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**Re: Various urgent issues in Kenton during the Holiday Period**

Dear Madam,

With the holiday period commencing 3 weeks away, there are various critical issues that require your urgent attention. KOSRA has tried, proactively, to address these issues well in time, but, in spite of repeated reminders to the officials concerned, has received no response to their urgent request for permission to implement steps to address urgent needs which Ndlambe Municipality itself should have attended to.

These comprise:

**Sewage:** After the serious problems in recent years – and particularly in 2018/9 – with inadequate service by “honeysuckers” emptying conservancy tanks in Kenton during the holiday season, KOSRA pro-actively sourced 2 extra honeysuckers to provide the service to Kenton for the 2019/20 season. This was first proposed to the Deputy Director of Infrastructural Development for Kenton on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019, and followed up by a formal letter to him on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Since then, in spite of repeated reminders, he has been unable to advise whether his superiors are prepared to permit the additional service,

**Destruction at Middle Beach:** Serious damage was done to the wall between the car park and the beach at Middle Beach during the very high seas on 30 October 2019, rendering the area seriously dangerous. Since then, a detailed assessment, proposal for rectification and costing has been prepared by Mr Chester Wilmot. Meetings have been held on site with your Mr Fanie Fouche, and he has indicated that Ndlambe need to see if funds are available to effect the necessary repairs in order to render the area safe. 3 weeks later, no decision has been made - let alone any work commenced - to effect the repairs before the holiday season. Both Estuary Care and KOSRA have made it clear to Mr Fouche that, in view of the severe urgency to restore safety before the arrival of the holiday crowds, they would be prepared to fund and embark on the repairs urgently, and to claim reimbursement from Ndlambe at a later stage. In spite of this, permission to commence the restoration work is still outstanding.

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**Destruction of Braais at Middle Beach;** We have noticed that all the braai structures but one at Middle Beach have been destroyed, presumably by vandals. As these are regularly used by family groups, KOSRA wrote to Ndlambe on 26 September 2019, asking for permission to repair them. We were referred to Ms. Shirley Bossoff. We wrote to her on 1 October 2019 requesting permission to repair the braais, but received no reply. We wrote again on 11 November 2019, but again did not even receive the courtesy of a reply.

**Potholes:** Mr Adrian Purdon of KOSRA has liaised with your pothole team in Kenton and agreed that KOSRA would hire special equipment for them to enable them to repair potholes more effectively. This was done at the beginning of November. Since then, in spite of the expense incurred by KOSRA, there is no apparent evidence of any repairs to potholes in Kenton.

**Potable water:** Regular meetings between Amatola, Ndlambe, KOSRA and Chamber of Business have resulted in significant increase in the supply of water to the area. Further steps are in hand to increase the supply by another 1 million litres before the holiday season. We have just heard of a serious loss of water, with the result that the reservoir in Boesmans is empty. This points to a serious leak on a pipeline. If we hope to be able to provide adequate water to the entire population, including visitors, in the holiday season, this needs to be found and rectified urgently.

**River water:** KOSRA had heard rumours of the possibility of e coli in both the Kariega and Boesmans Rivers close to where the residual water from the sewage treatment plants in Ekuphumleni and Marselle discharge into the 2 rivers. Has Ndlambe recently taken samples of the water discharged from both treatment plants and from the 2 rivers where this water discharges into the rivers? If so, when was this last done and was the water professionally tested for safety? If so, what were the results?

In the light of these critical issues, we require, by no later than Thursday, 21 November 2019 from you, with regard to:

1. Honeysuckers: Written confirmation that 2 additional honeysuckers may offer their services in the Kenton/Boesmans area on the basis outlined in our letter to you dated 11 October 20219, and that they may discharge their loads into your treatment works in Marselle.
2. Middle Beach: Written confirmation that the urgent repair work detailed by Mr Chester Wilmot may be commenced immediately at the cost of Estuary Care and KOSRA, and that Ndlambe will reimburse them by no later than 31 March 2020.
3. Braais at Middle Breach: Written confirmation that KOSRA may fund the cost of materials to restore the damaged braais and that they may be re-built by members of the community. And that appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against Ms Shirley Boshoff for failing timeously to respond to 2 e-mails sent to her by KOSRA.
4. Potable Water: Written assurance that urgent steps are being taken to find and repair the serious leak in the system
5. River water: A written response to our queries. If ecoli has been identified, written confirmation that urgent and adequate steps are being taken to remove all e coli from the residual water discharged from the sewage treatment works in Ekuphumleni and

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Marselle, in order to render the Boesmans and Kariega Rivers safe for swimming, boating and fishing.

If we do not receive acceptable responses from you by the date stipulated, we shall have no alternative but to take whatever action we deem necessary in order to ensure the safety of the residents and holidaymakers in Kenton.

Yours sincerely,  
George Poole  
For KOSRA.

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