



Geagte CE-ondersteuners

- **Provinsiale Ramptoestand (Mei 2026-vloede)**
- **Korting vir watergebruikers in Wyk 3 (Clanwilliam)**
- **2026/2027-begroting goedkeuring**
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MOEDER NATUUR HET WEER HARD GEPRAAT . . .

PROVINSIËLE RAMPSTOESTAND EN KLIMAATSVERANDERING

Net meer as twee weke gelede het swaar reën verwoesting in die Cederberg en oor die hele Wes-Kaap Provinsie gesaai. Gevolglik het die Premier 'n provinsiale ramptoestand verklaar. Soos elders, het die Cederberg riviere wat oor hulle walle stoot, verspoelde paaie en brugsluitings ervaar, wat daartoe gelei het dat sommige gemeenskappe en plase tydelik afgesny is. Terwyl opruimingsbedrywighede oor die provinsie voortduur, waarsku kenners dat ons binnekort meer vloede kan verwag. Die winter het immers eers begin. Hou in gedagte dat dit die derde groot oorstroming is wat in die Cederberg ervaar word – drie jaar agtereenvolgens. Ek neem aan klimaatsverandering is werklik, so laat ons onself voorberei.

CEDERBERG VLOEDSKADE

Ongelukkig het die weer veroorsaak dat die watergehalte van die Clanwilliamdam ernstig benadeel en ongeskik is vir menslike gebruik. Daarom voorsien die munisipaliteit tans Clanwilliam-inwoners van drinkbare water via watervragmotors. Intussen is die munisipaliteit dringend besig om die probleem op te los. Die oplossing is 'n groter filtreerstelsel wat dringend geïnstalleer sal word. Die bykomende oplossing is om die skoner water wat uit die Jan Disselsrivier onttrek word, te skei van die besoedelde Clanwilliamdamwater.

NOODKORTING VAN 70% VIR CLANWILLIAM-INWONERS

Een van die besluite wat vandag tydens die CE-geleide raadsvergadering geneem is, was die goedkeuring van 'n waterkorting van sewentig persent (70%) vir Clanwilliam-watergebruikers vir ten minste die volgende drie maande (Mei-Julie) of vroeër indien die watergehalte vir verbruik verbeter. Dit kom neer op byna 'n miljoen rand se verligting.

LET WEL: Die CE-raadslede en die VF Plus-raadslid wat watergebruikers in Clanwilliam is, het tydens die raadsvergadering aangekondig dat hulle vrywillig sal voortgaan om 100% van hul waterrekening te betaal en het die administrasie versoek om nie die 70%-waterkorting soos per die voorgestelde raadsbesluit aan hulle te gee nie.

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CE EN VF PLUS RAADSLID WEIER OM PERSOONLIK VOORDEEL TE TREK VAN WATERKORTING

LET WEL: Daar is CE-raadslede en 'n VF Plus-raadslid wat inwoners van Clanwilliam en geregistreerde watergebruikers in Clanwilliam is. Hulle het, as deel van die raadsbesluit, op rekord gestel dat hulle vrywillig sal voortgaan om die volle 100% van hul waterrekening te betaal en het die administrasie gevra om hulle nie die 70%-waterkorting soos per die raadsbesluit te gee nie.

DA EN PA STEM TEEN HULP AAN CLANWILLIAM-INWONERS

Ongelukkig was die Demokratiese Alliansie nie ten gunste van die besluit om inwoners te help, wat swaar getref is deur die vloede en die gekompromitteerde damwater nie. Die DA-raadslede het ook die welwillendheid van die CE- en VF Plus-raadslede wat in Clanwilliam woon, wat aangebied het om voort te gaan om 100% van hul huishoudelike waterrekening te betaal, teengestaan. Die DA het dus teen die waterkorting-resolusie gestem en sodoende die pyn en lyding van die inwoners wat sukkel om die impak van die vloede te hanteer, te bespot en ondermyn. Die Patriotiese Alliansie het hulle van stemming weerhou.

Die koalisie onder leiding van die CE erken dat hierdie korting slegs 'n klein gebaar van welwillendheid is. Ons erken die ongerief wat inwoners ly as gevolg van die onbeskikbaarheid van skoon drinkwater as gevolg van die ernstige oorstromings en besoedeling van die Clanwilliamdam. Ons hoop dat dit slegs 'n korttermyn-ongerief sal wees.

