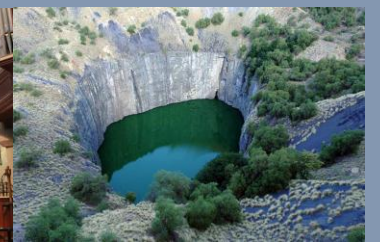
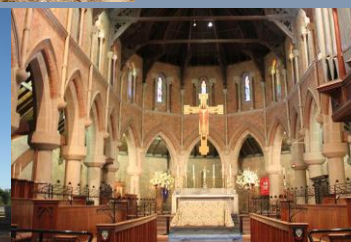




**Sol Plaatje
Municipality
2026/27 draft budget**

**Draft budget comment by
the 21 May 2026
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KIMBERLEY: "THE CITY THAT SPARKLES"



The 2026/27 draft budget followed a targeted approach by focusing on addressing the following priorities

- Providing reliable water
- Sanitation
- Electrification of households and streetlights
- Sports and Recreation

The municipality has a challenge of illegal dumping by communities. The municipality encourages communities to refrain from illegal dumping.



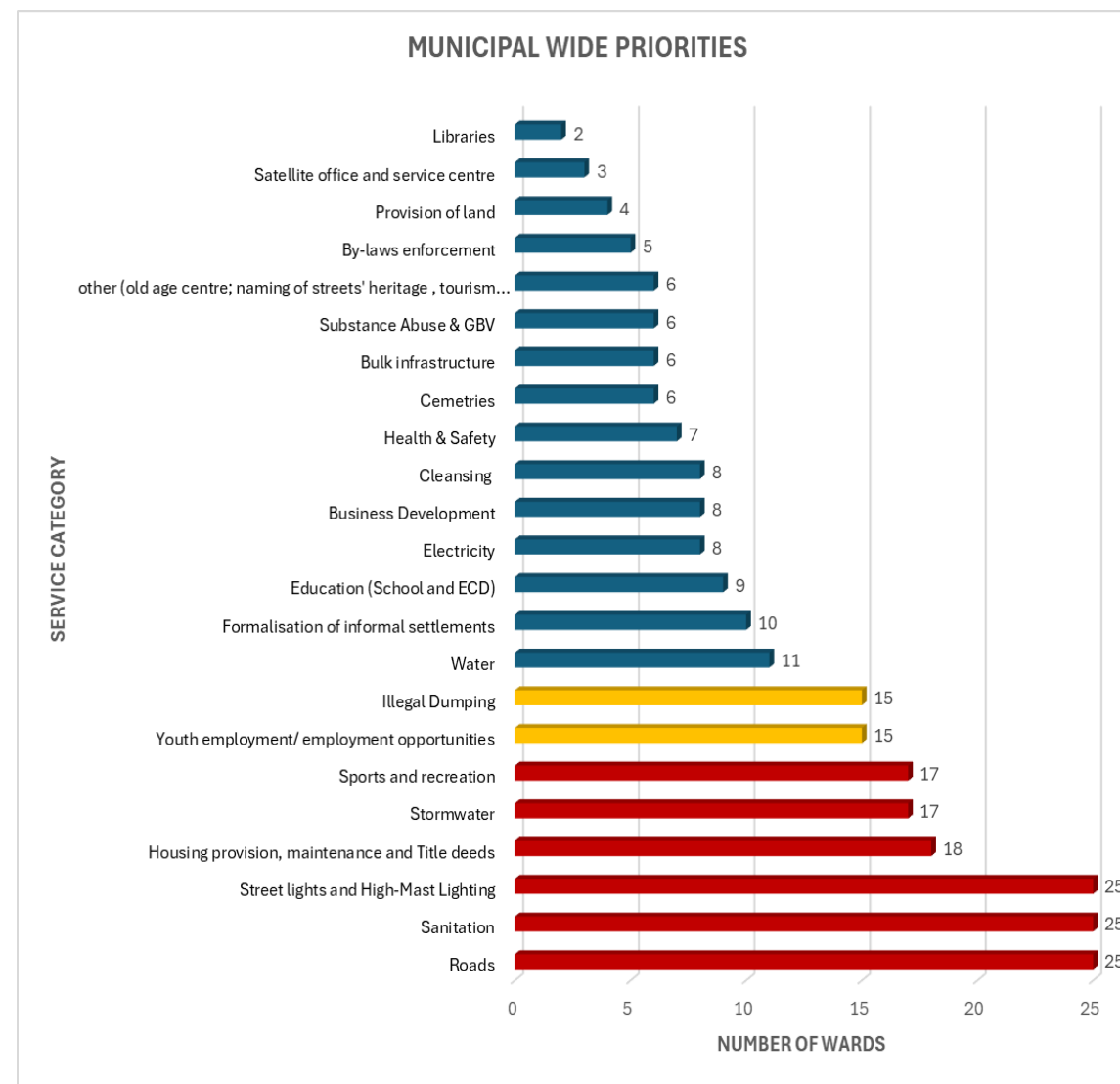
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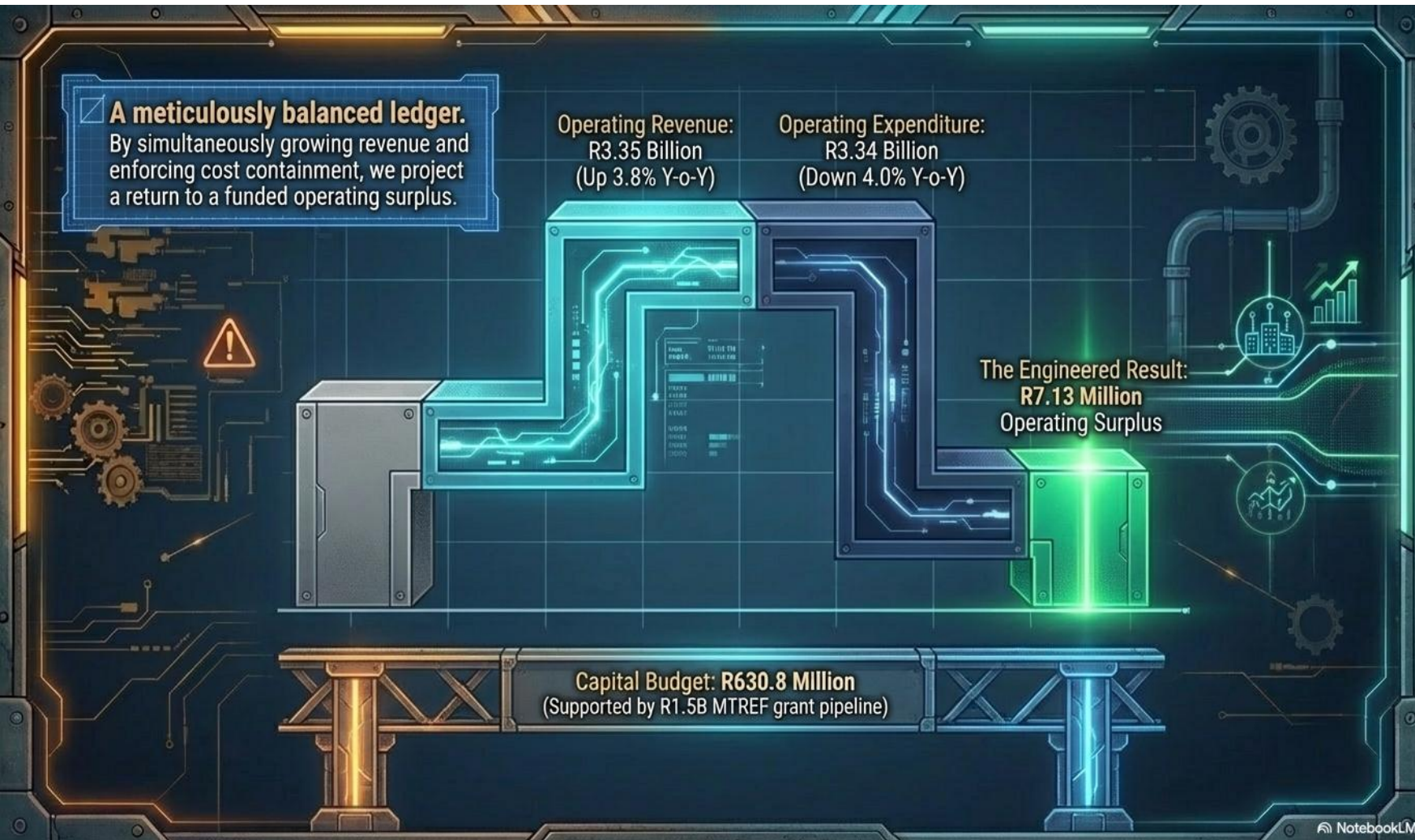
KEY ISSUES /PRIORITIES RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The graph illustrates issues raised during the Public participation process. However, the following ranked the highest on the list:

