

# Portfolio Reports

## MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: May 2025

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

As discussed in previous meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 – Cllr. Lindy Maritz and I visited Mr. Thebile Segwapa the Building inspector at Merafong. I handed him a list of unfinished houses and renovations to houses in Ward 14. Thebile undertake to follow up and investigate. Also, assuring me I can contact him once a month and he will give me feedback. I also asked him he should check on 110 Olienhout Fochville where residents are not paying for water and Electricity. Also, Olienhout Fochville next to Civic Centre where people occupied and unfinished home and water and electricity are connected.

Corner of Protea and Kraalkop the people is adding a new room to the house. Has this building plans been approved?

Mr. Thebile Segwapa cell number not answering.

Mr. Thebile Segwapa office number not answering.

Signature:



Date:

06<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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## **WARD 14**

**REPORT 2025/05/06**

### **PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY**

#### **ELECTRICITY:**

4 April: a Cable was stolen.

18 April: power outage, the fault was between 2 Mini subs. The electricians were waiting for approval from the CFO to continue work. It did not happen on the 18<sup>th</sup> which left residents without power.

19 April contractors was on site and fixed the problem

Merafong to regularly inspect and maintain existing infrastructure to prevent faults and reduce power outages.

Merafong to invest in modernizing and expanding the electrical grid to meet growing demand. Like the Protea lines that needs replacement.

Street light on the C/O N12 and R500 is not fixed yet. After months of reporting. It is a great concern as it is a high risk area for high jacks.

#### **WATER**

As a community and ward members we are concerned about the impact on our lives and the local economy.

We request the following information

- 1 the duration of the water supply cut
- 2 the measures being taken by the municipality to mitigate the effects of the reduction
- 3 any plans for water conservation or alternative water sources
- 4 communication channels for updates and announcements
- 5 Merafong to provide regular updates on the situation and any steps being taken to address the water supply challenges.
- 6 Aging and damaged pipes should be replaced
- 7 Smaller water leaks not fixed yet
- 8 Measures should be implemented to reduce water waste

The community would like to thank Leah and her team for their hard work to provide water for every household.

Engela van der Merwe

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### Portfolio: Road, Storm water and Public Works.

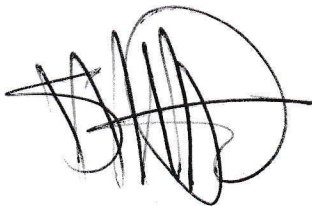
Member: SIMON MATLALA.

The purpose of this report is to make sure that the people get their services delivered to them by the municipality.

- 1 I would like to thank the municipality for attending to some of our potholes which were very bad like Olienhout corner and Hawthorne. The other streets have been attended are Peperkorrel, Froneman and corner of Ouhout street.
- 2 We still have some challenges of the following streets. Keurboom no 28/30 and corner Denne weg street.
- 3 Olienhout no 110 or 71 very bad potholes need to be fixed.
- 4 Waterbury Street no 12,8 and 20 very bad potholes need to be fixed.
- 5 Kareeboom and Bloekoms on the corner there's a bad potholes need to be fixed.
- 6 Lelielaan very very bad potholes need to be fixed.
- 7 Sycamor street no 25,23,21 and no 7 very bad potholes need to be fixed
- 8 Aster street very bad potholes need to be fixed.
- 9 Disalaan street no very bad potholes need to be fixed.
- 10 Anemoon avenue no 26 very bad potholes need to be fixed.
- 11 Please we need assistance with these potholes on our street it's a very serious problem need to be addressed.

Signature.

SIMON MATLALA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S.M.', enclosed within a circular scribble.

PORTFOLIO: PUBLIC SAFETY, WARD 14, FOCHVILLE.

MONTH: May-25

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: JC VAN DER MERWE

**1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES:**

CABLE FAULT ON PROTEA FEEDER THE 18th OF APRIL 2025 AND RESTORED ON THE 19th.

**2.) BURGLARIES:**

NONE REPORTED IN OUR AREA ON GROUPS, NO INFO FROM SAPS COULD BE OBTAINED.

**3.) C.P.F.**

SEVERAL OPERATIONS TOGETHER WITH SAPS CONDUCTED AND MANY ARREST MADE.

**4.) ACCIDENTS:**

SEVERAL ON THE N12 AND GREENSPARK ROAD.

BIG THANK YOU AS THE GREENSPARK ROAD BEEN FIXED BY DRD AND SOUTH DEEP MINE.

**5.) CAMERA SYSTEMS:**

HUGE SUCCESSES AND SEVERAL CRIMINALS WERE ARRESTED BY SAPS, CPF AND PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES.

**6.) SPEED HUMBS: NO FEEDBACK.**

**7.) POTHOLES:**

SEVERAL BEEN DONE BY COUNCIL IN OTHER WARDS

COMMUNITY FIXED MANY FROM THE DONATIONS, AND IS STILL BUSY.

JOB BEEN DONE BY PRO'S.

**8.) ADDITIONAL:**

NONE

**9.) NEW PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES / TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.**

PUBLIC SAFETY/TRAFFIC DEP. VERY ACTIVE IN FOCHVILLE, AND HELPFUL AT ACCIDENTS.

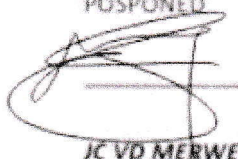
STOP STREETS BEEN IGNORED MORE AND MORE EVERY DAY.

**11.) TAXI / AVANZAS:**

TAXI PATROLS STILL PATROLLING AND IN CHARGE WITH NO REPORTED INCIDENTS.

**12.) FOOD PARCELS:**

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## WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

06 MAY 2025

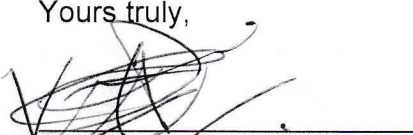
The status quo is in the order of the day and nothing worthwhile to report on.

1. IDP meeting was held by Merafong but no projects for Merafong.
2. The Mayor tried to convince the community money and projects spend in Carletonville and Khutsong is to the advantage to the whole of Merafong including Fochville.
3. No answers on RandWater issues or the Eskom arrears.
4. Ward 14 is struggling with basic service that place an extreme limit on LED development. Big issues are water and electricity. Although Eskom is not calling it Loadshedding but load reduction the colder days have already started to impact the different wards.

By compiling and analyzing these various sources of data and information, it is my humble opinion that Fochville economics is in a downward spiral with no prospects for any sustainable new developments, LED project or any growth in the foreseeable future.

There is no business trust, no credibility in Merafong and its Council and the whole economic environment is detrimental for any economic growth. Any attempt to contact council, the MM is fruitless endeavors.

Yours truly,



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Jaco van der Merwe  
LED: Ward 14 portfolio

# MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: May 2025

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong

Rubbish dumped all over ward 14.

Trees that need to be cut in Ward 14 Keurboom, Stinkhout, Mimosa Road, Anemoon Ave. Trees hanging in the streets is a safety issue.

After all the rain the open Merafong fields needs to be cut, also the sidewalks and weed growing in the street needs to be removed.

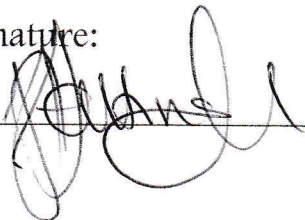
NSI Trash collection is done in Ward 14 on Fridays, every weekend the truck return to Kiaat nr 11 to collect this house rubbish. Who is paying for this collection of rubbish? Who is paying for overtime? Who has approved this? Still waiting for answer about this matter.

Once again, the rubbish truck collected from Kiaat 11 Fochville twice in a weekend, as well in Keurboom 42 Fochville Registration number: KYX184NW This matter was reported by Cllr. Lindy Maritz but no feedback. Cllr. Lindy sent a message to Milton Mavhuta and the MM Dumisani Mabuza regarding this matte please see attached photos.

Recommendation – Olienhout vlei area needs a TLB to clear road and sidewalks.

A lot of complaints was received about areas not been maintained.

Signature:



Date:

06<sup>th</sup> of May 2025

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@Milton Mavhuta Refuse Removal  
@MM Dumisani Mabuza MM Could I  
kindly receive feedback as to why a  
public press release are distributed  
that waste removal will not take place  
on Friday but will be removed next  
Friday, but yet 11 Kiaat's refuse was  
removed today in Fochville? Kind  
regards

17:56 ✓

MR

Milton Mavhuta Refuse Removal

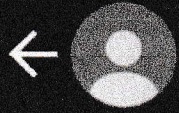
You

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@MM Dumisani Mabuza MM Could I  
kindly receive feedback as to why a ...

Dear Lindy, noted I'm making  
follow up

18:31





Milton Mavhuta R...



18:33 ✓✓

➞ Forwarded



## **Health and Safety Report – May 2025**

**Submitted by:** Abraham J. Brits

**Position:** Health and Social Representative – Ward 14, Fochville

### **Subject: Grave Concerns Regarding Service Delivery and the Proposed 2025/2026 Municipal Budget**

I write this report to raise serious and urgent concerns regarding the state of public health and safety in the Merafong Local Municipality, specifically relating to the consequences of persistent service delivery failures and the implications of the proposed new municipal budget.

#### **1. Unjustifiable Tariff Increases Amid Service Collapse**

The proposed budget includes a **6.65% across-the-board increase** in tariffs for water, electricity, refuse removal, and property tax. While residents are expected to pay more, the municipality continues to **fail in its basic duty** to provide consistent services. Of particular concern is the **water supply crisis** caused by the municipality's **failure to pay the Rand Water Board on time**, resulting in an enforced **20% reduction in water supply** to residents. This situation has placed a disproportionate burden on vulnerable populations, particularly **the elderly in old age homes**, who suffer immensely from unreliable access to water — a fundamental human right.

#### **2. Closure of the Only Public Hospital**

The closure of the **only public hospital in Merafong due to water damage** is a public health emergency. With winter approaching and seasonal illness expected to increase, the burden has shifted to a handful of **understaffed and ill-equipped clinics** that cannot meet the needs of the growing patient load. The lack of a functioning hospital endangers lives and violates the constitutional right to healthcare access.

#### **3. Inadequate Road Maintenance and Pothole Repairs**

While we acknowledge the minor repairs completed in certain parts of Fochville, the **majority of roads remain riddled with dangerous potholes**, posing a serious threat to motorists and pedestrians alike. Sporadic patchwork repairs are not a substitute for a comprehensive, long-term road maintenance plan.

#### **4. Neglect of Overgrown Stands**

Repeated reports and complaints have been submitted regarding the **overgrown, unmaintained vacant stands** in our communities. After recent rains, the vegetation has become even more dense and hazardous, posing risks such as vermin infestation, illegal dumping, and fire hazards. Despite these warnings, **no action has been taken**.

#### **5. Ongoing Littering and Waste Scavenging**

The issue of individuals **scavenging through municipal dustbins** continues unabated. While their need is understood, the **aftermath of scattered plastic, bottles, and paper** in parks and on empty stands contributes to unsanitary conditions

and degrades the environment. The municipality has failed to provide any sustainable or enforceable solution to this problem.

### **Conclusion and Request for Action**

The residents of Merafong are being asked to pay more while receiving less. This situation is not only unjust — it is **untenable**. The municipality must justify any proposed tariff increase with **clear, measurable improvements in service delivery**. It is unacceptable to pass the financial burden onto the public while basic services collapse and health and safety deteriorate.

I therefore urge the Municipality to:

1. Reconsider the proposed 6.65% tariff increase.
2. Provide immediate clarity on steps being taken to resolve the water crisis.
3. Publish a timeline for the reopening of the public hospital and interim support for clinics.
4. Implement a maintenance plan for overgrown stands and road infrastructure.
5. Introduce a dignified and structured waste management solution for the growing problem of scavenging and littering.

Residents deserve accountability, transparency, and reliable services. I trust this report will receive the urgent attention it requires.

## Monthly Report – May 2025

### Portfolio – Corporate Services

#### Member – Nadine Bouwer

- Health & Safety still a concern
- Rand Water – No further feedback was received re the possible further water restrictions as a result of the account in arrears(Ongoing issues water on/off) – Water restrictions ongoing, residents very frustrated by this at the moment and Merafong is not forthcoming even at IDP meeting held
- Residents very anxious re financial/billing system that is still not operational – Reports that it would have/should have been up and running at the end of March 2024 – No other feedback re this – some are receiving correct accounts, some are not, getting the errors adjusted accordingly is very difficult for residents and time consuming – Up and running however the accounts are still not correct, residents struggling to get Merafong to assist in correcting incorrect amounts ie over charging on water etc, some residents are being switched off due to these incorrect errors

- Library – No feedback re maintenance/upgrades/books
- We are also requesting a list of all the positions filled in the last 12 months please (If this was done according the organogram , if it was approved accordingly in line with financial recovery plan)
- Swimming Pool – Needs resources & staff need appropriate training
- Library – Needs resources
- Electricity – Very concerned, winter approaching Du Preez line is going to be a problem
- Is there any feedback re mobile Home Affairs, there was a visit at Kokosi, however people waited from 7 till 4 then told to go home as they are not paid overtime, not everyone could wait in the hall, so they had to brave the heat, we need to try and get a few more visits and more spread across Fochville so all wards can be assisted, is this possible?
- Fifth Street – Residents concerned re children crossing there as cars do not stop
- It has also been noted that the telephones at Merafong offices are not working just rings – Still of at times