

GRDM IDP/BUDGET AND PMS REPRESENTATIVE FORUM

BITOU PRESENTATION: 23 JANUARY 2020



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE/POPULATION TRENDS.

	Bitou	Garden Route	Western Cape	National Total	Bitou as % of district municipality	Bitou as % of province	Bitou as % of national
2008	42,500	542,000	5,430,000	49,100,000	7.8%	0.78%	0.09%
2009	43,600	550,000	5,550,000	49,800,000	7.9%	0.79%	0.09%
2010	45,300	560,000	5,680,000	50,700,000	8.1%	0.80%	0.09%
2011	47,400	571,000	5,810,000	51,500,000	8.3%	0.82%	0.09%
2012	49,600	582,000	5,940,000	52,400,000	8.5%	0.84%	0.09%
2013	51,700	593,000	6,050,000	53,200,000	8.7%	0.85%	0.10%
2014	53,600	603,000	6,170,000	54,100,000	8.9%	0.87%	0.10%
2015	55,500	613,000	6,270,000	54,900,000	9.1%	0.89%	0.10%
2016	57,300	623,000	6,370,000	55,700,000	9.2%	0.90%	0.10%
2017	59,100	633,000	6,470,000	56,500,000	9.3%	0.91%	0.10%
2018	60,800	642,000	6,570,000	57,400,000	9.5%	0.93%	0.11%
							Average Annual growth
2008-2018	3.65%	1.72%	1.93%	1.57%			

When compared to other regions, the Bitou Local Municipality accounts for a total population of 60,800, or 9.5% of the total population in the Garden Route District Municipality, with the George being the most populous region in the Garden Route District Municipality for 2018. Bitou increased in importance from ranking sixth in 2008 to fifth in 2018. In terms of its share the Bitou Local Municipality was significantly larger in 2018 (9.5%) compared to what it was in 2008 (7.8%). When looking at the average annual growth rate, it is noted that Bitou ranked highest (relative to its peers in terms of growth) with an average annual growth rate of 3.6% between 2008 and 2018.

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2019	62,400	652,000	6,670,000	58,100,000	9.6%	0.94%	0.11%
2020	63,900	661,000	6,760,000	58,900,000	9.7%	0.95%	0.11%
2021	65,400	671,000	6,850,000	59,600,000	9.7%	0.95%	0.11%
2022	66,700	680,000	6,940,000	60,400,000	9.8%	0.96%	0.11%
2023	68,000	689,000	7,020,000	61,100,000	9.9%	0.97%	0.11%
Average Annual growth							
2018-2023	2.26%	1.41%	1.34%	1.27%			

The population projection of Bitou Local Municipality shows an estimated average annual growth rate of 2.3% between 2018 and 2023. The average annual growth rate in the population over the projection period for Garden Route District Municipality, Western Cape Province and South Africa is 1.4%, 1.3% and 1.3% respectively and is lower than that the average annual growth in the Bitou Local Municipality.

STRATEGY

VISION: “To be the best together”

MISSION: “We partner with communities and stakeholders to sustainably deliver quality services so that everyone in Bitou can live and prosper together”

VALUES: “Ubuntu, Integrity, Accountability, Responsibility & Innovation”

Strategic Priorities:

- Excellence in service delivery;
- Leveraging tourism development;
- Improvement of basic service delivery to informal settlements and the poor
- Embracing technology to facilitate development and progress
- Create an enabling environment where all people can be included
- Effective and efficient utilisation of resources
- Improvement of safety for all communities
- Institutional and financial sustainability

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES FOR 2020/2021

The objectives of the municipality remain the same. These will not be changed with the revised IDP.

Access - Spatially integrate areas separated by apartheid; promote access for poor to work, recreational and commercial opportunities

Economy - Grow the local economy, create jobs, empower previously disadvantaged, and transform ownership patterns 2. Economic development of local economy

Upliftment - Eradicate poverty and uplift previously disadvantaged communities, promote social cohesion

Services - Provision of basic services

Reputation - Build a capable, corruption-free administration that is able to deliver on developmental mandate

Sustainability - Manage expenditure prudently, grow revenue base and build long-term financial sustainability to invest in social and economic development

Participation - An active and engaged citizenry, able to engage with and shape the municipality's programme

2020/2021 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES (BUDGET INFORMANTS)

Housing

Roads and Stormwater

Electricity

Waste and environmental management

Water and Sanitation

Maintenance of infrastructure

Fleet Management

Sport and Recreation

General Maintenance

THE MANDATE OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVINCE.

1. Overcrowding at Murray high school spurred a need for an additional high school.
2. There were talks of a public hospital (what is the status). There is a greater demand for a 24 hour health service.
3. At the last forum, the DM indicated that they have pockets of land located at various municipalities. How can municipalities access this land for development?
4. Livestock are roaming the streets because there is no communal grazing land for small farmers. how can the department of rural development and agriculture assist municipalities to acquire government land for small farmers?
5. The new development a Ebenezer will demand that SAPS revisit their development plan and allocation police stations in Bitou
6. Eskom must give authority to the municipality to supply electricity to Wittedrift, Kranshoek and Kurland areas.
7. There are talks of ocean economies, but nothing is said about the coastline in Bitou. Can the district or relevant departments explain why or what are the future plans?
8. Is there a way that the department of human settlement can increase the housing allocation?

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9. Public works to give Keurbooms roads over to the municipality
 10. There need for a pedestrian bridge linking Kwa-Nokuthula and New horizon is still exists. The Ebenezer development will increase pedestrian traffic over the N2, so is the risk.
 11. South Cape College is a valuable resource and we so wish that they can expend their curriculum.
 12. The kids at Wittedrift are still at risk of being run-over by cars and trucks as they walk to stofpad school. There is a serious need for a pedestrian walkway from Wittedrift to Stofpad.
 13. The same walkway is needed on the N2 from Kurland to Monkey land
 14. Police visibility is lacking at the outskirts of Plettenberg bay. The affected areas are Kurland, Wittedrift and Kranshoek. The current sector or cluster system need to be revised.
 15. Youth unemployment is on the rise and the district Mayor promised the establishment of a skills centre. Can we get feedback on the status of this project?
 16. Can the department of rural development donate 120 hectors of land (Wittedrift Farm) for the proposed correctional facility

INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

1. In adequate budget to deliver municipal projects
2. Funding and technical required to update sector plans
3. Cost of transporting waste to Mosselbay
4. Succession planning is a huge challenge at the moment
5. Riots for basic services like housing
6. Attraction of suitably qualified staff
7. Revenue collection in Eskom supplied areas
8. A need for centralized municipal offices

WAYFORWARD AND CLOSURE.

the municipality is grateful this plan and opportunity present its case to the district and sector departments.

We are under fire from our communities about issues that are not our constitutional competence. We are under fire correctly so, because communities look at local government and see government.

It therefore becomes important that we use platforms like these to truthfully engage with the aim of rendering the requisite services to the communities.

All that is left is coordination, alignment and implementation of programmes and projects to improve the lives of ordinary citizens.

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