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EDITORIAL

## A Message from the Mayor.

Greetings!

It is an honour to serve as Mayor of this beautiful and majestic City of Kings. It is my hope that as we start this term of office, you will give us the necessary partnership and support to revive our City. The task that we have ahead of us can only be achieved if we all work together to make Bulawayo great again.

My call on all residents is to keep our city clean and adhere to all the By-laws. Various initiatives have been proposed by Council for 2024 to address the challenges we face as a City.



*His Worship Senator David Coltart,  
The Mayor*

One of the major challenges we face is the issue of littering which has become so rampant that our streets and suburbs are filled with litter. The cleanliness of Bulawayo rests on all our shoulders and it is key that we all work towards keeping it clean. We need to watch out for each other and ensure that we put all litter in a bin. We need to also ensure that we inculcate a culture of a clean Bulawayo so that we pass on these great initiatives to future generations. The City of Bulawayo requires you to step up and put all litter in a bin. I further call on business organisations with Bulawayo at heart as well to help the City through donations of litter bins and keeping the front of their premises clean.

The City has also been facing a lot of challenges with illegality of operations in various sectors especially the informal sector and the transport sector. The registration of trading places and transport ranks are meant for the protection of the general public. Certain rules and regulations are taken into consideration by our planners not only in Bulawayo but all over the world. With the opening of the eGodini Rank and Informal Trading area, I urge each and everyone of us to make use of these facilities. We need to desist from using illegal ranks and taxi operators. I further call on informal traders far and wide to also adhere to the sites that have been created. Inside this publication, we share on the various strategies the City is doing for and in partnership on Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development. This is in recognition of the fact that MSME comprises a significant portion of the City's economy. In MSME development we also need to be mindful to protect the interests of every business person in Bulawayo and for that we urge you to partner with us in ensuring that we attend to the challenges of illegality and trading without registration. I am keen on seeing to the completion of Phase 1B of the eGodini Informal Trading Market which will cater for an addition 400 informal traders. Also key in the City of Bulawayo is the development of 3 further large markets for the informal sector and vendors and, tied to that, the decongestion of the centre of the City.

I am anticipating that we will work together in achieving these immediate broad projects in the City of Bulawayo in 2024 and beyond. These include Water – where the focus will be on securing of water supplies in the South Eastern parts of the City including the construction of Glassblock Dam. Other key projects which require immediate financing are the duplication of pipeline projects at Insiza Dam, the rehabilitation of Ncema Water Treatment works and the expansion of Tuli reservoir. It is my hope that finalisation of these projects will help address the current water challenges we face as a City.

The City of Bulawayo faces numerous challenges in attending to the sewer bursts that bedevil our residential suburbs and streets. Under Sanitation, we need to strive for the rehabilitation of 8 sewage plants which are all currently operating way below capacity.

It would be amiss of me to conclude this message without discussing our major challenge, which is water unavailability. Our dams are currently in a dire situation and it is of concern to us that if this persists, we would be in a worse off situation by midyear. The City is making all efforts to try and ensure water availability. We will continue to engage Government and partners to ensure that Bulawayo does not run dry.

Despite this mammoth task that we face, we commit the City of Bulawayo and its residents to God and we are hopeful and eager to work with you towards achieving a leading, smart and transformative City.

Siyephambili.

# Call To Action And No Compromise To Service Delivery



His Worship Senator David Coltart, The Mayor loads refuse into a tipper truck during the City's Spring Cleaning Campaign.

Pursuant to the launch of the Local Authorities Service Delivery Blueprint by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe Cde Dr Emmerson. D. Mnanganwa on the 1st of November 2023, the City of Bulawayo has set out urgent strategies to be used to achieve the expectations of the Call to Action.

Following the launch which was attended by all Zimbabwean Local Authorities represented by Chairpersons, Mayors and Town Clerks, a report was tabled and adopted by the Council of the 6th December 2023 in view of the urgency and need for compliance.

The City of Bulawayo thereafter crafted the following strategies for the areas of concern and policy interventions highlighted in the Call to Action.

## 1. Revenue Collection and Distribution

### The Call

- Due to a number of factors, the box of revenue collection is lower than it is supposed to be. This seriously compromises the ability of Local Authorities to deliver service.
- The systems for revenue billing and collection are very weak. A number of Local Authorities only

bill and collect from residents for only a portion of services rendered. There are instances where some Local Authorities only collect revenue from about sixty percent of water which is generated.