2026/2027 BEGROTING GOEDKEURING

Die munisipale raad onder leiding van die CE het vandag sy geskeduleerde raadsvergadering in Citrusdal gehou. Onder die 15 sake punte was die belangrikste, die bespreking en goedkeuring van die 2026/2027-begroting. (Sien Opsomming hieronder - "Budget Summary") Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat die ter tafel gelê is, 'n befondsde begroting is, 'n surplus weerspieël en die munisipaliteit vir groei posisioneer. Vir die eerste keer in die geskiedenis het die Cederberg-munisipaliteit EIE FONDSE om te bestee om die infrastruktuur te herstel wat deur vorige rade verwaarloos is. Daar is steeds 'n groot infrastruktuur-agterstand. Onder die koalisieleierskap onder leiding van die CE het die munisipaliteit egter wonderbaarlik herstel en verbeter op alle vlakke van dienslewering.

Ongelukkig het die Demokratiese Alliansie teen die begroting gestem en die Patriotiese Alliansie het van stemming weerhou.

DANKIE

Ek wil graag dankie sê aan alle inwoners wat gereeld hul munisipale rekeninge betaal. Sonder julle sou die finansiële herstel van die munisipaliteit nie moontlik wees nie en sou ons nie ons munisipaliteit kon herbou en dienste kon lewer nie.

Ek wil ook almal bedank wat 'n bydrae gelewer het om vloedslagoffers en die gemeenskappe wat die ergste deur die erge weer getref is, te help. Julle bydrae getuig van die goedheid van die harte van die mense van Cederberg. Ons staan saam en ons dien mekaar. Hou so aan.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

1. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2022/2023 million	2023/2024 million	2024/2025 million	2025/2026 million	2026/2027 million
Revenue	R389 m	R449 m	R504 m	R540 m	R563 m
Expenditure	R409 m	R 446 m	R476 m	R538 m	R562 m
Surplus / Deficit	-R20 m (deficit)	+R4 m	+R27 m	+R1 m	+R460k
Capital Expenditure	R30 m	R42 m	R54 m	R74 m	R110 m

2. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE NOVEMBER 2021

- **ESKOM DEBT RELIEF – R49 million write-off**
 - We inherited a historical Eskom debt of R49 million. We entered into a three year Debt-Relief program which ends 31 July 2026 by which point we are confident that our Eskom debt will be zero.
- **FUNDED BUDGET - a positive net movement of over R140 million in 3 years.**
 - We inherited an unfunded and bankrupt municipality. We have moved from a deficit (unfunded) R57 million in 2022/23 to a surplus (funded) position of R79 million in 2026-27.
- **CLEAN AUDIT ACHIEVE IN 2024/25**
 - Confirms the improved controls implemented by the management and oversight by council.
- **IMPROVEMENT IN FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE**
 - The performance indicators portray the improved picture sketched by various ratio's, notably the liquidity ratio, current ratio and cost coverage ratio.
 - These ratios are starting to align with the national norm.

3. KEY MEASURES AIMED TO BRING RELIEF INCLUDING BELOW INFLATION INCREASES

- Electricity tariffs – we did not exceed the minimum 9.01% as prescribed by NERSA.
- Water – 3,5% (this is below inflation)
- Sewage – 3,5% (this is below inflation)
- Property Rates -2,5% (this is below inflation)

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- Refuse collection - 8%
 - *Refuse collection has an above inflation and due to the enormous, anticipated expenditure to transport household refuse to the regional landfill site in Matzikama.*
 - **IMPORTANT:** *The municipality planned to make available over R60 million to build a transfer station in Clanwilliam, 3 drop-off stations in Elands Bay, Lamberts Bay and Graafwater over the next 2 financial years.*

4. INDIGENT SUPPORT

- The indigent criteria have been kept reflecting that a households' monthly income may not exceed the maximum amount of R 7 000 it excluding child support and foster care grant.

5. ADDITIONAL RELIEF FOR ELDERLY (60 years +)

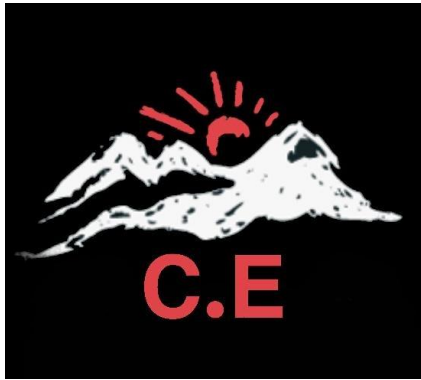
- All elderly property owners will be subsidised by 6kl water and 50kWH electricity irrespective of their financial status. They must just be full time occupants of their homes.

