



THE MUNICIPAL CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS



Port Louis Theatre



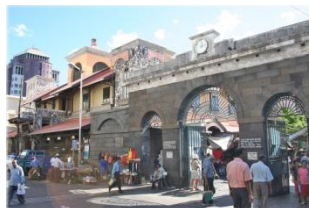
Aapravasi Ghat



City Hall



Government House



Central Market



Postal Museum

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1. THE LORD MAYOR'S STATEMENT



Year 2015 will remain quite significant for all members of the present Council elected in the wake of the Municipal Elections of 14 June 2015. We had to take up the major challenge of our new duties as Councillors and the task of having to learn, for most of us, the ropes of local administration.

To manage effectively and efficiently and to meet the expectations of our mandates, we needed resources, especially financial resources and manpower. As newly elected Councillors, we were faced with two challenging situations: setting our priorities in the light of a budget voted by the previous Council and preparing a budget for the first six months of the coming year and this without any increase in rates and fees.

The Council, in office since 23 June 2015, has been able to administer the City successfully for the “transition period” up to 31 December 2015 with the collaboration of all municipal employees.

Mohammad Oumar KHOLEEGAN
Lord Mayor of Port Louis

2. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT



The function of Chief Executives of local authorities is becoming more challenging year by year as we are all evolving in a very dynamic environment with changes happening on a perpetual basis.

The year 2015 was the year of municipal elections. A new Council took up the reins of responsibility of the City. The “administration” team had to switch from the priorities of the previous Council to that of the newly elected Council.

I must say that, for Heads of Departments and the staff in general, team spirit, the element of “neutrality” and transparency had continued to prevail in their dealings with Councillors and the citizens. Services to the citizens were delivered, as prescribed by law, and according to resources available.

As Chief Executive and Head of Administration, I am satisfied that the administration has assumed its responsibility and has made much effort to perform in the best interest of the Council and the inhabitants of Port Louis.

Jaylall Mulloo
Chief Executive

3. VISION/MISSION/PURPOSE AND VALUES

The overall responsibility of the City Council of Port Louis is to provide services and facilities which promote the well being of the citizens and ensure social and economic progress of the capital city.

The Vision

To achieve a world class standard in promoting the social, economic, environmental and cultural well being of the citizens and to be recognised and positioned among the top cities of the world by changing the whole outlook of the city with:

- a healthy, secure and friendly environment
- more green spaces
- more pedestrian links
- easy transportation
- new buildings and modern amenities co-existing with heritage buildings, structures, monuments and sites
- modern residential buildings to encourage more people to live in the city

The Mission

To make optimum use of existing management and operational skills together with the endeavour to provide and ensure a continuous quality service to the inhabitants, economic and social partners.

Purpose and Values

As a service provider, the City Council undertakes to offer an adequate and efficient level of services with fairness and equity to the satisfaction of all the citizens, economic operators and organisations/people dealing with the Council. To achieve these objectives, the Council totally adheres to basic values and principles which guarantee success to any organization:

- integrity, commitment, dedication on the part of elected members of the Council and employees.
- openness to new ideas and initiatives.
- transparency and good governance.

4. **THE CITY OF PORT LOUIS: HISTORY AND PROFILE**

Port Louis, situated on the north western coast, is the capital and only city of Mauritius. It is surrounded by the Moka range of mountains.

Mauritius and its capital city, Port Louis, are closely linked in history. Port-Louis has a unique place in the history of the island as it has witnessed most events in the social, political and economic development of the country. Port Louis was named after King Louis V of France by Capitaine Dufresne D’Arsel when the French took possession of the island. It was chosen, in 1732, to be the port of Isle de France. This was an ideal choice as Port Louis had the characteristics of a natural harbour and a strategic position in the Indian Ocean.

Bertrand François Mahé de Labourdonnais, third French Governor of Mauritius, is known as the “*bâtisseur*” of Port Louis. He started the construction of the town in 1735.

Port Louis was the birthplace of regional democracy in Mauritius, one century before the legislative assembly was created. The first municipality in the island was established in Port Louis, in 1790, during the period of the French revolution. Thomas Enouf was the first “*Maire de Port-Louis*” in 1790 and was succeeded by ten other French mayors. However, this municipality was abolished in 1803.

During what was known as the “*période républicaine*”, from 1790 to 1803, the name of the town changed on two occasions. From 1790 to 1793, the town was known as Port Louis. Port Louis became “*Port de la Montagne*” in 1794 and this was changed again to “*Port Nord Ouest*” from 1795 to 1803.

When General Decaen took over as Governor of the island in 1803, the town was named “*Port Napoléon*”. In 1810, when the island became a British colony, Governor Robert Farquhar gave back to the town its original name of Port Louis.

Port Louis was raised to City status on 25 August 1966. However, it was only in 1971 that the Mayor of Port Louis was elevated to the rank of Lord Mayor.

The site where the City Hall now stands was formerly that of a hotel known as “*Grand Hôtel d’Europe*”. The building became municipal property in 1886 and was pulled down afterwards. The foundation stone of the present City Hall building was laid on 21 December 1962. The architect was Max Boullé. The building was inaugurated on 25 August 1966. The City Hall therefore reckoned its 50 years of existence in August 2016.

The City has also the privilege and prestige of having the greatest number of historical buildings, monuments and sites which are classified as national heritage. Among them, the *Aapravasi Ghat Immigration Depot*, the inscription of which on the list of world heritage, has been recognized by UNESCO and nominated by the World Heritage Convention on 12 July 2006. The Aapravasi

Ghat was the landing place for about half a million indentured labourers who came from India to work and eventually settle in Mauritius.

Over the years, Port Louis has developed as the main commercial, business and administrative centre of the island. A unique feature of Port Louis is that it is the busiest area of the country during the day but transforms itself into a very quiet one at night and during the week-end.

In line with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2011, the regions of Pailles, Montebello and Soreze have been annexed to Port Louis. With the annexation of these regions, the City has presently a surface area of 6,150 hectares and a residential population of 149,672. Port Louis has however a transiting population of some 100,000 to 200,000 during weekdays with the influx of people from all over the island coming to work in the capital or for business as well as visitors and tourists.

The City of Port Louis is host to most public institutions in Mauritius. It is the seat of Central Government, the National Assembly, the Supreme Court and most ministries and para-statal bodies. Its harbour, the only one in the island, constitutes the economic lifeline of the country.

Port Louis is also the financial centre of the country. Most banks, insurance companies and professional services' firms have their head office in the city.

A major tourist attraction with its famous "*bazar central*", the Caudan Waterfront, Chinatown and the Champ de Mars race course, Port Louis has the potential to attract tourists.

Great efforts have been made to promote the image of the city worldwide. Port Louis has twinning relations with some foreign towns, among which Foshan in China, La Possession in Réunion Island, Saint-Malo in France.

Port Louis is also a member of various international organizations, among which, AIMF (*Association Internationale des Maires Francophones*), CLGF (Commonwealth Local Government Forum) and ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives).

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

The municipal administration, established during the French period and abolished in 1803, was replaced by a district administration.

In 1850, when Sir George Anderson became Governor, local democracy was re-introduced with the first municipal elections being held in that year. Louis Léchelle became the first elected Mayor of Port Louis. The Council had, at that time, 18 elected members.

In 1903, the number of elected members was reduced to 12, or three councillors for each of the four wards. The Municipal Chart, as the Ordinance is commonly called, was drafted by Prosper D'Epinay. Amended several times, mainly in 1903, 1921 and 1939, it was replaced by the Local Government Ordinance of 1989. The Local Government Act 2011 is presently in force.

In 1969, the number of councillors was increased to 30 and Port Louis was then divided into six wards, with five elected members for each ward. The number of councillors was again reduced to 24 as stipulated in the Local Government Act 2011. Following an amendment made to this Act in April 2015, the number of councillors has been increased to 32, that is four councillors for each of the eight wards.

ELECTORAL WARDS OF PORT LOUIS

The Local Government Act of 2011 provides for eight electoral wards for the City. These wards are as follows:

- Ward I – Pointe aux Sables, Petit Verger, Terrasson, La Tour Koenig, Camp Benoit, Débarcadère
- Ward II – Plaine Lauzun, GRNW, Borstal, Pailles West, Pailles East, Guibies, Montebello, Soreze, Camp Chapelon
- Ward III – Bain des Dames, Cassis, Port Louis Centre, Cité Vallijee
- Ward IV – Tranquebar, Bangladesh, Champ de Mars, La Paix Street, Boulevard Victoria, Frère Félix de Valois Street
- Ward V – Plaine Verte, Vallée Pitot
- Ward VI – Roche Bois, Camp Yolloff, Mer Rouge
- Ward VII – Briquetterie, Abercrombie, Ste. Croix
- Ward VIII – Caro Lalo, Cité la Cure, Lower Vallée des Prêtres, Upper Vallée des Prêtres, Chitrakoot

5. **PORT LOUIS LINKS WITH THE WORLD**

The relations which Port Louis has with foreign cities and its membership in international organizations help to promote the City's image worldwide and represent a huge potential for tourism.

Port Louis has twinning relationships with some eleven (11) foreign towns/cities among which Foshan City (China), Saint-Malo (France) and La Possession (Reunion Island). The City was one of the founder members of the *Association Internationale des Maires Francophones (AIMF)* and the *Association des Collectivités Locales de l'Océan Indien (AVCOI)*.

Twinning activities and participation in regional/international conferences/seminars/workshops are a regular feature. Such participation enables representatives of the Council to interact with their foreign counterparts.

Regional and international exposure for Council's representatives were as follows in 2015:

- The Lord Mayor, Mr J. Seedoo, and the Chief Executive, Mr J. Mulloo, participated in the "80ème Réunion de Bureau de l'AIMF (Association Internationale des Maires Francophones)" held in Lafayette (USA) in March 2015.
- The Lord Mayor, Mr O. Kholeegan, Councillor J.G.D. Augustin and the Chief Executive, Mr J. Mulloo, were in Tunis (Tunisia) in October 2015 for the "35^{ème} Assemblée Générale de l'AIMF".
- The Head, Land Use and Planning Department, Mr K. Santokhee, was in Wuhan and Shanghai (China) for the "Workshop on Planning for Sustainable Cities in Africa" held from 20 to 26 October 2015.
- The Planning and Development Officer, Ms C.G. Mookken-Vert, attended, in October 2015, the workshop on "Urban Planning and Development for African countries" in China.
- The Senior Health Inspector, Mr R. Madhub, was in China in October 2015 for a seminar on "Policy and Measures to adapt Climate Change for Mauritius".
- The Senior Health Inspector, Mr S.S. Joomun, attended, in October/November 2015, a seminar on "Solutions for Urban Environmental Sanitation Processing Systems for Developing Countries" in China.

- Councillors J.D.S. Jhurry and V.S. Ramtahal as well as Welfare Officer S. Bojnauth accompanied, in November 2015, the winning team of the “*Trophée de la Jeunesse*” football competition to La Possession, Reunion Island, in the context of twinning activities.
- The Lord Mayor, Mr O. Kholeegan, participated in the “Climate Summit for Local Leaders” in Paris in December 2015.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL FOR YEAR 2015

(1) PERIOD 26 DECEMBER 2014 TO 23 JUNE 2015

Mr. Antonio Jenito SEEDOO (Lord Mayor)

Mr. Yusuf MOHANGEE (Deputy Lord Mayor)

PERIOD 26 DECEMBER 2014 TO 26 MAY 2015

Miss. Olujare Jenny ADEBIRO

Mr. Daniel Georges Jean AUGUSTIN

Mr. Ganeshwarsing BISSESSUR

Mr. Shameem Rassool CADAM ALLY

Mr. Louis Ludovic Michel CASERNE

Mr. Jean Claude CHIFFONNE

Miss. Zareena Tawheen CHOOMKA

Mrs. Marie Christiane Dorine CHUKOWRY

Mr. Gino Nicolas France COTRY

Mr. Ismaël Yacoob DOBA

Mr. Mahendra GONDEEA, OSK

Mr. Aslam Adam HOSSENALLY

Mr. Muhammad Eshan Ally KAWROO

Mr. Mohammad Oumar KHOLEEGAN

Mr. Daniel Eric Clive LAURENT

Mr. Michel Gérard NINA

Mr. Sheik Ahad Khan OZEER

Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ismaël RAWAT

Mr. Ahmad SEEGOULAM

Mr. Phalraj SERVANSINGH

Mrs. Marie Cristine TENERMONT

Mr. Aboobakar UTTEENUN

(2) **PERIOD 23 JUNE 2015 TO 31 DECEMBER 2015 (Following Municipal Council elections of 14 June 2015)**

