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CLASS OF 2026



Dear Class of 2026,

To all our matriculants across Saldanha Bay Municipality, as you begin your final examinations, I want to wish you strength, focus and success.

You have reached an important milestone. The journey to this point has required commitment, discipline and perseverance, and now is the time to remain calm, trust yourself and give each examination your best effort.

To our parents, teachers and guardians, thank you for standing alongside our young people and encouraging them throughout the year. Your support has played an important role in getting them to this point.

To the Class of 2026, remember that these examinations are not only about the marks you achieve, but also about the doors they can open for the next chapter of your life. Whether you pursue further studies, enter the workplace, start a business or follow another path, I encourage you to believe in your abilities and make the most of every opportunity.

As the Executive Mayor, I am proud of the young people of our municipality and I wish each of you the very best as you take on this final stretch.



“ Stay focused, believe in yourself and finish strong.

All the best, Class of 2026. May your efforts be rewarded and may this be the beginning of an exciting new chapter in your lives.

Alderman Marius Koen
Executive Mayor: Saldanha Bay Municipality

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

	Ambulance.....	10177
	West Coast Medical Rescue.....	081 829 3355
	Atlantic Medical Response.....	022 772 2377
	Saldanha Bay Municipality Fire Services.....	022 713 1815
	West Coast District Municipality Fire Services.....	086 007 3473
	Police.....	10111
	Crime Stop.....	086 00 10111
	Hopefield Police Station.....	022 723 8000
	Langebaan Police Station.....	022 707 5140
	Saldanha Police Station.....	022 714 8333
	St Helena Bay Police Station.....	022 736 8060
	Vredenburg Police Station.....	022 703 6440 / 53
	Traffic.....	022 701 6900
	After Hours.....	022 701 6834
	NSRI.....	082 990 5966
	Vredenburg Provincial.....	022 709 7200
	West Coast Life.....	022 719 1030
	Law Enforcement.....	022 701 6912
	After Hours.....	022 701 6834
	Emergency Control Room.....	022 701 6834
	Langebaanweg Military Police.....	022 706 2413 / 2125
	Department of Correctional Services (Vredenburg).....	022 713 3024
	Hein van der Merwe.....	072 935 6804
	Neil Calitz.....	084 772 0013
	** Bee Catchers / Removal of bees.	
	SPCA Rescue.....	022 289 0998
	After Hours.....	082 414 7153

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH





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DRAFT BY-LAW FOR TOWNSHIP, RURAL AND VILLAGE ECONOMIES, 2026

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Saldanha Bay Municipality By-law for Township, Rural and Village Economies, 2026 is available for public comment.

Township, rural and village businesses play an important role in supporting livelihoods, creating employment and providing goods and services to local communities. The proposed by-law seeks to support the development of these businesses while promoting lawful trading, public health, food safety and safe, orderly business environments.

The draft covers business activities in township, rural and village areas within the Saldanha Bay municipal area, including house shops, spaza shops, informal and mobile traders, markets and other local enterprises operating from public or private premises.

The proposed framework provides for:

- **Business registration and permits**, including a municipal business database and conditions for trading sites and designated business areas.
- **Food safety and consumer protection**, including Certificates of Acceptability where required, hygienic food handling and storage, supplier records and measures to address unsafe or expired food.
- **Clean and safe trading environments**, addressing waste management, access, fire safety and the prevention of public nuisances.
- **Business development support**, including awareness, training, mentoring and assistance with compliance, infrastructure and market access, subject to available resources.
- **Inspections, complaints and fair enforcement**, including compliance notices, appeal processes and coordinated action by the relevant authorities.

The draft also incorporates an implementation framework for the ten-point action plan to curb food-borne illnesses. It is intended to work alongside existing municipal by-laws, including the Informal Trading By-law and the By-law Relating to House Shops.

Residents, business owners, traders, community organisations and other interested parties are invited to review the draft and submit written comments from **8 October 2026 to 6 November 2026**.

The draft by-law and accompanying implementation framework can be viewed on the municipal website at <https://sbm.gov.za/notices/>.

Written comments may be emailed to Charles.barends@sbm.gov.za and further enquiry may be directed to **Charles Barends, Manager: Local Economic Development, on 022 701 7081**.

This is a draft for public consultation. Comments received will inform its refinement before submission to Council for final adoption and subsequent publication in the Western Cape Provincial Gazette. Existing legal requirements remain applicable.