### Our Strategy

To improve revenue collection, the City of Bulawayo has adopted the following strategies:

- Set off arrangements with suppliers.
- Negotiations of payment plans with debtors.
- Timeous billing, improved payment systems and receipting. Council is engaging with service providers to enable payment of services on line for the convenience of ratepayers. Council is also working on ensuring receipting of direct payments timeously.
- Recruitment of staff is in progress to improve service delivery.
- Procurement of modern ICT gadgets is in progress. This would improve efficiency in the collection process.
- ICT meter reading systems have already been introduced to improve the accuracy of the billing.
- Integrating systems with smart payment systems will also improve the overall efficiency in account management.
- An installation of solar systems in all Revenue Halls is being done in phases. Six revenue

offices are already powered by solar whenever electricity is not available. This will enable Council to continuously collect revenue even during load shedding periods.

## 2. Development and implementation of Master plans

### The Call

- Development and abiding by a Master Plan is key to the sound management of every Local Authority as well as enabling the Local Authority to develop to its potential.
- All Local Authorities should have operative Master Plans by 30th of June, 2024. Therefore, in the 2024 budget, all Local Authorities that do not have operative Master plans should include costs and roadmap for the achievement of this.
- Local Authorities can utilize money from the Devolution funding to prepare Master Plans with prior permission of the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works.
- All Local Authorities shall by 30th June 2024, have competent planning functions which are to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works.

### Our Strategy

The City of Bulawayo has an operative Master Plan. The City has also embarked on the Master Plan review process and this has gone through all the stages as outlined in the Act namely:

- Preparation and adoption of Report of Study;
- Written Statement;
- Adoption of draft Master Plan Review by Council and;
- Public Exhibition.

After these processes the draft Master Plan was submitted to the Minister for approval and currently awaits ministerial approval. In line with the call for all local authorities to have competent planning functions, the City of Bulawayo already has a Town Planning and Land Management department which was formed in January 2021. This department is now performing at full function.

## 3. Valuation of properties for rating purposes

### The Call

Government directs that:-

- All Local Authorities, as provided for in the law should value their properties by 30th June, 2024.

- All budgets for 2025/26 should be based on such valuations.
- Local Authorities can use Devolution funds to pay for such valuations subject to approval by the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works.
- The valuation of land will enable Local Authorities to:
  - Have a Balance Sheet which reflects true value which will make it easier for Local Authorities to raise money from financial institutions;
  - Sell land as well as levy rates based on ruling market prices

### Our Strategy

The City of Bulawayo has embarked on a new General Revaluation exercise to produce a new Valuation Roll. The Revaluation of the Central Business District has been outsourced through a tender process and Technical Evaluations have been done and approved by the Procurement Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe. The City is currently working on the financial evaluations. While finalising the Procurement process, the City of Bulawayo has been conducting data collection as well. The Valuation of the rest of the City is being done internally and the progress to date in this respect is as follows:

- The suburban commercial properties have been completed and the data is being captured to produce soft copy files.
- Inspections and referencing of industrial properties have commenced.

The progress to date on industrial purposes is as follows on Table 1:

Industrial Township	Inspections	Referencing
Umvumila	100 %	NA
Luveve	70 %	
Kelvin East	100 %	100 %
Kelvin North II	100 %	10 %
Daviston	100 %	NA

Table 1

## 4. Leasing and selling of communal and agricultural land by Local Authorities.

### The Call

- Government directs that all Local Authorities should cease forthwith to sell communal and agricultural land.
- All settlements in communal and peri-urban land should be per the provisions of the relevant laws and

authority. Government will take necessary action where settlements are done outside the law.

**Our Strategy**

Agricultural land within the City of Bulawayo is leased to beneficiaries and not sold.

**5. Leasing and selling of land by local authorities in servitudes**

**The Call**

- a) The leasing of land on road servitudes has contributed immensely to the congestion levels in Metropolitan Provinces.
- b) Local Authorities should include in their lease agreements for such servitudes the following clauses: -
  - i. No permanent structures must be erected.
  - ii. There shall be no option to sell or give title to a lease holder.
  - iii. Government can or may take back the land as and when required

**Our Strategy**

The City of Bulawayo is currently complying to

ensure that there is no selling of land in servitudes as directed by Government.

