

NEWSLETTER



Witzenberg supports local Feeding Schemes

During the month of July, and in the spirit of giving, Executive Mayor, Cllr Trevor Abrahams, led proceedings handing out non-perishable ingredients to operational and qualifying charities and I across our municipal area. The initiative is intended to support especially local soup kitchens and help sustain their efforts to ensure our people are fed. This is an annual initiative of the Municipality, in collaboration with the Office of the Executive Mayor. Qualifying charities are encouraged to apply in future.



MANDELA DAY 2025: Executive Mayor Trevor Abrahams joined in on the 6,7km walk in Bella Vista on 18 July, Mandela Day. The event was organised in partnership with various stakeholders. A large group of participants showed up and displayed great community spirit, and also donating blankets. Mayor Abrahams, on behalf of Witzenberg Municipality, handed over a bulk donation of blankets to the project.



From the Mayor's Desk

It is just unbelievable how quickly this year is flying by, and that we are already in August! But as they say, time flies when you are having fun and working hard. And what a busy few months we have had.

Amongst other our new budget for the 2025/2026 financial year was implemented and budget spending kicked-off on 1 July; we have hosted various national as well as provincial ministers visit for special projects and funding handovers; we have celebrated our youth with special Youth Day projects and activities; Councillors and officials have attended various municipal workshops, forums and summits; and more. Council is also back from a short informal recess that coincided with the school holiday.

But we had some great fun too, celebrating Christmas in Winter with a little dust of snow on top of the mountain peaks! I would like to congratulate Tulbagh Tourism and its organising committee on another great Tulbagh Christmas in Winter festival that literally lit up the town of Tulbagh in June. What a great opportunity to showcase local products and services, and surely a financial injection for local businesses and entrepreneurs, the town and greater Witzenberg. Thank you for spreading some Christmas cheer!

In recent months we have completed two major projects: The new Tulbagh sandfilters and the Multimillion rand pipeline project to secure supply to Wolseley and surrounding areas. This will ensure sustainable water supply to these towns.

With such big milestones achieved, I am looking forward with great anticipation to things to come in the next half of this year! God bless.

Witzenberg Municipality Approves Budget and Reviewed IDP for the 2025/2026 financial year

The Witzenberg Municipal Council during a council meeting held on 30 May, approved the municipal budget of R1,009 billion for the 2025/2026 financial year, along with the reviewed Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the same period and subsequent finance and budget-related policies.

The budget and related documents were tabled at a council meeting of 31 March 2025. An advertisement informing the community about the mentioned documents on the municipal website and inviting comments was placed in a local newspaper on 4 April 2025. It was specifically mentioned in the advertisement that electricity tariffs are adjusted in terms of the cost of supply study. The adopted budget reflects the Municipality's continued commitment to responsible financial management, effective service delivery, and sustainable development. It also includes indicative projections for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 financial years.

Additionally, the Council approved the implementation of property rates, municipal taxes, tariffs, and charges as outlined in the relevant annexes for the 2025/2026 financial year. Performance objectives linked to revenue collection and expenditure per vote were also formally adopted to support accountability and transparency in municipal operations.

The Budget at a glance:

- Tariffs have increased in line with budgeted increases on major cost components such as Electricity Bulk Purchases and Salaries and Wages.
- Water +5%; Property Rates revenue 8%; Refuse Removal +5%.
- The first 150 000 value of certain properties remains exempt from property rates.
- An electricity cost of supply tariff study was undertaken by the Municipality, the tariffs were implemented as from 1 July 2025. The proposed tariffs were approved by NERSA. It is estimated that the electricity cost for a residential consumer with a credit meter, 60 Amp connection and 800 kWh consumption per month electricity bill will increase with 11.3%. Fortunately, NERSA approved the prepaid electricity tariffs without any fixed charges.
- Bulk purchases from Eskom to increase with 11.32%.

The approved Budget and IDP documents are available on the Municipality's website at www.witzenberg.gov.za, as well as at all municipal offices.

Electricity Tariffs increase by 11,32% for residential, commercial and industrial consumers Operational spend R428 mil Capital Investment R23 mil	Roads Operational Spend R21 mil Capital Investment R16 mil
Refuse Removal Tariffs increase by 5% Operational spend R91 mil Capital Investment R1 mil	Housing Operational Spend R9 mil
Sanitation Tariffs increase by 5% Operational spend R51 mil Capital Investment R2 mil	Water Tariffs increase by 5%; Operational spend R61 mil & Capital Investment R13 mil
Administration Operational Spend R179 mil Capital Investment R3 mil	Property rates Tariff increase by 8% Tariffs to be determined by actual use of property
Public Safety Operational Spend R67 mil Capital Spend R1 mil	Community Services Operational Spend R97 mil Capital Investment R19 mil

WC PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR SPORTS FACILITIES

The Western Cape MEC for Cultural Affairs and Sport recently handed over a cheque to Executive Mayor, Cllr Trevor Abrahams. The grant fund to the sum of R957 227.63 are to be used to upgrade the sports facilities in Bella Vista. The collaboration between the Municipality and Province Government is an invest in sports infrastructure for young people and others alike in the Witzenberg.



