



Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 29 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, Act 117 of 1998, that a **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING** of the 2021/2026 term of the Garden Route District Municipality will be held **VIA ZOOM** on **WEDNESDAY, 08 MAY 2024** at **11:00** to consider the items as set out in the agenda.

*Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 29 van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Strukture, 1998, Wet 117 van 1998, dat 'n **SPESIALE RAADSVERGADERING** van die 2021/2026 termyn van die Garden Route Distriksmunisipaliteit gehou sal word **VIA ZOOM** op **WOENSDAG, 08 MEI 2024** om **11:00** ten einde oorweging aan die items soos in die agenda uiteengesit, te skenk.*

Kukhutshwe isaziso ngokwemiqathango yoMhlathi 29 woRhulumente Basekhaya: Umthetho Wezolawulo loMasipala, 1998, uMthetho 117 wango 1998, **INTLANGANISO EKHETHEKILEYO** yexesha lika 2021/2026 loMasipala Wesithili se Garden Route izakubanjelwa **KU ZOOM, NGOLWESITHATHU, 08 KUCANZIBE 2024** ngentsimbi ye **11:00** ukuqwalasela imiba ebekwe kwi agenda.

ALD GR WOLMARANS
SPEAKER
SPEAKER
SOMLOMO

MG STRATU
 Municipal Manager
Munisipale Bestuurder
 Mphathi Masipala

Date: 08 May 2024

AGENDA

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Ald M Booysen
 Ald GR Wolmarans
 Ald G van Niekerk
 Ald P Terblanche
 Ald S De Vries
 Ald CN Lichaba
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba NV Gungubele
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba J Hoogbaard
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba JG Meiring
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba K Malooi
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 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba CP Taute
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba D Acker
 Ald JC Lambaatjeen
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba LSS van Rooyen
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba SM Toto
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba HRT Stroebel
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba NT Seti
 Ald NS Ndayi
 Ald RH Ruiters
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba M Kannemeyer
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba MA Mkonto
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba JJ Cornelius
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba JJ Bavuma (as of
 27 July 2022)
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba HD Ruiters (as of 14
 December 2022)
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba RW Arends (as of 30
 January 2023)
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba PE Petros (as of 27
 February 2023)
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba R Louw (as of 19
 June 2023)
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba F September (as of
 26 July 2023)
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba A Oktober (as of
 22 November 2023)
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba JC Petersen (as of
 22 November 2023)
 Cllr / Rdl / Ceba J Fry (as of 22
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 of 27 February 2024)

1. REPORT ON THE BUILDING COLLAPSE THAT OCCURRED IN GEORGE ON THE 6TH OF MAY 2024 / VERSLAG OOR DIE GEBOU INEENSTORTING WAT OP 6 MEI 2024 IN GEORGE PLAASGEVIND HET

REPORT FROM ACTING EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES / G OTTO

REFERENCE NUMBER: (10/1/3/4)

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council on the building collapse that occurred in George on the 6th of May 2024

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Council

4. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report will reflect on actions taken by the GRDM Disaster Management Services with regards to building collapse that occurred on the 6th of May in Victoria Street, George.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1) That the GRDM Council takes note of the report;
- 5.2) That the GRDM Disaster Management Centre be mandated to coordinate the short as well as long term interventions required to address this incident;
- 5.3) That the Provincial Disaster Management Centre be requested to do a formal post disaster assessment after the incident;

AANBEVELINGS

- 5.1) *Dat die GRDM Raad kennis neem van hierdie verslag.*

- 5.2) *Dat die GRDM DMC gemandateer word om the kort sowel as lang termyn intervensies ten opsigte van die aanspreek van hierdie insident te koördineer;*
- 5.3) *Dat die Provinsiale Rambestuur sentrum versoek word om n na-ramp assesering uit te voer in terme van die insident;*

6. DISCUSSION / CONTENTS

6.1 Background

On Monday 6 May at 14:09 a multi-story building under construction at 75 Victoria Street collapsed.