- ❑ **Roads**- this refers to maintenance of existing roads, upgrading of gravel roads in formalised settlements and areas where there are no existing roads.
- ❑ **Sanitation**- refers to sewer spillages, upgrade of sewer infrastructure, erection of toilets and the eradication of bucket toilets. This priority is the highest requested as it is a health hazard to communities and businesses.
- ❑ **Streetlights & high-mast lights** – refers to areas with no lighting at all, some where lights have been vandalised; and those that need maintenance. The lack of lighting heightens criminal activities and threatens the safety of businesses and communities. However, the 2025/26 budget has made provision for 20 high-mast lights to be erected. During the public participation process, implementation of the project had not started. The demand is likely to be lower after implementation of the project by 30 June 2026.
- ❑ **Housing provision; maintenance and title deeds** – refers to informal and formalised areas without houses; houses that were damaged by floods; houses with asbestos roofs; occupied houses with no ownership documents (title deeds); and lack of maintenance.
- ❑ **Stormwater** – refers to stormwater channels that are non-existent in some areas resulting in floods during rainy season; and those existing channels that are blocked and not maintained.
- ❑ **Sports and recreation** – refers to the increased demand for recreational facilities for communities e.g new parks and maintenance of existing ones; swimming pools with proper facilities; community halls; and maintenance of Sports fields and stadiums.



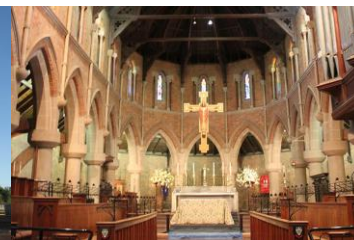
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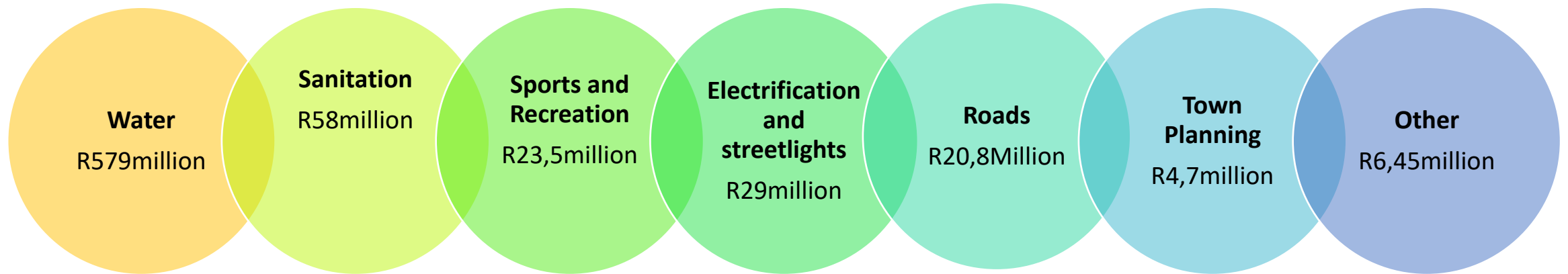
2026/27 Budget	Amount
Operating Revenue	R3,35 billion
Operating Expenditure	R3,34 billion
Operating Surplus	R7,13 million
Capital Expenditure	R630,8 million



