQUARE METRES (70M<sup>2</sup>) ON STAND 936 MARVEL TOWNSHIP OF STAND 919 MARVEL (936 SHIRLEY ROAD): ARNOLDIS MUSENDO: AREA =4 178 SQUARE METRES.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 6 February 2024 to construct a servant's quarter measuring seventy square Metres (70m<sup>2</sup>) had been received From Arnoldis Musendo. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per the site visit of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the servants' quarters had not been established.





The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
935 Marvel	Mr S Sibindi	98 Hampshire Dr ,Hillcrest ,Byo
937 Marvel	Mr N Munzeyiwa	937 Iona Rd, Killarney, Byo
938 Marvel	Mr N Munzeyiwa	7 Gladstone Rd ,Bellevue, Byo
926 Marvel	Mr BZ Muzapi	12 Harding Street, Northend, Byo
927 Marvel	Mr IT Fambarega	927 Shirley Rd, Killarney, Byo
146 Marvel	Mr R Moyo	146 Iona Rd, Killarney Byo
147 Marvel	Mr R Moyo & Mrs C Moyo	147 Iona Rd, Killarney Byo

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to construct a servants quarters measuring seventy square Metres (70m<sup>2</sup>) on Stand 936 Marvel Township of stand 919 Marvel, Bulawayo, be granted to Arnoldis Musendo, subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements including a once-off premium US\$200.

(11) **APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ESTABLISH TWENTY-EIGHT LETTABLE UNIT SHOPS (GROCERIES, HARDWARE & ICT) ON STAND 979 BULAWAYO TOWNSHIP (46 HERBERT CHITEPO STREET, CITY CENTRE): MANIFEST SECURITY SERVICES: AREA = 1111 SQUARE METRES.**

The Town Clerk reported (12<sup>th</sup> April,2024) that an application dated 2 February 2024 to establish twenty-eight lettable unit shops (groceries, hardware and ICT accessories) had been received from Manifest Security Services. The application had been advertised and adjacent property owners notified. No objections had been received. It had also been circulated to municipal departments and no adverse comments had been received. As per the site visit of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the property was under renovations.





The following adjacent property owners were notified:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
978 BT	PDS Investments (Pvt) Ltd	No. 17A Heyman Road Suburbs,Byo
980 BT	Mr N Ncube	Byo Road Estate, 26 Alisaad Court,Btwn Fort St and Nkomo Along 2nd Ave, Byo
877 BT	Mr and Mrs GM &UH Naik	P O Box 140, Byo
876 BT	Liltin Properties	P O Box 3285, Byo
874 BT	Mr S Gaibie	32 Townsend Road Suburbs, Byo
976A BT	Mr MN Naran	C/O Gold, 71 Fort Street, Byo
Lot 1 of 875	Aran Investments (Pvt) Ltd	C/O Bill Packing Office
RE OF 875	Fox Consultations (Pvt) Ltd	43 Lobengula Street, Bulawayo
981 BT	Mr & Mrs D&N Ramjee	42 Herbert Chitepo Street, Bulawayo
RE OF 1022	Miss P Mzwanyana	41 Herbert Chitepo Street, Bulawayo
RE OF 1023	Mr AM Anand	45A Herbert Chitepo Street, Bulawayo

RE OF 1025 Mr E Maderera  
RE OF 1024 Mr R Anand

14657 Selborne Park, P O Ascot, Byo  
45A Herbert Chitepo Street, Bulawa

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That a development permit to establish twenty-eight lettable unit shops (groceries, hardware and ICT) on Stand 979 Bulawayo Township, be granted to Manifest Security Services subject to full compliance with the requirements of the Director of Town Planning, Director of Water and Sanitation, Acting Director of Works, Director of Health Services, Director of Housing and Community Services, and any other municipal by-law requirements, including payment of a monthly levy of USD225 which is subject to review at the pleasure of Council.

**(12) IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE MARCH 2024 TOWN LANDS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Director of Town Planning reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the following applications for Development Permits that had been submitted into March 2024 Town Lands and Planning Committee were approved by Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024 and the respective permits had been issued as tabulated below: -

<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>PERMIT NO.</b>	<b>PERMIT DATE</b>
Lot 1 Of Subdivision 8 Killalo	M&M Dhlomo	Seven (7) Town House Units	780/2024	03/04/2024
Lot 1 of Lot 3A Douglasdale	Ziyada T Hazel	Eight (8) town house units	781/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 11309 Cowdry Park	Shinning light Educational	Pre-School	782/2024	03/04/2024
RE/95 Sauers Township of Dawson Grant	Mapfumi Tambudzai Cleopas	Cottage	783/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 1401 B.T	Playville Planet	Restaurant	784/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 22419 Cowdry Park	Easy Path Investments	Bottlestore within a supermarket	785/2024	03/04/2024

Stand 59989 Iminyela	Abroad Enterprises	Superette	786/2024	03/04/2024
RE/184 & 185 Hillside	Grappenhall Trading	Home office	787/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 163 Riverside Township of 122	Dube Alice	Duplex	788/2024	03/04/2024
Stand Lot 124B Hillside	Handy Family Trust	Six (6) Townhouse	789/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 3122 Luveve	Ivy Sigidi	LP Gas Wholesale	790/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 13721 Nkulumane	Whizkid ECD Centre	ECD Centre	791/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 58480 Mabuthweni	General Foundation Church of Christ	Pre- school	792/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 898 Bulawayo	Quick Brook Liquor	Bottlestore	793/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 179 Marvel Township 2 of Marvel	Makani Susan	Lodge	794/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 132 B.T	Innate Technology Centre	Academic College	795/2024	03/04/2024
On Lot 1 of Stand 1M Bellevue Township S/D a of 171 Churchill Road	Ezra Ncube	Servants Quarters	796/2024	03/04/2024
On Lot 2 of S/D 10WA of Matsheumhlophe	Watch Me Grow Daycare & ECD	Creche	797/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 6621 B.T	Planas Stationery	Stationery Wholesale	798/2024	03/04/2024
Stand 12299A B.T	Brands Africa	Liquor Wholesale	799/2024	03/04/2024

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(13) **DEVELOPMENT PERMITS GRANTED IN TERMS OF THE REGIONAL, TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1996**

The Director of Town Planning reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the following permits had been granted: -

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
Residential Areas	198	89	354
Industrial Areas	1	5	4
Business Areas	15	4	11
Community Areas	10	2	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>383</b>

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(14) **APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISIONS AND CONSOLIDATIONS**

The Director of Town Planning reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that **SDC 60/2023** for the Subdivision of Subdivision C of Subdivision 1 of Lot 15 and Lot B Riverside Estates Agricultural Lots of Subdivision A of Willsgrove. The subdivision should be known as Lot 1 Subdivision C of Subdivision 1 of Lot 15 and Lot B Riverside Estates Agricultural Lots of Subdivision A of Willsgrove and should be used for residential purposes. The property owner was Plumtree Bakeries. The property was bound by Dublane Road and Essexvale Road.

**SDC 03/2024** for the Consolidation of Lot 42A Umguza Agricultural Lots with Subdivision 4 of Jacaranda. This should be known as Lot 42AB Umguza Agricultural Lots and should be used for residential purposes. The property owner was Mustard Seed Communities. The property was along Bennett Road.

**SDC 08/2024** for the Subdivision Lot 1 of Lot 23 of Glencoe of (Willsgrove and Subdivision A of Willsgrove). The subdivision should be known as Lot 1 of Lot 1 of Lot 23 of Glencoe of (Willsgrove and Subdivision A of Willsgrove and should be used for residential purposes. The property owner was Astutus Enterprises. The property was along Gwanda Road.

**SDC 16/2024** for the Subdivision of Stand 6 Norwood Township of Subdivision C of Subdivision R of The Helenvale Block. The subdivision should be known as Stands 120-194 Norwood Township of Stand 6 Norwood Township. Stand 122-160, 162-179, 181-194 Norwood Township of Stand 6 Norwood Township Norwood should be used for residential purposes. Stands 120-121 Norwood Township of Stand 6 Norwood Township should be used for town houses. Stand 180 Norwood Township of Stand 6 Norwood Township should be used for church purposes. Stand 161 Norwood Township of Stand 6 Norwood Township should be set aside as an active open space. The Remaining Extent of Stand 6 Norwood Township of Subdivision C of Subdivision R of The Helenvale Block should be set aside for road purpose. The property owner was Ikhayalami Co-operative. The property was along Shenfield Road. 6 Norwood Township of Subdivision C of

Subdivision R of The Helenvale Block should be set aside for road purpose. The property owner was Ikhayalami Co-operative. The property was along Shenfield Road.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(15) UPDATES ON VARIOUS PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

The Director of Town Planning reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

**STATUTORY PLANS**

**Master Plan Review**

The Master Plan review documents were submitted to the Ministry for approval on 12 October 2022. The Minister requested for a presentation of the Master Plan to be done and this was done on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The Master plan is currently awaiting Ministerial approval.

**Local Development Plan 18 (Northern areas of the Central Business District)**

The preparation process for LDP 18 has commenced and it covers areas bounded by 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Lobengula Street, Samuel Parirenyatwa and Masotsha Avenue. The household and traffic surveys were now complete and the report of study was currently being prepared.

**Local Development Plan 12**

The department had started preparation of the LDP 12 and it covered West Somerton, Bellevue, Newton West, Eloane, a Portion of Hillside West and Newton, Lot 16 of Umganin, B2 of Bellevue as well as RE of Umganin. Traffic Surveys had been done and household surveys commenced in February 2024 and were due to be completed by end of April 2024.

**Local Development Plan 8 Review (Industrial Areas)**

The report of study had now been completed and presented to stakeholders. The written statement had also been finalized and presented to management. It was expected to be presented to policy makers and external stakeholders this month, April 2024 before submission to Council for adoption.

**Local Subject Plan 19 (LSP 19 Suburbs & Khumalo)**

Local Subject Development Plans (LSDP 19), focusing on Suburbs, Kumalo and Portion of Parklands started in October 2022 with household surveys and traffic surveys. The report of study and the written statement had been prepared and stakeholder consultations had been done.



A report was submitted to the Townlands and Planning Committee of January 2024 for and was adopted by Council of February 2024. The LSP would be put on public exhibition this month, April 2024.

**Ascot Local Subject Plan 20 (LSP)**

The consultant for the plan was Makhwezi Consultancy. The contract had been signed and the consultant had already completed the inception report. The inception report was presented to the Town Planning Department in September 2023. Topographic surveys had been completed and door to door surveys had commenced. Consultant currently working on the report of study.

**Progress on surveys of Highmount and Killarney**

Title Survey of Killarney East, Highmount and RE of Umganin stands had been completed and records had been submitted to the Surveyor General’s office for approval. Survey of Umvimila integrated layout was now at 50%.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(16) LAND SURVEY**

The Director of Town Planning reported (8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

	<u>March 2024</u>	<u>Year To Date (2024 cumulative number)</u>
Total Approved Presale Stands	0	0
Total Other Stands Approved	3	3
Non-Title Surveys (Internal Surveys)	0	0
Title Surveys Instructed (# of Stands)	0	0
Relocation and pointing out of beacons to beneficiaries (# of properties)	21	21
Update of Compilation Plans: Number of Compilations updated.	0	0
Layouts evaluation and field verifications.	0	0
Diagram cancellations.	0	0
General Plan cancellations.	2	2
Topographic/Engineering Surveys	1	2
Title Surveys (Internal)	838	1 644

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received  
and noted.

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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE LAID UPON THE TABLE**



# **ANNEXURE 'F'**

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2024 AT 4.00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:**

His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart)  
Councillor E. Ndlovu (Deputy Mayor)  
“ N. Khumalo  
“ M. Moyo  
“ K. Ndlovu  
“ D. Netha  
“ R. Sekete

**ALSO:**

The Town Clerk  
The Chamber Secretary  
The Financial Director  
The Director of Water and Sanitation  
The Director of Health Services  
The Director of Housing and Community Services  
The Human Capital Director  
The Director of Town Planning  
The Acting Director of Works

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(1) **INVITATION TO ATTEND THE AUDITING CYBERSECURITY AND INFORMATION SECURITY WORKSHOP.**

The Town Clerk reported (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received for a workshop to be conducted by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) on Auditing Cybersecurity and Information Security at the Rainbow Hotel, Harare from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

The course was envisioned to provide auditors the ability to examine preventive, detective and corrective controls and how to apply the audit process to a cloud environment. Attendees would be exposed to the mobile environment and cyber standards, as well as learn how to audit common security solutions.

Topics to be covered were: Overview of Cybersecurity, Cyber Threat Landscape, Regulatory Compliance, Risk Assessment and Auditing Cybersecurity, Incident Response and Recovery, Security Monitoring and Reporting, Emerging Technologies and Trends and Ethical Considerations.

The cost of attendance was USD240 for members and USD300 for non-members.

It was therefore:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the Senior Internal Auditor, Mathamsanqa N. Zikhali SR No. 01032 (member) attend the Workshop and Council pays the related fees as well as subsistence, incidental allowances and transport costs on the usual basis.

(2) **INVITATION TO ATTEND THE RISK BASED INTERNAL AUDITING WORKSHOP.**

The Town Clerk reported (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received for a workshop to be conducted by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) on Risk Based Internal Auditing at the Sterling Hotel, Bulawayo from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024.

This course provided participants with the knowledge to:

1. Support Governance structures – RBIA helped auditors give assurance to the board on how risk management processes were managing risks in relation to organisation’s risk appetite.
2. Helped Management assess their Risk Universe – Management required to a) review Global and Industry-specific emerging risks, b) take an in depth look at the organisation’s risk response to changing risk profiles, and c) assessing gaps in the current Risk Management Framework which might be contributing to increased Fraud Risk, Implementation Risk etc.
3. RBIA assisted audit department align its work with the organisations’ risk framework.

Topics to be covered were: Risk Management Principles and Concepts, Corporate Governance Risk, Strategic Risk, Fraud Risk Assessment, Information Technology Risk, Auditing IT Governance, Auditing the ERM Process, Developing the Risk-based Audit Plan, Coordinating the IA role with the other assurance providers.

The cost of attendance was USD240 for members and USD300 for non-members.

It was therefore recommended that the auditors listed below (all members) attend the workshop.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That Simisosenkosi Nkala (Internal Auditor), Zibusiso Bafanah (Internal Auditor), Ndabezinhle Phiri (Internal Auditor), Caroline P. Ngwenya (Internal Auditor), Sharon Maphosa (Internal Auditor), Lydia Nkala (Internal Auditor), Ntandoyakhe W. Mpofu (Acting Internal Auditor) attend the workshop and Council pays the related fees of USD240 per participant.

**(3) CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP**

The Town Clerk reported (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received for a workshop to be conducted by Peace Security Company in Association with NUST on Cybersecurity at the Selborne Hotel, Bulawayo from 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. The theme of the workshop was, “From vulnerability to vigilance: Mastering Cybersecurity”.

The workshop was envisioned to empower internal auditors on issues related to current threats in the cyberspace and the following benefits were anticipated:

1. Obtaining knowledge from industry experts on cybersecurity trends and risks.
2. Gaining knowledge on how to identify, evaluate and mitigate cyber risks.
3. Networking with other professionals.
4. An appreciation of cybersecurity and its impact on operations and organisational systems.

The training would also assist in mitigating potential fraud in areas such as payments.

It was therefore, considered appropriate for Bethel K. Mhletshwa, Rodrick Mguni and Lindiwe Ncube to attend the abovementioned workshop. The cost of attendance was USD150 per participant.

It was therefore:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That Bethel K. Mhletshwa (Internal Auditor-Forensics), Rodrick Mguni (Acting Internal Auditor-Forensics) and Lindiwe Ncube (Acting Internal Auditor -Information Systems) attend the workshop and Council pays the related fees of USD150 per participant.

**(4) INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 5<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN SUMMIT IN NAIROBI, KENYA (SAFARI PARK HOTEL) FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024.**

The Town Clerk reported (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that he was in receipt of the following communication from the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Bulawayo Metropolitan Province (Hon. J. Mkwanda):-

“The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Africa Women Summit will take place from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 in the City of Nairobi, Kenya at the Safari Park Hotel. The theme of this year’s Summit is “Women’s Health: Empowering Voices, Inspiring Change”. The aim of the Summit is to bring together influential African women leaders across the continent and globe to deliberate and address critical issues around the theme.

I will be leading a delegation from Bulawayo Metropolitan Province, and the expected day of travel is the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, returning on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. It is against this background that I write to extend an invitation to Bulawayo City Council, in order to send a representative to participate at this year’s African Women Summit. I request that your office fund the representative’s business trip to Kenya.”

The Town Clerk in consultation with His Worship the Mayor had nominated the Chamber Secretary (S. Zhou S.R. NO. 00046) as Council’s representative in the delegation led by the Minister for Provincial Affairs and Devolution in Bulawayo Province to the summit.

Council stood to gain significant benefits from its representation at this summit, as it provided a compelling opportunity to actively participate in a transformative movement dedicated to uplifting and empowering women in Africa. The summit served as a dynamic platform for collaboration, progress, and the generation of innovative solutions to address the persistent challenges faced by women in Africa, with a particular focus on women's health. Attendees would have the valuable opportunity to connect, learn, and collaborate with extraordinary women from across the continent, fostering meaningful partnerships and furthering Council's commitment to gender empowerment and social progress.

Council would cover all expenses related to the representative’s travel.

The matter was considered, and His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart) highlighted that Council had financial constraints, making it difficult to fund international events. Therefore, he proposed that Council should adopt a policy to attend international trips only if they were financed by a third party. He however supported the application before the Committee.

In response, the Town Clerk advised that the Mayor's suggestion was already an operating policy. Events fully funded by third parties were automatic, while those which required Council funding were supposed to apply for authority from the parent ministry, justifying the importance of attendance.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

1. That authority be granted to the Chamber Secretary - Mrs. S. Zhou S.R. NO. 00046 to join the delegation led by the Minister of Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Bulawayo Metropolitan Province to the 5th Edition of the African Women Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, from 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
2. That Council pays for all expenses related to the representative's travel.

**(5) RESUSCITATION OF THE BULAWAYO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (BBDC).**

The Town Clerk reported (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that Council of 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 resolved that:-

- The new BBDC Terms of Reference be adopted;
- The new group and other interested persons who want to be part of the BBDC submit their profiles/personal statements for consideration by the Business and Investment Committee.

Upon implementation of this Council resolution, Management had encountered challenges as some potential members of the BBDC, who had expressed interest to be part of the Committee, are of the view that the requirement to submit personal statements or profiles was tantamount to submission of Curriculum Vitae for employment.

It was against this background that Management was seeking for Council authority to rescind its decision of requesting potential members to submit personal statements or profiles for consideration by the Business and Investment Committee before they were incorporated into the BBDC.

It had been recommended that:-

- i. Council rescinds its decision of requesting potential members personal statements or profiles for consideration by the Business and Investment Committee before they are incorporated into the BBDC.
- ii. New members be considered by the Business and Investment Committee without submitting personal statements or profiles.

Discussion ensued, and Councillor N. Khumalo enquired whether this committee had terms of reference to operate from. Furthermore, she enquired about the reasons why the volunteers were not comfortable with submitting their Curriculum Vitae for consideration by the Business and Investment Committee.

Councillor M. Moyo suggested that an exception be made to the recommendation, as it had taken a long time to set up the Bulawayo Business Development Committee.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor E. Ndlovu) felt that Curriculum Vitae were necessary as they would provide the Business and Investment Committee with all the relevant details. He enquired if there were specific individuals who had been targeted to join the committee. If not, he felt that the public should be invited to submit CVs for consideration.

His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart) highlighted that a Curriculum Vitae could be manufactured or manipulated. In this modern age, Council could conduct background checks using the internet to obtain all the necessary information about an individual. The onus was on Council to gather information about the candidates if they deemed it necessary.

In response to these sentiments, the Chamber Secretary explained that the BBDC was a voluntary committee, and the committee members would not receive any payment. The proposed members had volunteered themselves. To ensure a strong and diverse committee, the names and areas of specialization would be submitted to the committee for consideration.

The Town Clerk advised that the committee had no problems with the terms of reference; the only issue was regarding the CVs requirement. Background checks could be conducted if Council desired more information than what had been provided.

Thereafter it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND (with the Deputy Mayor - Councillor E. Ndlovu dissenting):**

- (i) That Council waives its decision of requesting potential members personal statements or profiles for consideration by the Business and Investment Committee before they are incorporated into the BBDC.
- (ii) That new members be considered by the Business and Investment Committee without submitting personal statements or profiles.

**(6) FOLLOW UP REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION AND NATIONAL DRESS ATTIRE FOR JUNIOR COUNCILLORS AT THE 2024 ZIMBABWE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR FROM THE 22<sup>ND</sup> OF APRIL 2024 TO 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024.**

The Town Clerk reported (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that he had received the following letter dated, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 from the National Junior Councils Association of Zimbabwe (NJCA).



“This letter serves as a follow up on our previous communication concerning the attendance of Junior Councillors at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF), scheduled to take place from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 27th of April 2024.

First and foremost, we express our sincere appreciation for the support and cooperation we have received thus far. We are immensely grateful for the opportunity provided to our Junior Councillors to participate in the ZITF, as it serves as a significant platform for their personal and professional growth.

With the event drawing nearer, we kindly request your assistance in arranging accommodation for the Junior Councillors attending the ZITF. Given the event's duration spanning several days, it is imperative that our Junior Councillors have a secure and comfortable place to stay throughout their participation.

Moreover, we would like to request your support in providing the National Dress Attire for the Junior Councillors attending the ZITF. This gesture not only showcases our rich cultural heritage but also fosters a sense of pride and unity among the Junior Councillors. We firmly believe that representing the diversity of our nation through attire will contribute to a positive and memorable experience for all participants.

Additionally, we are pleased to inform you that during their time at the ZITF, the Junior Councillors will have the invaluable opportunity to be attached to the First Lady's Kitchen. This attachment will serve as an educational program, enabling them to gain insights into culinary arts, nutrition, and the significance of healthy eating. We are confident that this experience will broaden their horizons and equip them with practical skills for their future endeavours.

In conclusion, we kindly request your support in arranging accommodation for the Junior Councillors attending the ZITF, as well as providing them with the National Dress Attire. We firmly believe that these measures will significantly enhance their overall experience and contribute to the overall success of the event. We remain fully committed to working collaboratively with the Local Authority to ensure a fruitful and rewarding participation for our Junior Councillors.

With warm regards.”

It was noted that as the event was being held in Bulawayo and as such, it would not be necessary for Council to incur the expenditure of accommodating the Junior Councillor and the Focal person at the proposed site that NJCA was securing. It was thus proposed that NJCA be also advised accordingly.

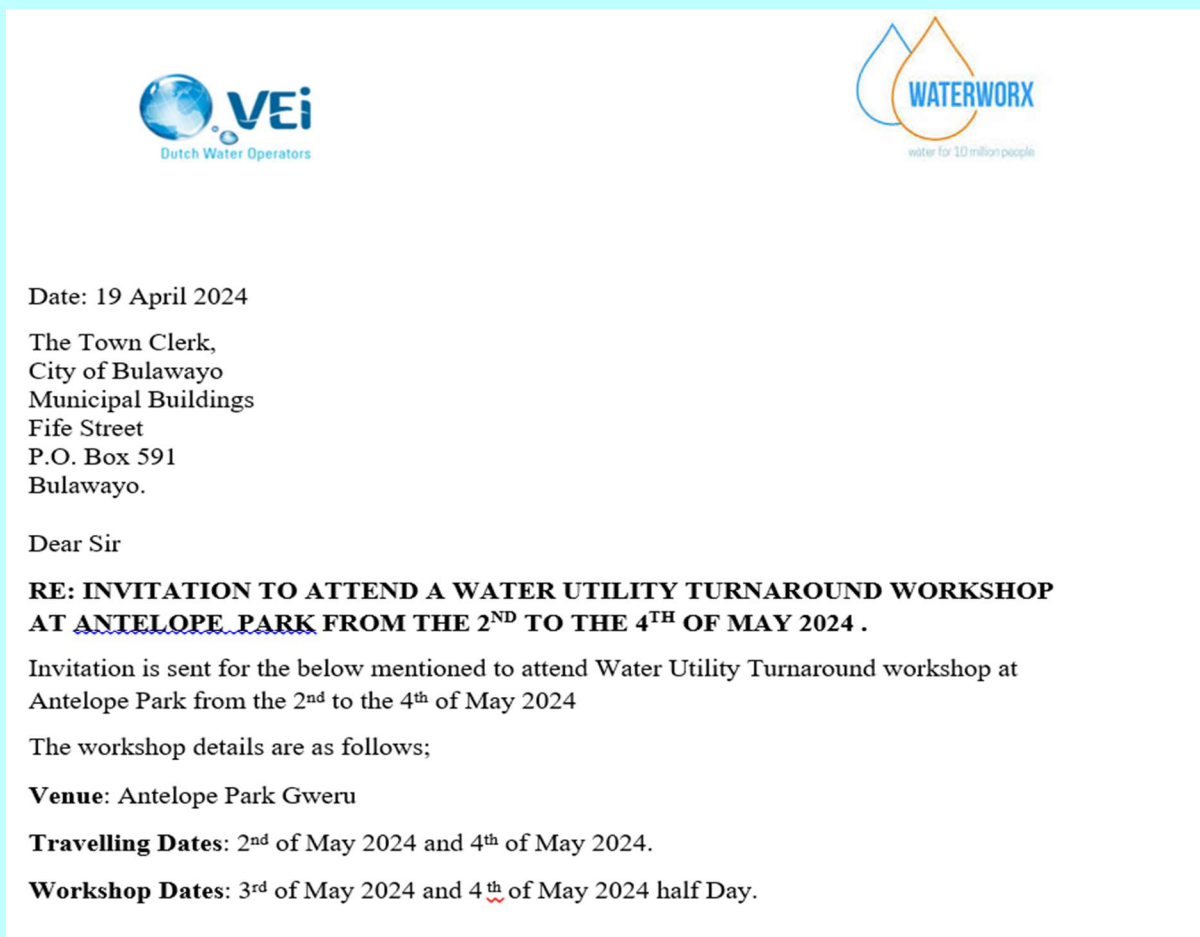
**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (i) That One Junior Councillor and 1 Focal person be granted authority to attend the First Lady's Dr A. Mnangagwa's kitchen and grooming programme during the course of the ZITF.

- (ii) That the Junior Councillor and the Focal person purchase the national cloth going for \$4 per metre depending on the design and size of their attire. Council to pay for the fabric and labour costs for the production of the attires (2 each) to be worn during the ZITF week.
- (iii) That Council pays for entry costs for the Junior Councillor.

(7) **INVITATION TO ATTEND A WATER UTILITY TURNAROUND WORKSHOP AT ANTELOPE PARK, GWERU - FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2024 .**

The Director of Water and Sanitation reported (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 had been received from VEI and read as follows:



VEI will pay for the conferencing fees and your organization is expected to meet the costs of dinners, Travel and any other subsistence related allowances for your officers attending.

Your usual assistance in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Robson Manatsa

Resident Project Manager, Zimbabwe.

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

No.	Name	Surname	Department
	<b>All Councillors</b>		
1	David	Coltart	His Worship The Mayor
	All Councillors		X38
2	Christopher	Dube	The Town Clerk
3	Skhumbuzo	Ncube	Director Water
4	Tennyson	Mpunzi	Director Financial Services
5	Makhosini	Tshalebwa	Director Human Capital
6	Sikhangele	Zhou	Chamber Secretary
7	Wisdom	Siziba	Director Town Planning Department
8	Dictor	Khumalo	Director Housing and Community Services Department
9	Edwin Mzingwane	Sibanda	Director Health Services Department
10	Methusi	Dibidi	Director Works Department
11	Cyprian Bongani	Dabengwa	Deputy Director Financial Services
12	Ephraim	Ncube	Assistant Director Human Capital
13	Mpazamiso	Ndebele	IT Manager
14	Nesisa	Mpofu	Corporate Communications Manager
12	Misheck	Mpofu	SAO - Finance
16	Spekiwa	Mugiya	City Legal Officer
17	Thembinkosi	Ncube	Principal Building Architecture
18	Nobert	Moyo	Works Study- Human Capital
19	Themba	Khanye	Water and Sanitation
20	Kwanele G	Sibanda	Water and Sanitation
21	Dhumani	Gwetu	Water and Sanitation
22	Clout	Moyo	Water and Sanitation
23	Edson	Ngwenya	Works Department
24	Qiniso	Ndlovu	Financial Services
25	Ndumiso	Nkiwane	Financial Services
26	Isaac	Matare	Financial Services
27	Sibusisiwe	Ngwenya	Water and Sanitation
28	Mcdonald	Funi	Water and Sanitation

29	Prosper	Mateza	Water and Sanitation
30	Lookout	Ndlovu	Works Department
31	Bukhosi	Ndlovu	Water and Sanitation
32	Committees Representative		
33	Mike	Sibanda	SAO (Town Clerks and Chamber Secretary)
34	Mayors Driver		

VEI would meet conference fees while Council would meet travelling, accommodation, dinner and incidentals in the usual manner.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That authority be granted to the list of participants as detailed in the table above to attend the Water and Sanitation Institutional Restructuring Workshop to be held in Gweru, Antelope Park from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**(8) IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS: APRIL 2024**



The Director of Health Services reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the attached was a report of the previous General Purposes Committee meeting's resolutions and a report on their implementation.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(9) INVITATION TO ATTEND THE HEALTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (HSDSP) CLOSE OUT EVENT: 27 MARCH 2024: RAINBOW TOWERS HOTEL: HICC : HARARE : DR E.N. SIBANDA-MZINGWANE : S.R. NUMBER 21597**

The Director of Health Services reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received from the Ministry of Health and Child Care to send a participant to attend the above meeting. It read as follows:

“You are invited to attend the Health Sector Development Support Project Close-Out meeting which will be officiated by the Minister of Health and Child Care.

The Health Sector Development Support Project, which has been financed by World Bank/Global Financing Facility and co-financed by Government of Zimbabwe with CORDAID as project implementing entity is coming to an end on 31 March 2024. Health Sector Development Support Project has been supporting implementation of Results Based Financing for Health (RBF) since 2011, with initial pilot in two districts to subsequent roll out to 16 additional districts in 2012. The evidence generated from the 18 districts has made it possible to scale up Results Based Financing to the remaining 42 rural districts

through Health Development Fund support and the two cities – Harare and Bulawayo through Health Sector Development Support Project support.

A lot has been achieved through the Health Sector Development Support Project support from increasing coverage of quality of services in general and Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent health and Nutrition (RMNCAH-N) services, to institutionalization of Results Based Financing within Government of Zimbabwe. This event thus provides an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the successful implementation of the Health Sector Development Support Project, which has made a substantial contribution towards improving health care services and outcomes in our community.

Your presence at the Health Sector Development Support Project would be greatly valued. We believe that your expertise, insights and contributions will enrich the discussions and contribute to the broader understanding of the project’s successes and impact”.

The Director of Health Services wished to attend the above meeting.

In view of the date of the meeting, the matter had been discussed with the Town Clerk who had authorised Dr E.N. Sibanda-Mzingwane’s attendance.

All costs would be borne by the organisers. The Director of Health Services sought authority to use a personal vehicle. Fuel would be reimbursed.

It was therefore recommended that Dr E.N. Sibanda-Mzingwane be granted special leave from 26 to 27 March 2024 to attend the above meeting and be paid mileage, incidental allowances and meals in transit accordingly.

**RESOLVED (Submitted for Confirmation Only)**

That the action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with His Worship the Mayor in authorising the Director of Health Services Dr. E.N. Sibanda-Mzingwane (S.R. Number 21597) to attend the abovementioned event in Harare on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 and the payment of incidental allowances, meals in transit only as appropriate, as other costs were met by the organisers, as well as the use of a personal vehicle for which fuel would be reimbursed, be confirmed.

**(10) INVITATION TO ATTEND THE HEALTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (HSDSP) CLOSE OUT EVENT: 27 MARCH 2024: RAINBOW TOWERS HOTEL: HICC: HARARE: MISS C. SIBANDA: S.R. NUMBER 23309, MR J.W. MPOFU: S.R. NUMBER 98474 AND MR T. MKANDLA: S.R. NUMBER 98297**

The Director of Health Services reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received from the Ministry of Health and Child Care to send a participant to attend the above meeting. It read as follows:

“You are invited to attend the Health Sector Development Support Project Close-Out meeting which will be officiated by the Minister of Health and Child Care.

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Your presence at the Health Sector Development Support Project would be greatly valued. We believe that your expertise, insights and contributions will enrich the discussions and contribute to the broader understanding of the project’s successes and impact”.

The Director of Health Services nominated Miss C. Sibanda, a Deputy Chief Nursing Officer and Mr. T. Mkandla an Acting Senior Administrative Officer to attend the above meeting.

For social work services, the Director of Health Services consulted the Director of Housing and Community Services who nominated Mr. J.W. Mpofu a Senior Community Services Officer to attend the above meeting.

In view of the date of the meeting, the matter had been discussed with the Town Clerk who had authorised Miss C. Sibanda, Mr. J.W. Mpofu and Mr. T. Mkandla’s attendance.

All costs would be borne by the organisers. The Director of Health Services sought authority to use a Council vehicle. Fuel would be reimbursed.

It was therefore recommended that Miss C. Sibanda, Mr. J.W. Mpofu and Mr. T. Mkandla be granted special leave from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 to attend the above meeting and be paid incidental allowances and meals in transit accordingly.

**RESOLVED (Submitted for Confirmation Only)**

That the action taken by the Director of Health Services in consultation with the Town Clerk in authorising Miss C. Sibanda (S.R. Number 23309), Mr. J.W. Mpofu (S.R. Number 98474) and Mr. T. Mkandla (S.R. Number 98297) to attend the abovementioned meeting in Harare on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 and the payment of incidental allowances, meals in transit only as appropriate, as other costs were met by the organisers as well as use of a Council vehicle for which fuel would be reimbursed, be confirmed.

**(11) INVITATION TO ATTEND AN EPI REVIEW MEETING: 8 TO 12 APRIL 2024: FLAMBOYANT HOTEL: MASVINGO**

The Director of Health Services reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received from the Ministry of Health and Child Care to send participants to attend the above meeting. It read as follows:

“The Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, EPI Unit will be conducting a national meeting to review the recently completed 2 rounds of the nOPV2 campaign and routine vaccination. Specific objectives of the meeting include:

- To review the polio outbreak response vaccination campaign (the two rounds of nOPV2).
- To review the routine immunisation programme.
- To review and plan Cholera outbreaks response vaccination (OPV campaign).
- To discuss and document best practices, lessons learnt, challenges and innovations for the EPI programme”.

The Director of Health Services nominate the following staff members to attend the above meeting:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>S.R. Number</b>
	Mrs S. Hove	Chief Nursing Officer	23436
	Miss. C. Sibanda	Deputy Chief Nursing Officer	23309
	Mr N. Ndlovu	Cleansing Superintendent	22236
	Sister S. Moyo	Community Health Sister	26439
	Sister S. Masukume	Community Health Sister	23483
	Mrs S. Siziba	Senior Health Promotion Officer	23155



	Mrs S.A. Moyo	Administrative Assistant	23685
	Miss S. Banda	Senior Clerical Assistant (Health Information Office)	22213
	Mr A. Ncube	Driver	12318

In view of the dates of the meeting, the matter had been discussed with the Town Clerk who had authorized the above staff members' attendance.

All costs would be borne by the organizers. The Director of Health Services sought authority to use two Council vehicles. Fuel would be reimbursed.

It was therefore recommended that the above staff members be granted special leave from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 to attend the above meeting and be paid incidental allowances and meals in transit accordingly.

**RESOLVED (Submitted for Confirmation Only)**

That the action taken by the Director of Health Services in consultation with the Town Clerk in authorising the abovementioned staff members to attend the abovementioned meeting in Masvingo from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and the payment of incidental allowances, meals in transit only as appropriate, as other costs were met by the organisers as well as use of two Council vehicles for which fuel would be reimbursed, be confirmed.

**(12) INVITATION TO ATTEND A REFRESHER TRAINING FOR NURSES ON YOUTH FRIENDLY SERVICE PROVISION: 8 TO 11 APRIL 2024: FAIRMILE REGENCY HOTEL: GWERU**

The Director of Health Services reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received from the Ministry of Health and Child Care to send participants to attend the above training. It read as follows:

“Plan International Zimbabwe together with its consortium partners, that is, Sexual Rights Centre, National Council for Disabled Persons of Zimbabwe and Intwasa is implementing the “My Body. My Future Project” in 26 wards, 15 in Bulawayo and 11 wards of Kwekwe district. The overarching objective of the project is that “Children, adolescents and youth in all their diversity have control over their bodies and futures in a healthy, safe and supportive environment”.

To contribute to the overarching objective, the My Body My Future Project with support from your highly esteemed office has been working with health facilities in its operating wards. The project thus seeks to conduct a refresher training for health service providers in the various wards of operation. The training objectives are to:

- Explore and develop a shared understanding of inclusive, age- and gender-responsive sexual and reproductive health services.
- Reflect on common values and drivers for providers working to advance adolescent health. Build and practice strategies for rights-based and inclusive service delivery.

It is against this background that the project is requesting that the nurse in charge from the clinics be in attendance”.

The Director of Health Services had nominated the following staff members to attend the above training:

No.	NAME	DESIGNATION	SR NUMBER
1	Egnettar S. Ngulube	Sister-In-Charge	26484
2	Rejoice Mnkandla	Registered General Nurse/Midwife	73348
3	Lawrencia Ngwenya	Registered General Nurse/Midwife	26481
4	Sithokozile Ncube	Registered General Nurse/Midwife	26353
5	Thandazani Dube	Registered General Nurse/Midwife	25159
6	Sikhangezile Dube	Registered General Nurse/Midwife	73322
7	Tshivoniso Moyo	Registered General Nurse /Midwife	25148
8	Theodora Ndlovu	Registered General Nurse/Midwife	23974
9	Tshawangwa L. Moyo	Registered General Nurse/RMN	26358
10	Similo Bingari	Registered General Nurse/Midwife	26346
11	Irene Ndlovu	Registered General Nurse/Midwife	25146

In view of the dates of the training, the matter had been discussed with the Town Clerk who had authorized the above staff members’ attendance.

All costs would be borne by the organizers.

It was therefore recommended that the above staff members be granted special leave from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 to attend the above training and be paid incidental allowances and meals in transit accordingly.

**RESOLVED (Submitted for Confirmation Only)**

That the action taken by the Director of Health Services in consultation with the Town Clerk in authorising the abovementioned staff members to attend the abovementioned training in Gweru from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and the payment of incidental allowances, meals in transit only as appropriate, as other costs were met by the organisers, be confirmed.

(13) **INVITATION TO ATTEND A TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON CASE AREA TARGETED INTERVENTIONS (CATIs) TRAINING IN CHOLERA RESPONSE 15 TO 16 APRIL 2024: URBAN LIFE STYLES LODGE: MASVINGO: MR J. MUTEMANI: S.R. NUMBER 22301 AND MRS G. CHIPARE: S.R. NUMBER 26311**

The Director of Health Services reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received from the Ministry of Health and Child Care to send participants to attend the above training. It read as follows:

“The Ministry of Health and Child Care working with support from UNICEF invites Environmental Health Practitioners to attend a Training of Trainers on Case Area Targeted Interventions. The following districts are targeted: Mashonaland West (Makonde, Chegutu, Kariba), Mashonaland Central (Shamva, Mbire, Mazowe, Centenary, Bindura, Rushinga, Mt Darwin), Masvingo (Bikita, Chiredzi, Chivi), Midlands (Zvishavane, Chirumanzu, Gokwe North), Mashonaland East (UMP, Mudzi), Matabeleland North (Hwange) and Bulawayo (Bulawayo City Health)”.

The Director of Director of Health Services had nominated Mr. J. Mutemani an Acting Divisional Environmental Health Officer and Mrs. G. Chipare an Acting Divisional Environmental Health Officer to attend the above training.

In view of the dates of the training, the matter had been discussed with the Town Clerk who had authorised Mr. J. Mutemani and Mrs. G. Chipare’s attendance.

All costs would be borne by the organisers. The Director of Health Services sought authority to use a Council vehicle. Fuel would be reimbursed.

It was therefore recommended that Mr. J. Mutemani and Mrs. G. Chipare be granted special leave from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 to attend the above training and be paid incidental allowances and meals in transit accordingly.

**RESOLVED (Submitted for Confirmation Only)**

That the action taken by the Director of Health Services in consultation with the Town Clerk in authorising Mr. J. Mutemani (S.R. Number 22301) and Mrs. G. Chipare (S.R. Number 26311) to attend the abovementioned meeting in Masvingo from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and the payment of incidental allowances, meals in transit only as appropriate, as other costs were met by the organisers as well as use of a Council vehicle for which fuel would be reimbursed, be confirmed.

(14) **INVITATION TO ATTEND A TRAINER OF TRAINERS ON REVISED HIV DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING TOOLS MEETING: 22 TO 26 APRIL 2024 GOLDEN PEACOCK HOTEL: MUTARE: MRS R.S. MAPHOSA: S.R. NUMBER 26437 AND MR N.P. THWALA: S.R. NUMBER 26435**

The Director of Health Services reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received from the Ministry of Health and Child Care to send participants to attend the above meeting. It read as follows:

“World Health Organisation released Consolidated Guidelines on Person-Centred HIV Strategic Information in 2022. The Ministry of Health and Child Care adopted and adapted the guidelines in 2023. This saw HIV data collection and reporting tools being revised and printed. The Ministry therefore plans to conduct a trainer of trainers (TOT) on the revised tools with provincial cadres, as part of the dissemination of the guidelines so that they can cascade these trainings further sub nationally.”

The Director of Health Services had nominated Mrs. R.S. Maphosa, a Deputy Chief Nursing Officer and Mr. N.P. Thwala a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer to attend the above meeting.

In view of the dates of the meeting, the matter had been discussed with the Town Clerk, who had authorized Mrs. R.S. Maphosa and Mr. N.P. Thwala’s attendance.

All costs would be borne by the organisers. The Director of Health Services sought authority to use a Council vehicle. Fuel would be reimbursed.

It was therefore recommended that Mrs. R.S. Maphosa and Mr. N.P. Thwala be granted special leave from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 to attend the above meeting and be paid incidental allowances and meals in transit accordingly.

**RESOLVED (Submitted for Confirmation Only)**

That the action taken by the Director of Health Services in consultation with the Town Clerk in authorising Mrs. R.S. Maphosa (S.R. Number 26437) and Mr. N.P. Thwala (S.R. Number 26435) to attend the abovementioned meeting in Mutare from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and the payment of incidental allowances, meals in transit only as appropriate, as other costs were met by the organisers as well as use of a Council vehicle for which fuel would be reimbursed, be confirmed.

(15) **MEDICAL REFEREE: DR T. CHIGWAZA: S.R. NUMBER 21606**

The Director of Health Services reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the above-named staff member was appointed as Clinical Medical Officer on 1 November 2021 on Grade 12 and was registered as Medical Practitioner of not less than 5 years standing as follows:

Dr T. Chigwaza - Qualified in 2012

In view of the shortage of medical practitioners in Council employ, it was essential that he be appointed as “Medical Referee” in terms of the Burial and Cremation Act, Chapter 171 to ensure continuity of services to the community.

The Director of Health Services therefore recommended that Dr T. Chigwaza be appointed Medical Referee in terms of the Burial and Cremation Act, Chapter 171.

The matter was considered and His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart) enquired about the number of Council doctors authorised to sign for cremations. He suggested that the Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Corporate Communications Section should create a register of doctors who would be available to sign for the cremations for a given period.

In response, the Director of Health Services advised that there were currently three Council doctors who were authorised to sign for the cremations. The department had submitted the request to increase the number of doctors authorised to sign and in consideration of the lengthy time it took for names to be gazetted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That Dr T. Chigwaza be appointed Medical Referee  
in terms of the Burial and Cremation Act, Chapter 171.

**(16) INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SOUTH-TO-SOUTH HIV PREVENTION LEARNING NETWORK-i2i POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP) WORKING GROUP MEETING 3 TO 4 JUNE 2024: CAPE TOWN: SOUTH AFRICA: MRS SITHOKOZILE HOVE: S.R. NUMBER 23436**

The Director of Health Services reported (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that an invitation had been received from the South-to-South HIV Prevention Learning Network (SSLN) to send a participant to attend the above meeting. It read as follows:

“The insight 2 implementation (i2i) stream of South-to-South HIV Prevention Learning Network (SSLN) will be hosting a working group meeting for 40 key Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) stakeholders from five countries in Sub-Saharan Africa (Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe). These countries have been selected as they are either deep dive countries of the i2i initiative or recently participated in the R2R user insight study on Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP).

The anticipated launch of new Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) guidelines by the World Health Organisation (WHO), coupled with the availability of recent user insights studies and country experiences, presents a unique opportunity to collaborate with countries to use emerging evidence to strengthen the implementation, roll-out and use of Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP).

The SSLN Insight 2 Implementation Stream is excited to announce a working group meeting scheduled to take place in Cape Town, South Africa, at the beginning of June. This meeting will bring together representatives from five countries to engage in a comprehensive dialogue on Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), aimed at achieving the following objectives:

1. Introduce and reflect on the updated World Health Organisation (WHO) Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) guidelines.
2. Share and reflect upon the insights from recent studies.
3. Facilitate an exchange of experiences and strategies among representative stakeholders, focusing on leveraging successful PEP implementation practices.
4. Collaboratively develop thematic strategies and practical recommendations, drawing upon the shared insights and experiences, to enhance the accessibility, acceptability, and availability of PEP.
5. Contribute thoughts towards the development of a PEP supplement in the Journal of International AIDS Society (JIAS).

In light of your contributions to the field, you have been nominated by Dr. Madzima (National AIDS Council) CEO and Dr Mugurungi (AIDS&TB) Director Ministry of Health and Child Care, to attend this working group meeting. We believe your expertise and experiences will greatly enrich our discussions and outcomes.

We will bring stakeholders together in an interactive way to share and learn in a safe and neutral environment by the South for the South. We will support the application of new knowledge into action through ongoing and follow-up support provided by the SSLN-i2i.

We are delighted to extend an invitation to you for this meeting. This is an opportunity to learn about the latest Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) guidelines and insights, reflect and share your own experiences, and collaboratively develop practical recommendations to take us one step further in strengthening the accessibility, acceptability and use of Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). You have been nominated by your country's prevention lead to participate, underscoring your significant contributions and potential impact in this critical area”.

The Director of Health Services support the nomination of Mrs. S. Hove the Chief Nursing Officer to attend the above meeting.

All costs would be borne by the organisers.

It was therefore recommended that Mrs. S. Hove be granted special leave from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to attend the above meeting and be paid incidental allowances accordingly.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That Mrs. S. Hove be granted special leave from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 to attend the above meeting and be paid incidental allowances accordingly.

(17) **GENDER, SAFETY AND HEALTH SECTION PERFORMANCE REPORT UP TO 31 MARCH, 2024.**

The Human Capital Director reported (15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter.

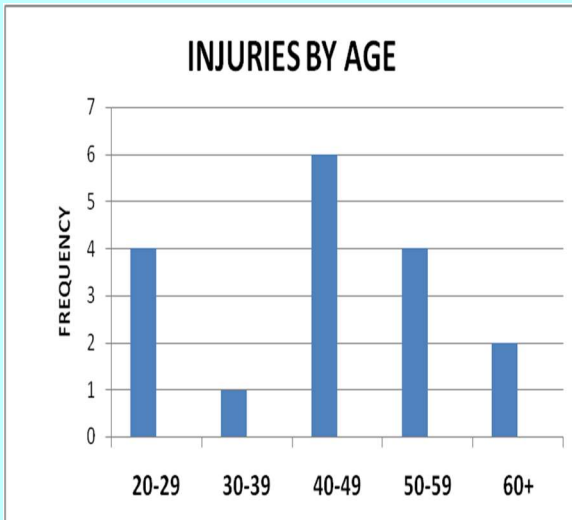
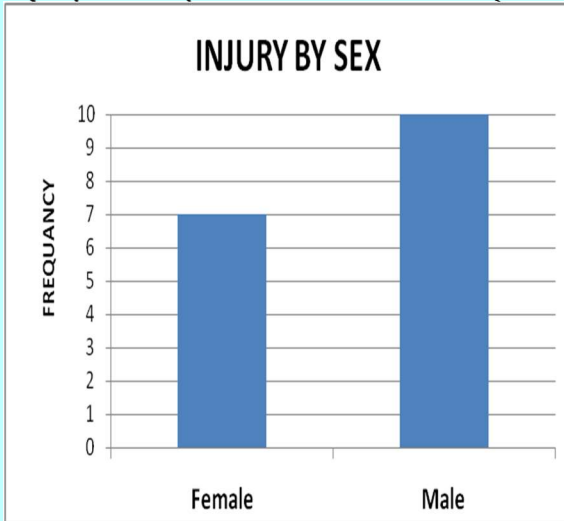
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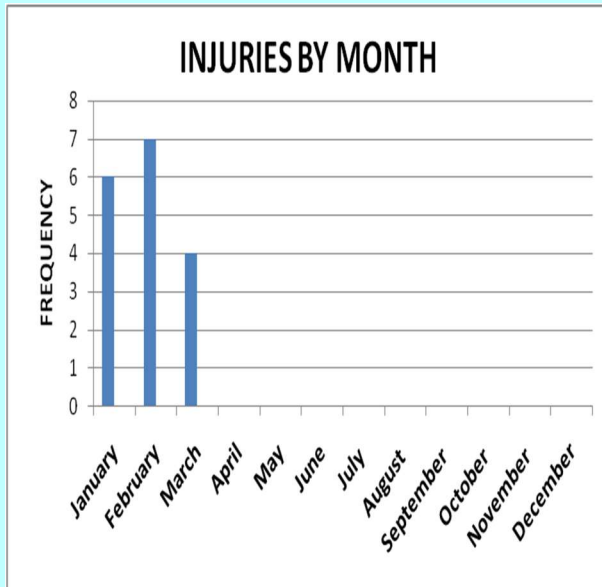
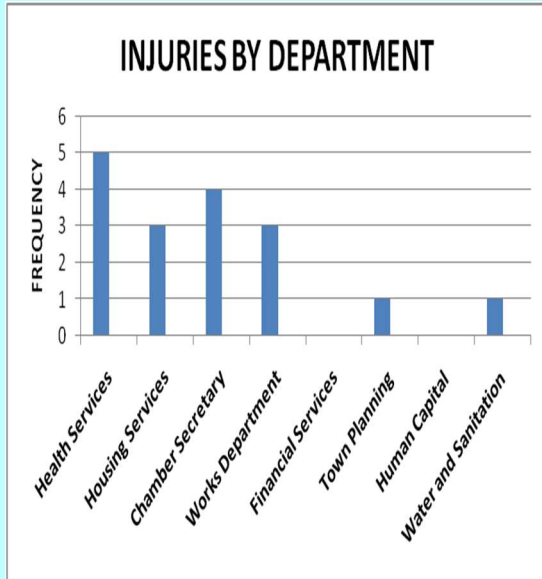
<b>FULL NAMES (AGE)</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>S.R No.</b>	<b>DESIGNATIO N (GRADE)</b>	<b>DEP T</b>	<b>DATE OF INJURY</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Michael Tshuma (27)	M	57057	Labourer (contract)(1)	Work s	04/03/24	The staff member was operating a pedestrian roller and his right hand got injured. He was treated at Mpilo Hospital and was given 3 days off sick.
Thamsanqa Ncube (56)	M	40456	Tar Patcher Attendant (2)	Work s	05/03/24	The staff member was hit by a pneumatic roller, he fell on a hot mix (tar) both hands were burnt and he also fractured his left leg. He was taken to the hospital and he was given off-sick days.
Mandlankosi Baloyi ( 56)	M	87336	Acting Caretaker	HCS	17/03/24	The staff member sustained a fracture on his left wrist and dislocation on the radioulnar joint, whilst he was pulling the garden fence. He rushed to Mpilo Hospital and given seven days (7) off-sick. The injury was reported to NSSA.
Simba Juma (42)	M	87570	Labourer	HCS	22/03/24	The staff member while trimming the tree fell and injured his upper jaw, shaky upper front tooth, right tooth and swollen right elbows. He was rushed to UBH, he was treated and discharged. The injury was reported to NSSA and he was given seven days off-sick.



Four (4) staff members from Works and Housing and Community Services were injured on duty during the month of March 2024. Cumulatively, Council had recorded seventeen (17) injuries on duty since January 2024. The Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) is **4.5** against the recommended standard of less than **1**.

**Injury on duty statistics to date analysed below:**





**B. REPORT ON EMPLOYEE WELLNESS OUTREACH PROGRAM HELD ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH, 2024: NCEMA WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, the Human Capital Department, Gender Safety and Health Section conducted an Employee Wellness Outreach Program at Ncema Water Treatment Plant partnering with health service providers such as Organization for Public Health Intervention and Development (OPHID), Cooperate 24 Medical Centre, Eye-pod, ZIMNAT, Micro-sure, Friendship Bench, and Nehemiah Project. The purpose of the employee wellness outreach program was drawn from one of the aims of the City of Bulawayo’s Employee Wellness Policy which emphasizes the importance of striking a balance between work and life to meet demands from family/community and the workplace.

Therefore, conducting the employee wellness outreach program at Ncema the City of Bulawayo is in partial fulfilment of the Employee Wellness Policy and the recommendations made from the previous employee wellness programmes. As such the program was held at Ncema Water Treatment Plant with workstations such as Nyankuni and Fernhill present and it ran under the theme “*A safe and healthy working environment; a fundamental principle and right at work*”. There was provision of health services such as body mass index (BMI) checking, hypertension checks, psycho-social support, HIV testing, eye check-ups, and consultations with medical practitioners.

A number of sixty-eight (68) employees and their families comprising of forty five (45) males and twenty three (23) females were reached out and three (3) were persons with disabilities who were all male.



**Figure 1:** *Participants consulting with eye specialists from Eyepod*

### **C. REPORT ON WATER INDABA-BULAWAYO PROGRESSIVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (BPRA): BULAWAYO CLUB: 14 MARCH 2024**

A Water Indaba hosted by the Bulawayo Progressive Residents Association (BPRA) was held at Bulawayo Club on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Bulawayo’s continued perennial water challenges that have seen several suburbs going over a week without water and some of the challenges faced by community members and children in schools were addressed. Furthermore, this Water Indaba aimed at coming up with concrete strategies to alleviate the City’s water challenges. In attendance were members of the Bulawayo Progressive Residents Association (BPRA), Zimbabwe National Water Authority (ZINWA), Gweru Residents Association, Lupane State University, National University of Science and

Technology, Emthonjeni Women's Forum, Matabeleland Institute for Human Rights, Ward Councilors and Bulawayo City Council management staff.



**Figure 2:** Councillor Mxolisi Mahlangu giving an address on the water crisis in the City of Bulawayo

**D. REPORT ON THE 3 DAY VISITS TO CRITERION WATER TREATMENT PLANT: COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOLS: SIBO THE ENGINEER PROGRAM: 20<sup>TH</sup>- 22<sup>ND</sup> OF MARCH 2024.**

The promotion of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) uptake by the girl child was one of the strategic initiatives in Council as such the City of Bulawayo in partnership with Sibo the engineer conducted a second round of a three (3) day visit to Criterion Water Treatment Plant with 120 students aged 8-12 years from six (6) Bulawayo Council Primary Schools. The objectives of the visit was to cultivate interest in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) related subjects among school children, to bridge the ethnic, socio-economic and gender gap in STEM fields through creation of inclusive and diversified STEM educational materials in early childhood. The activity also served as a Career Guidance for adolescent girls and boys. There were forty (40) participants each day, with two different primary schools per day. The attending schools were St Peters, Manondwane, Tategulu, Ntshamathe, Aisebly, and Mgombane Primary Schools.

The first day had a total number of 58 participants compromised of 38 females and 20 males. Day 2 had a total number of 61 participants compromised of 41 females and 20 males and the last day had a total number of 58 participants compromised of 35 females and 23 males.





**Figure 3:** Primary school going boys and girls with their teachers at Criterion Water treatment Plant

## **E. GENDER EQUITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION USING THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (COE) GENDER SCORE CARD**

Below were the highlights of the Council's gender mainstreaming and social inclusions Centre of Excellence (COE) performance using the key thematic areas of the gender scorecard. This was a monthly monitoring process which also used data from previous reports to enable continuous reflection of the processes.