Lt. Col. Aid Karriem Adams, Aid Ronald Visagie, Executive Mayor
Cllr Trevor Abrahams, Minister Ricardo Mackenzie, Deputy Mayor Cllr Jonathan Nel,
Cllr Patric Daniels, Cllr Jacob Rooi

Pay Your Municipal Account!

Municipalities need a reliable source of revenue to provide basic services to all. It is important to pay your municipal account on time and in full. **AVOID** penalties, disconnection, debt! You **CAN** make a payment arrangement if in arrears.

BASIC MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

- Electricity
- Water supply
- Sewage collection + disposal
- Refuse removal
- Street lighting
- Law Enforcement
- Construction
- Roads + Sidewalks
 - Drainage
 - Facilities
 - Buildings
 - Parks
- Recreational facilities
 - Cemeteries
 - Libraries
- Administration
- Finance

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH - CARD - EFT
SCAN - EASYPAY - RETAILERS

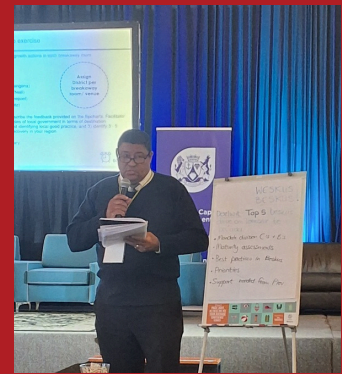
BANKING DETAILS:

NAME OF ACCOUNT:
WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY
NAME OF BANK:
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
BRANCH CODE: 200107
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
627 482 18444



"Today I delivered my opening address at our inaugural **Municipal Economic Summit** with the theme of **Stepping up Tourism and Investment**. These are both priority focus areas for our Western Cape **Growth for Jobs Strategy**."

- Dr Ivan Meyer
Western Cape Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism
#ForTheLoveOfTourism
#InvestWesternCape
#GrowthForJobs



NEW INDIGENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Going Digital from 1 July 2025

The Social Services Division is proud to introduce our new electronic indigent application system, known as the IMS (Indigent Management System). This is a major step in modernising municipal services as part of the Witzenberg Municipality's Digitisation Strategy and possible the first system of its kind in South Africa!

What You Need to Know

- ✓ All Indigent applications will now be done electronically at Indigent service points.
- ✓ The normal supporting documents are still required, please remember to bring them along.
- ✓ We kindly ask for your patience during the first month of rollout (July), as we work to speed up and improve our services to you.

Any questions?

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Gear Up for Winter: Stay Safe, Stay Informed

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance community safety this winter, the Witzenberg Fire Rescue and Disaster Management Section shares these essential safety tips:

Household Fire Safety -

- Use heating devices (heaters, paraffin stoves, candles) with extreme caution.
- Never leave open flames or heaters unattended, especially when going to sleep.
- Keep flammable materials away from heat sources.
- Ensure that all electrical cords are not damaged or frayed.
- Never using an oven to heat your home.
- Avoid plugging your heater using an extension cord because it can overheat and cause a fire.
- Prevent CO poisoning, never run a generator indoors or in an enclosed area such as a garage.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT NOTICE: FEES INCREASE!

REGISTRATION & LICENCE FEES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, 2025 REGULATIONS: INCREASE WITH EFFECT FROM 1 AUGUST 2025

Kindly be informed that the Western Cape Minister of Mobility, Mr Isaac Sileku, in Provincial Gazette Extraordinary number 9101 dated 11 July 2025 published the increased registration and licence fees tariffs that will be effective from 01 August 2025.

This is in respect of motor vehicle licences that must be renewed from 01 August 2025 (those licences with current expiry date of 31 July 2025) onwards, which contains the increased fees for the certification of roadworthiness of motor vehicles.



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Christmas in Winter ' 25 brought winter warmth!



New High Pressure Filter System Commissioned in Tulbagh

The Witzenberg Municipality is pleased to announce the successful completion of the Tulbagh High Pressure Filter System, an important infrastructure project aimed at strengthening the town's water supply capacity.

The newly installed system consists of 16 UW Kombi 120 filters, working together to deliver a filtration capacity of 53 litres per second at a static pressure of 5 bar. A pressure pump ensures that raw water is effectively pushed through the filter media, removing sediments and other impurities. Once filtered, the water is chlorinated for safety and then stored in a reservoir before being distributed to the community through the municipal water supply network.

This project was initiated in direct response to the increasing demand for water in the area. By enhancing the filtration and distribution processes, the Municipality is ensuring that residents continue to have access to clean and safe drinking water.

Construction commenced on 8 April 2025 and was completed on 15 May 2025. The total cost of the project was approximately R1.2 million.

The Municipality thanks all involved for their cooperation and commitment to improving essential services for the residents of Tulbagh.

Report all burst pipes, leaks, water faults and sewer blockages to
Call 023 492 0181 / 023 492 0182 | Email admin@witzenberg.gov.za | WhatsApp 081 896 5480



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Read more on the Facebook page: [Christmas in Winter - Tulbagh](#)