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SCHEDULED REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ON THE BULK PIPELINES AND INTERNAL RETICULATION NETWORK WITHIN THE CITY

In the last decade, the Municipality has been actively renewing its water infrastructure. The underlying principle, which informed our interventions, was to achieve improvements in the quality of water as well as the sustainable supply. To that end, the approach was to firstly address critical matters such as the installation of new extraction pumps, isolation valves, Zonal Meters, a new pump station with new and modern pumps, to name but a few matters. Other matters of the reticulation network improvements would then follow.

Whilst some progress has been achieved, the one area of concern that remained was the recurring problem of water leaks because of aging infrastructure. The consequence of this has been frequent interruptions in order to repair whilst a lot of water goes wasted. In the last year the problem of leaks have become quite serious.

Several major leaks have been dealt with such as at the Newton Reservoir whilst others need urgent attention now. We now need to deal with the remainder.

It is on this basis that Residents of the City Kimberley are advised of a planned Water Supply Interruption for the entire city from 6pm on Thursday 18 November 2021 to Sunday late afternoon 21 November 2021.

Scope of the Project include several major known and visible leaks on the 965 line from Riverton to Kimberley. The total planned intervention work sites are at eight (8) which are located as follows:

- Four (4) near the 3SAI military base
- Three (3) near Gogga Pump Station, which also includes the replacement of a leaking scour valve
- One (1) near Camelia Street

We will in future do additional assessments on non-visible leaks that may exist and handle them appropriately

There are no visible leaks on the 600mm line at the moment.

There are also several leaks in the reticulation network within the city. The more serious ones are at about eight (8) sites, which will also be dealt with simultaneously with the 965 line repairs. These are at corner Edgerton & Central Road, William Gasson, Hull Street, N12, Oliver Road and three (3) in the city centre.

WATER AVAILABILITY DURING INTERRUPTION

Water tankers will be placed at specific sites covering all areas of the City while (5) Water tankers will focus on emergencies e.g. hospitals. Water points will be at the Newton Reservoir and the emergency services site at civic offices. Four (4) filler points have been set up at Newton too speed up filling of trucks.

About 200 JoJo tanks that are currently located in informal settlements will be serviced by seven (7) water tankers on an ongoing basis. NB: We urge residents to make adequate supply provisions to carry them through the duration until Sunday night.

Accordingly, we will commence nightly water interruptions from tomorrow Saturday night, 13th November 2021 to boost the water reserves at Newton Reservoir Complex. The Reservoirs will be kept at full capacity and water will only be released into the network once supply from Riverton Purification Plant has been started.

Regards

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