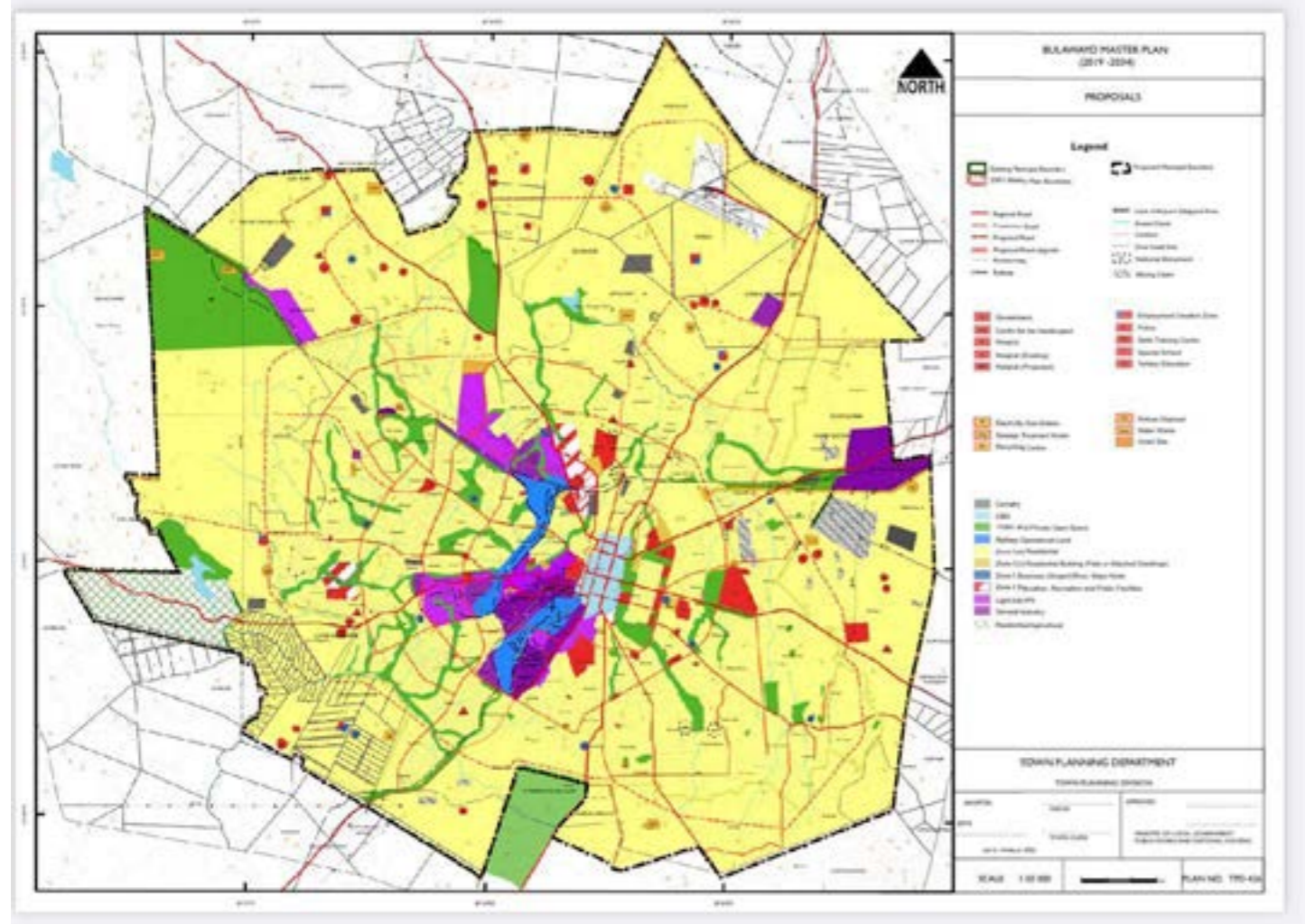
**6. Local Government Modernisation And Renewal**

**The Call**

- The modernisation and renewal of Local Authorities is to be in a two-fold approach: -
- a) Implementation and/or improvement in corporate governance, organisational capacity and systems to lay a base for a modernisation and renewal program. This will be the first stage of intervention, and is the subject of this paper.
  - b) Designing and implementation of a plan for each Local Authority to achieve renewal and modernisation to a level consistent with a 2030 Upper Middle income economy. This exercise will be subject of a second stage of interventions.

**Our Strategy**

In view of the strategies that the City of Bulawayo is currently implementing, we are confident as a City that we will meet the deadlines as outlined in the call of action by the president.



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# Handover of 100 stands at Mahatshula East



The Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Hon. Judith Ncube and the Mayor, Senator David Coltart cut the ribbon at the Mahatshula East handover.

