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# Council targets alternative revenue streams



Acting finance director, Mr Godfrey Kusangaya

*Tendai Munatsi and Omega Chigero.*

**C**ouncil has set targets for all its departments to raise funds to improve service delivery pursuing non-traditional revenue streams.

Acting finance director, Mr Godfrey Kusangaya in a Special Council meeting expressed great concern over the decline in revenue collection.

He said this was adversely affecting the quality of service delivery.

“Our collection efficiency stands at 45 percent, which means service delivery is suffering and we cannot continue like that,” said Mr Kusangaya.

Mr Kusangaya urged departments to diligently take charge of their revenue generation streams as revenue generation resides in departments and called for all revenue generating streams to be closely monitored to avoid hemorrhaging.

“Council through the Chairperson of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee to constitute a committee that cuts across all committees for the purpose of monitoring and driving the revenue maximisation agenda,” he said.

He said there would be a quarterly review of each Department’s performance against set targets.

“All activities at District level should be superintended by the District Officer with all staff reporting to the District Officer administratively and functionally to their respective departments,” he said.

Traditional revenue streams include trenching permits, illegal dump fees, building plan submission, environmental regulatory fees and permit and inspection certificate fees.

The departments involved in the revenue collection are the Department of Works, Harare Water, Finance Department, Department of City Health Services, Department of Housing and Community Services and Chamber Secretary.



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# Council embarks on refuse blitz



## Bornwise Mtonzi

Council has embarked on a three-week community based waste collection and drainage clearance blitz in to clear illegal dumpsites as and clean drainage systems.

The programme is expected to run for the next three weeks.

Mayor Cllr Jacob Mafume said the program will be spearheaded by

District Officers and respective ward councilors will see participation of stakeholders' and community members.

Members of the community will provide transport for a fee.

Cllr Mafume said for the blitz to be sustainable council will provide resources to those interested.

"What we are going to do as council is we are going to avail resources for a three-week program at every district level.

"We are going to set up stakeholders' community meetings and community structures where the community contributes what it can and council contributes in terms of fuel and other resources that might be required.

"The communities are eager to complete the clean-up campaigns, so what we need to do is to give them resources.

"We will make it in a way that we support them and make it sustainable.

"This will be done in consultation with community and will coordinate with the District officers," said Cllr Mafume.

He said residents have been complaining about illegal dump sites and blocked drainage system that are continuing to sprout in their locations and are willing to assist.

He added that council employees will work together with those participating in the blitz

Mayor Mafume said during the process residents will also be educated on how to deal with the refuse.

Community transfer stations will also be constructed in the wards to reduce distances travelled by compactors to dispose the waste.

## City adopts new model of refuse collection



Project manager Mr Don Sakupwanya

## Lean Chifamba and Vanessa Chikutu

Council has embarked on a programme to construct waste transfer stations at various sites in the city in order to increase refuse collection efficiency and manage waste properly.

The first station has already been constructed at Kevin Road Depot with several lined up for construction in the next few weeks

Project manager Mr Don Sakupwanya said the transfer station will cater for waste from Mbare, CBD, Sunningdale, Acadia, Eastlea and neighbouring areas.

"The waste will be collected in refuse compactors and skip trucks, then transported to the waste transfer station at Kelvin depot.

"From there we then transport the waste in 30 tonne haulage trucks in the evening to Pomona waste disposal site," said Sakupwanya.

The Amenities department started constructing the waste transfer station in August 2022 and was supposed to be completed by end

of December 2022 but the target could not be met due to incessant rains that have characterised this summer season.

"The concept of constructing waste transfer stations is to improve waste collection efficiency as more skip bins can be emptied and more loads can be done by our refuse trucks," said Sakupwanya.

He said the project will save time for refuse collection and they will cover up a larger area since the trucks will not be traveling the long distance to Pomona.

He also said that the project is now at 40 percent completion.

"The transfer station is at 40 percent completion and more materials are available, by the end of February the transfer station will be operational as we wait for the 30 tonne truck to arrive, he said.



# Council now owed more than ZWL\$90 billion



*Harare Mayor Cllr Jacob Mafume*

## *Denise Gondo*

**H**arare City Council is now owed in excess ZWL\$90 billion by Government, residents and business a situation that is affecting service delivery.

Mayor Cllr Jacob Mafume urged stakeholders to settle their debts so that service delivery does not suffer.

“Council needs to buy equipment in order to provide an effective and efficient service delivery system. We are satellite towns that get services from Harare to also pay their debts in order for the city to be able to continue providing services to various stakeholders,” he said.

Harare provides water Chitungwiza, Ruwa, Epworth and Norton.