Mr. Mohammad Oumar KHOLEEGAN (Lord Mayor)
M. Chris Loïc DICK (Deputy Lord Mayor)
Dr. Zahrah Bibi ATCHIA (*up to 28 October 2015*)
Mr. Jean Georges Daniel AUGUSTIN
Mrs. Zayna Bibi AULUM
Mrs. Marie Germaine Quinsly BRASSE
Mr. Mahfooz Moussa CADERSAIB
Mr. Noorani CHETTY
Mr. Muhammad Javed CODABUX (*as from 12 November 2015*)
Mr. Nicholas France Gino COTRY
Mrs. Shalina DHALLAPAH-MAUMOONDEE
Mr. Gérard Clifford GRIVON
Mrs. Marie Daniella Thérèse Josiane HECTOR
Mrs. Madhoomatee JAGLAL
Mr. Jacques Désiré Sundry JHURRY
Mr. Sheik Mohammad KHODABACUS
Dr. Mahmad Aniff KODABACCUS, GOSK
Mr. Daniel Eric Clive LAURENT
Mrs. Sabrina Sheila LUCETTE
Miss Marie Aurelie Aurore MADELON
Mr. Ehsan Ismay MAMODE
Mr. Mamode Issop NUJURAULLY
Mr. Mohamed Parwez NURWOOLLAH
Mr. Mohammad Anwar OOMAR
Mr. Yahya PARAOUTY
Mr. Gino Daniel PERRAUD
Mr. Noormohammad PHEERUNGEE
Miss Maria-Liza Quinzy POTOU
Mrs. Sangeeta RAMDAURSINGH
Mr. Mohesh Kumar RAMNOCHANE
Mrs. Deborah Sarah RAMSAMY
Mr. Vikramduthlall RAMTAHAL
Mr. Didier Franco SALOMON

* **Dr. Z. B. Atchia resigned on 29 October and was replaced by Mr. M. J. Codabux on 12 November 2015.**

7. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR YEAR 2015**

7.1 **Working Committee for Public Welfare Committee**

Period 22 January to May 2015

Chairperson: Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo
Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. M.C. Tenermont
Members: Mr. A.J. Seedoo (Lord Mayor), M. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. L.L.M. Caserne, Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mr. M.G. Nina

Period 3 July to December 2015

Chairperson: Mr. J.G.D. Augustin
Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. M.D.T.J. Hector
Members: Mr. M.O. Kholeegan (Lord-Mayor), M. C.L. Dick (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. N.F.G. Cotry, Mrs. M. Jaglal, Mr. E.I. Mamode, Mr. M.P. Nurwoollah, Mr. V. Ramtahal

7.2 **Working Committee for Public Infrastructure Department**

Period 22 January to May 2015

Chairperson: Mr. L.L.M. Caserne
Vice-Chairperson: Miss O.J. Adebiro
Members: Mr. A.J. Seedoo (Lord Mayor), Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry, Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo, Mr. M.G. Nina

Period 3 July to December 2015

Chairperson: Mr. M. K. Ramnochane
Vice-Chairperson: Dr. Z.B. Atchia (**up to 28 October 2015**)/Mr. E.I. Mamode (**as from 29 October 2015**)
Members: Mr. M.O. Kholeegan (Lord Mayor), Mr. C.L. Dick (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. N. Chetty, Mr. S.M. Khodabacus, Miss. S.S. Lucette, Miss. M.L.Q. Potou, Mrs. D.S. Ramsamy, Mr. M.J. Codabux (**as from 17 December 2015**)

7.3 Working Committee for Public Health Department

Period 22 January to May 2015

Chairperson: Mr. J.G.D. Augustin
Vice-Chairperson: Mr. M.G. Nina
Members: Mr. A.J. Seedoo (Lord Mayor), Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor)

Period 3 July to December 2015

Chairperson: Mr. Y. Paraouty
Vice-Chairperson: Mr. M.I. Nujuraully
Members: Mr. M.O. Kholeegan (Lord Mayor), Mr. C.L. Dick (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. M.M. Cadessaib, Mr. G.C. Grivon, Mr. J.D.S. Jhurry, Mr. M.P. Nurwoollah, Mr. A. Oomar

7.4 Working Committee for Finance Department

Period 22 January to May 2015

Chairperson: Mr. A.A. Hossenally
Vice-Chairperson: Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo
Members: Mr. A.J. Seedoo (Lord Mayor), Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor)

Period 3 July to December 2015

Chairperson: Dr. M.A. Kodabaccus, GOSK
Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. Z.B. Aulum
Members: Mr M.O. Kholeegan (Lord Mayor), Mr C.L. Dick (Deputy Lord Mayor), Miss M.G.Q. Brasse, Miss A.A. Madelon, Mr N. Pheerunggee, Mrs. S. Ramdaursingh, Mr D.F. Salomon

7.5 Executive Committee

Period 22 January to May 2015

Members: Mr. A.J. Seedoo (Lord Mayor), Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. D.G.J. Augustin, Mr. L.L.M. Caserne, Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry, Mr. A.A. Hossenally, Mrs. M.C. Tenermont

Period 3 July to December 2015

Members: Mr. M.O. Kholeegan (Lord Mayor), Mr. C.L. Dick (Deputy Lord Mayor), Dr. Z.B. Atchia (*up to 28 October 2015*)/Mr. E.I. Mamode (*as from 29 October 2015*), Mrs. S. Dhallapah-Maumoondee, Dr. M.A. Kodabaccus, GOSK, Mr. D.E.C. Laurent, Mr. G.D. Perraud

* **Dr. Z.B. Atchia resigned as Councillor on 29 October 2015.**

7.6 Anti-Corruption Committee (Set up on 30 July 2015)

Period 30 July to December 2015

Members: Mr. M.O. Kholeegan (Lord Mayor), Mr. M.P. Nurwoollah, Mr. M.K. Ramnochane, Heads of Department or their representatives

7.7. Ethics Committee (Set up on 30 July 2015)

Period 30 July to December 2015

Members: Mr. M.O. Kholeegan (Lord Mayor), Mr. C.L. Dick (Deputy Lord Mayor), Dr. Z.B. Atchia (*upto 28 October 2015*), Mr. M.A. Oomar, Mrs. D.S. Ramsamy, Miss M.G.Q. Brasse (*as from 17.12.15*), Mr. M.J. Codabux (*as from 17.12.15*), Heads of Department or their representatives

* **Dr. Z.B. Atchia resigned as Councillor on 29 October 2015**

7.8 « Joint Technical Committee »/Comité de Parrainage (Project Renovation of Municipal Theatre) (Set up on 30 July 2015)

