

# FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## **NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE  
Date: THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 2018, Time: **19:30**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies
2. **GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**Peter Becker: DIY Wind Generators for your home**
3. COUNCILLOR's REPORT
4. CHAIRPERSON's REPORT
5. GENERAL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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	<p><b>OUR SPEAKER</b></p> <p>Peter Becker Chair: Koeberg Alert and Active Citizen</p> <p><b>DIY Wind Generators for your home</b></p> <p>Sharing his experiences with designing, building and installing micro scale wind generators</p> <p>Through his work with wind power, he was drawn into the national energy debate and particularly Eskom's nuclear power proposal.</p> <p><a href="http://koebergalert.org">koebergalert.org</a></p>
<div data-bbox="212 517 531 730">  </div> <p>We have a new website at: <a href="https://fishhoekratepayers.com">https://fishhoekratepayers.com</a></p> <p>Here you'll find our work, our old newsletters and the latest general meeting minutes - long before they are emailed. If you want to become an active citizen, you can send your own response to the same email address mentioned in our letters ("our work"). We don't mind if you cut and paste from ours to add to your comments. We feel that shared information grows knowledge.</p> <p><b>Let's try it once without the parachute.</b></p>	
<p><b>Western Cape Liquor Authority</b></p> <p>On 11 June 2018, the WCLA <b>REFUSED</b> the Pick n Pay (Fish Hoek) application for an off (premises) sale of liquor as "not in the public interest", thereby upholding the Lord Charles Somerset land title deed restriction to "not keep a public wine house".</p>	<p><b>Dolphin Park Management Team</b></p> <p>Interested parties met to propose a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Cape Town on how to solve the issues associated with the park with 90% opposed to closing the subway. Quotations for flood lights, security and CCTV are being obtained with fencing being a last option. The neighbours will try to work more closely with the neighbourhood watches. A general clean-up and gardening may start soon.</p>
<p><b>National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill</b></p> <p>You can receive excellent medical care at Groote Schuur Hospital, albeit after long waits. The same team that caused the Life Esidimeni scandal, wants to invest the NHI fund and do central procurement without identifying the source of these funds, yet wants to eliminate these tax rebates. The Health Minister wants to make all the board appointments. We prefer to wait for the Health Market Inquiry first.</p>	<p><b>Medical Schemes Amendment (MSA) Bill</b></p> <p>Brokers were not abolished as stated, but defined and their fee structure made transparent. Annual reports by the Council have been eliminated. Waiting periods to start and transfer or cancellation fees may be repealed. We objected to "contributions for mandatory benefits based on income" as this is a wealth tax. The Health Minister said that he wanted the youth to subsidise the elders, but then allowed them to only pay 40%. He wants the medical schemes to pay in full without co-payments. We expect that premiums will increase. We'd like to see primary health care and supporting state facilities improved and pilot central procurement before trying to implement universal health care.</p>
<p><b>Krinros Building, Main Road</b></p> <p>The new owner likes Art Deco style buildings and has a plan for the abutting Fish Hoek Station Precinct. We hold thumbs to an upgrade of this area.</p> <div data-bbox="124 1809 347 2072">  </div>	<p><b>Fish Hoek beachfront promenade's</b> facelift is expected to be finished by September. The work includes resurfacing the promenade and cross-paths and installing new benches. Thank you City of Cape Town</p> <div data-bbox="638 1765 1109 2072">  </div>

