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The Afrikaans newspaper people call it “komkommertyd” cucumber time, news is scarce!

Winter is traditionally quiet for POMA. Boating is at a minimum and people spend their time indoors. It's hard to believe that almost half the year has gone.

Governance

The Municipal Council met on 31 May 2022 to discuss the public response to the Draft 2022/23 Budget and IDP. We can expect to receive their responses and finalised documents soon.

Of special interest will be the inclusion of more information regarding the formal relationship between The Bergrivier Municipality and CapeNature in its capacity as Responsible Management Authority of the Great Berg Estuarine Management Plan, especially the issue of law-enforcement in so far as the Municipal By-laws are concerned.

Dredging

A wise man once said: “Each morning puts a man on trial and each evening passes judgement.” (Roy L. Smith)

In dealing with the processes necessary to obtain permits for Dumping and Discharge, I can assure you that we are being tested and I know that there are severe judgements passed. But, having said that, I can assure you that we have a strategy and a plan and will communicate with you when the time is right.

Since the technical meeting held on 14 April 2022, the following has transpired:

- 1) We received a formal notice from the Discharge Permit Grouping on 28 April 2022 that they're regarded our application as “complete”. This means that they have all the information they need to reach a decision and the clock has started ticking. They are allowed 180 days to respond, taking us, possibly, to end October 2022.
- 2) The Dumping Permit Grouping responded on 25 April 2022, requesting us to submit an updated application, which we did on 10 May 2022. The reason for the update was because of the greatly reduced volume to be dredged as reflected in the WSP

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- 3) report. They confirmed receipt on 19 May 2022, by e-mail, which did not indicate whether they regarded our application as complete or not. There is no statutory time limit on them responding and until such time as they declare the application “complete” they can, theoretically, keep on asking for new information as long as they wish. We have requested our attorney’s, Werksmans, to ask them for a formal commitment.

Please be patient, we are almost there!

Embankments, Walkways and Open Spaces

The planned work, as per the budget, continues.

Law Enforcement

The number for the Marine Rangers is as follows:

- Hotline – 067 412 9922

Fire Prevention

Please note that the Basic Standard Operating Procedure for Fire Prevention in the Marina is now available on the Poma website.

General

You have been advised of the closure of the POMA slipway during July 2022. This is to enable us to do much needed maintenance work on the paving at the top of the ramp.

For the brave ones, going out in the cold, please be careful and be safe on the water.

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