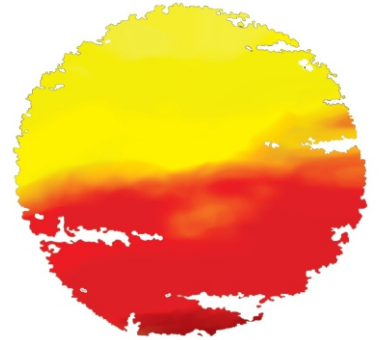


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# Water Delivery to Improve

**Yvonne Saniro**

**W**ater delivery in the capital is set to improve following the initiation of rehabilitation works at Warren Control Pumpstation, Prince Edward and Morton Jaffray Water Treatment Plants.

The works being funded through the devolution fund will see water getting to areas like Mabvuku, Tafara, Hatcliffe and Domboshava on a more regular basis.

Acting Harare Water director Eng Victor Musikavanhu said works are underway at the water plants to improve delivery.

The works include improving the abstraction facilities, replacement of filters, distribution, and pressure reducing valves and rehabilitation of the pumping system.

He said the work will result in adding another 50 million litres from the current 400 million litres currently being produced.

The goal is to achieve 615 million litres.

The department is working to reduce non-revenue water by replacing old pipes and attending to bursts within specified periods.

developmental partners to assist the department of Harare water.



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# 8 Billion debt cripples council

**Bridget Sibanda**

**F**ailure by council debtors to retire the huge debt amounting to over \$7.8 billion is adversely affecting service delivery.

Acting Finance Director, Mr Livingstone Churu confirmed the figures which have risen from around \$5 billion at the beginning of the year.

The debtors include residents, Government, companies and sister local authorities.

He said council was getting stricter with land leases especially with churches and individuals renting council properties.

He said debtors can agree on a payment plan with council. Mr Churu said there is increased appetite to make the city's leases and billboards generate more revenue to sustain service delivery.

Corporate Communications Manager, Mr Michael Chideme said if the money were to be paid, council would improve service delivery like procuring more refuse trucks to collect garbage, improve water delivery and buy tractors for grass cutting.

We can work on city stadiums so that they are usable for the

PSL games

“All the areas of concern raised by the residents can be attended using the money that they owe” said Mr Chideme.

“The best way going forward would be to introduce the pre-paid method for all municipal services so that residents can pre fund service delivery because the post funding of service delivery has proved to be a non-starter for us.



Acting Finance Director Livingstone Churu

## City renewing infrastructure

**Yvonne Saniro**

**C**has set up a 17 member amenities taskforce to spearhead implementation of devolution projects.

Acting Director of Housing and Community Services Mrs Elizabeth Muchena leads the team

The immediate projects are the completion of Glaudina, and Budiriro primary schools.

She said more schools to be built are Kuwadzana 10, Kuwadzana 11 and Hatcliffe council schools.

That taskforce will ensure rehabilitation of all the 14 community

halls and 30 community centres, 25 recreational parks and refurbishment of Rufaro and Gwanzura Stadia.

Swimming pools, the 28 open grounds popularly known as Chemhanza are on the agenda as well.

Decentralisation and construction of new markets and upgrading of existing structures is part of the itinerary of the taskforce.

New sites for markets include Seke/Dieppe road, Showground, Shawasha, Mabvuku, Harare South and Kuwadzana.

The taskforce is working to ensure that e-billing is done at market sites.

## A big light at the end of the tunnel



**Bercy Kuyumani**

**T**here is a big light shining at the end of the tunnel for Harare City Football Club after Mayor Stewart Musaruwa Mutizwa reaffirmed his support for the Premier Soccer League side.

Mayor Mutizwa is also patron of the Sunshine Boys and on Tuesday pledged to make sure things are back to normal at Harare City following a glitch in operations that saw players going without salaries. The Mayor actually believes is a key service delivery and a source of entertainment for the City's residents

According to Mayor Mutizwa, there are no plans to abandon the football project which has churned out stars including Tino Kadewere who now turns out for French Ligue 1 giants Olympic Lyon.

"What I want to say today is that even in these difficult times, we want to make a name as Harare City Football Club," Mayor Mutizwa told the players and technical staff at ZB Sports Club.

"Others who were there before me were against this football team but I am saying football is actually a service delivery. If we do not deliver football to the residents, that will be a huge disservice.

"So it means you Harare City FC players are very important. When we are playing we are also doing our refuse collection in our own way. If we score against ZPC Kariba on Sunday, we have collected refuse in our own way.

"Wherever you are as a player, you are representing Harare City. If you are a keeper, you carry the City's hopes on your shoulders. If you decide not to score as a striker, you have let down the City of Harare," said the Mayor.

The Mayor's backing comes at a time Harare City FC are gearing for the Chibuku Super Cup which kicks off in a cluster format on Saturday. The Sunshine Boys play ZPC Kariba on Sunday at the National Sports. Kickoff is 11AM.

Harare City FC are in the same pool with Dynamos, Yadah and CAPS United.

The top teams after a round robin will progress to the quarterfinal. And the Mayor urged players to concentrate on playing.

He also revealed that he was mobilizing financial support for the team, aside from council's purse.

"We want to be the best again, both on the field and in terms of welfare of our employees.

"I am not saying this just to please you but I am saying this because I am one of you. I want to assure you today that I will do everything within my powers to make sure that our team maintains its dignity.

"We did it in the beginning, when we started Harare City FC, the days of Leslie Gwindi as chairman, I was very vocal and I was an integral part in the formation of this club. We raised money which had nothing to do with council.

"We got sponsorship from companies. We even held our own awards ceremonies. We want to maintain that system. We have very good friends both locally and internationally."

The Mayor added: "Forming Harare City FC was not a mistake. And the reason we formed the team is still valid," said Mayor Mutizwa. "We want to entertain Harare and remove the idle minds in our youths. You are aware some youths are taking substances like broncleer (bronco) or this drug they call mutoriro and they are always tired and weak.

"So how can you build the future with people who are not energetic. The only way we can do it is to allow coaches like Lloyd Chitembwe here to train you players and be like the Messis and Ronaldos of this world.

"We have some players who were with this team who are playing abroad and living large. We are there to support that talent bestowed on you by God so that it changes your lives." Olympic Lyon star forward, Tino Kadewere, is a product of Harare City FC.

Harare City FC have also produced players who are now playing for different clubs locally.

Mayor Mutizwa rallied the players and urged them to be resilient.

"Don't lose hope, today we might not have all what you want as players but tomorrow will be better.

"Some of us had poor backgrounds but we soldiered on to be where we are today. Even if we play football barefooted we are still going somewhere.

"Let's focus on the future. I am seeing a very big light at the tunnel for this club. It's your choice to think that we are promising you lies but I am saying it will happen

"I am really convinced things will be okay.

This is not a campaign, I am talking of what can and w Today is Tuesday, 18 May, 2021 write it down it's a day the patron said things will be okay and I really mean it," said Mayor Mutizwa.