“Chitungwiza, Ruwa, Norton and Epworth whom we give water owe us a lot of money,” he said

He said there is need to buy equipment to be able to move refuse to Pomona dump site especially in the wake of the ever expanding city and population.

He added that council has resolved to ask new developers to buy equipment that deals with refuse and supply of water when issuing new permits.

Meanwhile, Cllr Mafume said the city has organised a blitz where they are going to have a massive waste management programme.

“Hararians have a culture of throwing away everything from soil that they sweep to metal, plastic and paper.”

“Thus, we should separate our waste at source hence we need to collect and recycle it but the city is not doing so.

He said even bio-degradable waste is recycled hence the city is going to change its waste management architecture together with the government.

“We are going to collect garbage where it is supposed to be collected, get rid of the illegal dump sites and get into inter-media transfer stations so that waste does not have to travel 50 km away from source to Pomona.

“When it comes to water, as you know we are still using dams that were built in 1954 and one that was built in 1976,” said Cllr Mafume.

He suggested that there is need to build more dams in Harare as it holds a population of three million people.

“Lake Chivero provides water to the city and is also part of our recycling system, so it needs a lot of chemicals to clean the water there,” he said.

The construction of Kunzvi, Mucherana Canal and Musami dams is a welcome development as there is Chitungwiza with a population of one million people but with no water source and relies on Harare.

“Dam building exercise is no longer a long term solution because these take three years or less when using a 24 hour building regime since technology has moved” he said.

In addition, council has engaged Nanotech as a way of changing the water treatment technology so that we can provide cleaner, clearer and odourless water.

“We are doing leakages and linking other suburbs that are not connected to the water system”.

“Thus, there is need for a holistic approach that involves all arms of government and those responsible for building the dams.



# Council partners Silveria House on re - greening project at Kuwadzana park



## Patricia Musara

Council has partnered Silveria House on a re-greening project of green spaces at Kuwadzana major park.

The project is being funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The mandate of the project is to do aquaculture and hydroponics as a way of maintaining the park since it had deteriorated

Ward 37 Councillor, Jaison Kautsa allayed fears that the city was leasing out the public park to private players and insisted that council is only getting help from the Silveria House and its financiers on maintaining the park.

“As we can see our park is deteriorating so we found Silveria House which is funded by the UNDP but the City remains the owner of the place.

“They are just here to assist the city to make sure this park is in good condition”, said Kautsa.

Council will be providing irrigation water to maintain the football pitch and growing of vegetables as per the plan of the project.

The project will help the community with fresh vegetables and everything that will be produced is to benefit locals.

“We also have taps which are going to help the community in times of water crisis,” said Kautsa.

Climate Justice Officer, Shingai Nhara explained that the project will be using the aquaponic system which is the rearing of fish in a controlled environment and growing of crops in soil less environment.

The project will be enforcing the sustainable utilisation of wetlands thereby promoting climate smart technologies.

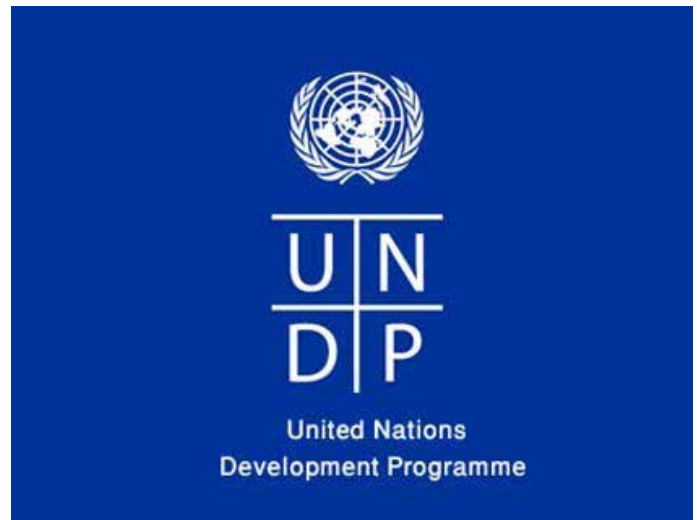
The project will be also benefit the youths since they are also part participating also in installing of aquaponic system

This aquaponic system is being run by 20 youths from the area who were selected due to their passion for climate justice and environmental conservation issues.

“Basically some of the added activities than we are planning to do here at Kuwadzana major park includes nurseries establishing herbal farming, organic farming, horticultural activities as well as ensuring that this place is maintained so that we conserve the natural ecosystem within this park while we are conserving the biodiversity within this park.

“Our project has got those elements of biodiversity of natural ecosystems while we are regreening the park as well as adding on the green skills to the selected youths in Kuwadzana who now know how to install aquaponic system.

“They can move around and install this aquaponic system to some communities around Kuwadzana and even beyond,” said Nhara.