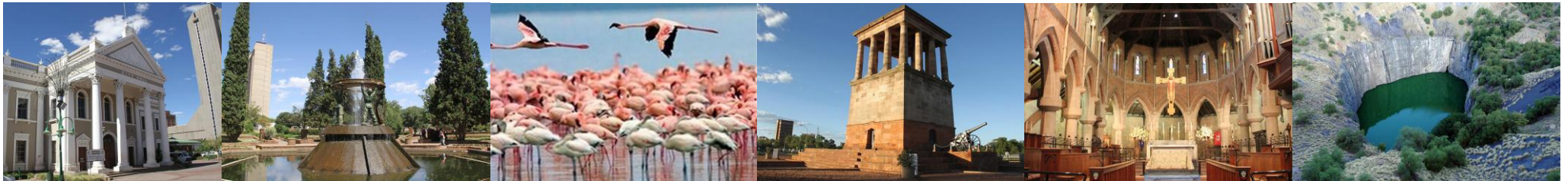
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CAPITAL BUDGET: R696 million



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2026/27 Proposed Tariffs

Higher than CPI increase for electricity tariffs mainly due to higher cost of purchasing electricity from Eskom- 8.7%

Electricity (8%)

Water and Sanitation (3.7%)

Average proposed tariff (4.56)

Refuse removal (3.7%)

Property rates (3.7%)

The increase on water, Sanitation, Refuse removal and property rates are aligned with CPI (3.7%)

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2026/27 Proposed Electricity Tariffs

SOL PLAATJE TARIFF SCHEDULE	ACTUAL TARIFFS	PROPOSED TARIFFS	2025/2026	2025/2026	PROPOSED TARIFFS	Per R100 Purchase	Per R100 Purchase
	2025/2026	2026/2027	6 to 7	2025/2026	2026/2027	Current	Proposed
	excl VAT	excl VAT		Incl VAT	Incl VAT	25/26	26/27
Average increase %	9,6%	8,0%		9,6%	8,0%	9,6%	8,0%
Indigents Tariff (Prepaid) 20 Amps						Units	Units
Block 1 (0 - 50 kWh) (subsidised) R/kWh	2,5719	2,7777	8,00%	R 2,9577	R 3,1943	33,81	31,31
Block 2 (51 - 350 kWh) R/kWh	2,5719	2,7777	8,00%	R 2,9577	R 3,1943	33,81	31,31
Block 3 (> 351 kWh) R/kWh	3,5886	3,8757	8,00%	R 4,1269	R 4,4570	24,23	22,44
Domestic Tariff (Conventional and Prepaid) = 20 Amps							
Block 1 (0 - 350 kWh) R/kWh	2,7434	2,9628	8,00%	R 3,1549	R 3,4073	31,70	29,35
Block 2 (> 350 Whh) R/kWh	3,4690	3,7465	8,00%	R 3,9893	R 4,3084	25,07	23,21
Domestic Tariff (Conventional and Prepaid) > 20 Amps							
Basic Charge (Rand per month)	90,6173	97,8667	8,00%	R 104,21	R 112,55		
Capacity charge (Rand/Amp/phase/month)	4,1758	4,5099	8,00%	R 4,8022	R 5,1863		
Block 1 (0 - 350 kWh) R/kWh	2,5595	2,7642	8,00%	R 2,9434	R 3,1788	33,97	31,46
Block 2 (> 350 kWh) R/kWh	2,8983	3,1302	8,00%	R 3,3331	R 3,5997	30,00	27,78

Electricity Service



The tariff increase for the 2026/27 financial year is set at 8%, which is slightly below the Eskom approved increase of 8.7%. This adjustment is informed by the **outcomes of the** cost-of-supply study, ensuring that tariffs remain aligned with the actual cost of delivering services.

Income Statement

Revenue: R1,246,385,000
 Expenses: (R1,341,512,000)
Deficit: (R95,127,000)

Table above shows the impact of 8% increase in domestic customers electricity tariffs and indicate number of units (kWh) as per every R100 spent on less than 350 kWh or above. E.G. indigent customer with first R100 currently gets 33,81 units and will get 31,31 units as per 8% proposed increase.

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2026/27 Proposed Water Tariffs

Tariff	2025/26		2026/27	
	Excl VAT	Incl VAT	Excl VAT	Incl VAT
Residential (0 - 6 Kl)	7,32	8,42	7,59	8,73
Residential (7 - 20 Kl)	31,10	35,76	32,25	37,09
Residential (21 - 40 Kl)	35,00	40,25	36,30	41,74
Residential (41 - 60 Kl)	37,02	42,58	38,39	44,15
Residential (more than 60 Kl)	39,56	45,49	41,02	47,17

Water



The tariff increase for the 2026/27 financial year is set at 3.7%, in line with the CPI of 3.7%. The municipality is currently implementing the Bulk Infrastructure Programme (BFI), which has already resulted in improved reliability of water supply.

Income Statement

Revenue: R494,483,000

Expenses: (R384,592,000)

Surplus: R109,891,000

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2026/27 Proposed Sanitation Tariffs

Sanitation



The tariff increase for the 2026/27 financial year is set at 3.7%, in line with the CPI of 3.7%. The cost of supply sanitation is higher than the tariff due to the ageing infrastructure.

Income Statement

Revenue: R163,297,000

Expenses: (R154,029,000)

Surplus: R9,268,686

	2025/26	2026/27	%Increase	Rand Value Increase
<u>Sewerage (Monthly charge inclusive of vat)</u>				
Private dwelling houses and premises (excluding flats, semi-detached dwellings, hotels, boarding and lodging houses and hostels):				
Basic monthly charge for indigents	221,98	230,20	3,7%	R8,21
Basic monthly charge (two sanitary convenience)	221,98	230,20	3,7%	R8,21
Additional monthly charge (each additional connection, excluding private dwellings)	133,21	138,14	3,7%	R4,93
<u>Flats and semi-detached dwellings:</u>				
Basic monthly charge (first living unit)	221,98	230,19	3,7%	R8,21
Additional monthly charge (each additional unit)	133,21	138,14	3,7%	R4,93
<u>Hotel, Boarding Houses, Lodging Houses and Hostels</u>				
Basic monthly charge (two sanitary conveniences)	221,98	230,19	3,7%	R8,21
Additional monthly charge (each additional connection)	133,21	138,14	3,7%	R4,93
A basic monthly charge (availability charge) in terms of Section 5 of the By-law to Sewerage and Sanitary charges (PN 140 dated 01/02/1974) as amended	194,97	202,19	3,7%	R7,21

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2026/27 Proposed Refuse Removal Tariffs

	2025/26	2026/27	%Increase	Rand Value Increase
<u>Residential (Monthly Increase)</u>				
Payable by the owner for one regular removal of refuse per week - the tariff shall be	155,37	161,12	3,7%	R5,75
<u>Non -Residential</u>				
Payable by the owner for one regular removal of refuse per week- -the tariff shall be	914,82	948,67	3,7%	R33,85
<u>Flats</u>				
Tariff only applicable to Municipal flats	77,69	80,56	3,7%	R2,87
<u>Availability charge</u>				
A basic monthly charge - Residential	77,69	80,56	3,7%	R2,87
- Non - Residential	462,37	479,48	3,7%	R17,11

Refuse removal



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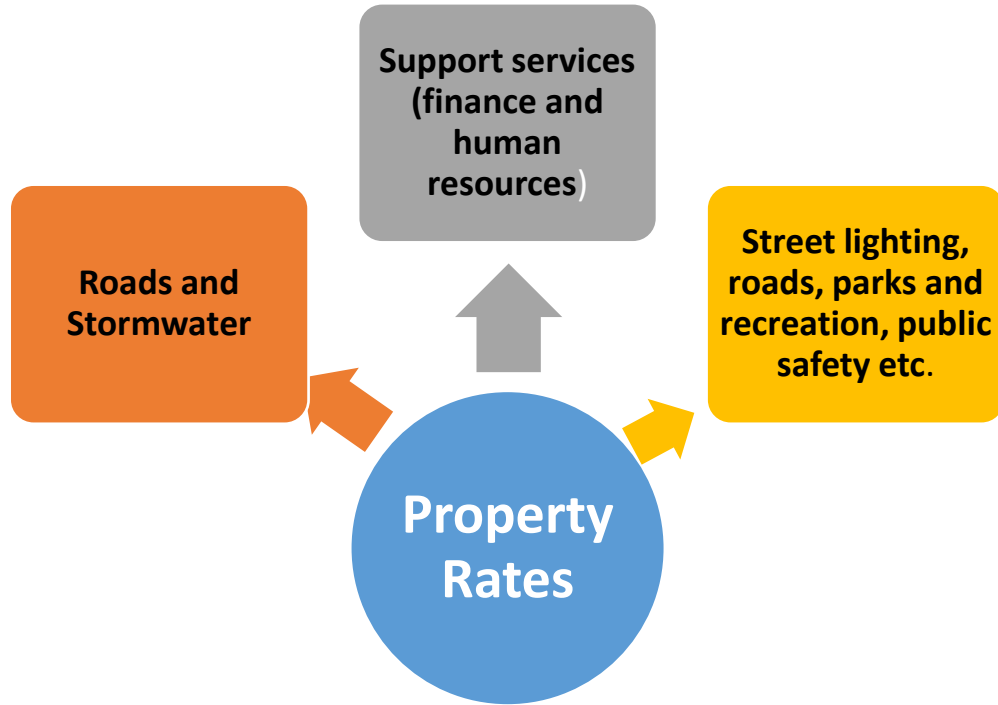
Income Statement

Revenue: R126,776,000
 Expenses: (R109,737,000)
Surplus: R17,039,000

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2026/27 Property rates



Monthly Property Rates Charged				
	2025/26	2026/27		
Value of Property	Residential tariff - current	Residential tariff - proposed	% Increase	Rand Increase
R100 000	105,38	109,28	3,7%	R3,90
R250 000	263,46	273,21	3,7%	R9,75
R500 000	526,92	546,41	3,7%	R19,50
R1 000 000	1 053,83	1 092,83	3,7%	R38,99
R2 000 000	2 107,67	2 185,65	3,7%	R77,98
R3 000 000	3 161,50	3 278,48	3,7%	R116,98

Property Rates

The tariff increase for the 2026/27 financial year is set at 3.7%, in line with the CPI of 3.7%.

Income Statement

Revenue: R778 947 760

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Indigents

The Indigent Policy ensures that the most vulnerable households in our community receive basic services. Residents are encouraged to visit their nearest municipal office to check whether they qualify. To register under the Indigent Policy, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The total household income **must not exceed R4,500** per month.
- The **applicant must be the account holder**.
- The **applicant must reside at the relevant property** on a full-time basis. The applicant cannot own more than one property.
- The **relevant property cannot** be used for **rental purposes**.
- The **property must not have any business operations**, e.g., tuckshop, tavern, guest house, etc.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Identity document (ID).
- Proof of income: current payslip if employed or pension from previous employment.
- Unemployment affidavit.
- Proof of Sassa income

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Indigents Benefits

INDIGENT BENEFIT	TARIFFS	TARIFFS
	2025/07/01	2026/07/01
	Rand	Rand
Refuse removal	155,37	161,12
Sanitation	221,98	230,20
Electricity (50kW)	147,88	159,71
Water (6KL)	50,50	52,37
TOTAL	R575,74	R603,40



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REBATES

10%

PAYMENT INCENTIVE

A 10% payment incentive is available on Rates, Sewerage, Refuse, and Water charges when a **municipal account is paid in full** on or before the **15th of the month**. This incentive is designed to reward timely payment and assist account holders in managing their monthly obligations.



RATES REBATE



REBATES: The following categories of properties and/or owners of properties can apply for a rebate

- **Pensioners, disabled** – 60% subject to certain criteria
- **Rural properties** – Residential, commercial, industrial and mining properties
- **Bona fide agricultural properties** – busy phasing out
- **Crèches and guest houses** – small business enterprises
- **Independent Schools**
- **Cross border properties** – more than 50% outside our border will receive 100% rebate

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