Period 30 July to December 2015

Members: Mr. M.O. Kholeegan (Lord Mayor), Mr. C.L. Dick (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. J.G.D. Augustin, Mrs. S. Dhallapah-Maumoondée, Dr. M.A. Kodabaccus, GOSK



8. ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM FOR 2015

Administration Department	<p>Chief Executive: Mr J. F. Dorestan (<i>up to 11 January 2015</i>) Mr J. Mulloo (<i>as from 12 January 2015</i>)</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive: Mr R.K. Nursing (<i>as from 25 August 2015</i>)</p> <p>Ag. Deputy Chief Executive/Assistant Chief Executive: Miss L. Moheeput (<i>up to 21 August 2015</i>)</p> <p>Assistant Chief Executive: Miss L. Moheeput (<i>up to 14 December 2015 – assigned duties of Ag. Deputy Chief Executive at Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes as from 15 December 2015</i>)</p> <p>Assistant Chief Executive: Mr S. Bassawon (<i>as from 14 December 2015</i>)</p> <p>Ag. Assistant Chief Executive: Mr H. Ramphul (<i>up to 11 December 2015</i>)</p> <p>Senior Librarian: Mrs M. L. Liu Yew Fai</p> <p>Superintendent of Parks & Gardens: Mr N. Thondee</p> <p>Librarian: Miss N. Desroches</p> <p>Human Resource Management Officer: Mr M. Deruisseau</p> <p>Ag. Principal Internal Control Officer: Mrs P. Madhoo (<i>up to 22 March 2015</i>)</p> <p>Principal Internal Control Officer: Mrs Nepaul (<i>as from 23 March 2015</i>)</p> <p>Information Technology Officer: Mr S. Protab</p> <p>Senior Usher: Mr A. Motalla</p> <p>Office Superintendent: Mrs S. Obeegadoo</p> <p>Safety & Health Officer: Mrs S. Boojhowon</p> <p>Senior Committee Clerk: Mrs A. Joosery</p>
Finance Department	<p>Financial Controller: Mr R. Gungadeen</p> <p>Accountant: Mrs R. Bukhory-Bahadoor</p>
Public Infrastructure Department	<p>Head, Public Infrastructure Department: Mr O. C. Domah</p> <p>Engineering Assistant: Mr Y. Ramoogur</p>

Public Health Department	<p>Chief Health Inspector: Mr I. Erigadoo</p> <p>Principal Health Inspectors: Messrs S. G. Baccus & U. K. Dookhooah</p> <p>Mrs S. Mohungoo</p>
Land Use and Planning Department	<p>Head, Land Use and Planning Department: Mr K. Santokhee</p> <p>Planning and Development Officer: Mrs C. Mookan-Vert <i>(up to 22 November 2015)</i></p> <p>Planning and Development Officer: Mrs S. Bhugun-Gunness <i>(as from 23 November 2015)</i></p> <p>Chief Building Inspector: Mr R. Sumun</p>
Welfare Department	<p>Chief Welfare Officer: Mr A. Ramnauth</p> <p>Principal Welfare Officer: Mr I. Jumeer</p>

9. **ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEES**

In virtue of the Local Government Act, Port Louis is administered by an elected Municipal City Council.

As stipulated in the Local Government Act 2011, the Council meets at an ordinary meeting as often as its business may require and at least once every month. Special meetings of the Council may also be convened by the Lord Mayor for specific matters. The Council is empowered to take all decisions.

The Council had 20 sittings in 2015.

Besides the Council, the other statutory meetings mentioned in the Local Government Act 2011 are the

- Executive Committee
- Procurement Committee
- Permits and Business Monitoring Committee
- Technical Committee
- Safety and Health Committee

Executive Committee

As per the Local Government Act 2011, the Executive Committee comprises:

- the Lord Mayor
- the Deputy Lord Mayor
- 5 other members of the Council appointed by the Lord Mayor

The Executive Committee is responsible for

- the determination of applications for Outline Planning Permissions and Building and Land Use Permits
- the approval of the procurement of goods and services upon recommendations made by the Procurement Committee.

The members of the Executive Committee are collectively responsible to the Council.

Every decision taken by the Executive Committee is reported at the next Council Meeting.

The Executive Committee met for 44 sittings in 2015.

Procurement Committee

Procurement of goods and services is effected by the Council in line with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act.

The Procurement Committee determines any procurement of goods and services. The Committee is composed, as provided by law, of

- the Chief Executive or his Deputy (in the chair)
- the Financial Controller or his deputy.
- one Senior Officer in charge of a department other than that of the Chief Executive or the Financial Controller

Recommendations of the Procurement Committee where the total value of the procurement is Rs 100,000 are submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

46 meetings of the Procurement Committee were held in 2015.

Permits and Business Monitoring Committee

The Permits and Business Monitoring Committee, within 14 working days of the effective date of receipt of the application and after approval of the Executive Committee, issues the Building and Land Use Permit where it is satisfied that

- the application satisfies the Acts and Guidelines concerned.
- an approved preliminary environmental report or EIA Licence has been obtained for any scheduled undertaking.

In respect of discrepancies or in cases where an application has not been approved, applicant is informed within the 14 days' delay and the reasons thereof.

The 14 days delay does not apply to Outline Planning Permission or Building and Land Use Permit for development by small enterprises or handicraft enterprises under the Small Enterprises and Handicraft Development Authority Act (SMEDA). The delay is 3 working days but the procedure is the same.

Except with the Minister's approval, no Outline Planning Permission or Building and Land Use Permit is issued for any development of land, construction of building or extensive alterations, additions/repairs to existing building:

- along mountain reserve, river reserve, motorway.
- night club, private club, place of public worship.
- any activity licensed under Gambling Regulatory Authority Act.
- any such other activity as may be presented.

Note: Delay of 14 working days does not apply for all applications in situations.

- (i) When a recommendation made by the Permits and Business Monitoring Committee be rejected by the Executive Committee, the matter is referred to the Minister for determination.
- (ii) When the Minister directs a local authority to refer a particular application made to it for determination by him when the Minister considers it necessary or expedient in the public interest.
- (iii) For applications for development within the Buffer Zone of the Aapravasi Ghat (World Heritage) should obtain approval of the Technical Committee set up for this purpose.

The Permits and Business Monitoring Committee had 52 sittings in 2015.

