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## COUNCILLOR MAXWELL HEINS REINSTATED



Councillor Maxwell Heins, who previously served as the chairperson of the ward committee in ward 3, has been re-elected as the councillor for ward 3 on April 24, 2024. After resigning on January 29, 2024, Dr. Ruben Richards, the Executive Mayor, made sure that the ward committee's activities continued without interruption. The resignation did not impact the council's operations and decision-making authority. According to IEC regulations, Heins immediately assumed his position as the councillor of ward 3 once the results were announced. The Cederberg municipal council and administration are pleased to welcome Councillor Maxwell Heins back as the duly elected councillor for ward 3.

## INVOLVEMENT IN MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Every municipal council establishes the vision and mission of a municipality, followed by strategic objectives that guide all council business and programs over their elected term. The council and appointed senior manager's work together to ensure the municipality delivers high-quality services to its citizens. Citizens are encouraged to actively participate in the municipality's planning and budgeting through the integrated development plan, exercising their right to influence local development.



# CEDERBERG'S FINANCES RESTORED AND STRENGTHENED

Since July 2023, the municipality has made significant improvements to its liquidity ratios and approved a funded budget in March 2024, marking a significant achievement. The council's persistent efforts and hard work have resulted in the municipality obtaining an unqualified audit opinion for its financial statements.

**Nico Smith**



## CEDERBERG RECEIVES UNQUALIFIED AUDIT WITH FINDINGS

Cederberg Municipality managed to maintain its unqualified with findings audit status in the 2022/2023 financial year. Stability in Council and Top management has significantly contributed to the strategic and operational direction of the municipality. We remain committed and focused to achieve the clean audit status in 2023/2024. Our audit action plan is in place and is actively monitored by management, MPAC and the Audit and Performance Audit committees.

## SUPPORT FOR INDIGENT HOUSEHOLDS

If you are an account holder or a homeowner who meets the criteria for indigent support, you can apply for the grant at any of our offices. The application period is open until 30 June 2024. Even if your current indigent support subsidy is still valid, you must still apply for the 2024/2025 financial year. All SASSA recipients and other eligible individuals may apply.

To qualify, you need to provide the municipality with a valid certified copy of your South African Identity document, a certified copy of the identity document of any children over 18, a recent municipal account and prepaid meter slip, a certified copy of your payslip if you are employed, an affidavit if you are unemployed, a certified copy of your old age or disability slip, and three months' worth of bank statements.

For any questions, please contact Ms Erica Visser during office hours on 027 482 8000.

## REGIONAL LANDFILL SITE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Cederberg, in collaboration with the West Coast District and Matzikama Municipality, is working on constructing a regional landfill site to address refuse management and town cleanliness. Additionally, the Clanwilliam Wastewater Treatment Works project is underway, with the goal of improving the town's wastewater treatment facilities.



## STREETLIGHTS AND INTEGRATED NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME



The municipality is actively replacing old streetlights with LED streetlights to enhance lighting efficiency. As for the Integrated National Electrification Programme, the construction of a new 66kV line and substation in Clanwilliam will increase electricity capacity in the area, and customers are encouraged to consider alternative energy solutions to reduce strain on the electrical grid.



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**Cederberg Municipality had its first funded budget in 15 years >**



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## BRICKLAYING TRAINING PROGRAM

The Cederberg Municipality sought approval from the Construction Seta to help unemployed youth develop their skills through a masonry certificate program. The training was provided by Ottery Skills, who offered a 12-month course to 20 qualifying local beneficiaries.



## BRICKMAKING PROJECT

The Cederberg Municipality, in partnership with Raubex, has launched a brickmaking project as part of their Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiative. The goal is to train a minimum of 12 unemployed youth in brickmaking and business skills. In addition, brickmaking machines have been donated to two separate NGOs in Citrusdal and Clanwilliam to support youth entrepreneurship.



## CEDERBERG BUSINESS NETWORK FORUM

The Cederberg Business Network Forum was founded through a partnership between the Cederberg Municipality and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Nigel Mercuur and Ms. Louise Nortje have been appointed as the inaugural chairpersons. alifying local beneficiaries.



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