**H**is Worship Senator David Coltart, the Mayor has highlighted the importance of Public Private Partnerships in housing development, noting that these are key in securing the delivery of affordable homes to the populace.

Speaking during the commissioning of 100 serviced stands, in Mahatshula East Suburb Senator Coltart said the City was using a phased approach in the servicing of the Mahatshula East project which was a testament that each project had a different journey and each journey increased housing availability at all stages of the City's strategic life span.

"I am excited that we are today commissioning the first phase of 670 stands that are being serviced in Mahatshula East. The project was initially planned in 2017 and we are seeing the start of its fulfilment with the commissioning of the first phase which comprises of 100 stands," he said.

The City of Bulawayo delivered the stands in a partnership with Enock Construction and Earth Moving Equipment at the Mahatshula East Suburb on Friday, 8 December 2023. The stands were

commissioned as part of the City's commitment to providing the much needed affordable housing and social amenities that residents can utilise.

Senator Coltart further noted that the project was coming to pass through other partnerships which the City of Bulawayo implemented with the private sector.

"The construction of the Delta Beverages Outfall Sewer which follows Bulawayo - Harare road to the Mahatshula Outfall Sewer opened up opportunities for housing provision in this part of the city and servicing has been made easily as the stands being constructed will be easily linked to the outfall sewer. The new Mahatshula stands have further facilitated the densification of the suburb as well as the earmarked Killarney East housing project," he said.

Speaking at the same event, the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Honourable Judith Ncube applauded the Council for partnering with reputable contractors. She said the stands which were fully serviced, demonstrate the City's commitment to growth and development of Bulawayo.

Minister Ncube said the Government expects that the newly serviced stands will create employment for local contractors, boost local businesses, develop new shopping centres, clinics and other amenities as necessitated by the commissioned Mahatshula East stands.

"I would like to encourage the new home owners to remember to use locally sourced building materials and be climate sensitive when constructing their new homes," she said.

She further called upon everyone in attendance to be climate sensitive and to adopt sustainable technologies to deal with the water and electricity challenges in the country.

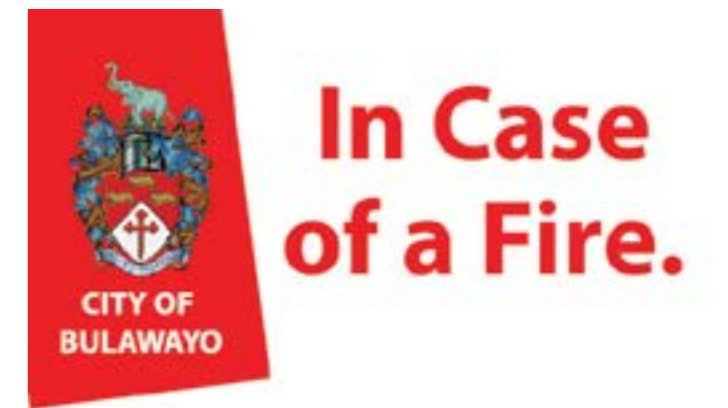


Ward 3 Councillor Mxolisi Mahlangu plants a tree at the handover of Mahatshula East residential stands.

"The electricity load shedding and water shedding challenges that continue to riddle our country Zimbabwe and our City, require residents to embrace technologies such as solar panels and rainwater harvesting systems to make their new homes sustainable," said Hon Ncube.

Mr Thabani Ndlovu from Enock Construction and Earth Moving Equipment highlighted that the first phase stands were serviced and connected to sewer and water reticulation system and the roads had been tarred. He added that electricity infrastructure had been put up as well as solar powered street lights.

To showcase environmental friendliness and the need to guard against climate change various trees were planted during the ceremony at a portion of the newly serviced stands to reduce the carbon footprint.



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# Building Resilience in the Micro-Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME) Sector: Experiences and Strategies for the City of Bulawayo



The Nkulumane Wholesale Fruits and Vegetable Market

**M**icro-Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) play a pivotal role in the economic and social development of cities. They serve as the bedrock of Urban Local Economic Development, contributing significantly to employment, job creation, poverty reduction, and overall economic growth. Additionally, MSMEs foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and social inclusion, making them indispensable for building resilient, sustainable, and vibrant cities. MSMEs play a crucial role in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Against the backdrop of economic challenges facing the country, the City of Bulawayo, hereinafter referred to as CoB, through its various Departments, has embarked on a series of measures to ensure that MSMEs are resilient and sustainable. The CoB has adopted an MSME resilience framework that encompasses clear and robust Policies, partnerships, workspace and infrastructure provision, land provision, cluster development, training and capacity development, and business linkages.