<p><b>Riverine Rovers</b></p> <p>One <b>NEW</b> volunteer (<b>They need more</b>) has stepped forward to assist with supervision of the River Monitor who works in this important flood control area in the Lower Silvermine Wetlands. The City has dredged the main ponds and removed the biomass. However, the Riverine Rovers need funds to pay the River Monitor who clears paths, alien vegetation and refuse. Otters have recently been seen. Phone Terry or Evanne at: 021 787 0376 / 084 711 5416</p>	<p><b>One-time plastic</b></p> <p>Pick n Pay and Woolworths have undertaken to reduce non-recyclable plastic waste by 2022. Both will start introducing affordable 100% recyclable plastic bags, manufactured from recycled plastic with no added calcium, in stores from August 2018. Paper straws will replace plastic straws. These will only be available at cold drink kiosks. The plastic inner support for earbuds will be replaced with a paper equivalent. The recyclable content used in its plastic packaging will be increased to between 20% and 25%. If you are an on-line customer of Pick n Pay, they now offer free plastic collection as well. You can return all their plastic to Woolworths and they are piloting a recyclable coffee cup in their NowNow stores. However, In contrast, McDonalds' AGM supported the sales of 95 million one-time plastic straws per day.</p>
<p><b>Sports-field (near Silverglade)</b></p> <p>A portion of erven 8924 is being rezoned from Open Public Space to Utility for the Electricity Depot. They propose high walls, building materials that don't match the environment, a superfluous extension into the wetlands, ignoring that the existing Transport Depot is also on public open space, attempted delaying the tarring of the gravel Harrington Road – to which we objected. We commented that both depots should rather have been sited in an Industrial Zone.</p>	<p><b>Water Crisis</b></p> <p>Dam levels were at 56.5% on 30 July with water consumption down to a low of 481 ML / day nearing the target of 450 ML / day. No Day Zero is predicted for 2019 at these levels.</p> <p><b>Land Expropriation</b> – on changing Section 25 of our Constitution, just those recorded on <a href="http://dearsouthafrica.co.za">dearsouthafrica.co.za</a> to date:  Western Cape: 38,577 opposed;  8,477 in favour  All of SA: 129,549 opposed;  100,308 in favour</p>  <p>The tally within these boxes of public comments delivered to a boardroom in Parliament is unknown at this time.  Deadline: 30 August 2018</p>
<p><b>Renaming of the Cape Town International Airport</b></p> <p>This exercise could conservatively cost R20m excluding secondary costs such as bookings and transportation confusion. A lot of goodwill value is incorporated in a strong brand name, which is lost through renaming exercises. The "Cape Town [International] Airport is a politically neutral name that enjoys worldwide acceptance. It is an established brand" said Janine Myburgh, President: Cape Chamber of Commerce. We recommended that our airport name should remain as is.</p>	<p><b>Control of Tobacco Products and Electronic Delivery Systems</b></p> <p>This bill's aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide for control over smoking, effectively clamping down on smoking in all public spaces (enclosed public place, workplace and public or private conveyance in the presence of adolescents);</li> <li>• To regulate the sale and advertising of tobacco products and electronic delivery systems including confectionary or toy, etc. that resembles the relevant product;</li> <li>• To regulate through standardisation of packaging removing the branding to reduce the appeal of tobacco products to consumers while increasing the effectiveness of health warnings on the packaging of tobacco products;</li> <li>• To prohibit the sale of tobacco products and electronic delivery systems to persons under the age of 18 years;</li> <li>• To prohibit the free distribution of tobacco products and electronic delivery systems; and</li> <li>• To prohibit the sale of tobacco products and electronic delivery systems by means of vending machines.</li> </ul>

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## **Eskom Negotiated Price Agreement – simply sublime**

Eskom applied to NERSA for a negotiated price agreement with a company, Sublime Technologies (Pty) Ltd, in order to save 108 jobs. While commendable, the application did not mention if the savings would be passed onto downstream companies. Eskom admitted that they will have spare capacity of 14 000 MW. We argued that the electricity cost for all consumers should be lowered to encourage more demand and for start-up companies' consideration as an economically viable proposition. We again pressed for splitting generation from distribution and that Eskom generation should also have to respond to tenders for supply at a cost competitive rate. The era of cost plus contracts must end.



## **Un-plastic the South!**

As seaside communities whose recreational activities and tourism economy are vested in the attractiveness of our coast, we recognise that plastic pollution on our beaches and in the sea is a concern. Beach clean-ups reveal that much of this plastic comes from the land and is made up of Single Use Plastic (SUP) items. SUP includes plastic bags, straws, Styrofoam takeaway containers, plastic cutlery, sweet wrappers, water in polyethylene terephthalate (PET) containers and cool-drink bottles etc. While food outlets are not the only source of SUP litter, volunteers from Waste Reduction – Far South decided to survey food outlets for their use of SUP items and the alternatives that are offered. Face to face surveys were conducted with 113 restaurants and coffee cafés from Muizenberg to Cape Point. The good news is that most outlets are aware of the environmental issues around plastic pollution. Many would like to use alternatives, but the uptake is slow. Either management don't know where to source alternatives or find they are not consistently available. As most alternatives are more expensive than plastic, cost is also a significant consideration.

The public can play a key role to un-plastic our world. We can refuse straws and after meal sweets, be prepared to pay the extra R1.50 – R2.00 for compostable packaging or bring our own re-usable containers and bags for takeaways and support plastic free establishments. Waste Reduction Far South will be forwarding the report to agencies such as the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Two Oceans Aquarium and Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning as part of a follow-up action to call for support for increased public awareness and for bans on certain SUP items.