Technical Committee

The Technical Committee was created by the amendment made to the Local Government Act 2003. The section 97A of the Act stipulates that:

The Role of the Technical Committee

In section 98 of the Local Government Act 2003, the role of the Technical Committee is to:

- (a) Where an application under paragraph (a) is made in respect of a building, or land, found in the Buffer Zones, it shall be forwarded by the Permits and Business Monitoring Committee to the Technical Committee.
- (b) The Technical Committee shall assess every application forwarded under paragraph (b) and shall submit its recommendations to the Permits and Business Monitoring Committee.
- (c) In assessing an application under paragraph(c), the Technical Committee shall refer to the provisions of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act, the Building Act, the Planning and Development Act, the Town and Country Planning Act, planning policy guidance and the guidelines issued under those Acts.

1.1. The Technical Committee chaired by the Municipal Council of Port Louis was created under the Local Government Act 2003. The Technical Committee shall ensure that provisions made in the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act, the Building Act, the Planning and Development Act, the Town and Country Planning Act, planning policy guidance and the guidelines issued under those Acts, are respected together with these terms of reference.

1.2. The Technical Committee shall ensure that the buffer zone of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property develops to sustain its heritage component and develops into the vision for development stated in the Planning Policy Guidance – PPG 6: Urban Heritage Area – Buffer Zone of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage property; and the Management Plan of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage property.

Note: As per the provisions of the law, the Council has to set up a Buffer Zone Committee for this World Heritage site. This committee is chaired by the Lord Mayor.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Technical Committee is:

- 1.1. To advise the Permits and Business Monitoring Committee on protecting and promoting cultural heritage resources that make our town unique and a sustainable place to live;
- 1.2. When assessing development applications, the Technical Committee should ensure that the legal framework established for the enhancement of the heritage value or interest in the buffer zone is respected;
- 1.3. To make recommendations to the Permits and Business Monitoring Committee to allow the implementation of the vision for development stated in the Planning Policy Guidance 6 and in other statutory documents related to the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site Buffer Zone.

The Permits and Business Monitoring Committee in its turn makes recommendations which are submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

The following development projects were assessed by the Technical Committee for the year 2015:

SN	REF. NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	ADDRESS OF SITE	NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT	TECHNICAL COMMITTEE	STATUS
1	COMM/0019/2015	Kinoo Food Services Ltd	No. 1, Dr Joseph Rivière Street	Conversion of an existing General Retailer's Shop into Victualler	27/02/2015	Approved
2	COMM/0032/2015	Mr & Mrs Desai Maghanlal Vasanji & Others	No. 11, Corderie Street, Port Louis	Construction of a commercial building consisting of ground floor + first floor + second floor + lift service room to be used as Shops and Office purposes	27/02/2015	Approved
3	COMM/0054/2015	Kena Ltd	12A, Farquhar Street, Port Louis	Construction of first and second floors for commercial purposes	27/02/2015	Cannot be processed
4	COMM/0057/2015	Morad Cassim Hashim	3C, Jummah Mosque Street, Port Louis	Construction of commercial building at ground & mezzanine floor to be used as General Retailer (excluding liquor)	17/07/2015	Cannot be processed
5	SERV/0026/2015	Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd	Part of No. 9, Sir William Newton Street	Demolition & Renovation of Building with new staircase	8/10/2015	Approved
6	COMM/0093/2015	Marinade Ltée	Marine Road, Trou Fanfaron	Renovation of existing building at ground floor to be used as Victualler & General Retailer	8/10/2015	Approved
7	COMM/0092/2015	Soondram Coomaressen	10, Corderie Street	Conversion of existing building at ground floor for Victualler	8/10/2015	Cancelled
8	COMM/0099/2015	IP MIN WAN Ltd	No. 3, Jummah Mosque Street, Port Louis	Renovation at existing ground floor & mezzanine for commercial purposes	17/07/2015	Cannot be processed

SN	REF. NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	ADDRESS OF SITE	NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT	TECHNICAL COMMITTEE	STATUS
9	COMM/0129/2015	Delices du Nord Ltd	1, Dr. Joseph Rivière Street	Conversion of existing building at ground floor & mezzanine into General Retailer & Victualler	8/10/2015	Approved

Safety and Health Committee

The Occupational Safety and Health Act 2005 provides for every employer having 50 or more employees to set up a Safety and Health Committee.

The Committee's membership for 2015 was as follows:

Chairperson : Miss R. Moheeputh Ag. Deputy Chief Executive/Assistant Chief Executive (up to 23 August 2015)
: Rishi Kumar Nursing, Deputy Chief Executive as from 25 August 2015)

Vice-Chairperson : Mr. U. K. Dookhooah (Principal Health Inspector)

Secretary : Mrs. S. Bhoojhowon (Safety & Health Officer)

Employers Side:

As from 23 April 2015

Mr. R. Gungadeen : Financial Controller
Mr. M. Appigadoo : Senior Inspector of Works
Mr. I. Jumeer : Principal Welfare Officer
Mr. S. Baccus : Principal Health Inspector
Mrs. M. Liu Yew Fai : Senior Librarian (*as from 22 July 2015*)

Employees Side:

Mr Sorefan : Senior Health Inspector
Mr. Ragudu : Building Inspector
Mr. J. C. Noël : Foreman
Mr. S. Summun : Chief Building Inspector
Mr. Munsing : Overseer (*as from 22 July 2015*)

The Safety and Health Committee met for three times in 2015.

Over and above statutory committees, the Standing Orders of the Council make provision for the following departments:

- Public Health Department
- Public Infrastructure Department
- Welfare Department

Following a request made by the Council, the Ministry of Local Government approved the setting up of a committee for the Financial Controller's Department also.

Specific items, as for example those mentioned hereunder, pertaining to each of these departments are referred to these Committees:

Committee for Public Health Department

- scavenging services
- cleaning of rivers, rivulets, streams, other public places
- health issues
- cemeteries and crematorium
- maintenance of public toilets

The Committee met for 7 times in 2015.

Committee for Public Infrastructure Department

- construction and maintenance of pavements, bus shelters, drains, bridges, canals.
- lighting of streets and other public places.
- construction, maintenance and improvement of municipal buildings.
- maintenance and management of traffic centres including bus stations.

The Committee had 5 sittings in 2015.

Committee for the Welfare Department

- promotion of sports development and sports activities
- provision of infrastructure for public welfare, leisure and cultural activities
- organisation of leisure, welfare and cultural activities
- Welfare facilities

The Committee had 10 sittings in 2015.

