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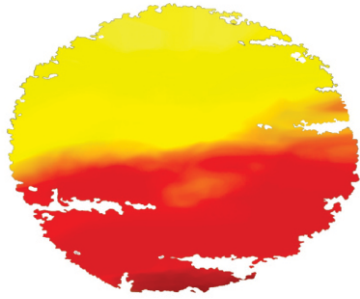
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# Council upgrades Morton Jaffray and Warren Control

By Valentine T Chikunda



Harare City Council is using devolution funds to upgrade and rehabilitate Morton Jaffray Water Treatment Plant and Warren Control Pump Station, Acting Town Clerk, Eng Phakamile Moyo has said.

Eng Moyo was speaking during an interview at the just ended Zimbabwe Agricultural Show.

“The city is replacing valves at Warren Control while at Morton Jaffray Water Treatment Plant we are replacing pumps that bring in water from Darwendale Dam into the plant,” he said.

“At Warren control we are replacing 14 pump sets including the valves and work is ongoing right now. We are in the process of commissioning prior works at Warren Control.”

Eng Moyo said the replacement of the pumps will result in the optimization of pumping and distribution to households.

He said the pumps were fitted in the 1960's resulting in inconsistent pumping and distribution in areas like Highlands, Greendale, Glenlorne and Northern suburbs.

Eng Moyo added that Council was expecting the works to be completed by first half of next year.

# ZSG in recycling project

By Nothando Benge

A youth-led, non-profit making organization Zimbabwe Sunshine Group has embarked on a recycling project aimed at reducing waste in Harare.

The organization is collecting for recycling PET materials which will be used to make t-shirts, irrigation pipes, tanks.

Speaking at the Zimbabwe Agricultural Show, ZSG director Mr Rony Mbaisa said his organisation joined hands with Petreco Zim Recycling in the endeavor.

“They pay US\$0,10 per kg, meaning citizens can make a living through collecting PET bottles and selling them.

It may not be much money to many Zimbabweans, but some citizens are making a living with that and finding the plastics is relatively easy since garbage is everywhere,” he said.

“Materials used on products like Cascade and Pfuko Maheu are classified as High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) which is more profitable hence they are difficult to find on the streets.”

Plastic collectors have been assisting in restoring cleanliness in towns and cities.

Generally, pollution caused by plastic bottles, paper and bags on the environment have become one of the most pressing environmental issues worldwide.

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# US\$1 million kitty for dump clearance plan

By Caroline Gumbo



**H**arare City Council has set aside USD\$1 275 516 for the procurement of ten tipper trucks, one front end loader and ten bull dozers as it targets to clear dumps which have accumulated in the city and improve refuse collection.

The city is set to embark on a Dump Clearance Plan targeting residential areas that have many illegal dumpsites.

Council has since approved the budget and the programme.

“The council notes that ZW\$170 million is required for the repairing of refuse collection vehicles and ZW\$35 million will also be required for maintenance of at least 45 vehicles by December 2021,” read the minutes.

The Acting Director Works, Eng Norman Karidza told Council that his department needs to deploy at least one front end loader and five tipper trucks for the Dump Clearance Plan to be successful.

“For the sustainability, our department will be doing door to door collections of waste and to ensure that waste does not pile up again,” said Mr Karidza

Council is also set to train residents on handling waste and separation at source while it will also set up waste drop-off centres for recyclable waste in six identified residential areas.

# Council, UN Women to refurbish Hatfield and Highfield Lusaka Markets

Caroline Gumbo

**H**arare City Council is set to partner the United Nations Women in the refurbishment of Highfield (Lusaka) and Hatfield retail markets.

United Nations Women formally requested the city to help in the refurbishment of the dilapidated infrastructure that is at Hatfield and Highfield (Lusaka) retail markets.

Acting Director of Housing and Community Services Mr Subisiso Sithole welcomed the request by the UN Women which will improve the infrastructure of the markets.

“We as council welcome the request to partner with us in the development of our market place infrastructure which

will improve sanitation of the retail markets,” he said.

The organization which has carried out similar works in Epworth will meet the cost of the project while council will provide necessary expertise.



# 48 hour notice for illegal Vendors

By Valentine Tanatswa Chikunda

**C**ouncil recently issued 48-hour eviction orders to vendors illegally trading along the road reserve for the Mbudzi traffic interchange.

In an interview the city's corporate communications manager Michael Chideme said some vendors have already started complying.

"For those who will defy, we are going to engage them and if the engagement fails we will use some other ways to make sure the interchange is constructed".

Mr Chideme said the evicted people should move to market places dotted across town.

"These people knew they were sitting there illegally and they

were told one of the days they will have to move and that day is now".

We have a lot of market places in Harare that are almost vacant at Machipisa , Glenlorne, Mbare ,Mufakose and Mabvuku, Kambuzuma, Glen Norah and all other suburbs.



# Harare, Plan Infrastructure development in flats deal

By Natasha Mushamba



**Act TC, Eng Phakamile Moyo**

**H**arare City Council has partnered Plan Infrastructure Development in the development of flats along Ardbennie Road in Mbare.

The flats will be developed at three sites in Harare's oldest suburb.

According to the recent council minutes of Education, Health, Housing and Licensing Committee, Acting Director of Housing and Community Services, Mr Sibusiso Sithole said the strip of land along Ardbennie road (Stand Number 41299) and open space on Tsiga grounds (Stand Number 4128) are the two sites available for the flats.

"The proposed development has to begin with the site on the strip along Ardbennie road then proceed to the next site.

