

CIRCULAR TO SAACPP MEMBERS

STATE OF MUNICIPALITIES ADDRESS “SOMA”

Against the background of the growing speculation and expectations associated with the State of the Nation Address (SONA) to be delivered by the President, we are taking this cue by providing this “*State of Municipalities Address (SOMA)*”.

City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality

Members were previously informed that the City of Tshwane had taken steps to prepare a new land use scheme (SPLUMA compliant) for its area of jurisdiction and, in parallel, the local municipal by-law on land use management (dating back to 2016) would be reviewed/amended.

Based on our most recent enquiries, the following has been confirmed:

■ **Draft Land Use Scheme**

The publication participation process associated with the creation of the new scheme came to an end in early November 2022. The responsible municipal officials are currently attending to perusing the comments received and, where deemed applicable, the draft Tshwane Land Use Scheme (TLUS) will be amended/amplified.

This will be followed by the preparation of a report which will capture the aforesaid and form part of a later submission to the decision making authority (presumably the Municipal Council). The Municipality is not yet in a position to confirm exact timelines to attend to the aforesaid. At this juncture, the next target date is July 2023 for the finalisation of the report and submission thereof to the decision making authority.

■ **City of Tshwane Land Use Management By-law, 2016 (Proposed Review/Amendment)**

During 2022, comments were invited on the first draft of the amended by-law and such comments have been perused and, where relevant, incorporated into the provisions of the draft by-law. It has been confirmed that a cover report has been prepared and, based on an internal circulation system, comments have been received from various municipal departments. As always, there are certain departments which have been slow in coming forward and will again be prompted to obligate.



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Again, the Municipality is not in a position to confirm a definite timeline but the target date is March 2023 for placing the matter on agenda to serve before the Mayoral Committee and the Municipal Council.

Mogale City Local Municipality

It has been confirmed that Mogale City is in the process of attending to an internal process of amendment of the existing land use management scheme. The internal amendment is based on the identification of various problematic provisions contained in the existing document.

Unfortunately no information is as yet available on the expected timing of the aforesaid save to note that, upon completion thereof, the municipality intends to align the municipal by-law on spatial planning and land use management matters, 2018 accordingly. It has also been confirmed that certain aspects contained in the by-law had been identified for simplification. Again, no specific timeframe has been confirmed.

It has also been confirmed that, due to budgetary constraints, certain delays are inevitable and that the responsible municipal officials are hopeful that the aforesaid matters may be finalised within the next budgetary cycle.

Other Municipalities

Unfortunately our requests for updates from other municipalities have not yet been answered and members may expect further circulars to follow. The Association undertakes to inform you accordingly and member firms are invited to alert the SAACPP about any news which may be forthcoming in regard to the subject matters.

Here's hoping for a constructive, productive and generally prosperous 2023!

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