

Forum highlights plight of older persons

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How are older persons in supported and what services are available to them? These are some of the issues that were discussed at the Older Persons' Forum held early last month at the local community hall.

The forum was hosted by the Family Caregiving of Older Persons in Southern Africa Programme, together with and both residents. The forum aimed to create a space where older persons and people involved in the care of older persons shared their experiences, challenges and information on caregiving for older persons in the community. The attendees included home-based carers and family caregivers, giving locals an opportunity to raise these challenges to provincial leaders, government departments and service providers.

According to Associate Professor Elena Moore of the Sociology Department at the University of Cape Town, many of these challenges centred around the large gaps in what government provides in terms of services. "These include medication, medical assessments, adult nappies, community home-based care, social worker support services, social grants and people's ability to access these services. At the heart of it all is the cost of getting to hospitals and SASSA offices in Atlantis or other nearby areas, particularly for people with disabilities."

With regard to accessing grants at SASSA offices, concerns were also expressed with the way older persons were made to wait long hours to have their applications administered. Attendees raised their concern about the lack of social worker capacity in supporting older persons and their families to access formal care services. "Community care- workers, in addition to family members, are carrying a heavy load in trying to support the care needs of older persons, especially as their case load is very high," explained Moore.

The care-workers explained their work, which includes washing older persons three times a week and providing respite care so family caregivers could take a break. However, their role also felt restrictive as they felt a sense of constraint in not being able to do more. One participant summarised it: "All we can do is refer. If there is a social problem – welfare. Illness – clinic. Wound they can't do – clinic." They highlighted that a greater understanding of their responsibilities and limitations would assist with their daily workload. Broader social and economic challenges that families face in their everyday lives create complications and tensions, and can limit the care they can provide to older persons. "We will be working with the community over the next two years, exploring how families, older persons and caregivers can be better supported. We look forward to further engagement," Moore said.

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Police seek information in Protea Park murder cases

On Monday 27 March 2023 at around 13h00, the Atlantis police was called out to a murder scene in an open field behind Protea Park rugby field.

On arrival they found a 52-year-old male with a gunshot wound to his face. Later the same day at 19h45, the police arrested a 24-year-old male suspect from Atlantis, who was detained and due to appear in the Atlantis Magistrate's Court. On Saturday 4 March 2023 at 20h00, Jean-Pierre Miquel Frederick, (27) was shot in the head on the same spot. No arrests have been made. On Sunday 16 October 2022 at 02h15, a 40-year-old victim, Christo Brendo Skippers was also killed with a gunshot wound to the head. This occurred on the corner of Orchid and Strelitzia Streets in Protea Park. The police appealed to anyone with information that may assist with the murder investigation, to contact the investigating officer, Detective Sergeant Maasdorp on 021 571 8542 or 082 469 7017.

4. GRANTS AND TRANSFERS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

4.1 Refer to Annexure 21 of the draft 2023/24 Draft Budget Document for a list of organisations / bodies which are proposed to receive grants, subsidies or contributions.

5. CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (CID) ADDITIONAL RATES

CID Additional Rates are rated at 15% for VAT. Additional Rates below are shown as a rate-in-the-Rand.

2023/24			
CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	PROPOSED BUDGET (R)	PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONAL RATE (R)	PROPOSED NON-RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONAL RATE (R)
Airport Industria	6,233,746	N/A	0.002490
Beaconvale	4,625,613	N/A	0.003005
Blackheath	4,139,285	N/A	0.001444
Boston	4,444,962	0.001064	0.001700
Brackenfell	4,101,526	N/A	0.002458
Cape Town Central City	99,283,131	0.001498	0.002833
Claremont	13,131,393	0.000465	0.001965
Clifton *	9,350,945	0.000917	0.001516
Elsies River	3,971,314	N/A	0.004440
Epping	14,062,272	N/A	0.001626
Fish Hoek	1,342,324	0.000522	0.001894
Glosderry #	2,267,608	0.000403	0.003264
Green Point	13,414,821	0.000410	0.002453
Groote Schuur	9,344,198	N/A	0.002120
Kalk Bay and St James	2,503,620	0.000485	0.001459
Little Mowbray / Rosebank	2,660,607	0.000592	0.001536
Llandudno	4,757,224	0.000801	0.000951
Lower Kenilworth	1,718,010	0.000851	0.001342
Maitland	4,580,465	N/A	0.002503
Mitchells Plain Town Centre	2,355,336	0.000920	0.003468
Montague Gardens-Maroni Beam	8,897,490	N/A	0.001049
Mount Rhodes #	723,130	0.001703	0.002296
Muizenberg	3,040,000	0.001071	0.003135
Northpine	2,879,013	0.001122	0.002493
Oakwood / Hughenden / Meadows	1,025,173	0.001659	0.002403
Observatory	10,166,191	0.000929	0.003034
Oranjekloof	9,023,781	0.000472	0.002415
Overkloof #	533,193	0.001562	0.001535
Paarden Eiland	5,983,628	N/A	0.001138
Park Island *	651,500	0.001568	0.002162
Parow East Industrial	1,921,400	N/A	0.003484
Parow Industria	6,571,168	N/A	0.002174
Penzance Estate	1,430,774	0.001568	0.003640
Pinelands *	10,174,915	0.000600	0.001208
Salt River	5,262,013	N/A	0.002762
Scott Estate & Baviaanskloof	3,164,477	0.001174	0.002019
Sea Point	8,805,167	0.000738	0.001632
Somers West	4,083,457	N/A	0.003541
Stikland Industrial #	6,025,335	N/A	0.002457
Strand	1,786,433	N/A	0.003498
Triangle Industrial	3,028,992	N/A	0.003515
Tygervalley	4,785,231	N/A	0.002499
Upper Kenilworth *	4,064,866	0.000767	0.001749
Voortrekker Road Corridor	28,007,532	N/A	0.003180
Vredeklouf	4,114,232	0.001607	0.002598
Welgemoed	4,051,328	0.000681	0.001190
Woodstock	7,599,946	N/A	0.001565
Wynberg	7,363,044	0.001451	0.003559
Zeekoewlei Peninsula	667,419	0.001992	0.002868
Zwaanswyk	1,333,251	0.000835	0.000874

