

## **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 2008**

**FELLOW COUNCILLORS, DS CHRISTO V/D HEEVER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GENERAL MANAGERS, MANAGERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

Good evening and welcome to the Council Meeting for March 2008.

Swakopmund Council is deeply touched by the tragic death of the late Hon. Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing & Rural Development, Comrade John Pandeni who passed away in a tragic car accident on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

Namibia has lost a brave son, leader and irreplaceable visionary. Minister Pandeni will be remembered with great respect and honour for his uncompromising and passionate commitment towards the attainment of political emancipation, social upliftment, national development and economic advancement of the Namibian people.

Swakopmund wishes to extend their heartfelt condolences and deep sympathy to the bereaved family, relatives and friends of the late Minister Pandeni. Let me call for a minute of silence. **(1 minute of silence)**

In the beginning of this month the President of Namibia declared the flood situation in the north as an emergency and the necessary interventions need to be put in operation to face the emergency. Thousands of people have been displaced, communal farmers have lost animals and schools have been adversely affected. After the call of His Excellency the President of Namibia for assistance my Council decided to donate an amount of N\$10 000.00 from the Mayoral Development Fund to a flood emergency fund.

Ladies and Gentlemen

During the past weekend, also our Easter weekend we all enjoyed the 18<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebrations in Swakopmund where we had the pleasure of hosting the Minister of Land & Resettlement, Honourable Jerry Ekandjo.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Chief Executive Officer and his team as well as Erongo RED for ensuring that this event was a huge success.

News is that Swakopmund had a full weekend of visitors, although it was noticed not as brisk as in the past which can be attributed to the early Easter Weekend this year and the drastic increase in fuel a week before the weekend. I'm glad to announce that nothing of a serious nature was reported for the weekend.

Ladies and gentlemen

It has further come to my attention that some members of the community are still driving bicycles on the walk ways at the mole. I want to call on the community to report such people to our Traffic Department but at the same time ask our Traffic Department to regularly patrol the mole and to deal with any possible irregularities.

A group of tourist of various countries will be visiting our town on Monday, 31 March 2008, they are the Great Adventure People a company of travelers. Through a dedicated group of travelers a company was born with a vision of traveling while respecting the land and its people. Their commitment is to focus on social, environmental and cultural initiatives and is a non-profit foundation. Through local community projects, international charities and long-term support they have developed a network of projects around the world. This group of Volunteers will be cleaning our riverbed from the river mouth up to the bridge on Monday afternoon.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Tonight we again have Long Service Awards and I would like to call on the following people to please step forward to receive a token of appreciation from the people of Swakopmund:

Mr Ndimulunde Isdora (25 years)

Mr Abed Mwatale (20 years)

I want to first of all thank you very much for your loyalty over the years and to wish you all good health to continue serving the community of Swakopmund to the best of your abilities.

I thank you!

**Rosina //Hoabes**  
**MAYOR**