Committee for the Finance Department

- budget matters
- financing of projects
- request for funds
- rates and dues collection
- recovery of arrears

The Committee had 6 sittings in 2015.

There were also other committees which met on various occasions during 2015 for specific items as follows, among others:

- distribution of bins
- stallholders
- request for facilities
- Joint Technical Committee on renovation of municipal theatre
- local disaster management – simulation exercise
- Chief Executive's meetings

There were 60 such meetings in 2015.

10. REMUNERATION/ALLOWANCE OF COUNCILLORS

Monthly remuneration/allowances to the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors were paid in 2015 as per the provision of the Local Government (Remuneration of Councillors) Regulations 2013, as indicated below:

	Councillors as per functions occupied	Monthly remuneration paid to Councillors	Monthly telephone allowance issued as prepaid cards	Monthly transport allowance
1	Lord Mayor	Rs 36,000	Rs 2,000	Rs 13,000 as petrol allowance
2	Deputy Lord Mayor	Rs 18,450	Rs 1,500	Refund of travelling expenses to attend committees
3	Councillors who are members of the Executive Committee	Rs 11,580	Rs 1,000	
4	Councillors	Rs 9,540	Rs 500	

11. **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Principles of corporate governance

The basic principles of corporate governance have been applied to the implementation of the Programme Based Budget 2015, among which

- rights and equitable treatment
- interest of stakeholders
- role and responsibility of Council
- integrity and ethical behaviour
- disclosure and transparency

Mechanisms and Processes

The Council had set and pursued its objectives in 2015 through the existing mechanisms and processes:

- examination and recommendation by appropriate committees and approval of recommendations by Council.
- examination and decisions by Council.
- decisions taken in line with relevant legislations.
- allocation of funds as per provisions made in the 2015 Programme Based Budget.
- internal audit control prior to implementation.
- ex-post control following issue of Building and Land Use Permits.
- submission of the approved financial statements for 2015 to the Director of Audit.

Disclosure and Transparency

Members of the public and representatives of the press were admitted to all Council's meetings.

As per legal provision, notice of every Council meeting held in 2015 was affixed at a conspicuous place, the Information Service Centre, at the City Hall two (2) days before each meeting.

Integrity and Ethical Behaviour

Following a request from the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC), an Ethics Committee was set up by Council on 30 July 2015.

The purpose of the Committee was to:

- promote the Code of Conduct for Councillors.
- review the progress of the implementation of the Code of Conduct.
- monitor and evaluate internalisation of ethical behaviour among Councillors.
- provide guidance to Councillors on ethical issues.
- consider complaints against Councillors and address the ethical issues arising in such circumstances.

The Ethics Committee for year 2015 was composed of:

- Mr M.O. Kholeegan (Lord Mayor – Chairperson)
- Mr C.L. Dick (Deputy Lord Mayor)
- Mr M.A. Oomar
- Mrs D.S. Ramsamy

The Ethics Committee met on 4 November 2015.

12. **TRENDS AND CHALLENGES**

Trends

Port Louis has been developing at a rapid pace for the last quarter of the previous century, with growing port, freeport and offshore activities, an ever changing skyline, continuous infrastructural development and related activities, new projects which will bring about a major transformation of landscape.

The capital city remains the nerve centre of the country, with most commercial, economic, administrative and judicial activities still being concentrated here. Port Louis continues its progress as business hub of the Indian Ocean and an unavoidable venue for regional as well as international conferences and other events.

Resource development is essential to support, sustain and accompany the infrastructural, social and economic growth of the city. The pressure therefore keeps increasing on the Council for delivery of services and grant of facilities. Exigencies of citizens, social and other organizations also are increasing for various types of facilities.

The Council has had to manage with the same sources of revenue, i.e government grant, local rates, market and trade fees, other revenue. No specific grant and no additional staff were allocated for service delivery in the newly annexed regions of Pailles, Montebello and Soreze.

It was very difficult for the Council to submit a balanced budget in the absence of additional sources of revenue. Corrective measures were taken such as:

Debtors

There was close monitoring on debts. Cases were referred for legal action. A panel was set up to examine the case of bad debtors and thus recommend on facilities that could be offered to them to settle their dues.

Overtime

Different measures were taken to control expenses on overtime. Approval was given only where it was considered that the overtime would be productive.

Other expenses

Different measures were being taken to reduce expenses, as for example

- Control on utilities, i.e. water, electricity and telephone.
- Control on grants given to associations.
- Major works undertaken in house.

The Council had to shoulder other additional responsibilities without any additional resources. The National Disaster Scheme provides for local authorities to set up a Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee and conduct a simulation exercise every year for each of the following disasters in its area or jurisdiction: Tsunami/High Waves/Torrential Rains and Landslide.

Challenges

The process of transformation of Port Louis, with the many urban projects undertaken/to be undertaken by Government, the Council and the private sector, brings with it many challenges.

The biggest challenge for the Council is to ensure efficient service delivery with existing resources and this is recurrent for every year.

The City of Port Louis has a rich heritage of over 200 years with its historical and cultural attributes. There is a legacy of ancient infrastructures which need to be modernised without losing its original character and charm. One such building is the Municipal Theatre and the Council has been putting much effort to look for funds and activate its renovation.

Furthermore the Council has to consider the challenges of climatic change and its impact on the city. The Port Louis Flood Response Plan has been included in the National Disaster Scheme. The Plan sets out the role and responsibility of the Council. The priorities consequently are:

- regular and efficient drain cleaning;
- promotion to reduce pollution and energy consumption;
- constant sensitization for protection/preservation of the environment;
- strategic plans and development goals to be reviewed and to include climate change and its impact on social and economic development;
- human resources management and management of change.

The constraints to meet these challenges are:

- lack of adequate financial and human resources;
- legal framework;
- inadequate infrastructure;
- inadequate information technology skills.

These many challenges are characteristics of capital cities worldwide. The need arises for concerted actions on the part of the Council, Government, the private sector, NGOs and the citizens. There should be a deep analysis of existing resources and management system. The flaws, weaknesses, constraints and strength will be identified through such an exercise. Proper management techniques adapted to the City's needs and citizens' demands will have to be introduced and new sources of revenue tapped.

