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POMA Newsletter: May 2019

1) **Cucumber Time (Komkommertyd, Komkommertijd)**

(This is the slow season as far as news is concerned.)

1.1) PROJECTS

Derek Robinson of POWA is busy co-ordinating a feasibility study into a security system with E-Watch. This study deals with a surveillance system incorporating an Integrated CCTV and Control Room for the whole of Port Owen. POMA's role in the ultimate project will be determined at a later stage.

Fanie Joubert of POPOA, in conjunction with our Marina Manager, Riaan Adendorff, is investigating the improvement of the public open spaces which POMA is responsible for maintaining. We shall keep you posted as we progress.

1.2) The development of the Yacht Basin has been put on hold for the following reasons:

- Dredging has to be completed before we can commit any capital to the replacement of jetties.
- No further requests for hospitality jetties have been received.
- The old wooden jetties are being maintained at reasonable cost and can serve us well for the immediate future.

2) **Dredging**

Our final letter of demand was delivered to DEAD&P on 20 May 2019, and we are waiting for their response.

The letter was drawn up by Werksmans Inc., after a thorough study of our legal position regarding the need for the extra authorisations demanded by the Department of Environmental Affairs.

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The argument is based on the grounds that there is an existing authorisation (the amended permit awarded in August 2018) and that the additional permits are required in terms of laws which are not retroactive.

Legal advice from Werksmans Inc. is that we should start with dredging operations if we do not get a response from DEAD&P within reasonable time. We have therefore prepared our own dredger and it is being launched today. We shall review our position by the end of the month and decide on what action to take when.

Your Board has confirmed that the first priorities will be to open up the two waterway entrances to the river and then to commence with dredging the Eastern Loop.

The most cost effective and preferred operation will still be to use a contractor. As soon as the terms of our authorisation/s are known, we shall start with a process to find a suitable contractor.

3) Service Delivery

- 3.1) The cooler weather has taken care of the unwanted seaweed-growth. We still believe that the ultimate way of stopping this growth is dredging. The actual dredging operation will remove most of the plants and the resultant deeper water will prevent re-growth.
- 3.2) Embankments and Walkways. This project is being done by a contractor and is progressing well as per our priority list. This is expensive work and we have spent a total of R181 000,00 in the first four months of the financial year. Work will continue in June 2019.
- 3.3) We have done an audit on the signage on the water and the walkways. You can expect to see more and improved signs soon. Delivery is expected by end May 2019.

4) Administration

- 4.1) We remind you of the 7% increase as advised last month.
- 4.2) Clients wishing to pay the annual fee in order to secure the 7.5% discount, must please contact Blommie Koen and request an annual invoice. Please remember that the annual payment must be made by the end of July, to qualify for the discount.

5) General

The POMA Website (www.poma.co.za) is active. Please visit the site for all the information you need. If you have a comment or a need for additional features, please engage with Blommie Koen at the POMA office.

Winter is here. Let's hope for a good rainy season. Be extra careful and safe on the water.

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