## Collaborative Partnerships with Stakeholders

To achieve sustainability and resilience, cities must collaborate with diverse stakeholders to provide infrastructure and workspaces. The CoB, through its various departments, facilitates a convergence of critical stakeholders in the sector to deliberate

on MSME issues through the Bulawayo Informal Sector Working Group (BWIS). This group comprises MSME associations, Ministry of Women Affairs, Community Development, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MWCSMEs), Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) License and Inspectorate, and the Bulawayo Chamber of SMEs. Collaboration and consultations contribute to the sustainability and resilience of interventions, preventing the creation of white elephant infrastructure.

## Public-Private Partnerships for Workspace and Infrastructure Provision

MSMEs require safe working spaces and requisite infrastructure to be resilient and sustainable. While facing financial constraints like other cities in Zimbabwe, the CoB has not let this hinder its efforts to provide workspaces and Infrastructure for Micro-Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs). The City Of Bulawayo is engaged in a number of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for workspace and Infrastructure provision. For instance, the CoB is partnering with the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Dan Church Aid, and the Bulawayo Vendors and Traders Association (BVTA) to construct a Wholesale Fruits & Vegetable Market in Nkulumane Shopping Centre. Additionally, the CoB is collaborating with the Ministry of Women

Affairs, Community Development, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MWCSMEs), the International Labour Organization, and the African Development Bank (AfDB) to construct a safe market in the Central Business District for SMEs in the clothing manufacturing industry through a project called Sustainable Enterprise Development for Women and Youth (SEDWAY).

In the past, the City partnered with the National Social Security Authority (NSSA) to sink and solarize boreholes in fruits markets selling vegetables and clothing MSMEs such as Highlanders Site and Nkulumane Sekusile.

## Clear and Robust Policies for Sustainable and Resilient MSMEs

The formulation of clear and robust policies is essential for the pursuit of sustainable and resilient MSMEs. In light of an Informal Sector driven economy, the CoB has prepared and reviewed a number of policies spearheaded by its urban planners and policymakers. The CoB is partnering with Mercy Corps in a project dubbed Catalyzing Economic Development through the informal Sector (CEDIS) to review the current Informal Trader's Policy. The City is also currently reviewing its Industrial Local Development Plan No.8 to unlock land and space for MSMEs. Moreover, MSMEs are being mainstreamed in the review and preparation of the City's spatial plans like Master and Local Development plans. Through its Town Planning Department, the City has formulated the Lettable Unit Shops Policy to support the trend for small shops in the Central Business District. The City is currently preparing the Secured Car-Parks Policy to facilitate a conducive environment. The current Hawkers and Vendors SI 181 of 2020 is a product of the MSMEs review initiative.

## Promoting Local and Foreign Trade through Expos and Exhibitions

To create a conducive Trading Environment, the CoB believes in interventions that promote both local and foreign trade. The City of Bulawayo, together with its partners, facilitates MSME sector-specific Expos and Exhibitions to improve their visibility. For example, in the year 2023, the COB facilitated and participated in two MSME Expos that were organized by the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community Development, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MWCSMEs) at the City Hall Car Park. A number of Expos and Exhibitions are also held City-Wide through Private

and Public Partnerships. Expos and Exhibitions are also conducted to promote Horizontal and Vertical linkages for SMEs.



Stakeholders at the Small and Medium Enterprises Expo at the City hall

The City of Bulawayo also places a strong emphasis on Entrepreneurial Development, which encompasses Training and Skills upgrading for MSMEs, as outlined in the MSME 2020-2024 policy. The CoB operates a number of Vocational Training Centres to provide support to MSMEs across various sectors. Through its Housing and Community Services Department, the City manages Vocational and Youth Training Centres that nurture and cultivate aspiring MSMEs. These centres include the Inyathi Youth Centre, Mzilikazi Homecraft Centre, and Tshaka Vocational Centre, offering courses and skills development in Motor Mechanics, Painting, Commercial Art, Plumbing, Welding, Pottery, Carpentry, Ceramic Sculpture, Building, Basic Cookery, and Wood and Stone Cutting and Design, among others. Through Public-Private Partnerships, the City exposes its MSMEs to various training programmes, such as Start and Improve Your Business, Financial Literacy, and Marketing. Additionally, certain staff members within the Town Planning Department hold ILO certifications to deliver training courses on Sustainable and Resilient Enterprises (SURE).