It is therefore a matter of urgency to embark on a development programme which combines harmoniously tradition and modernity while at the same time protects the environment. The full cooperation of economic operators and the public at large will have to be enlisted for the successful implementation of the programme. In this context, the Port Louis Vision 2030 project initiated by the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport in September 2015 is worth mentioning. In line with the Road Decongestion Programme, some important development projects will be implemented within the Port Louis City Council area with major changes along the motorway from Victoria Square to Immigration Square and areas dedicated to bus terminals, leisure and hawkers.

13. OPERATIONAL AND SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

Major services provided during year 2015

PROGRAMME 1 - Policy and management of the Council

- Implementation of Council's decisions.
- Delivery of programmes as laid down in the Programme Based Budget.
- Collection of revenue including arrears.

PROGRAMME 2 - Provision and maintenance of community-based infrastructure and amenities

- Construction and maintenance of non-classified roads.
- Construction and maintenance of drains.
- Installation and maintenance of street lighting points.
- Replacing and maintaining traffic signs.
- Maintenance of Council's assets, for e.g. buildings, sports infrastructure, etc.
- Implementation of key infrastructure projects.

PROGRAMME 3 - Development control within Council's area

- Issue of Building and Land Use Permits and regular ex-post control.
- Dissemination to citizens of guidelines relating to issue of permits.
- Continuous updating of cadastre.

PROGRAMME 4 - Sound and healthy conditions in the Council's area

- Refuse collection and their disposal.
- Cleansing of public places (roads, drains, gardens, river banks and green spaces)
- Rodent and pest control.
- Information/Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns for local community.

PROGRAMME 5 - Promotion of Sports, Welfare, Education and Cultural Development

- Organisation of cultural and social activities
- Organisation of sports activities and support to sports clubs.
- Support to other clubs affiliated with the Council.
- Managing pre-primary schools.
- Provision of educational, IT and literary and other facilities.
- Consolidation of centralised and decentralised library facilities.
- Twinning/Cooperation Agreements with foreign major town/city councils.

List of programmes, sub-programmes and priority objectives

PROGRAMME 1 – Policy and Management of the Council

- Ensure that municipal services are provided to the satisfaction of citizens.
- Ensure that resources allocated to departments are used judiciously.
- Ensure that Council's policies are formulated and implemented within the framework of the Local Government Act and other laws.
- Exercise sound administrative and financial control.
- Close monitoring of expenditure.

PROGRAMME 2 – Provision and maintenance of community-based infrastructure and amenities

- Ensure the useful life span of community-based infrastructure is enhanced.
- Reduce flood prone areas and ensure proper evacuation of running water through the construction and maintenance of drains.
- Provision of well accessed non-classified roads with traffic signs and proper road marking.

PROGRAMME 3 – Development control within Council's areas

- Ensure a harmonious and orderly development within the Council's area.
- Process and issue building and land use permits as prescribed by law.
- Maintain a database for control over land use development.
- Manage development in Buffer Zone (Aapravasi Ghat Heritage site)

PROGRAMME 4 – Sound and healthy conditions in the Council's area

- The collection, removal and disposal of household, industrial, commercial and agricultural waste and other refuse.
- Management of public markets and fairs.
- Creation of a healthy environment within the Council's area through the provision of an efficient refuse collection, regular cleansing and maintenance of public places such as open spaces, parks, gardens, bus shelters, municipal assets including lavatories.
- Regular maintenance of drains and roads.

PROGRAMME 5 – Promotion of sports, welfare, education and cultural development

- Provision of social and cultural activities.
- Provision of free pre-primary education.
- Promotion of sports and support to local sports teams.
- Enhance literacy by facilitating access to books, magazines, Internet, etc.
- Rehabilitation of playgrounds.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED (OUTPUTS) AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

PROGRAMME 1						
Policy and Management of the Council						
Outcome(s): Improved quality of life of Citizens through the provision of services that respond to their needs by exercising sound administrative and financial control						
DELIVERY UNITS	OUTPUTS	PERFORMANCE				
	(Services to be delivered)	Indicators	2015 Targets	2015 Achieved	2016 Targets	2017 Targets
Administration Department	01: Council's Policies implemented	P1: Percentage of Policy measures actually implemented	90%	90%	90%	90%
	02: PBB delivery of Council's programmes	P1: Percentage of PBB indicators met	85%	85%	90%	90%
	03: Attendance to complaints and suggestions	P1: Percentage response to public queries	95%	95%	95%	95%
Finance Department	04: Revenue estimates for budget formulated carefully to be close to actual	P3: Variance from actual not above	10%	10%	5%	5%
	05: Revenue Collection	P4: Percentage reduction in outstanding debt/arrears	25%	25%	25%	25%

PROGRAMME 1: POLICY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL

TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES

No. of employees in post as at 31 December 2015: **1,373**

Training of employees for the period of January to December 2015

No.	Training course	Institution	No. of employees
1	Advanced course in Effective Office Management and Supervision for Office Management Assistant	Open University of Mauritius	7
2	Advanced Secretarial Course for Confidential Secretaries	Open University of Mauritius	5
3	Trade Test in Paintwork	Mauritius Institute of Training and Development	1
4	Trade Test in Welding	Mauritius Institute of Training and Development	1
5	Landslide Management Project in Mauritius	Ministry of Public Infrastructure & Land Transport	2
6	Training on E-Payment facilities for Trade Fees	Ministry of Local Government	2
7	Occupational Safety and Health for employers/employees in the Scavenging Sector	Occupational Safety and Health Information and Training Centre	1
8	Training for drivers on Scavenging Lorries	ABC Motors Co. Ltd	5

No.	Training course	Institution	No. of employees
9	Regional Seminar on Landslide and Coastal Zone Management in the Southwest Indian Ocean Islands	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Expert Team	2
10	Mauritius eRegistry Project - Stage 2	Registrar General's Department	4
11	Training for drivers on Scavenging Lorries	ABC Motors Co. Ltd	5
12	Community Based Disaster Mainstreaming and Risk Reduction Strategies	National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, India	1
13	Defensive Driving Techniques and Care of Vehicles	University of Mauritius	6
14	Urban Planning and Development for African Countries	China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong	1
15	Library and Information Science Workshop	National Library	5
16	First Aid	BRFM Co. Ltd	130
17	Consultancy Services to develop an Energy Efficiency Building Code Compliance Scheme	Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre, Bell Village	1
18	National Tree Planting Programme 2015-2016	Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security	1
19	Occupational Safety and Health for employers/employees in the Scavenging Sector	Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment	2