An emergency call for assistance was received at the Emergency Call Centre at 14:14 and both the EMS Rescue as well as George and Garden Route Fire and rescue teams responded to the scene. A forward control point, first responders staging area as well as a triage area were established at the incident scene.

In addition, the George Municipality availed an area in the community hall with staff from Department of Social Development as well as the Department of Correctional Services and the George Municipalities Social Development section to be used as an assembly area for family members. These services also activated their psychosocial support staff.

The construction company Liatel Developments confirmed that at the point of collapse there was a total of seventy-five construction workers in the building.

The GRDM DMC activated their Multi Agency Command facility to be used as a Joint Operational Command to act as the incident coordination platform for the incident. SAPS, EMS, FPS, DSD, DCS, DoH as well as the George Communications unit joined the GRDM JOC. Every three hours the JOC has been providing media updates to inform the general public of the status quo in terms of current operations.

In addition to the local response capacity assistance were dispatched from Worcester, Breede Valley as well as City of Cape Town with a fully equipped

structural collapse cache and two rescue cranes, one medium and one heavy unit.

As at 1:20 on the 7th of May a total of 36 people could be accounted for, and the current triage figures is as follows:

16 - Red

6 - Yellow

7 - Green

7 – Blue

The total number of people still to be rescued is 39 people.

With the assistance of the Contracts Manager of the construction company the GRDM DMC developed a name list of all construction workers that were in the multi-story building during the time of its collapse. We also managed to add photo's of most of the construction workers as well as where they were in the building during time of the collapse. This information will be used not only to identify people rescued but also to guide rescue activities to specific areas in the collapsed building.

Focus for the next operational period:

- Continue rescue actions, moving over to use of heavy lifting equipment by late afternoon;
- Forensic Pathology Services to fast-track body identification as well their post-mortems to allow for families to get closure a.s.a.p.
- Ensure briefings by the rescue coordinator to the affected family members daily at 12:00 as well as 18h00;
- GRDM yellow fleet to remain on standby to assist if and when required;
- Consider implementing a permit system to control access to the FCP;
- Communications section to have safety flyers printed for distribution before access to the FCP or hot zone is allowed;
- Department of International Relations / Foreign affairs (DIRCO) and Home Affairs to be represented at the GRDM JOC;
- Movement of scaffolding to a secure site (George waste site)/ seen as evidence;
- Block-off view from Municipal building as well as block of flats next door to hot zone;

- SAPS to confirm arrival of two additional rescue technicians with two more rescue dogs;

Special word of thanks

- 1) To the NGO's Love George, Gift of the Givers, Lions, Rotary and alike for their coordination and assistance to help to keep all rescue staff nourished and hydrated. They also assist bereaved families patiently waiting for their loved ones to be rescued;
- 2) The general public for their generous donations and support, you only had to ask and there was always a helping hand;
- 3) SAPS for being always present and not only maintaining a perimeter cordon but also assisting with their rescue technicians and sniffer dogs.

Total staff deployment on the 7th of May is as follow: 193		
Institution	Personnel	Staff total
Fire & Rescue George GRDM	11 shift/3 management 20 rescue volunteers 4 Shift/2 management	20 staff 20 volunteers
CoCT	2 x rescue cranes 1 x Heavy 1 x Medium 10 staff	10
Breedevally	5 rescue staff 1 rescue trailer	5
SARZA	5	5
EMS	35	35
FPS	8	8
SAPS pops	37	37
vispol	2	2
rescue	10	10
DSD	8 social workers 3 interns 1 student	12
DCS	3	3
Provincial Traffic		
George Traffic		
George Law Enforcement	26	26

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002, as amended.

6.2 Financial Implications

Fire and rescue teams as well as Disaster Management staff had to be deployed on a 24/7 basis to aid at rescue activities at the building collapse premises as well as to man the Disaster management Centre and the forward control point.

6.3 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for the GRDM relating to this report.

6.5 Staff Implications

None

6.6 Previous / Relevant Council Resolutions

None

6.7 Risk Implications

There are no potential risk implications for the GRDM relating to this report.