### **E.1 GOVERNANCE**

#### **E.1.1. Representation**

As of March 2024, City of Bulawayo had a total of 34 Councillors comprising of 13 (44 %) female and 19 (56%) male Councillors. Representation of Council Committee Chairpersons comprised of 2 (17%) females chairing the Future Water Supplies and the Health, Housing and Education Committees. There were also three 3 female deputy chairpersons chairing the Future Water Supplies, the Health, Housing, Education and Audit Committees. There were a total of 76 Junior councillors that comprises of 41 females and 35 males for the year 2024.

## **E.2.WORKPLACE POLICY AND PRACTICE**

### **E.2.1. Recruitment and Selection**

	<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>% WOMEN</b>	<b>% MEN</b>
Full Time	874	1938	2812	31	69
Part time	234	400	634	36	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>2338</b>	<b>3446</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>68</b>

As of March 2024, the organisation had a total of 3446 employees including full time and part time, with a total of 1108 (32%) females and 2338 (68%) male employees.

Council also had a graduate trainee and student attachment programme, and their recruitment was as follows:

### **Management structure disaggregated by sex as at March, 2024**

	<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>% WOMEN</b>	<b>% MEN</b>
Senior Managers	4	17	21	19	81
Middle Managers	168	152	320	52.5	47.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>49.5</b>

The table above indicated that females had **19%** representation in senior management/decision making positions that was from Grade thirteen (**13**) and above compared to males who had **81%** representation.

In middle management positions from Grade (**9-12**), females have **52.5%** representation and males have **47.5%** representation Grade 9 had mostly nurses which a position which was generally occupied by females. Overall, Council had a total of **50.4%** female representation in both Senior and Middle Management Positions whereas males had **49.5%** representation.

Council also had a graduate trainee and student attachment programme, and their recruitment was as follows:

### **Graduate trainees interns as at March, 2024.**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Total</b>
Human Capital	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>
Health Services	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Town Planning	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Housing and Community Services	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>
Town Clerk's / Chamber Secretary's	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
Engineering Services	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>

Financial Services	9	6	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>57</b>

**Students on attachment as at March, 2024.**

Department/Field	Females	Males	Total
Human Capital	8	8	16
Financial Services	34	18	52
Health Services	14	11	25
Town Planning	27	17	44
Housing and Community Services	66	30	96
Engineering Services	50	82	132
Town Clerk's/ Chamber Secretary's	21	14	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>395</b>

**E.2.2. Working Conditions and Environment.**

Council had a Sexual Harassment Policy that was enforced. No sexual harassment cases were reported during this period. Council also provided maternity and vacation leave days. The Council continued to take measures in line with the reasonable accommodation principle for persons with disabilities by providing ramps and disability friendly sanitary facilities in Council properties.

**E.3.LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

As of the month of March, 2024, the information below had not changed. 63 % vending bays were allocated to women and 37% to men on an equal opportunity basis. Of the total of 7378 market stands allocated, persons with disability received 100 stands and youths 3320.

**E.3.1Market spaces allocations**

	Total	Proportions %
Women	4613	63
Men	2765	37
Total	7378	100

100 Persons with disability were among the people allocated vending spaces.

**E.3.2Procurement**

The Council kept gender disaggregated data on procurement. 2024 Data is not yet available.



### **E.3.3. Community Health Workers Supported By Council**

	Number	Proportion
Women	148	92%
Men	12	8%
Total	160	100%

## **E.4 CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Council was aware of climate change and its differential effects on women, men, people living with disability, and youth and were consulted equally on measures to be taken. Tree planting and storm drain clearance were some of the Council programmes that were in place to mitigate and or adapt to climate change that involve women, men, youth, and persons with disabilities (PWDs).

### **E.4.1. Emergency response**

Council had an Emergency Response plan in place at all health facilities. In partnership with Health Services, Engineering Services Department also supported the Cholera Response Plan by making sure that a bowser was in place whenever needed.

## **E.5 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **E.5.1. Land and Housing**

Council was responsible for allocating residential and commercial land. The Council kept sex, age and persons with disabilities (PWDs) disaggregated data on land and property ownership. As of March, 2024, there was no land allocation for both residential and commercial.

### **E.5.2. Water and Sanitation**

**Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)-Water-Points Committees as at March, 2024.**

<b>Water Committees</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Chairpersons of Water Committees</b>	<b>Vice Chairpersons of water committees</b>
<b>Women</b>	6	1	1
<b>Men</b>	6	1	1
<b>Total</b>	12	2	2

### **E.5.3 Social Development**

City of Bulawayo had Social and Recreational facilities that were gender responsive and disability friendly which included: 30 Primary and 1 Secondary Schools, 26 Pre-Schools, 15 Youth Centres, 10 Vocational Training Centres and 3 Home Craft Centres.

#### **E.5.3.1 Council Primary Schools enrolment disaggregated by sex as per year enrolment.**

	<b>Primary School</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Female %</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male %</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Mgombane	485	47%	546	53%	1031
2	Dumezweni	982	50%	993	50%	1975
3	Mahatshula	590	48%	671	52%	1261
4	Senzangakhona	1029	50%	1012	50%	2041
5	Mkhithika Thebe	1135	50%	1120	50%	2255
6	Ngwalongwalo	936	49%	967	51%	1903
7	Mgiqika	991	50%	987	50%	1978
8	Mahlathini	1462	51%	1386	49%	2848
9	Mawaba	672	48%	719	52%	1391
10	Mabhukudwana	526	48%	579	52%	1105
11	Mtshane	452	48%	482	52%	934
12	Josiah Chinamano	503	47%	567	53%	1070
13	Mtshingwe	429	52%	394	48%	823
14	Ingubo	685	52%	626	48%	1311
15	Malindela	672	49%	687	51%	1359
16	Mthombowesizwe	680	53%	615	47%	1295
17	Nketa	582	50%	592	50%	1174
18	Mganwini	667	48%	731	52%	1398
19	Mafela	771	52%	724	48%	1495
20	Manondwane	587	49%	605	51%	1192
21	J.W Mthimkhulu	485	52%	451	48%	936
22	Ntshamathe	735	51%	705	49%	1440
23	Zulukandaba	689	52%	631	48%	1320
24	Aisleby	140	55%	116	45%	256
25	St Peters	205	51%	197	49%	402
26	Queen Elizabeth II	580	47%	611	53%	1191
27	Sigombe	546	53%	487	47%	1033
28	Mgoqo	965	47%	1078	53%	2043
29	Vulindlela	615	51%	589	49%	1204
30	Tategulu	1115	48%	1200	52%	2315
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20911</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>21068</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>41979</b>

The above table showed that there was **50% representation of females and 50% representation of males** in Council primary schools.

### **E.5.3.2 Council Secondary School Enrolment for the year 2024**

	<b>School</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Female %</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male %</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	Sizalendaba Secondary	148	59%	101	41%	249

### **E.5.3.3 Number of people in Vocational Training Centres**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Proportions %</b>
Females	193	26%
Males	537	74%
Persons with Disability	(9)	(1.2%)
Total	739	100%

Of the 739 people at the Council Vocational Training Centres, females had a 26% representation while males had a 74% representation. Out of the 739 participants, 1.2% were persons with disabilities.

## **E.7 SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, HIV AND AIDS**

Council clinics offered services such as cervical and breast cancer screening for women, age appropriate and youth friendly family planning services. They also gave both medical and psycho-support to sexual and gender-based violence survivors and strengthening the referral pathway system. Clinics also offer Post Exposure Prophylaxis for Sexual, Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Survivors (Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Sexually Transmitted Infections, and Pregnancy). Nurses and Counsellors had been trained/sensitised in sign language.

### **E.7.1 People receiving treatment in Council Health Facilities as at March, 2024**

	<b>No. of people receiving treatment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2024</b>	<b>% Representation</b>
Female	221603	<b>67%</b>
Male	111011	<b>33%</b>
People with disabilities	Not on records	<b>0</b>
Youths		
Total	332614	<b>100%</b>

**Statistics as at March, 2024-Council Clinic Services**

AGE	HIV Status		Visual inspection with acetic acid and cervicography (VIAC) Tests result		Suspicious Cancer	Total	Treatment	Clients Screened	
								New	Repeat
	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive					
16-24	8	18	25	1	0	51	2	20	6
25-49	136	344	468	12	0	960	9	226	254
50+	14	39	53	0	0	106	0	21	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1117</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>292</b>

**Data Analysis as at March 2024-Human Immune deficiency Virus (HIV) Statistics**

- Numbers of women from the ages of 16-24 tested for HIV were 26. Of the 26 women, eight (8) tested negative and eighteen (18) were positive.
- Numbers of women from the ages of 25-49 tested for HIV were 480. Of the 480 women, one hundred and thirty-six (136) tested negative and three hundred and forty-four (344) were positive.
- Numbers of women from the ages of 50+ tested for HIV were 53. Of the 53 women, fourteen (14) tested negative and thirty-nine (39) were positive.

**Data Analysis as at March 2024- VIAC Statistics**

- Numbers of women from the ages of 16-24 tested for VIAC were 26. Of the 26 women, 25 tested negative and 1 were positive.
- Numbers of women from the ages of 25-49 tested for VIAC were 480. Of the 480 women, 468 tested negative and 12 were positive.
- Numbers of women from the ages of 50+ tested for VIAC were 53. Of the 53 women, 53 tested negative and 0 tested positive.
- A total of 267 new clients were screened and 292 were repeat clients.
- Numbers of women referred out for treatment were zero (0).
- Numbers of women screened for breast cancer were one hundred and ninety-three (193).

**Data analysis as at March 2024- Outreach**

- Numbers of outreaches conducted were zero (0)
- Numbers of women screened during outreach zero (0).
- Number of women screened during outreach that tested VIAC positive was zero (0).

## **E.8 ENDING VIOLENCE, EMPOWERING WOMEN**

### **E.8.1. Prevention**

Council was responsible for the provision of street lighting. Progress on replacement and installation was reported to Council monthly. Council was responsible for the provision of street lighting. Progress on replacement and installation was reported to Council monthly. As of March 2024, Council had a total number of four hundred and forty (440) tower lights. Of the 440 tower lights, three hundred and seventy-four (374) were functional and sixty-six (66) were not functional.

### **E.8.2. Response and Coordination**

There was a good working relationship between the Zimbabwe Republic Police- Victim Friendly Unit (ZRP), CSOs, Council and the Community. Council provided referral pathway services and identified Gender Based Violence hotspots in the communities with the help of various stakeholders and community structures. The Zimbabwe Republic Police and the Community Gender Equity Social Inclusion (GESI) Champions had community programs and campaigns that speak against violence, drug abuse and other social threats.

## **E.9 GENDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

### **E.9.1 Gender Structures**

Council had set up a gender structure, including a gender focal person that was empowered to do its work. The Gender structure consists of the Mayor, the Town Clerk, Human Capital Director, the Principal Gender Safety and Health Officer / Council's Gender Focal Person, Departmental Gender Focal Persons and Community Gender Equity Social Inclusion Champions. The Council Gender Focal Person reports to the Human Capital Director, the Human Capital Director then reported to the Town Clerk then the General Purposes Committee in place of the Gender Committee.

### **E.9.2 Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning**

There was a Monitoring and Evaluation system in place for gender and it was used for reporting purposes. This was done through regular reports to management on gender action plan, workshop reports, evaluation forms, registers and the gender score card. As at February 2024, Council had done two (2) Gender Impact Assessments. Data gathered was used by the Management for decision making purposes.

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(18) INVITATION TO A COUNCILLORS INDUCTION WORKSHOP**

The Human Capital Director reported (15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the following letter (11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) was received from Gender Links :-

**“The Chief Executive Officers and Town Clerks**

1. Bulawayo City Council
2. Gwanda Municipality
3. Gwanda RDC
4. Lupane Local Board
5. Umzingwane RDC

**REF: INVITATION TO A COUNCILLORS INDUCTION WORKSHOP**

Hivos, in partnership with Gender Links and the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, is cordially inviting, the **Gender Focal Person, newly elected female, male and Youth councillors** to an induction workshop from the above 5 local authorities.

Hivos and its partners are implementing, the Women and Youth Leadership and Participation (WYLP) project, a 27-month programme whose global objective is to *promote women and youth leadership and participation in Zimbabwe.*

This project seeks to enhance women and youth capacity in participating in governance and strengthening those successful in the 2023 Harmonised election in the new leadership roles.

**Objectives of the workshop**

- To equip newly elected Councillors with the necessary practical knowledge and skills to enable them to carry out their mandate.
- To provide councillors with a comprehensive understanding legal frameworks and functioning of local government institutions.
- To empower councillors with basic understanding on the committee system and chairing of committees, community engagement, public administration and service delivery
- To enhance councillors’ professionalism

**Total number of Councillors per council**

<b>Council</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bulawayo City Council	11	3	14
Gwanda RDC	8	0	8
Gwanda Municipality	4	0	4
Lupane Local Board	1	2	3
Umzingwane RDC	8	0	8
Council officials 1 from each council			5
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>

Those accommodated will be from Gwanda, Lupane, and Umzingwane (23 Councillors plus 4 Gender Focal Persons from the 4 councils) Total 27.

Bulawayo City Council would have 14 participants plus 1 Gender Focal Person and will be given daily transport to the workshop and back hence not eligible for accommodation.

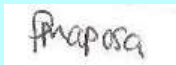
### Workshop Details

Venue:	Bulawayo Holiday Inn
Check-in:	Sunday 28 April 2024 (1200hrs)
Workshop Dates:	Sunday 28 April 1400hrs Monday 29 April 830hrs to 1630hrs Tuesday 29 April 0830hrs to 1230hrs
Check out:	Tuesday 30 April 2024 (After lunch)

Hivos would cover the costs of accommodation, conferencing and meals. Transport reimbursements will be done as per Hivos rates.

Please confirm your participation with **Farai Chidongo** on [fchidongo@hivos.org](mailto:fchidongo@hivos.org) Copy **Tapiwa Zvaraya** on [zimmande@genderlinks.org.za](mailto:zimmande@genderlinks.org.za) by **Wednesday 17 April 2024**. Please indicate the name, sex and position of each individual.

I look forward to your usual cooperation.



**Priscilla Maposa**  
**Director Zimbabwe and Regional Programmes Gender Links”**

The above invitation was discussed with the organizers cognisant that the number of female Councillors was higher than the allocation in the letter and they were not able to accommodate all the female Councillors.

In view of the foregoing, it was recommended that Council nominate the 14(11 F 3 M youths) Councillors to participate at the forth coming induction workshop with the Gender Focal Person Mrs A. Manyemwe. The workshop was a Women and Youth Leadership and Participation (WYLP) Project.

