



# SUNSHINE NEWS

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Acting Mayor Cllr Stewart Mutizwa takes visiting Lusaka Mayor Miles Sampa and his wife Mayoress Nchimunya Sampa on a tour of the Town House.

## COUNCIL'S NEW CLOTHING PRODUCTION UNIT



### Mercy Makuwatsine

COUNCIL'S new clothing production unit is now operational and is now sewing protective wear and uniforms for employees.

In an interview Clothing Production Unit Superintendent, Mr Daniel Chakukura said samples of uniforms and protective wear for departments have been made.

“So far, the samples we have come up with include uniforms for our Municipal Police, City Health and Department of Works staff.

“These include Municipal Police skirts, shirts and trousers, nurs-

es' dresses and aprons, City's cleaners' dresses, kitchen staff hats and aprons, overalls, work-suits and dustcoats among others,” said Chakukura.

He said the factory will produce corporate and protective wear for the market.

The production unit is modeled as a strategic business unit with capacity to sustain itself under the Business Development Unit and reporting to the Director of Housing and Community Services.

Council set up an interdepartmental team to run the production unit.

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# City stabilization, Harare's top priority: Acting Mayor Mutizwa

**Prudence Tsaha**

ACTING Mayor Cllr Musarurwa Mutizwa is working to stabilise council operations and has set the next three weeks to achieve his goal.

He wants to depoliticise council operations.

“Our major priorities are doing away with corruption and improving service delivery. We want our people to access water and have trafficable roads,” he said.

“We are trying our best to stabilise the city. The place has been so toxic to start with but we are trying to create a workable place so as to give good service delivery to the people of Harare,” he said.

Cllr Mutizwa said residents must also play their part by raising of financial and economic wellbeing of the city through the paying of bills.

He said there is an introduction of an E bills were by the residents have started accessing their bills online.

He also spoke of plans to reduce waste through incineration with Government support.

“Our choice is Pomona (for incineration) using the existing dumpsite. We are going to invite partners and Government is helping in creating



*Acting Mayor Cllr Musarurwa Mutizwa*

the plant,” said the acting Mayor.

Cllr Mutizwa assured residents his team is working so hard to stabilize city which does not tolerate corruption.

“Three weeks from now we will be having a more stable and positioned Town House. The Government is helping in bringing stability.

## Council bemoans lack of road rehabilitation funds

**Prudence Tsaha**

Council wants ZINARA to avail more resources for road rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Acting Director of Works Eng Gerald Mutume said amounts received last year were a far cry from city demands.

He reported that the Roads Budget for 2021 was ZWL530 million of which City of Harare contributed ZWL 92 million while ZINARA contributed ZWL ZWL438 million.

“The availed budget of ZWL\$438 million was insufficient to cover the targeted projects requirement of RTGS\$ 2.5 billion required to meet our 2021 planned works,” he reported.

He revealed that Council had outstanding payments from 2019 at ZINARA for Harare Quarry, Bitumen World and Fossil of over ZWL2.1 million.

He proposed that Council lobbies Government for more funds.

“Continue to lobby ZINARA and Ministry of Finance for more fund-



ing, Introduce Road Levy to residents, ring fence the money and utilize the money to repair roads.

“We should also utilise of money from City Parking and Harare Quarry on road maintenance activities,” he reported.

## Council sets up taskforce to improve service delivery

**Bercy Kuyumani**

Council has set up an inter-departmental task force to coordinate the repair and maintenance of service delivery plant and equipment, procurement process and funding and payment for service materials.

According to the recent Environmental Management Committee minutes, the Acting Director Works Engineer Gerald Mutume cited refuse collection as the biggest challenge.

“The City had not recovered from the backlogs which accumulated during the second, third and fourth quarters of 2020. Situation had continued to 2021 mainly due to low fleet availability,” read the minutes.

Challenges are in low fleet availability, unavailability of consumables,



and lack of compliance to refuse collection schedules.

He underscored the need for continuous engagement with stakeholders.

Council is now working to clear the dumps and ensure there is adequate plant and equipment to deliver services.

# Council now owed more than ZWL\$5 billion

Category	Total_Debt
DOMESTIC	2,430,618,095.83
BUSINESS	1,648,864,246.07
INDUSTRIAL	676,058,029.55
MARKETS	223,602,519.05
GOVERNMENT	179,239,933.89
CHURCH	123,436,334.62
<b>Domitory Towns</b>	<b>96,061,196.89</b>
RENTED ACCOMMODATION	46,765,203.02
Other	27,822,731.73
BULK	79,298,484.92
	5,531,766,775.58
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>5,531,766,775.58</b>

## Staff Reporter

Harare City Council is now owed more than ZWL\$5,8 billion by Government, business and residents, a situation which has seen the local authority failing to provide basic services and pay workers' salaries on time.

As at February 28 this year, properties in high-density suburbs owed the city ZWL\$1,03 billion, while low-density suburbs carried a ZWL\$1,5 billion. Industrial or commercial properties were indebted to the tune of ZWL\$3,1 billion.

Also, Government owes the city ZWL\$191 million.

For the first time in many years Council is operating with an approved budget.

Council intends to collect \$32 billion to fund its service delivery mandate.

For the situation to work the budget must be funded by all residents and not by a few ratepayers as they cannot carry the whole city.

Services will suffer as ratepayers are the ones who fund service delivery.

The city's corporate communications manager Mr Michael Chideme urged residents to play their part and pay their dues to Council.

"At the moment there is a mismatch between service delivery expectations and the amounts being paid by service users. Council urges residents to pay their bills so that service delivery does not suffer."