From the above recommendations, it was noted that Council had authorized the Acting Town Clerk to sign the memorandum of agreement with the partner," read the minutes.

Council tasked acting town clerk, Eng Phakamile Moyo to organise a familiarization tour of one of the projects done by the company to see if the company has a full capacity to do the project.

# Ward 38 councillor drills boreholes

Shamiso Chiwanire

**W**ard 38 councillor Clifton Zumba has assisted in drilling boreholes in his community to mitigate water challenges.

He said he was moved by the water challenges that constantly affect ward 38 and 45.

"I have noticed the water problem and I had to talk to the Member of Parliament Joyce Jaja about it and with the help of constituency development funds, we managed to drill boreholes," he said

Cllr Zumba said they have so far drilled boreholes in two wards, one at Kuwadzana 6 Shopping Centre in Ward 38 and they are now drilling another one in

Kuwadzana phase 3 which is Ward 45.

"The reason why garbage is not being collected is because we are having challenges with our fleet. We are going to buy more refuse trucks so that we improve on that aspect," he said.



# Harare on course to be a smart city

Staff writer



**H**arare is on course to become a smart city, if developments on the ground are anything to go by, Acting Mayor Cllr Musarurwa Mutizwa has said.

Cllr Mutizwa was speaking on the side lines of the 5th edition of the Zimbabwe Infrastructure Investment Summit and Awards that was held in the capital.

He said the summit was coming at a time when the city is making strides towards becoming a smart city.

"The summit is coming at the right time, as a city we have

already created the investment corridors such as Samora Machel and Second Street Extension and ED Mnangagwa Road where we are now encouraging investments especially from the private sector to go up and complement the city's efforts mantra of becoming a smart world class city.

"We are also in the same vein, together with Government, regenerating the city with the urban renewal programme," he said.

He said the city is going to construct 2000 apartments in Mbare which will be the first of their model in the country.

"We are embracing the technologies and changes so that we digitalise our city, without the internet and necessary tools it will be difficult for us to be a smart city," he said.

He said the city is making progress in the waste to energy initiative at Pomona as work will start anytime soon.

"We have made headway in the conversion of waste to energy, the feasibility study and all the necessary due diligence has already been done and we are almost ready to start," he said.

# Harare City Council to decongest Mbare Markets

By Natasha Mushamba

Harare City Council is set to decongest Mbare Markets through the establishment of other satellite wholesale markets in Mabvuku, Kuwadzana and improving the already existing one in Hatcliffe.

Mayor Mutizwa was speaking during a tour of the market with development partners UNDP, Oxfam and Community Water Alliance.

“Mbare Markets are the largest wholesale and retail markets in Zimbabwe and farmers from all over the country come here to sell their produce. Council has ensured that these markets are open even during all the

Covid-19 induced lockdowns because they did not want the food supply chain to be disrupted,” he said.

Acting Mayor Mutizwa said Council will work with UNDP, OXFAM and Community Water Alliance to establish safe and clean markets.



# Critical shortage hits works dept.

Nothando Benga



Cllr Matafi

The City's Works department has been hit by a massive shortage of critical staff a situation which has affected service delivery, Environment Management Committee deputy chairperson Cllr Tendai Matafi has said.

Cllr Matafi was speaking after a recent EMC committee meeting which resolved to expedite applications to the Ministry of Local Government and National Housing to fill in the vacant positions.

The most affected division in the department is the electrical and mechanical section which deals with the repair of public lighting, traffics lights and repair of the city's light and heavy vehicles and the City Architect division.

Cllr Matafi said the committee is hoping the ministry will respond positively to the city's plea.

“This shortage is making it difficult for timely repairs of our refuse compactors which is hovering at around 15 every week and this is way below the required numbers”

“We have however tasked the division reduce the down time in terms of repairs.

“City architect has a shortage of manpower and their strength is below 42,8 percent which is not acceptable and we have also recommended that the Human Resources Department (HR) must recruit more personnel,” said Cllr Matafi.

He said Acting town clerk to seek permission from the ministry to recruit critical staff.



## Queens ready to bring the shine

Staff Reporter



Series set for Namibia end of month.

However, Mutsauki is not worried about that and is seeing a lot of positives from the team.

“We are expecting an exciting season, when we played the tournament in Bulawayo we did not play so well but that helped us to notice our weaknesses and areas that are lacking so that we correct them.

“We are a building a team from scratch and we have a big task ahead of us but right now we are happy with the progress we have made and expect the team to be gradually building and in future we will have an exciting team,” he said

He was however quick to add that the process will be a painstaking one because the players have never played together before.

“We started building at a scale from zero and ten and right now we can say we are at six which means things are working out and expect that when the season begins we will be ready,” he said.

He said he is happy with the players at his disposal and is eager to prove himself by building another set of players able to complete at the highest level.

“Every star starts from somewhere, so we are happy with the players that we have and we will work with them until they are stars.

“Harare City used to have no players in the national team and we built them until we could supply about six or seven players and we are confident that we will send other there in the near future,” he said.

**H**arare City Netball Queens coach Ropafadzo Mutsauki says his team is ready to bounce back into being a competitive side after a disappointing start in the inaugural Premier Netball League.

The queens had a bad start to the season after finishing a disappointing ninth at the season opening of the Zimbabwe Premier Netball League tournament that was held in Bulawayo mid-September.

The girls are a pale shadow of their former selves after nearly 2 years of inactivity due to the coronavirus induced lockdown coupled with the departure of several players to other teams.

The team used to form the core of the national netball team, the Gems, but they have failed to supply a single player to the current squad that is in camp for the Pent