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PREPARATION FOR THE 2026 LGE / CE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

URGENT and Compulsory reading for CE councillors

Dear CE Team (Andre, Maxwell. Emerine, Basil, Arnold, Ferdienand, Martin),

Copy: Dr Jan Oosthuizen (Head of Social Media Team)

1. This note is to confirm that CE has a track record of communicating with its supporters.
2. Below (as Annex 1) are the Information Notes and Newsletters which have been sent to the CE family for 2026. I have a list of communications for the entire five year term starting 2021.
3. **Please refresh your memory by reading these 2026 newsletters/information notes.**
4. I will resend the Information Notes to the CE councillor group for ease of access. Perhaps Dr Jan must also put it on our website etc. The notes are generally done in both English and Afrikaans.
5. Feel free to send them to your supporters as evidence for what CE has been doing in the council. This will dispel the narrative that CE is doing nothing and has done nothing. Just the opposite is true.
6. **You are also required to URGENTLY read my book FOUR PERCENT – Mayor, Mayor, we have a problem (THE CEDERBERG EERSTE STORY).** This is the story of how CE began and how we fixed the municipality. It was published in July 2025.

PLEASE NOTE: The DA (via Cllr John Hayes), has laid a formal charge against me for publishing the CE story. I suspect they want to gag me – shut me up – keep me quiet. They do not want the CE story to become public knowledge, it seems.



The Speaker has initiated a preliminary investigation. The MM has appointed lawyers to investigate the matter. I have already responded in writing to the legal challenge and charges levelled against me via the Speaker's office.

7. Let us accept that our communication has not been the best. But at least the Information Notes and my book serves as evidence of what we have been trying to communicate to the Cederberg community about how we fixed a broken municipality.

Sincerely

Dr Ruben Richards

Chairperson of CE

ANNEX 1

AUDIT OF RECENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH CE FAMILY

Persverklaring – 1 Desember 2025

- SKOON AUDIT 2025: - Bewyse van Goeie Bestuur by Cederberg Munisipaliteit
- CLEAN AUDIT 2025: Evidence of Good Governance at Cederberg Municipality

Persverklaring – 17 Februarie 2026

- Vervanging van CE proporsionele raadslid
- Replacement of CE Proportional Councillor

Inligtingsnota – 27 Februarie 2026 – FINANSIES IS GESOND

- Munisipale finansies is gesond
- Aanpassingsbegroting goedgekeur
- DA trek terug mosie van wantroue

- Municipal finances are healthy
- Adjustment Budget approved
- DA withdraws motion of no confidence against the Mayor



Inligtingsnota – 15 April 2026 - CE-GELEIDE SPAN RED DIE MUNISIPALITEIT

- Van visie tot implementering
- DA raadslid John Hayes geskors
- Konsepbegroting vir 2026/2027 goedgekeur
- GOP-proses aan die gang

- From vision to implementation
- DA Cllr John Hayes suspended
- 2026/2027 Draft Budget approved
- IDP process underway

Inligtingsnota – 28 Mei 2026 – MOEDER NATUUR HET WEER HARD GEPRaat . . .

- Provinsiale Ramptoestand (Mei 2026-vloede)
- Korting vir watergebruikers in Wyk 3 (Clanwilliam)
- 2026/2027-begroting goedkeuring
- Budget highlights

MOTHER NATURE HAS SPOKEN - AGAIN . . .

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

CE Inligtingsnota – 25 Junie 2026 - CE STAAN STERK

KOALISIE ONDER LEIDING VAN DIE CE STAAN STERK TEN SPYTE VAN AANVALLE DEUR DIE OPPOSISIE

- MONC teen onderburgemeester Ruben Richards misluk
- Berei voor vir meer vloede
- DA-raadslid skuldig aan wangedrag
- Raadsake duur voort ten spyte van teenkanting

CE-LED COALITION STANDS STRONG DESPITE BEING ATTACKED BY THE OPPOSITION

- MONC against Deputy Mayor Ruben Richards fails
- Prepare for more floods
- DA councillor guilty of misconduct
- Council business continues despite opposition

CE Inligtingsnota – 31 August 2026 – Five years in review and the road towards LGE 2026

Forthcoming