## Conclusion

The City of Bulawayo has undertaken a range of initiatives to foster resilience among the Micro, Small, and Medium enterprises within its jurisdiction. While there remains much to be accomplished, this framework continues to serve as a guide towards cultivating safe, resilient, and sustainable enterprises.

# Formation of Bulawayo Technical Water Committee



The Government of Zimbabwe has set up a Technical Committee to spearhead initiatives to improve the City of Bulawayo's Water and Sanitation Services. The 20 member technical committee is expected to oversee the improvement of water and sanitation services in the City of Bulawayo over a 100 – day period between 9 October 2023 and 17 February 2024.

The committee comprises of members from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, Climate and Rural Development, Water Engineers from the Zimbabwe National Water Authority (ZINWA), City of Bulawayo representatives, Public Health Practitioners, Environmental Management Agency and members of the academia.

Some of the Committee's Terms of Reference over the 100 day period include the following;

- a) Rehabilitate UMzingwane dam booster pump station including transformer upgrade to increase delivery of water from current 125ML/day to 175ML/day.
- b) Upgrade 2.8km 110mm PVC pipeline Cowdray Park water mainline to 315mm PVC pipeline so that all the 25,000 households in Cowdray Park get water,

- at the right pressure.
- c) Ensure the sustainable operation of the Nyamandlovu Aquifer Water Supply System to consistently supply 16ML/day.
- d) Ensure improved potable water supply coverage in the City from the current target of 125ML/day to a minimum 175ML/day.
- e) Improve sanitation in the areas of sewer leakages and increased treatment of wastewater generated in the city to above 50ML/day.
- f) Ensure consistent and adequate supply of water treatment chemicals.
- g) Recommend institutional strengthening required improving water and sanitation service delivery.
- h) Produce a short, medium and long-term plan for sustainable improvement of water and sanitation services in the City of Bulawayo.

Working through the various Sub Committees, the team is expected to see to the rehabilitation of the UMzingwane Dam Booster Pump Station to increase the delivery of water, ensure potable water supply coverage from the current target of 125ML/day to a minimum of 175ML/day, reduce non-revenue water from 52% to 45%, and upgrade 2.8 km of the 110mm Cowdray Park PVC pipeline water mainline to 315mm PVC pipeline so that all the 25,000 households in Cowdray Park get water at the right pressure.

Some of the City of Bulawayo Staff members who are part of the Committee include the Financial Director, Mr Tennyson Mpunzi, Director of Engineering Services, Engineer Skhumbuzo M. Ncube, Wastewater Engineer, Mr Dhumani Gwetu and Water Engineer, Mrs Kwanele G. Sibanda.

## 2024 Road Rehabilitation Programme



The City of Bulawayo intends to use 30% of its 2024 Zimbabwe National Roads Administration (ZINARA) allocation for routine road maintenance while the rest will be used for periodic maintenance. The 2024 City of Bulawayo allocation by the Zimbabwe National Roads Administration (ZINARA) is budgeted at ZWL12,124,293,120.29 (Twelve billion, one hundred and twenty-four million two hundred and ninety-three thousand one hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-nine cents).

The Director of Engineering Services, Engineer Sikhumbuzo M. Ncube highlighted that the Routine maintenance works will comprise of pothole patching, localised pavement reconstruction works, signage, road markings and street lighting repairs City wide, while periodic maintenance will include reconstruction works on Wellington Road, Murchison Road and Luveve 5 Roads.

"The key priority roads that require urgent rehabilitation works (23.1km length) during the year 2024 were estimated to cost US\$20,553,000 or ZWL\$117,328,449,675.21 using Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) auction rate of US\$1 to ZWL5,790.0545 as of 30th November 2023," he said.

He noted that due to budgetary constraints, the City would however have the capacity to rehabilitate the top seven roads (10.8km) estimated to cost US\$5,650,790. The roads to be prioritised in 2024 include Wellington Road, Murchison Road, Luveve 5 Roads, Hebert Chitepo Street from 1st to 6th Avenue, Fort Street from 1st to 6th Avenue, Maduna Drive and Luveve Road from Nketa Drive to Masiyephambili.

The City will be expecting to fund these through the ZINARA funds, Emergency Road Rehabilitation Programmes 2 (ERRP2), Council's own revenue stream and Devolution funds.