The matter was considered and His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart) suggested the three youngest males by birth to attend the workshop and that the Chamber Secretary and Councillors K. Ndlovu and N. Khumalo work together in selecting female Councillors to attend the Workshop.

The Chamber Secretary explained that currently, there were 16 female councillors, surpassing the required number of 11. Therefore, she suggested that the 4 recently sworn-in female councillors should be included since they had not undergone any induction as compared to the rest.



It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (1) That 14 Councillors (11 females and 3 youngest males) be authorised to attend the workshop to be held at the Holiday Inn Bulawayo from 29 to 30 April 2024.
- (2) The details of the eleven (11) Councillors be left to the Chamber Secretary, Councillor N. Khumalo and Councillor K. Ndlovu.

**(19) IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF THE REPORTS FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL, 2024**

The Human Capital Director reported (15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter.

<b>ITEM No</b>	<b>SUMMARY REPORT/COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Gender, Safety and Health performance report as at 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2024	NOTED	5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024
2	Record of Implementation of Council Resolutions of the previous meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024	NOTED	5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024
3	Feedback Report from the 22 <sup>ND</sup> International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa: 4 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023. Crown Plaza Hotel: Dr E.N.S. Mzingwane and Mrs S. Hove (CNO)	NOTED	5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024
4	Resumption of Commutation of Vacation leave days	Implementation memorandum had been written to all Heads of Departments advising that resumption of commutation shall resume with effect 1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2024	8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024
5	Authority for the proposed Council Staff appointment and promotion detailed in the	Offer letter/ contracts of employment have already been given to all successful	15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024

	Recruitment of Council Employees report.	candidates indicated in the report	
6	Management report on the City of Bulawayo general staff loss for the month of February, 2024	Actioned	8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024
7	Job Evaluation 14 Positions – Housing and Community Services Department – (Community Services Branch)- Castellion Job Evaluation System	Confirmation letters of upgrading had been done and handed over to the recipients accordingly	8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024
8	Management report on corporate staff establishment for the month of February, 2024	Actioned	8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024
9	Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Bulawayo City Council (BCC) and Zimbabwe Urban Councils Workers Union (ZUCWU) -Bulawayo Branch	The Financial Director has been tasked to craft an efficient and effective Revenue Mobilization Blue Print with the intention to address staff compensation issues	5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024
10.	Record of Implementation of Council Resolutions of the previous meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024	Actioned	5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(20) INVITATION TO THE WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMEMORATIONS, MUTARE: 10 MAY 2024.**

The Human Capital Director reported (15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the following letter had been received from the National Social Security Authority (NSSA) (04 April 2024):

“The World Day for Safety and Health at work is celebrated worldwide every year on 28 April to promote the prevention of occupational accidents, injuries, and ill-health. It is a campaign to raise awareness and bring national and international attention and focus on the problems of work-related accidents, injuries, and deaths.

As far back as 2003, the ILO started to observe the World Day for Safety and Health, emphasising on the importance of preventing occupational accidents, injuries and diseases under pinned by ILO strong traditional legacy of tripartism and social dialogue. Such

commemorations have always been a key component of the global strategy on OSH wherein all tripartite arrangements have a responsibility for stopping deaths and disabling injuries due to work. Government has the responsibility to provide a national system that include making OSH laws, systems of inspection to ensure compliance with the applicable legislation as well as programmes to ensure safe and healthy work environments from which workers remain employable and enterprises blossom and flourish. On the other hand, employers have the responsibility to ensure the creation of safe and healthy work environments while workers are responsible for working safely, protecting themselves and others as well as knowing their rights to a safe and healthy work environment and participating in the implementation of preventive measures.

Hence, this year we celebrate the **World Day for Safety and Health under the ILO theme "We are running out of time; Ensuring safe and healthy work now in a changing climate."**

In this regard organisations from all sectors are invited to join the nation as we celebrate this day in Mutare at Meikles Park, on the 10th of May 2024 from 0800 to 12 noon.

As we march towards the upper middle-income status as a nation by 2030 and make our nation highly competitive on a global scale, let us all be geared up to create safe and healthy work environments around which our productivity as a nation hinges.

For any finer details with regards to the programme celebrations contact the OSH Principal Inspector of Factories, Mr Morris Zendera on 0773853372 or Dr Shingie Mugaviri on 0772163934 or your nearest NSSA office. Email: [GoweraF@nssa.org.zw](mailto:GoweraF@nssa.org.zw); [magidio@nssa.org.zw](mailto:magidio@nssa.org.zw)

**\*\*Come, be part of the solution to a safe and healthy work environment in Zimbabwe\*\***

Dr Charles Shava  
A/General Manager  
Enc. Programme & National Anthem"

It should be recalled that Council had an ongoing Safety and Health programmes and participation in the World Day for Safety and Health at Work Commemoration and conducting safety week activities demonstrate Council's commitment to the promotion of the safety, health, and wellbeing of its work force as it continued to make strides towards ISO45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System. The 2024 National commemoration would be held in Mutare in May to avoid competing with an event of equal national importance; the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair which was in the City of Bulawayo. Meanwhile Council had always participated fully at the national Safety and Health Day campaigns which included observing of the Safety Week through various company-based activities. Hence forth Council welcomed this year's arrangement to have the National commemorations on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Mutare as it would give the organisation an undivided attention on preparation for the activities.

In view of the fore-going it was therefore recommended that:-

- I. Council participates at the National Launch of the World Day for Safety and Health Commemoration in Mutare and that it be represented by members of the Council's Safety and Health Coordinating Committee . These representatives will be adorned with promotional materials in the form of t-shirts, hats, and a banner inscribed with the 2024's theme: **“We are running out of time; Ensuring safe and healthy work now in a changing climate.”**
- II. Council pays for accommodation, transport, meals, and incidentals for the council delegation that will attend the national commemoration.
- III. The national commemoration be followed by the organizational safety week as planned where the City of Bulawayo will conduct awareness campaigns at selected workstations during the first four days building up to the Council's launching of the organisation's commemoration on the last day of the week. His Worship the Mayor, Town Clerk, Heads of Departments and representatives of the Safety and Health committees as well as Fire and Ambulance crews will attend the function in the promotional materials as described above.
- IV. This expenditure is budgeted for under Vote 0056 /00123 and the estimated cost for the commemoration processes isUS\$12 000.00.

Discussion ensued and the Deputy Mayor (Councillor E. Ndlovu) proposed that a comprehensive list detailing the delegates should be provided in future for clarity of the participants.

His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart) noted that expenditure was estimated at US\$12,000 and sought justification for the amount.

In response, the Human Capital Director explained that Council had a Safety and Health Coordination Committee that was composed of staff members. He clarified that the amount did not solely cover one event, but rather a series of events that would be carried out.

Thereafter, it was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (1) That Council participates at the National Launch of the World Day for Safety and Health Commemoration in Mutare and that it be represented by members of the Council's Safety and Health Coordinating Committee. These representatives will be adorned with promotional materials in the form of t-shirts, hats, and a banner inscribed with the 2024's theme: **“We are running out of time; Ensuring safe and healthy work now in a changing climate.”**
- (2) That Council pays for accommodation, transport, meals, and incidentals for the council delegation that will attend the national commemoration.

- (3) That the national commemoration be followed by the organizational safety week as planned where the City of Bulawayo will conduct awareness campaigns at selected workstations during the first four days building up to the Council's launching of the organisation's commemoration on the last day of the week. His Worship the Mayor, Town Clerk, Heads of Departments and representatives of the Safety and Health committees as well as Fire and Ambulance crews will attend the function in the promotional materials as described above.
- (4) That this expenditure is budgeted for under Vote 0056 /00123 and the estimated cost for the commemoration processes is US\$12 000.00.

(21) **REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ASSISTANCE – ANNUAL WORKER'S DAY COMMEMORATIONS (1<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2024).**

The Human Capital Director reported (15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the following communication had been received (15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) from the ZCTU, Western Region:-

“ZCTU Western Region  
No. 129B George Silundika St  
**BULAWAYO**  
TEL: 0292261737

10 April 2024

The Town Clerk  
Bulawayo City Council  
**BULAWAYO**

**Re: Workers Day Commemoration (1 May 2024)**

The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) Western Region is hereby inviting Bulawayo City Council to participate at this year's Workers Day Commemoration which will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2024 from 0830 – 1300 hrs. The venue of the commemorations is yet to be confirmed.

We kindly request for Council's Ambulance, Fire Tender vehicle and Garbage Compactor to join a colourful procession from the ZCTU Officers (129B George Silundika between 13<sup>th</sup>& 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue) at 09.00 hrs to the venue of the commemoration.

You are also welcome to mount a stand and bring any Council material for display, your representative will be allocated 5 minutes of presentation as we commemorate Workers Day.

For further communication please contact Ms D. Nyandoro on 0779 311 332.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours in the Workers Struggle

D. Nyandoro

**Regional Officer – Western Region**

cc. Human Capital Director”

The commemoration of the Worker’s day was a worldwide annual event. The Council had previously acceded to the request on the proviso that Council was indemnified against potential liability whatsoever.

In the circumstances, it was:-

**RESOLVED (Submitted for Confirmation Only):**

- (i) That authority be granted for the usage of Council assets namely, one ambulance, one Fire tender and one Garbage Compactor during the Workers’ Day Commemorations organized by the ZCTU, Western Region on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2024, on the understanding that Council shall be indemnified from any liability that could arise during the event and further,
- (ii) That the ancillary Council staff be authorized to participate representing Council interests therein and further –
- (iii) That the Town Clerk be granted Standing Authority to commit Council assets and ancillary staff to participate in annual workers Day Commemoration in future.

**(22) NOMINATION TO SERVE IN THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CHILDCARE – DOCTOR EDWIN SIBANDA-MZINGWANE STAFF REFERENCE NUMBER 21597 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024 – 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2027 – HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

The Human Capital Director reported (15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the Director of Health Services Dr E. Sibanda–Mzingwane Staff Reference Number 21597 had been nominated (30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024) by the Secretary for Health and Child Care to serve in one of the Ministry’s statutory Committees. The nominating Authority had written to the nominee as follows:-

“30 January 2024

Bulawayo City Council

Attention: Dr. E. Sibanda

**RE: Nomination to serve in the Audit Committee Ministry of Health And Child Care Audit Committee (AC) membership and participation**

This letter serves to inform you that you have been nominated to the Ministry of Health and Child Care Audit Committee (AC) membership and participation for the period 1 February 2024 to 28 February 2027.

The Ministry has made considerable progress towards fully complying with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) requirements in implementing the ACs and hence the nomination.

The Ministry appreciates your participation at the AC meetings and looks forward to your continued support in the future. Attached are the current lists of nominated members.

The Terms of Reference will be communicated during the forth coming sessions.

Dr A.J.V. Maunganidze

**SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND CHILD CARE”**

Council had previously permitted Council staff to serve on outside bodies as part of capacity building which promoted staff development in corporate governance.

It was therefore:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (i) That authority be granted to Dr E. Sibanda-Mzingwane (SR No. 21597) Director of Health Services to participate in the official business of the Ministry of Health and Child Care (Audit Committee) effective 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2027, at the pleasure of the nominating Authority and further,
- (ii) That Dr Sibanda-Mzingwane be granted special leave to attend official business of the Audit Committee stated herein, as and when required.

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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE LAID UPON THE TABLE.**



# **ANNEXURE 'G'**

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
APRIL, 2024 AT 4.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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Councillor O. D. Nkomo (Deputy Chairperson) (In the Chair)  
“ M. Moyo (Chairperson)  
His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart)  
“ M. Mabeza  
“ L. Mohammed  
“ T. Moyo  
“ M.T. Moyo  
“ N. Ndlovu  
“ P. Nyathi  
“ T. Zidya

**ALSO:**

The Town Clerk  
The City Legal Officer for the Chamber Secretary  
The Finance Manager (Accounting Services)  
The Director of Water and Sanitation  
The Director of Health Services  
The Director of Housing and Community Services  
The Acting Director of Works  
The City Valuer and Estate Officer

**APOLOGY:**

Councillor M. Mahlangu  
“ N. Sibanda

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(1) **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL DATA**



The Financial Director submitted (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to the abovementioned matter.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMED:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(2) **CASH MANAGEMENT**



The Financial Director submitted (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to Cash Management.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMED:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(3) **SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**



The Financial Director submitted (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to the Special Accounts.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMED:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(4) **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**



The Financial Director submitted (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to Capital Expenditure.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMED:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(5) **CITY FINANCIAL HEALTH INFORMATION**



The Financial Director submitted (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to the abovementioned matter.

Discussion ensued and His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart) enquired on the overall outstanding amount that Council was owed by ZESA in royalties.

In response, the Town Clerk confirmed that the two entities were indebted to each other and it was common practices to off set the debts.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMED:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(6) **WARD RETENTION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**



The Financial Director submitted (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) the attached report relating to the abovementioned matter.

Discussion ensued and Councillor N. Ndlovu recalled that the Finance and Development Committee (26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) had requested the Financial Services Department to submit a detailed report detailing the status of the projects. He sought clarification as to why the report had not been submitted as per request. He emphasised on the importance of updating the Committee regularly on the progress of ward retention projects.

Councillor T. Zidya concurred noting that being aware of the status of ward retention projects was important for planning purposes.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMED:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(7) **PLANIX BUDGETING SOFTWARE ADDITIONAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTING MODULE**

The Financial Director reported (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that Council used Planix Budgeting Software approved by the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works. This software was supplied by a company called Celsoft. Council started using the software in 2015.

Over the years the software focused on Budgeting. The company had announced at a workshop held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 attended by the Financial Director and the Finance

Manager - Accounting Services that it had developed software capable of producing monthly, quarterly management accounts and financial statements that were compliant to International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

The Planix Budgeting Software and the latest updates could be integrated or linked to Council's BIQ software system. The integration would enable the two systems to work hand in hand. The new management accounting and financial reporting module by Celsoft would greatly assist Council in:

1. Timely production of reports required to meet statutory requirements of the Public Finance Management Act such as monthly and quarterly reports
2. Timely production of financial statements for auditing using an IPSAS compliant software
3. Loading the budgets to the BIQ system as and when budgets were approved by the Minister
4. Timely production of financial performance schedules for the annual budgets in line with Ministerial standard budget reports

The annual licence fee for the additional management and financial reporting modules was US\$1,500, installation and training costs for the additional modules would be a once off cost of US\$1,211. The total payment was **US\$2,711**.

It was therefore: -

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (i) That Council acquires the additional Planix Management and Financial Reporting Modules supplied by Celsoft as outlined in the above report.
- (ii) That authority be granted to pay annual licences to Celsoft until Council's BIQ has been configured to meet local and government financial reporting requirements.

**(8) BILLING AND DEBT MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Financial Director reported (18 April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter: -

## Billing Income and Receipts

The table N below showed the monthly billing Income vs the billing receipts for the year 2024.

**Table N**

Month	Billing	Receipts	Efficiency
Jan-24	118 373 516 850.32	64 965 955 042.77	55%
Feb-24	172 993 470 370.60	99 967 800 840.92	58%
Mar-24	262 266 985 046.90		
Total	553 633 972 267.82	164 933 755 883.69	

Table O showed that the total billed income for the months of January to March 2024 was ZWL 553 633 972 267.82. The billed income in January 2024 was ZWL 118.3 Billion and against the February 2024 receipts of ZWL 64.9 Billion gave a collection efficiency against bills of 55%. The billed income in February 2024 was ZWL172.2 Billion and against the March 2024 receipts of ZWL 99.9 Billion gave a collection efficiency of 58%. The average collection efficiency for the billed accounts and measured against the monthly billing was 56%. April 2024 receipts would be compared to the March 2024 billing.

## Debt collection

The debtors figure as at the end of March 2024 was ZWL709.2 Billion. At the end of February 2024, the debtors stood at ZWL 546.8 billion indicating an increase of ZWL162.4 Billion or a 30% increase in the debt. The increase in the debt was attributed to the continuous rebasing of tariffs due to loss of value of the local currency and to resource constraints in the debt management section.

## Exchange rate movement

Table P below showed the impact of the exchange rate movements on the ZWL bills on a month-to-month basis. For the month of March 2024, the bills would increase by 48% in the local currency. USD bills remained unchanged.

**Table O**

Period	Exchange rate	% Change
Jan-23	796.5215	
Feb-23	796.5215	0%
Mar-23	929.8618	17%
Apr-23	1047.4449	13%
May-23	5086.3307	386%
Jun-23	6313.7757	24%
Jul-23	4968.4828	-21%
Aug-23	5068.9173	2%
Sep-23	6013.4213	19%
Oct-23	6268.8568	4%
Nov-23	6370.1906	2%
Dec-23	6715.1949	5%
Jan-24	11167.6326	66%
Feb-24	16404.1119	47%
Mar-24	24261.0212	48%



## 1. Actions to collect debt

**Table P**

Dist	Area	Action	No	Targeted Amount	ZWL Payment Received	Efficie %
	Top 100	Emails & phone calls	789	64 443 846 316.11	38 825 437 720.08	60%
14	Burnside	Handover	100	938 281 166.13	98 109 314.40	10%
25	Selbourne Park , Mahatshula	Disconnections	885	7 634 315 981.63	1 224 487 060.97	16%
	Lodges	Disconnections	35	3 268 098 086.07	491 724 075.95	15%
28	Industry	Disconnections	770	28 749 649 631.81	1 402 551 558.48	5%
51	Mzilikazi	24 Hour notices	3317	4 039 057 429.00	110 958 990.68	3%
54	Mpopoma	Disconnections	4797	8 933 741 983.53	1 359 283 511.33	15%
55	Lobengula	Disconnections	2579	4 461 856 994.00	1 068 064 890.07	24%
51	Mzilikazi	Call In	542	3 478 066 890.39	738 937 425.22	21%
		Phone calls	164	615 771 621.03	79 920 186.66	13%
		Visits	9	579 114 267.92	115 983 540.85	20%
52	Entubname	Phone calls	712	2 503 160 460.76	454 360 647.64	18%
52	Emakhandeni	Phone calls	185	6 924 777 670.40	104 328 941.64	2%
53	Luveve		1004	5 074 502 882.44	175 488 457.70	3%
54	Pelandaba	Visits	31	369 386 420.89	92 218 810.29	25%
		24 Hour notices	713	3 742 582 765.58	429 427 838.77	11%
		Call In	452	1 503 261 395.59	79 915 803.83	5%
55	Lobengula	Disconnections	1240	7 657 084 222.20	144 197 562.99	2%
56	Magwegwe	Phone Calls	33	166 672 487.81	32 418 546.97	19%
		Call IN	1207	4 675 517 287.86	233 444 398.19	5%
58	Tshabalala	CALL IN	150	76 791 619.00	39 895 783.34	52%
		Phone calls	190	313 633 003.82	96 119 611.99	31%
61	Nkulumane	Call In	1337	9 703 766 533.38	61 622 993.85	1%
		Phone calls	75	80 906 035.93	63 918 329.06	79%
62	Nketa	Phone calls	336	2 984 762 838.66	97 002 598.45	3%
		Call In	600	5 181 875 126.58	36 287 694.63	1%
70	Cowdray Park	Call In	2403	180 618 263.61	25 108 204.06	14%
Total			24655	178 281 099 382.13	47 681 214 498.10	27%

It was: -

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

### **(9) REPORT ON NON-REVENUE WATER YEAR 2024**

The Financial Director reported (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that in January 2024 a report of non-revenue water was presented showing the trend in the year 2023. This report showed the non-revenue water trend for the first quarter of the year 2024. The causes of non-revenue water were as follows:

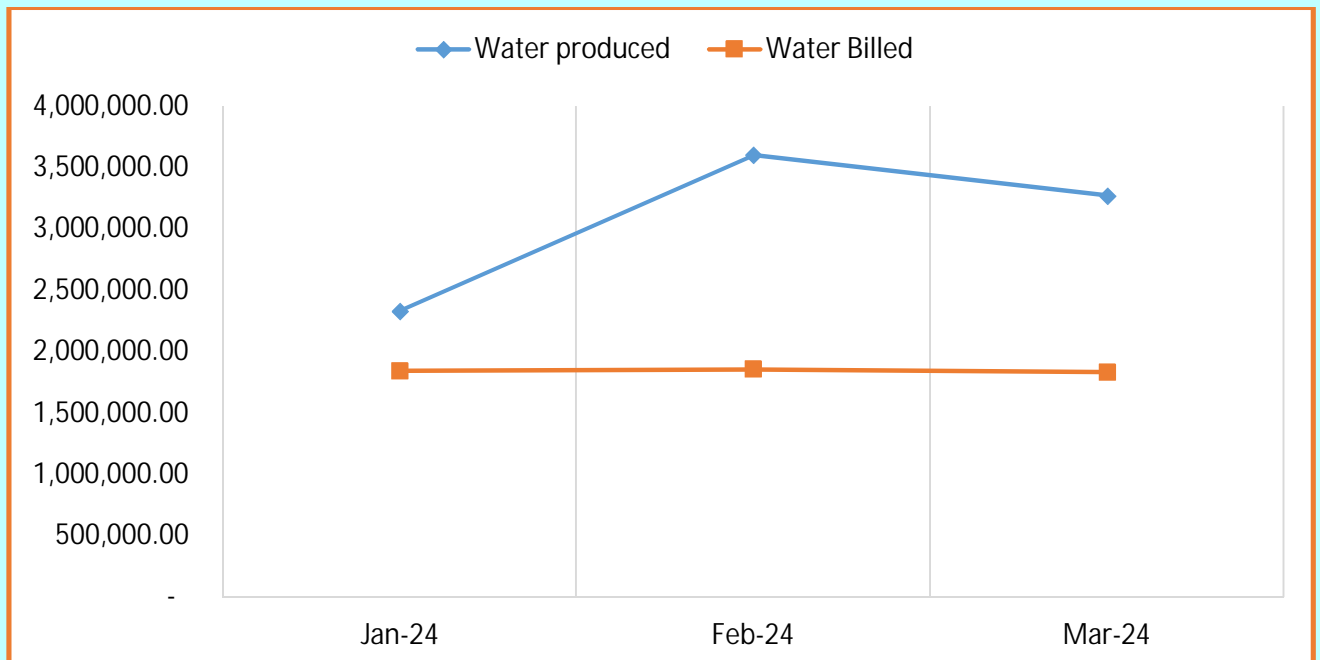
- Antiquated infrastructure
- Leakages on the pipes that deliver water
- Burst pipes
- Illegal connections
- Water theft
- Meter inaccuracies, irregular meter reading due to staff constraints, malfunctioning and stopped meters

Table Q below indicated the non-revenue water from January 2024 to March 2024 and the estimated lost income.

**Table Q**

Month	Water produced	Water Billed	NRW	%	Estimated Lost Income (USD) @1.22/KL
Jan-24	2 330 545.00	1 840 157.00	490 388.00	21%	598 273.36
Feb-24	3 600 890.00	1 851 291.00	1 749 599.00	49%	2 134 510.78
Mar-24	3 268 208.00	1 828 681.00	1 439 527.00	44%	1 756 222.94

In 2023 the average percentage of non-revenue water was 46% and the estimated annual lost income was US \$23.5 million. (US \$1.9 million monthly). The average percentage of non-revenue water for the first quarter this year was 38%. The reduction was attributed to a low production of treated water in the month of January 2024.



The graphic trend of the non-revenue water for the year 2024 was shown on the above diagram.

Discussion ensued and Councillor N. Ndlovu acknowledged that the department was faced with human resources and financial challenges to replace non-functional meters.

Meters were not read and the figures were based on estimates resulting in abnormal bills. Residents who paid their bills religiously were discouraged by the high bills and non-availability of water whereas those who owed Council enjoyed the commodity at no cost. He urged the department to come up with strategies or feasibility study on debt recovery.

His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart) enquired on the progress of online accounts and when they would be accessible to the public.

The Town Clerk advised that the platform to access online accounts was already operational. An advertisement had been circulated to the public requesting them to provide their personal information online in order to gain access to the system.

It was: -

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

**(10) REPORT ON INCOME FROM RENTED AND LEASED ACCOUNTS IN THE CITY**

The Financial Director reported (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the City had various properties that it owned across town and these were: -

- Rented houses
- Rented flats
- Leased properties
- Base stations
- Shops
- Churches
- Agricultural land
- Recreational clubs and associations

The table below showed the details of the accounts that Council's billed and received income from.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NO OF ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>MONTHLY BILLING (USD)</b>	<b>BALANCE (usd)</b>
RENTED HOUSES	7,162	174,170.31	573,255.12
RENTED FLATS	2,564	73,748.08	66,199.21
SHOPS	1292	106,147.96	298,785.82
BASE STATIONS	50	\$ 8,469.07	34,393.40
CHURCHES	719	\$ 80,056.66	222,858.16
AGRIC LAND	17	\$ 1,069.63	2,183.39
FACTORY SHELLS	59	\$ 3,540.00	657.92
CAR PARKS & GARAGES	31	\$ 11,578.85	26,470.48
ADVERTISMENT	15	\$ 17,392.70	58,804.64
SCHOOLS	24	\$ 6,647.51	17,253.64
SHELTERS	5	361.43	1,052.00
RECREATIONAL CLUBS & ASSOCIA	127	\$ 35,014.97	117,654.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,065</b>	<b>518,197.17</b>	<b>1,419,567.95</b>

The table above showed that the total number of leased and rented accounts in the city were 12 065. The total monthly income billed was US 518 197.17. The outstanding balances as at the end of March 2024 billing was US \$1 419 567.95 based on the billing rate of 1us =24261.0212.

Discussion ensued and Councillor N. Ndlovu requested clarification regarding the number of accounts associated with urban agriculture land. He observed that the number of accounts being billed was lesser than the actual number of Council's agricultural properties. Additionally, he pointed out that the number of car parks being billed did not accurately represent the actual number of car parks owned by Council.

Councillor M. T. Moyo sought clarification regarding the specific amount of money billed for each Council property. He urged the Financial Services Department to provide the Committee with monthly statistics on the revenue collected from Council leased properties. He expressed concern on Council rentals stating that they were too low.

He further enquired about mines that were leased or rented out by Council, whether Council was realizing any profits or not.

He was concerned about the outstanding debts owed to Council and indicated that there was no valid reason for Council to engage in rental negotiations. The lease agreements were not being adhered to and this resulted in the accumulation of rental debts.

Councillor O.D. Nkomo's view was that there was need to optimize revenue collection from the properties. He emphasised on the need to adhere to set time lines in order to achieve set goals.

The City Valuer and Estates Officer explained that leased properties were billed using various tariff codes but grouped under one tariff cost. These tariff codes incorporated various types of properties including shops, car parks, and flats. However, the department was currently developing a system to separate the codes for different property types where income received would be linked to the property. This separation would ensure that flea markets would no longer be grouped under the same tariff code as car parks. The rentals would go into one vote but different tariffs.

Regarding rentals, he explained that the rental rates were determined by the property's value. Since many Council properties were in a poor state of maintenance, they attracted lower rental rates. For residential properties, tenants paid nominal rentals but were also responsible for paying rates. The department was working on rebasing to USD, as some accounts were still charged in the local currency. Once the rebasing was complete, the rental/rates would be reviewed accordingly.

He confirmed that Council did own mines and they were currently categorized under the same tariff codes as other Council properties.

The Town Clerk also advised that the rates were included within Council's tariff structure, which was a component of the budget approved by residents. He further mentioned that the chart of accounts currently combined multiple properties into a single item.

He confirmed that mines were also part of leased properties and revenue was realized from them.

His Worship the Mayor (Senator D. Coltart) raised concerns on the outstanding debts owed to the Council from rented properties. He noted that there was no link between the amount of debt and the number of rented properties. He expressed dissatisfaction with the rental fees of Council properties, stating that there should be distinction in rental charges between flats and shops.

He further expressed concern about the management of Council assets. He urged the Legal section to ensure that each property had a signed lease agreement in place. He also mentioned that the rental amounts received were lower than the standard charges. Additionally, he inquired about systems in place for systematic maintenance of Council properties and whether corporate branding had been implemented on those properties. He cited an example of branded buildings in the City of Polokwane, emphasizing that implementing branding would provide comprehensive knowledge of all Council properties and enhance accountability, particularly regarding maintenance responsibilities among property occupants.

Thereafter it was: -

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the abovementioned report be received and noted.