6. CAPITAL PROJECTS (R110 million)

- Made up of R79 million grants and R31 million own funds.

7. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDERWAY

- Multi-purpose centre Graafwater (R 12 million) - to be completed in August 2026.
- New electrical substation and overhead lines (R 92 million) - to be completed in August 2026.
- Upgrading of gravel roads in Graafwater (R5.4 million)
- Rehabilitation of surfaced roads of Cederberg (R6 million)
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Dear CE supporters

- **Provincial State of Disaster (May 2026 floods)**
- **Rebate for water users in Ward 3 (Clanwilliam)**
- **Council approves 2026/2027 Budget**
- **Budget highlights**

MOTHER NATURE HAS SPOKEN - AGAIN . . .

PROVINCIAL STATE OF DISASTER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Just over two weeks ago, heavy rains wreaked havoc in the Cederberg and across the entire Western Cape Province. As a result, the Premier declared a provincial state of disaster. Like elsewhere, the Cederberg experienced swollen rivers, washed out roads, bridge closures resulting in some communities and farms temporarily cut-off. While mopping up operations continue across the province, experts warn that we can expect more floods soon. After all, winter has only just begun. Keep in mind that this is the third major flooding experienced in Cederberg – three years in a row. I suppose Climate Change is real, so let's prepare ourselves.

CEDERBERG FLOOD DAMAGE

Unfortunately, the weather caused the water quality of the Clanwilliam Dam to become severely compromised and unfit for human consumption. That is why the municipality is currently providing Clanwilliam residents with drinkable water via water trucks. In the meantime, the municipality is urgently fixing the problem. The solution is a bigger filtration system which will be installed as a matter of urgency. The additional solution is to separate the cleaner water which is abstracted from the Jan Dissels River away from the contaminated Clanwilliam Dam water.

COUNCIL APPROVES EMERGENCY 70% WATER REBATE FOR CLANWILLIAM RESIDENTS

One of the decisions made at the CE-led council meeting held today was the approval of a seventy percent (70%) water rebate for Clanwilliam Water Users for at least the next three months (May-July) or earlier if the water quality improves for consumption. This amounts to almost a million rands worth of relief.

CE Information Note – 28 May 2026

CE AND VF PLUS COUNCILLOR DECLINE TO PERSONALLY BENEFIT FROM WATER REBATE

PLEASE NOTE: There are CE councillors and a VF Plus Councillor who are residents in Clanwilliam and registered Water Users in Clanwilliam. They placed on record, as part of the council resolution, that they will voluntarily continue to pay the full 100% of their water account and asked the administration to not give them the 70% water rebate as per the council resolution.

OPPOSITION OPPOSES HELP TO CLANWILLIAM RESIDENTS

Unfortunately, the Democratic Alliance was not in favour of the council resolution to help residents who were hard hit by the floods and the compromised Dam water. The DA councillors also opposed the act of goodwill on the part of the CE and VF Plus councillors who live in Clanwilliam who had offered to continue to pay 100% of their household water account. The DA therefore voted against the water rebate resolution and in so doing ridiculed and undermined the pain and suffering of those residents struggling to cope with the impact of the floods. The Patriotic Alliance Abstained from voting.

The CE-led coalition acknowledges that this rebate is only a small gesture of goodwill. We recognise the inconvenience suffered by residents as a result of the non-availability of clean drinking water due to the severe flooding and contamination of Clanwilliam Dam. We are hopeful that this will only be a short-term inconvenience.

COUNCIL APPROVES 2026/2027 BUDGET

The CE-led municipal council held its scheduled council meeting today in Citrusdal. Among the 15 Items of business, the most significant was the discussion and approval of the 2026/2027 budget (*See Budget Highlights below*). It is important to note that the tabled budget is funded, reflects a surplus and positions the municipality for growth. For the first time in the history, the Cederberg municipality is in a position to spend many millions of rands of its OWN FUNDS to fix the infrastructure which was neglected by previous councils. There is still a huge infrastructure backlog. However, under CE-led coalition leadership, the municipality has miraculously recovered and is improving on all levels of service delivery.

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THANK YOU

I wish to say thank you to all residents who are regularly paying their municipal accounts. Without you, the financial recovery of the municipality would not be possible and we would not be able to rebuild our municipality and deliver services.

I also want to thank everyone who has made a contribution of support to assist flood victims and those communities hardest hit by the severe weather. Your contribution is testimony to the goodness of the hearts of the people of Cederberg. We stand together and we serve one another. Keep it up.

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