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# Water Supplies Update

## 1. Umzingwane Dam



Commissioned in 1956.  
Capacity of 44.7 million m<sup>2</sup> and a yield of 31.2 ML/day.  
Operating: Decommissioned  
Percentage full: 4.17%  
Depletion Month: November 2023

## 2. Inyankuni Dam



Commissioned in 1965.  
Capacity of 80.8 million m<sup>2</sup> and a yield of 23.3ml/day.  
Operating: Yes  
Percentage full: 34.158%  
Depletion Month: January 2026

## 3. Upper Ncema Dam



Commissioned in 1974.  
Capacity of 45.5 million m<sup>2</sup> and a yield of 51.4. ml/day.  
Operating: Yes  
Percentage full: 21.97%  
Depletion Month: June 2024

## 4. Lower Ncema Dam



Commissioned in 1943.  
Capacity of 18, 2 million m<sup>2</sup> and a yield of 51.4ml/day.  
Operating: Yes  
Percentage full: 21.93%  
Depletion Month: March 2024

## 5. Insiza Mayfair Dam



The dam was built by the City of Bulawayo and the Ministry of Water Affairs (now ZINWA) in 1975.  
Capacity of 173.5 million m<sup>2</sup> and a yield of 46.9 ML/day.  
Operating: Yes  
Percentage full: 58.46%  
Depletion Month: February 2026

## 6. Mtshabezi Dam



Commissioned in 1994.  
Capacity of 52 million m<sup>2</sup> and a yield of 19.7 ml/day.  
Operating: Yes  
Percentage full: 72.95%  
Depletion Month: October 2027

# Water Augmentation Projects

The City of Bulawayo has recommended and budgeted for a number of projects to improve the current water situation as highlighted below:

Name of Project	Description	Projected Vol. Increase/ML	Estimated Cost US (\$)	Remarks
1. Inyankuni Booster Station Upgrade	Increasing booster capacity of the pump station from two operational and one stand by pump to three operational and one stand by pump.	7 ML/Day	\$500,000	Awaiting Funding
2. Mtshabezi In-line Boosters	Locating additional booster pumps on the Mtshabezi to UMzingwane line so as to increase water volume pumped through.	5.5 ML/Day	\$1,200,000	Awaiting Funding
3. Insiza Elevated 100 m Section	To elevate a 100 m section of the Insiza line where there was a sag and wherein the Hydraulic grade was compromised thus resulting in increase in head and corresponding increase in flow.	5 ML/Day	\$400,000	Project Preliminary designs completed
4. Water Recycling	Recycling of wastewater for secondary use e.g. Power generation by ZPC so that the potable water currently used for Power generation is saved for primary use.	11 ML/Day	Rehabilitation of WWTW, sewer reticulation and recycled water network.	A pre-feasibility study is ongoing under VEI Water-WorX support.
5. Insiza pipeline duplication	The proposed scope of the pipeline duplication included construction of a 32km, 600mm diameter pipeline from Insiza to Ncema and required authority to increase the dam yield to 10%.	16.8ML/day	\$28,000,000	The estimated cost was done in 2011 and is projected to have increased due to inflation.

# 120 Hour Water Restoration Programme



power outages and high consumption. The Director of Engineering Services, Engineer Sikhumbuzo M Ncube highlighted that the introduction of the 120 hour shedding programme also sought to try and build up the Criterion Raw Water reservoir from the level of 0.79m (12%) to 6.5meters to avoid exposing the City to prolonged period of watersupply challenges in case of any eventualities.

“To mitigate the water supply challenges the City is in the process of procuring an IMVA transformer which is

expected to increase transformers at Inyankuni from 2 pumps to 3 pumps to boost the abstraction and raw water delivery, increasing ground water output from Nyamandlovu from 4- 5 ML/Day to 10ML/ Day depending on power supply improvements,” he said.

One of the intervention strategies proposed was also to also try and rebuild the raw water reservoir at Criterion to above 50% available volumes to cushion the City against eventualities that may occur due to power outages. Other interventions involve the disinfection of water kiosks and water delivery through water bowsers, outsourcing of two water bowsers for critical high lying areas and synchronization of the Bowser programme to the restoration programme, reactivation of the Water Crisis Committee, engagement of contractors to repair hand pumps across the City and submission of project proposals highlighting investment gaps amounting to USD20 million to improve water pumping capacities, treatment and water conveyance among other interventions.