(11) **WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT TO TAKEOVER AND RENEW SPECIAL GRANT TO FERRY DUMPS FROM WOODLOCK MINE TO HOMESTEAD MINE (CEMENT SITE) FROM THE LATE KOMELELE SIZIBA TO EGPHAR SIZIBA: ACCOUNT NUMBER 27338600**

The Director of Town Planning reported (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that this report sought to withdraw the consent given by Council (6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023) to Mrs Egphar Siziba to takeover and renew the special grant mining claim.

Council (6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023) had resolved to give consent to Mrs Egphar Siziba to takeover and renew the special grant mining claim from her late husband Komelele Siziba. An offer letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 was made to Mrs Egphar Siziba to enable her to apply for the special grant mining from the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development.

Meanwhile, Council (2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023) had given another special grant mining consent to Mr Ishmail Lunat at Wolley Dog Mine who later applied and was granted the special grant mine claim number 7980 by the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development.

Mr Lunat through his lawyers Dube Legal Practice, wrote to Council on letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 objecting to consent given to Mrs Egphar Siziba arguing that the land applied for was within his special grant claim. A site meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 comprising the officers from Town Planning Department, Ministry of Mines, ZETDC, Mr Lunat representatives and Mrs Egphar Siziba to confirm beacons revealed that the land applied for by Mrs E Siziba was indeed within the Special Grant claim given to Mr Lunat.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, both Mr Lunat and Mrs E Siziba were called separately together with their representatives to Council offices where the outcome of the site visit was explained to them that it confirmed that indeed, Mrs E Siziba had applied for land that was within the Special Grant given to Mr Lunat.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, Council was now obliged to withdraw the consent given to Mrs E Siziba as the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development could not grant another special grant upon another grant, hence this report to withdraw consent given to Mrs E Siziba.

It was therefore: -

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (i) That Council reviews and rescinds its decision of 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 that resolved to consent to Mrs Egphar Siziba to taking over the ferrying of dumps from Woodlock Mine to Homestead Mine (Cement Site).
- (ii) That Council withdraws the consent offer letter given to Mrs Egphar Siziba to enable her to apply for the special Grant from the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development.
- (iii) That the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development be advised that Council has since withdrawn such consent.

(12) **REQUEST FOR FUNDING MANDATE FOR RECREATION SECTION'S PARTICIPATION AT ZIMBABWE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR (ZITF)**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (17<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that annually, the City of Bulawayo hosted the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF). This was an international exhibition that was usually held during the second quarter of each year. The objective of the trade showcase was to promote trade and investment. Every year our Recreation Services section was invited to take part in the exhibition's official opening ceremony and to participate in drum majorettes competitions. The official opening ceremony was a state occasion that was presided by the Head of State.

**Recreation Services' participation at the ZITF**

The ZITF official opening ceremony was one of the major highlight of the International Trade showcase and it was graced by the Head of State. The ceremony was punctuated by entertainment in the form of mass displays that included drum majorettes. Annually Recreation Services was requested to send a squad of drummies to take part in the mass displays. The team also competed amongst other teams for awards on offer. During the 2023 edition of the trade fair a total of one hundred (100) drummies from Recreation centres took part in the mass displays and won three awards.

**Requirements for participation at ZITF**

For the team of drummies to effectively participate in the official opening ceremony they rehearsed for at least a week in order to master the drills. The drummies had to be provided with refreshments during those days and transport to ferry them from their respective centres to the ZITF. A squad of ninety (90) girls from Magwegwe and Mzilikazi youth centres would be participating at the ZITF this year. Budgetary provisions were made in the 2024 budget to cover such expenses.



It was therefore: -

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That authority be granted to incur expenditure annually on Recreation Services (Vote 449, Item 13 Sports Development) to facilitate participation of Drum majorettes team at ZITF.

(13) **REQUEST FROM JOSHUA NKOMO LEGACY RESTORATION PROJECT TRUST TO HOST THE 2024, 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY JOSHUA NKOMO ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS AT WHITE CITY STADIUM.**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (17<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that the Department had received a letter from the Joshua Nkomo Legacy Restoration Project Trust proposing to host the 2024, 1<sup>st</sup> July Joshua Nkomo Annual Celebrations at White City stadium. The letter read as follows:

*“The Joshua Nkomo Legacy Restoration Project Trust is a lasting recognition of the rich heritage that our icon Joshua Mqabuko Nyongolo Nkomo bequeathed to the nation of Zimbabwe and the continent of Africa at large. Its mandate is to conceptualize and implement programmes that are aimed at promoting and sustaining the legacy of Joshua Nkomo and the brand. The Trust works in collaboration with key stakeholders that include like-minded organisations, government and development partners. The organisation was founded in 2018 and is duly registered under the laws of Zimbabwe as a Trust, Registration Number: MA0000429/2018. SIR, we hereby request to host the 1st July Joshua Nkomo Annual Celebrations at White City Stadium in Bulawayo on the 1st of July 2024 at no cost. This will be a massive contribution by the City Fathers to the promotion and sustenance of the legacy of our hero and icon Dr Joshua Mqabuko Nyongolo Nkomo - Father Zimbabwe. Looking forward to your positive response.*

*Yours Sincerely:*

*Mehluli Moyo*

*Chairman Joshua Nkomo Legacy Restoration Project Trust”*

The matter had been circulated to other departments and there were no objections to the request.

However, it was the Department’s view that the stadium could not be availed for free of charge as there were overhead costs to be taken care of. These included water, electricity and administration costs. It was against this background that the applicant, Joshua Nkomo Legacy Restoration Project Trust be discounted twenty-five (25%) percent of the hire fees for two (2) sessions. Hire of stadium was segmented into four (4) hour sessions. Currently, usage of White City stadium attracted a charge of US\$644.00 per double session (4 hours x 2). The discounted hire fee would then be US\$ 484.73 for a double session.

It was therefore: -

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (i) That Joshua Nkomo Legacy Restoration Project be granted twenty-five percent (25%) discount which translates to US\$484.73 instead of paying the full amount of US\$644.00
- (ii) That Council is indemnified against damages that may occur during and after the event

**(14) REQUEST FOR FUNDING MANDATE FOR THE 2024 EDITION OF THE BULAWAYO ARTS FESTIVAL**

The Director of Housing and Community Services reported (17<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) that Council (2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019) had resolved to declare the 1<sup>st</sup> of June as Bulawayo Day and the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of June as Bulawayo Arts Festival Week. This was as a result of lobbying from stakeholders in the creative industry. Since then Bulawayo Arts Festival was commemorated annually during the first week of June.

The festival objectives were to showcase the City's rich cultural heritage and diversity as well as marketing it as a tourist destination. The festival was commemorated through a number of activities that included musical shows, dance, exhibitions, fares, exhibitions amongst others. The City of Bulawayo and other key stakeholders from the arts, culture and heritage sectors prepared and lined up festivities to commemorate the event

Annually, Council budgeted for the festival. This year a total of three hundred thousand dollars (US\$300,000) had been provisionally budgeted for the festival in the hold on vote. The Arts Culture and Heritage office would come up with a program of events for the festival. The role of Council in the festivals included provision of Council-owned venues and arts spaces as well as taking care of the subsequent overheads. The venues that were provisionally proposed for the commemoration of the festival included the Large and Small City Halls, City Hall car park, Amphitheatre, Community Halls and Youth centres.

Discussion ensued and Councillor M. T. Moyo expressed appreciation for the department's efforts to uplift the arts and culture industry but raised concern on the financial implications of the program. He noted that while the expenditure had been budgeted for, the City was currently facing a crisis and would not be able to afford such an expensive program. He advised the Committee to prioritize critical issues such as the prevailing water crisis. He recommended referring the item back to the Housing and Community Services Department for further review, specifically requesting a breakdown that clearly outlined how the funds would be utilized.

Councillor T. Zidya concurred with Councillor M. T. Moyo and emphasized on the need for a detailed breakdown of how the allocated funds would be spent. While he acknowledged the positive impact the program could have in preoccupying the youths and preventing substance abuse, he was of the view that efforts had to be initiated at the local ward level, as some wards lacked adequate recreational facilities such as play grounds.

Councillor N. Ndlovu noted that Bulawayo was known as the capital city of arts and culture hence the need to support the idea of uplifting the arts and culture industry by acceding to the request. He concurred on the need for a detailed breakdown of the expenditure in the report. However, he informed the Committee that the funds had already been budgeted for, underscoring the importance of spending them appropriately.

Councillor M. Moyo (Chairperson) was in support of the recommendation from the department. He highlighted that the funds had been provisional budgeted for and could not be channelled to other programmes. He urged the Committee to pledge maximum support because it was important for Council to preserve the cultural heritage of the City. Such events were globally recognised.

In response the Director of Housing and Community Services explained that the event would indeed incur expenses but it would not deplete the entire budget allocation. He stated that promoting culture was in line with the government's policy directive outlined in the National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1), which emphasized the importance of cultural promotion. He further emphasized that the funds would be used to nurture talent within the City and that Council was committed to curbing and addressing issues such as substance abuse amongst the youths.

The Town Clerk advised that the funds had already been budgeted for and it was important to support the industry.

It was therefore: -

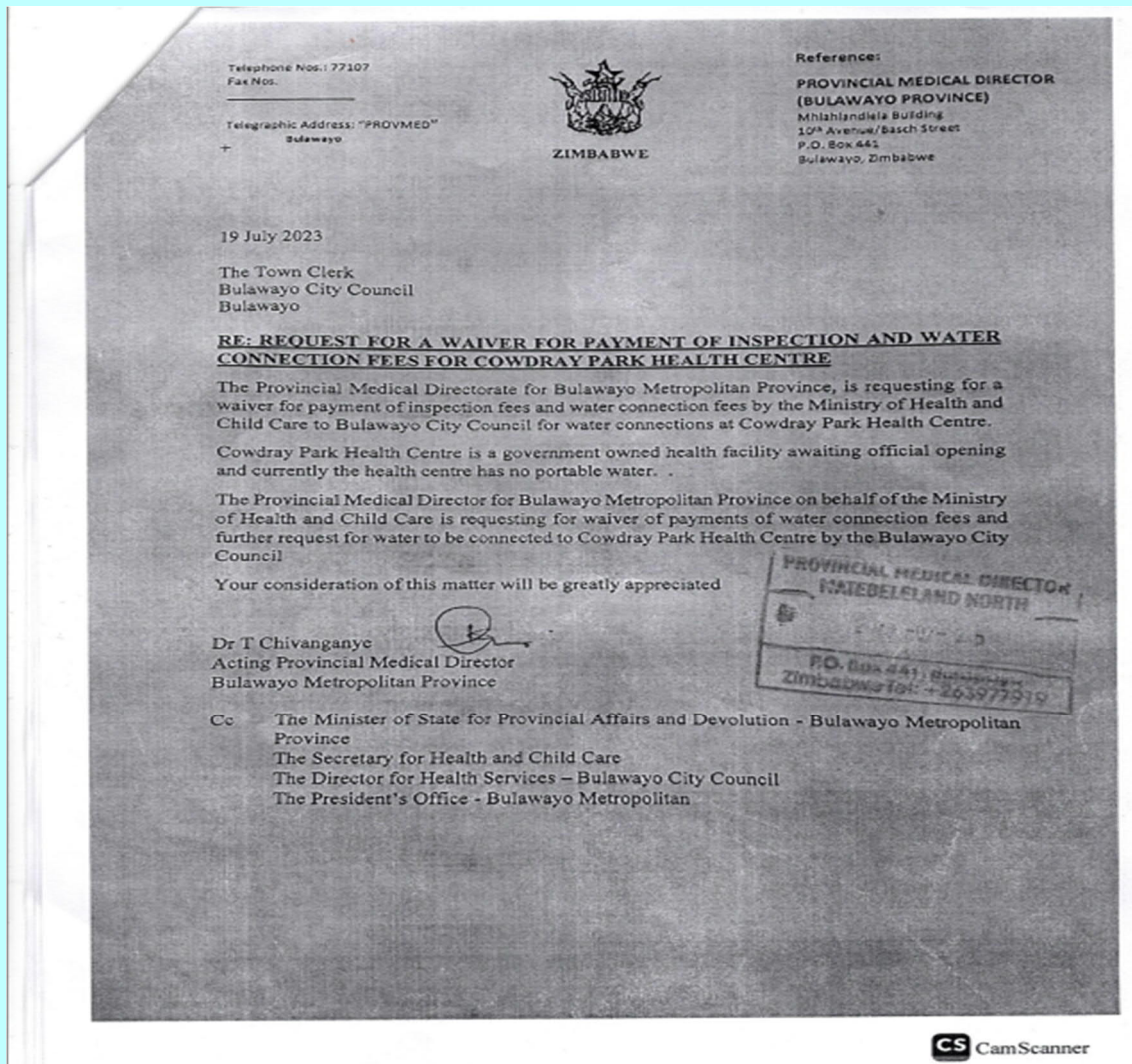
**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (i) That authority be granted to incur expenditure on (Vote 449,Item 311) to facilitate hosting of the Bulawayo Day and ensuing celebrations.
- (ii) That the standing Interdepartmental Committee coordinates activities with stakeholders and fundraises for the holding of the festival.

**(15) COWDRAY PARK HEALTH CENTRE WATER CONNECTION WAIVER REQUEST**

The Director of Water and Sanitation had reported (26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024) to the Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committee (15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) as follows on the abovementioned matter:-

Cowdray Park Health Centre was a government owned health facility. On the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, the Provincial Medical Director for Bulawayo Metropolitan Province had requested for a waiver for water connections and inspection fees quoted at **USD1281.10 (incl.Vat)**. The connection fee was exclusive of required materials. The Provincial Medical Director had since approached Council advising that they had mobilised the required resources. The request letter was shown below:



Discussion ensued and Councillor D. Netha raised concern that allowing such requests would set a precedence whereby more and more residents would apply for a waiver. He thus indicated that in future such applications should not be acceded to. Considering that the above application was a request to waiver water connection for a Health Centre, therefore their request be acceded to.

The Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committee had resolved to this Committee that the water connection be allowed to proceed and money be credited to their rates account. The Financial Services Department to provide the rates account number.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the recommendation of the Environmental Management and Engineering Services Committee be adopted.

(16) **MINUTES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION OF STANDS AND PREMISES FOR DEVELOPMENT: MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024**



The attached minutes of the Sub-Committee on Allocation of Stands and Premises for Development were submitted.

It was:-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the minutes of the Sub-Committee on Allocation of Stands and Premises for Development as submitted be received and the various recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE LAID UPON THE TABLE**