

MEDIA STATEMENT

WATER SITUATION IN PORT ALFRED

The municipality is experiencing water challenges in Port Alfred, due to Eskom power outages

This started about two months ago, but as from 20th September 2018 the situation became worse, the power cut off affects our pump stations from the source to the balancing dam. When there is power failure there is no water getting to the balancing dam, ever since this has happened water levels have dropped significantly from the balancing dam, this has resulted to people having no water.

Everytime this happens the Municipality calls Eskom to come and resolve the problem, but they give us a waiting period, while we are waiting the water is being drawn from the balancing dam. We therefore urge the community and the resident to adhere to water restrictions and use water sparingly. We understand the situation is not a very good one for all of us.

The situation currently is that we are waiting for Eskom since yesterday.

The balancing dam is at its lowest at the moment that worries everybody

Once Eskom has re-instated power, we will put the following measures:

1. Alternative pumping on Alfred and Smith street pumps
2. Monitoring of reservoirs levels
3. Re-installing of water restrictions
4. Walking the line for any type of leak seeing that the vandalism is very high
5. Process controllers to monitor frequently adjust pumping periods to different township
6. Repair booster pump
7. Frequently pumping with central belts boreholes