The City of Bulawayo at its Special Council meeting of Thursday, 14th December 2023 resolved to adopt a 120 hour water shedding programme as the 96 hour water shedding programme could no longer be sustained due to the increasing gap between raw water delivery and the City’s water demand.

The City has been under water shedding since February 2019 as a result of the gap between water supply and demand. The shedding programme has been progressively implemented from 24 hours, 48 hours, and 72 hours to the current 120 hours regime. With the decommissioning of the Umzingwane Dam on the 19th November 2023, the City has not been able to meet the suppressed daily demand which averages 155ML/Day. The maximum raw water draw down has been 115ML/Day resulting in a gap of 40ML/day.

Apart from the limited raw water abstraction, the City’s challenges are also exacerbated by the

# Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund



The City of Bulawayo has applied for consideration for the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund which aims to provide initial grant funding of USD 50 000 to a maximum of 150 cities, enabling them to rapidly launch and support youth-led climate initiative.

The application was completed after His Worship Senator David Coltart, the Mayor’s participation at the Mayor’s Innovation Studio at the Conference Of Parties (COP) 28 Local Climate Action Summit in Dubai, United Arabs Emirates in December 2023.

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund is expected to provide up to 150 Mayors around the world with technical assistance and funding to engage tens of thousands of young people from the ages of 15 to 24 years to design, produce and govern urgent climate solutions for their local communities. The programme will be carried out for 6 months with the aim of funding a significant number of youth led climate initiatives that are aligned with local needs and objectives. Senator Coltart initiated the City’s application at the COP 28 by submitting the City’s name for consideration in this funding opportunity.

It was agreed that cities that would commit to utilising the initial USD50 000 within 6 months would be eligible to receive an additional grant of USD100 000 which would be awarded for further youth-led micro grants over a span of 12 months.

The active engagement of young people is crucial towards tapping into their knowledge and creative potential and informing actionable measures and mobilizing their capacity and resources to drive meaningful impact towards addressing climate change.

# Policies for Micro - Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)



The City of Bulawayo has partnered with Mercy Corps in a project dubbed Catalyzing Economic Development through the informal Sector (CEDIS) to review the current Informal Traders’ Policy in light of the Informal Sector driven economy.

The preparation and review of a number of policies is spearheaded by the City of Bulawayo’s Urban Planners and Policymakers.

The Director of Town Planning, Mr Wisdom Siziba said the formulation of clear and robust policies was essential for the pursuit of sustainable and resilient Micro- Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The current Hawkers and Vendors Statutory Instrument (SI) 181 of 2020 was a product of the MSMEs review initiation.

He noted that the City of Bulawayo was also currently reviewing its Industrial Local Development Plan Number 8 to unlock land and space for Micro- Small Medium Enterprises.

Review and preparation of the City’s Spatial Plans like Master and Local Development Plans were also being conducted with the consultation of the sector to ensure that they met their needs.

Other policies that the City of Bulawayo is currently reviewing include the Lettable Unit Shops Policy to provide safe working space for small shops in the Central Business District and the Secured Car-Parks Policy.

# KNOW YOUR STREETS

...and who they are named after.



Leopold Takawira (1916–1970) was a Zimbabwean educationalist, activist and revolutionary.

He served as the vice-president of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) after supporting the National Democratic Party (NDP) and later the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU). Takawira was also known as 'The Lion of Chirumanzi'.

Born at Chirumanzi, Victoria district in 1916, Takawira obtained his education locally and at Mariannhill in Natal, South Africa. He qualified as a teacher, worked several years as an assistant teacher, before being appointed headmaster of Chipembere Government School in Highfield. He gave up teaching to join Colonel David Stirling's Capricorn Africa Society, of which he became executive officer.

A strong believer in violent armed struggle, Takawira led many sabotage raids against the Rhodesian government. He was imprisoned in 1964 along with other nationalists like Joshua Nkomo, Ndabaningi Sithole, Robert Mugabe and Edgar Tekere. He later died in 1970.



## Bulawayo Word Search Puzzle 1

There are 15 names of popular neighbourhoods and locations in the City of Bulawayo. See if you can find them all.



### ANSWERS

- FAMONA • COWDRAY PARK • NKULUMANE • PADDONHURST • DOUGLASDALE • TRENANCE • MAKOKOBA • MATSHEUMHLOPHE • EMGANWINI • MPOPOMA • ENTUMBANE • NKETA • LUVEVE • MAGWEGWE • PUMULA • SIZINDA • BELMONT • ROMNEY PARK • NORTHEND