Submitted by: **WASTE REDUCTION Far South**

#### DO –

- **Wash and disinfect the bin regularly.**  
Bins left unwashed can become a health nuisance or hazard.
- **Store out of the sun in a cool place.**  
If kept in the sun too long, interior heat will speed up decomposition causing smells.
- **Keep safe and secure at all times.**  
Bins are owned by the City of Cape Town and are allocated to residential properties for refuse removal purposes. In the event of theft or damage to a Council bin, the bin will be replaced without cost, except in the case of negligence. Report theft to the police and retain the case number.

Containers may not be procured from any external organization for use.

#### Free drop-off facilities

Loads of refuse too big to bin or bag must be taken to the Council's drop-off facilities. This service is only for waste generated from residential premises and also for garden services, as long as the vehicle does not exceed 1.3 ton carrying capacity.

**Your first E-waste facility is now operating in Wynberg drop-off facility. E-waste is all your broken electrical equipment which can no longer be used.**

Only the following sorted and separated waste types are accepted: Freshly cut garden refuse, residential garden waste, recyclables and clean builder's rubble.

**Drop-off facilities** Operating hours: Monday to Sunday 07:30 – 17:30, including all public holidays.

Kommetjie\*                      Kommetjie Main Road  
Simon's Town                      Main Road

*Please make use of our free drop-off facilities. All garden waste disposed at drop-offs marked with an asterisk \* above, are separated, chipped on site and taken away for recycling into compost, thereby saving space in our landfill sites.*

#### DO NOT put any of the following in the bin:

- Builder's rubble, stones, rocks, sand, oil, metal (e.g. engine parts), medical or hazardous waste and liquids. These items damage the working parts of the compacting system on the refuse collection truck.
- Place your sealed waste in the bin, not next to it.
- Available space in the bin may be topped up with leave and grass cuttings. Larger sticks, branches and similar garden refuse must be taken to a drop-off site.
- Do not overfill or overload – the lid should close completely. If the lid can't close properly, the bin lifting mechanism of the collection truck may be damaged or not able to work properly.
- Only refuse INSIDE the bin will be removed.
- If your waste has not been collected, they will see to it that it is collected the very same day.

This flyer contains information and artwork taken from the City of Cape Town's Waste Wise Brochure and is produced with the support of Combat Force and Fish Hoek Valley Neighbourhood Watches.

City of Cape Town  
Solid waste Department

For all information and enquiries, telephone the City's Customer Care Centre on

Tel: 086 010 3089

Fax: 021 400 4302

Postal: Director Solid Waste,  
PO Box 298,  
Cape Town 8000

**Nature knows no waste – nor should we.**

**Reduce. Re-use. Recycle. Stop littering.**



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Making progress possible. Together.

**What you need to know  
about refuse in your area.**

**Please read this guide as  
the safety of your family  
and your environment  
is at stake.**





"Bin picking" is not legal – The City of Cape Town Integrated Waste Management By-Law, 2009 as amended in 2010 states:

Sec 17 (1) All persons collecting or removing waste must have a contract for the collection and removal of waste with the City or an accredited service provider.

Sec 17 (2): Residents must apply and register for waste collection and removal services that will be provided exclusively by the City or its contracted accredited service provider, unless the Council authorizes otherwise.

Sec 23: Provides for offences and penalties.

Protecting our environment – The National Environment Management Act No 59 of 2008 states: "Any person who stores waste must at least take steps to ensure that

- The waste cannot be blown away
- Pollution of the environment and harm to health are prevented"

*Transgressors of the law can be fined, so let's save our money by being pro-active, adhering to the law, discouraging anti-social behavior and protecting our environment, all at the same time.*

Don't leave functioning electronics or goods you no longer use on top of your bin.

Take them to your local charity shop.



These items are not recycled or used by the disadvantaged but end up in the green belts of your neighbourhood.

This is a third part illegally dumping YOUR waste.



City of Cape Town Terms and Conditions for Refuse Removal Service requires that

- All waste must be placed in the container and kept inside the property, except on the scheduled day of collection.
- On the scheduled day of collection, the container must be placed outside on the curb at 06:00.
- Containers must be retrieved and stored inside the property as soon as possible after the collection.



Putting high-value items packaging into your trash, especially in the open next to your bin, advertises your home's desirable contents to opportunistic bin pickers with criminal intent.



Recycling is collected on the same day as the refuse collection. Please use the bag provided and make sure it's securely closed.

**SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES**