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Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

RESPONSE TO RULE 38 QUESTION: LETTER FROM WARD 48 WARD COMMITTEE REGARDING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE COLAPSE IN WARD 48 AND URGENT CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTION WITH TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON R64

I refer to your letter dated 15th November 2022 regarding the aforementioned.

“Due to the current and future developments in Langenhoven Park and Spitskop areas just next to the R64, traffic and pedestrian number have increased and will increase even more in the near future.

A) Intersections at the Kenilworth Road and Abrahamskraal road as well as the entrance to Bains Game Lodge pose significant risk to motorists and scholars in peak hours. With this in mind, the Ward Committee of ward 48 desires that the Metro start urgent talks with the Free State Province and give the Ward Committee a timeline when this will happen.

B) The potholes must be filled urgently in Shellyvale, Rayton, Hillsboro, Groenvlei & Bainsvlei area, the situation is very dangerous for the motorists, residents and scholars of ward 48.

C) The gravel roads in Bainsvlei & Groenvlei are non-existent and there is no maintenance for the last 30 years, an urgent program must be rolled out in these areas to re-gravel the roads. The safety of our residents should always be the Metro’s first responsibility and this Municipality is failing, please assist us to make our ward safe to travel.

Question 1:

Who will start the talks with Province to look into the intersections and when will this program be rolled out, it’s been in the planning for 10 years now?

The HOD of Engineering Services will embark on this matter to ensure that both spheres of governance are paying the necessary attention it deserves.

Question 2:

When will the Metro start fixing potholes in ward 48 in the areas as stipulated above?

The Municipality has internal teams rendering services in all areas, including ward 48. It needs to be mentioned that the current biggest challenge is the budget constraints. However, all areas identified above in section B will receive attention as soon as possible. The patchwork is an ongoing activity and therefore there is no cut-off date specified.

Question 3.

Also attached are some photos of the situation, it's not bad, it's horrible! When will a plan be rolled out to re-gravel the roads in Bainsvlei and Groenvlei?"

It needs to be mentioned that most of the infrastructure in this area (Section C above) requires heavy rehabilitation as it is no longer cost effective to carry out the normal maintenance regularly. The infrastructure in this area needs to be identified through the IDP processes and funds to be made available for proper rehabilitation

Roads and Stormwater Maintenance Sub-directorate has been rendering services in ward 48 on several occasions. It is accurate to reflect that the availability of machinery is restraining the sub-directorate to keep up with the frequency of maintenance as per the requirements of the Ward Councillors in all their respective wards, more especially as the sub-directorate is rendering services to more Wards than what the available fleet can cope with.

Yours faithfully



Ngaka Dumalisile
Acting City Manager

Date 19/05/2023

DATE: 15 November 2022

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BY EMAIL

Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: LETTER FROM WARD 48 WARD COMMITTEE REGARDING ROAD
INFRASTRUCTURE COLAPSE IN WARD 48 AND URGENT CONSTRUCTION OF
INTERSECTION WITH TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON R64**

I refer your attention to **Rule 38** of the **Standing Rules and Orders** that state:

38.1 Any member may submit a question requiring a written reply from any political office bearer, the municipal manager or senior manager of the municipality, concerning any matter related to the effective performance of the functions of the municipality and the exercise of its powers, provided that a written notice of such a questions has been submitted to the Speaker or chairperson and the municipal manager at least 10 (ten) days prior to the councillor committee meeting and the political office bearer and the City Manager shall ensure that the member receive a written reply at the meeting.

38.2 If after the question has been replied to, a member is of the opinion that the reply is not clear or satisfactory, he or she may with the permission of the speaker or chairperson, request a follow-up question, follow –up question should be in writing.

38.3 All questions duly given notice of and all responses submitted shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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Therefore, I ask the following questions in terms of Rule 38 of the Standing Rules and Orders:

1. Who will start the talks with Province to look into the intersections and when will this program be rolled out, it's been in the planning for 10 years now?
2. When will the Metro start fixing potholes in ward 48 in the areas as stipulated above?
3. Also attached are some photos of the situation, it's not bad, it's horrible! When will a plan be rolled out to re-gravel the roads in Bainsvlei and Groenvlei?

Looking forward in having a written reply as soon as possible or at our next council meeting.

Yours faithfully,



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