# Another Council school opens



*Melody Korongwe*

**G**laudina Primary School which has been under construction since 2019 is now operational.

The school is expected to relieve many families in Ward 40 particularly Dzivaresekwa Extension, Glaudina and surrounding areas whose children were traveling long distances to get affordable education. Many children were travelling long distance to Dzivaresekwa, Kuwadzana Extension or Kuwadzana to attend school.

Ward Council Stephen said he was happy that the school will assist many families in his ward.

“Many of the families in the Ward are poor and I am happy that the opening of the school started. With my assistance as Councillor for Ward 40, the school was opened starting from 8 January, with supplied teachers from the Government and the whole community is now happy.

“One school saved almost 10 000 households and with this newly opened school, the community is now happy that they now have a school that is conveniently located near them, said Cllr Dhliwayo.

He said Dzivaresekwa Extension residents experienced poor education services for quite a long time with only one school servicing the whole area.



# CITY OF HARARE



## Acting Minister Coventry denies City's bid to recruit drain cleaners, grass cutters and street cleaners

Council is currently carrying out a drain cleaning, catch pits cleaning, grass cutting, pipe drain de-blocking and spoil removal exercise City wide. However, our efforts have been hampered by shortage of manpower. Council has already engaged the parent ministry, Ministry of Local Government and Public Works seeking approval to employ Drain Cleaners, grass cutters and street cleaners as per the ministerial directive which is against the spirit of devolution.

The ministry requested justification for the need for those specific workers, despite providing the justification to the ministry is still to respond, after frequent follow ups with the Ministry we have been advised that Minister July Moyo is on Leave and the Acting Minister Kirsty Coventry refused to approve.

Once the City, has been cleared to recruit, it will expedite the process. It must however be noted that the city is not resting on its laurels over the matter, the drain clearance is a recurrent routine exercise which is carried out throughout the year, primarily because of the behaviour of the general citizenry and vendors who have a tendency of using catch pits as litter pits.

This results in blockages of catch pits and pipes leading to flooding. Progress on this is not noticeable as rubbish is swept into catch pits and storm water drains daily. Vendors also store their wares in catch pits.

Our amenities division is currently doing day and night shifts in order to control litter while our Roads division has established a designated gang responsible for drain cleaning and flood management to man the CBD throughout the rainy season.

There also is a joint drain cleaning, drain clearing and spoil removal operation between the Amenities division and the Roads division. This is a complementary exercise to the main drain cleaning programme. The main aim is to clear the illegal dumpsites in the CBD. The illegal dumps lead to flooding after the waste from the dumps is

washed into storm water drains.

There will be heavy enforcement and littering control in the City. At the moment on most street corners in town we have vendors roasting mealies and leaving the mealie covers thrown all over, there eventually find their way into our drainage system.

The City has procured a new excavator which will be dedicated to the major collector's/outfall drain clearing some of which have not been cleared in the past 8 or more years.

The City has also procured three excavators, one Front End Loader and three Tractors - trailer combinations to assist in loading and transportation of spoil from drains as this is one of our major challenges at the moment.

Further it must be noted that most of our steel catch pits covers, half drum metal bins installed by City parking were all stolen and sold as scrap in Magaba, Gazaland, and other areas. The city is embarking on installation of plastic bins.

The Roads division has started a concrete works yard to produce kerbs and catch pits.

Some new construction/developments, invasion of wetlands and unauthorised trenching done at night is also interfering with our underground storm water drainage where at times drainage is completely cut and blocked.

The situation requires all stakeholders to come together and avoid flooding through responsible behaviour.

I thank you Councillor Kudzai Kadzombe.

**CHAIRPERSON HUMAN RESOURCES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON COUNCILLOR KUDZAI KADZOMBE**



# SUNSHINE NEWS SPORT

## Harare city handball teams confident of success



**Tashinga Murugweni**

**H**arare City handball teams are confident of success ahead of the resumption of the second of the second phase of the 2022-23 season.

Both teams scooped silver medals last season and the teams are expected to surpass that if their current form is anything to go by.

The Harare City Handball team has been playing well and managed to score impressive results in the first half of the season.

Both the male and female handball teams have been at their best in terms of performance making them qualify to play in the league's last game of the season.

The teams' Secretary General, Jabulani Mafanya said they are expecting

nothing short of gold this season.

"With the teams' current performance, we are sure that we will play well and finish at the top," he said.

He is confident that his teams will come out as victors in their last matches and he expects nothing less than the first position.

The dedication of the team to the game landed them a spot at the Club Championships that will be held in Italy later this year where they will fly the country's flag.

The Handball season ends in March and the team has to be solid in preparation for the July tournament in Italy.

There have not been any new additions to the team because the window for new signings is still closed.

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