



BLUE CRANE ROUTE MUNICIPALITY (EC102)

NOTICE No. 02-02/2022

WATER INTERRUPTIONS IN PEARSTON

The Municipality of Blue Crane Route in Pearston experienced water interruptions challenges which adversely affected some of the communities.

The water interruptions are caused by the following, but not limited to:

- 1) Non-functioning of Rustenburg borehole (dependent borehole) observed during the visual assessment.
- 2) Load shedding is being experienced and pumps won't be working, due to absence of power.

It be noted that, Pearston area is mainly supplied with water by one operational Rustenburg borehole. BCRM is implementing a project called Bulk Water Supply in Pearston, part of the scope of works is the analysis of existing boreholes.

On the 31st of January 2022, the contractor was working on the Rustenburg farm borehole and when they were trying to pull out the pump, the pump got stuck and a pipe was damaged. Therefore, this borehole could not function. Alternative plan was implemented where 2 boreholes (River and Ostrich farm) were commissioned temporarily to provide water. Unfortunately, due to loadshedding there was no power to pump water, and the Ostrich farm motor was damaged on the 2nd of February 2022.

SHORT TERM - ALTERNATIVE MEASURES/ REMEDIAL ACTIONS:

The following remedial actions were implemented:

- 1) Water carting was done in areas of Siyakholwa as water interruptions were persistent.
- 2) Site visual assessment is being done, to replace the damaged motor at the Ostrich farm reservoir.
- 3) It is anticipated that, water would be restored by tomorrow morning latest.
- 4) The contractor will start working on the Reservoir borehole next week since he's still waiting for some equipment to be delivered and have it working by latest Friday next week, 18 February 2022.
- 5) On the 18th of February 2022, there will be an increased in borehole yield. We are still looking at options to have the Rustenburg farm borehole resuscitated.

It is suggested that all water consumers are urged to implement the following water restrictions. These water restrictions will assist to eliminate some of the apparent challenges we have as the municipality, as weather conditions are severely hot, it means that the water consumption will be high.

NB: All water consumers are urged to use water sparingly.

The following restrictions be implemented until further notice:

- 1) **No use of hoses allowed (to water gardens, wash cars, hose down walls or paving, top up pools, fountains or ponds, etc.), unless:**
 - a) **The water is from a source other than municipal (i.e. rainwater tank).**
 - b) **The water is used for firefighting purposes.**
- 2) **Water usage must not exceed 100 litres per day per household. Where possible, consumers are urged to collect rainwater for household use.**
- 3) **No use of sprinklers or irrigation systems allowed, unless the water is from a source other than municipal.**
- 4) **All building contractors to use treated effluent, collected from any appropriate municipal WWTW and obtain authorisation thereof, other than for concrete work.**
- 5) **All households are urged, as part of the water restriction to check their water meter regularly, for any water leaks.**

Take note of the following water-efficient tips to be implemented to start saving water:

- 1) Use a glass of water to rinse when brushing teeth.
- 2) Turn the tap off while doing washing or brushing teeth.
- 3) Shower instead of bathing.
- 4) Use bathwater to water gardens, grass etc.
- 5) Close taps properly.
- 6) Replace leaking washers to avoid dripping water.
- 7) Wash fruit, vegetables using a bowl.
- 8) Swiftly fix household leaks.
- 9) Report all BCRM water pipeline leakages promptly.

The municipality apologise for the inconvenience it may caused, BCRM is working for you.

Please Note: Report all Water Leakages to Technical Services Department at: Tel: 042 243 6452

We apologise for any inconveniences caused.



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