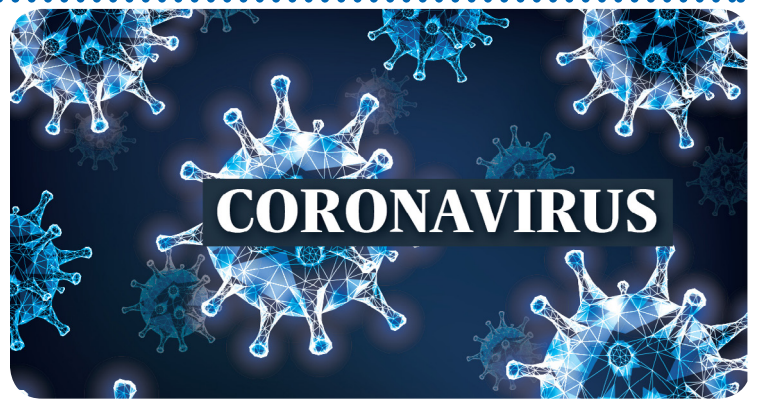
## Corona affects community activities

Edwin Mugabe

COVID-19 has affected community development programmes.

According to recent council minutes The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services, Mrs Lizzy Muchena said the last quarter of 2020 was depressed as no community activities programmes took place because of the lockdown.

There is slight improvement at the moment as the lockdown restrictions are being relaxed.



## Acting Town Clerk bemoans high cost of water chemicals

Bercy Kuyumani

Acting town clerk, Eng Phakamile Mabhena Moyo has bemoaned the high cost of water chemicals which has seen the city accumulating a debt of more than ZWL\$430 million.

Speaking during an interactive workshop between City of Harare and Ministry of Local Government held at Rainbow Towers recently said this has also seen Council reducing the water it produces.

"The water treatment chemicals cost stood at USD\$ 1,196 million in March. The monthly average water coverage stood at 63,4 up from 56,9 percent during the previous month.

"Major challenges in water supply include the high cost of water treatment chemicals, an unsustainable tariff regime and huge debts owed to suppliers of water treatment chemicals amounting to ZWL\$438.9 million," he said.

Turning to refuse collection Eng Moyo said it is also on downward trend as collection efficiency stood at 37 percent.



Acting Town Clerk Eng. P.M. Moyo

"The decline is as a result of frequent breakdown of the refuse collection vehicles.

"The Harare City Council is implementing a programme which will see the clearance of illegal dumpsites. Progress is slow due to shortage of plant and equipment," he said.

# Acting Mayor Mutizwa seeks to resolve outstanding issues



## Staff Reporter

Acting Mayor Stewart Mutizwa has urged Government to help in addressing issues of uncertainty and leadership gaps that are affecting service delivery.

Since last year there has been infighting at Council and this has affected the city's capacity to attend to critical service delivery areas.

"The uncertainty and leadership issues have affected service delivery. The appalling state of service delivery is in the public do-

main because as a city we have failed to provide the most basic of the services," he said.

Acting Mayor Cllr Mutizwa was speaking at a recent interactive workshop between City of Harare and the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works.

He said City of Harare occupies a strategic position in Zimbabwe and requires stabilization.

Harare, he said, needs stabilization in leadership, in its finances and service delivery.

"Harare needs to be a sustainable City so that it can perform its mandate fully as enunciated in the Urban Councils Act: Chapter 29:15."

Local Government and Public Works Minister July Moyo said there should be a seamless interaction between Central, provincial and local government at all times.

He said some city employees because of their inefficiencies are using the security system to safeguard their stay in employment.

Minister Moyo says he set up a team of local government experts to do an administrative audit of all urban councils looking at various service delivery mandates and the Local Government Board will soon be fully constituted in the next two weeks to look at the issue of appointments of senior council officials.

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### HARARE TO ACHIEVE A WORLD CLASS CITY STATUS BY 2025

POSITION : HEAD-ARCHITECTURE (1 POSITION)  
GRADE : 4  
REPORTING TO : DIRECTOR OF WORKS  
LOCATION : CLEVELAND HOUSE  
DEPARTMENT : WORKS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons to fill in the above mentioned vacancy in the Architectural Division of the Department of Works.

#### JOB PURPOSE

The position is responsible for coordination of the provision of Architectural and design support to the City, serving as technical advisor for the City in issues regarding architecture and urban design for both public and private projects.

#### COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

A competitive salary commensurate with the post and other benefits will be disclosed to successful candidates.

A written application letter together with a detailed curriculum vitae including certified copies of both educational and professional qualifications and three (3) traceable references should be submitted to:

#### The Human Capital Director

Rowan Martin Building  
P. O. Box 1680

#### HARARE

Or hand deliver to Records Office, Basement, Room B38 at Rowan Martin Building.

#### To arrive not later than: 16 APRIL 2021

(Clearly state on the envelope the position applied for).

#### CANVASSING WILL DISQUALIFY APPLICANTS.

**NOTE:** Only short-listed applicants will be responded to.

#### KEY RESULT AREAS

- Plan approvals.
- Building Inspectorate services.
- Management of public works.
- Performance management.

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Architectural degree or equivalent from a reputable university
- Project Management qualification
- MBA/MBL or equivalent an added advantage
- Full membership of Architects Council of Zimbabwe
- A minimum of 5 years relevant working experience with 2 years at middle management level.
- Class 4 Driver's licence.

#### DESIRED COMPETENCES

- High level of leadership and integrity
- Ability to manage stakeholders / Contractors
- Critical thinking and paying attention to detail.
- Good communication skills
- Excellent Project Management skills

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