Note: Additional Rates are reflected exclusive of VAT. VAT inclusive rates can be found in the City's Tariffs, Fees and Charges book.
Subject to Council approving that the CID implements its new business plan for a further period of 5 years on the 1st of July 2023.
* Subject to Council approving the establishment of the CID with effect from 1 July 2023.

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6. CONTRACTED ROAD-BASED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES INCLUDING MyCiTi INTEGRATED RAPID TRANSIT (IRT)

Public transport fares are exempt from VAT. These tariffs are in line with the updated Fare Policy for Contracted Road-Based Public Transport Services.

As required in the policy, overall increases are in line with the projected increases in vehicle operator costs as per the relevant contracts.

NB: Information provided is an extract from the Tariffs, Fees and Charges Book. For the full version consult Annexure 6 of the 2023/24 draft Budget Document.

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SERVICES RENDERED AND RELATED TRANSPORT PRODUCTS	UNIT	R
1. MOVER TRAVEL PACKAGES		
Minimum package: R20. Maximum load: R600.		
2. IRT FARES USING MOVER PACKAGE		
a. TRAVEL DURING SPENDER/PEAK PERIOD (06:45 to 08:00 and 16:15 to 17:30 on any weekday) one way		
Journeys under 5km	per person per journey	11.90
Journeys of 5km or longer, but less than 10km	per person per journey	15.90
Journeys of 10km or longer, but less than 20km	per person per journey	20.90
Journeys of 20km or longer, but less than 30km	per person per journey	23.90
Journeys of 30km or longer, but less than 40km	per person per journey	27.90
Journeys of 40km or greater, b		9.90
Journeys of 50km or greater, b		1.90
Journeys of 60km or more		4.90
Premium on Airport service in (in addition to distance-based)		0.90
b. SAVER PERIOD TRAVEL (above):		
Journeys under 5km		3.90
Journeys of 5km or longer, but less than 10km	per person per journey	11.90
Journeys of 10km or longer, but less than 20km	per person per journey	16.90
Journeys of 20km or longer, but less than 30km	per person per journey	19.90
Journeys of 30km or longer, but less than 40km	per person per journey	21.90
Journeys of 40km or greater, but less than 50km	per person per journey	25.90
Journeys of 50km or greater, but less than 60km	per person per journey	27.90
Journeys of 60km or more	per person per journey	29.90
Premium on Airport service	per person per journey	50.90
c) Notes: (i) THE STANDARD FARE may be charged (rather than the Mover fare) when credit or debit cards are used for payment, once this is permitted. The mover fare above is on average about 5% lower than the standard fare. (ii) All fares are subject to terms and conditions. (iii) These include that fares will be amended in year if stated thresholds regarding the price of low sulphur diesel are reached.		
3. TRANSIT PRODUCTS		
System-wide monthly (including Airport travel)	per month	990.00
1,3 and 7 Day passes usable on all routes for unlimited journeys (including Airport travel)	1 day	88.00
	3 day	202.00
	7 day	290.00
4. SINGLE TRIP TICKET		
System-wide one-trip ticket for non-Premium service: spender/peak and saver periods, excluding Premium Airport service	per person per journey (one way)	29.90
System-wide one-trip ticket for the Premium service: spender/peak and saver periods, including Premium Airport service	per person per journey (one way)	106.90
5. SMARTCARD ISSUING FEE		
Card may be issued for free for limited periods on the basis of one card per person in compliance with the terms and conditions.		
myconnect smartcard Issuing fee	Per smartcard	35.00
myconnect smartcard replacement fee on expiry of card	Per smartcard replaced	22.00

Note: The fares are subject to terms and conditions set out in the 2023/24 draft Budget Document.



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