No.	Training course	Institution	No. of employees
20	Climate Change Adaptation Programme in the Coastal Zone of Mauritius – Short Course on Open Geospatial Tools	University of Mauritius	1
21	Workshop for Planning for Sustainable Cities in Africa	Wuhan & Shanghai China	1
22	Seminar on Solutions for Urban Environment Sanitation Processing Systems for Developing Countries	Changsha, Hunan, China	1
23	Workshop for Code of Conduct for Public Officials involved in Procurement	Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)	1
24	Workshop for Technical Cadres of Local Authorities	Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)	5
25	Assessment of the Capacity Building Need of First Response Disaster Management Agencies	National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre	1
26	Smart Island – Mauritius	University of Mauritius	1
27	Consultative Workshop on National Road Safety Strategy	Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport	1
Total no. of employees who underwent training in 2015			194

PROGRAMME 2						
Provision and Maintenance of Community-Based Infrastructure and Amenities						
Outcome(s): Access to modern and well-maintained community infrastructure						
DELIVERY UNITS	OUTPUTS	PERFORMANCE				
	(Services to be delivered)	Indicators	2015 Targets	2015 Achieved	2016 Targets	2017 Targets
Public Infrastructure Department	01: Construction and maintenance of roads	P1: Area of roads constructed and maintained	27,000 m ²	27,000 m ²	27,000 m ²	27,000 m ²
	02: Construction and Maintenance of drains	P1: Length of drains constructed and maintained	1,000 m	400 m	2,000 m	2,000 m
	03: Maintenance & Installation of street lighting points	P1: Number of street lighting points installed and maintained	290	290	211	300
	04: Road marking and traffic signs fixed	P1: length of road marking effected	3 km	3 km	3 km	3 km
		P2: Number of traffic signs fixed	300	250	300	300
	05: Maintenance of Councils assets and buildings	P1: Percentage of maintenance requests attended to	80%	80%	90%	90%

PROGRAMME 2						
Provision and Maintenance of Community-Based Infrastructure and Amenities						
Outcome(s): Access to modern and well-maintained community infrastructure						
DELIVERY UNITS	OUTPUTS	PERFORMANCE				
	(Services to be delivered)	Indicators	2015 Targets	2015 Achieved	2016 Targets	2017 Targets
Public Infrastructure Department	06: Key Infrastructure projects implemented	P1: Number & Percentage completion of projects started	7 80%	7 85%	7 80%	7 80%
	(i) Construction of Basketball pitch at Sir Gaëtan Duval Green Space		100%	100%		
	(ii) Le Cornu Green Space		100%	100%		
	(iii) Construction of boundary wall at Nelson Street		100%	100%		
	(iv) Renovation of Public Toilet at Bharati Garden		25%	100%		
	(v) Renovation of Public Toilet at Central Market		25%	100%		
	(vi) Upgrading of Mgr Leen Garden (footpath and drain)		25%	100%		
	(vii) Construction of Jannaza Hall			25%		

PROGRAMME 2 : PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY-BASED INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES

MAJOR PROJECTS DURING YEAR 2015

No.	Project	Project Value (Rs.)	Project Value (Rs.)
		Completed in 2015	Started in 2015 and to be completed in 2016
1	Mini Soccer Pitch at Vallée Pitot – Covering of play area	90,000	
2	Gradins, Security fencing - La Tour Koenig football ground	1,800,000	
3	Upgrading Green Space & Irrigation system - La Tour Koenig	1,800,000	
4	Upgrading of gutters at Ibrahim Abdoolah Market Fair - Cité Martial, Plaine Verte (2 nd phase)	1,800,000	
5	Mini Soccer at Les Salines	1,200,000	
6	Upgrading of Green Space at Pailles	550,000	
7	Installation of roller shutters at Dr. Idriss Goomany Centre, Plaine Verte	800,000	
8	Construction of Bus Shelter at Roche Bois	75,000	
9	Mini Soccer Pitch at Camp Yoloff	1,240,000	
10	Mini Soccer Pitch – Fencing	500,000	
11	Construction of Jannaza Hall at Bain des Dames cemetery		1,400,000
12	Supply and Lay Asphalt concrete (resurfacing of roads)	5,000,000	
13	Construction of Drains	5,000,000	
TOTAL AMOUNT		19,855,000	1,400,000

PROGRAMME 3 Development control within the Council's area						
Outcome(s): A harmonious and orderly development within the Council's Area						
DELIVERY UNITS	OUTPUTS (Services to be delivered)	PERFORMANCE				
		Indicators	2015 Targets	2015 Achieved	2016 Targets	2017 Targets
Land Use and Planning Department	01: Issuing of Building and Land Use Permit	P1: Percentage of applications processed	80%	100%	80%	90%
	02: Updated Cadastre	P2: Percentage of new properties surveyed	Nil	Nil	-	-
Public Health Department	03: Ex Post Control of economic operators	P2: Percentage of new trading activities	50%	50%	50%	50%

Note: Cadastre has not been updated for year 2015 because the Valuation Department is not performing assessment until the amendment of the Local Government Act 2011. But 1,198 self assessment forms have been worked out after survey.

PROGRAMME 3 : DEVELOPMENT CONTROL WITHIN THE COUNCIL'S AREA

BLP applications in 2015	Processed	Issued	Rejected/ Set aside	Applications requiring additional information
	1163	1041	92	30

Court cases	Action Initiated at Court	Still under process	Total no. of cases
	39	6	39

Type	No. received	No. processed and action taken
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report	8	8
Preliminary Environmental Report (PER)	2	2
Morcellement applications	25	25
Land conversion permit applications	1	1
Applications within Buffer Zone	4	4

Complaints received through the Information Service Centre	No. received	No. processed and action taken
	420	390

PROGRAMME 4 Sound and healthy conditions in the Council's area						
Outcome(s) To ensure that people are satisfied with the quality of service provision committed to by the Council						
DELIVERY UNITS	OUTPUTS	PERFORMANCE				
	(Services to be delivered)	Indicators	2015 Targets	2015 Achieved	2016 Targets	2017 Targets
Public Health Department	01: Refuse collection service	P1: Number of times households serviced per week	Twice weekly	Twice weekly	Twice weekly	Twice weekly
		P2: Number of times commercial places serviced per week	Twice daily	Twice daily	Twice daily	Twice daily
	02: Cleaning public places (including green spaces, cemeteries and traffic centres)	P1: Frequency of cleaning operations carried out	Twice daily – cleaning on traffic centres	Twice daily – cleaning on traffic centres	Twice daily – cleaning on traffic centres	Twice daily – cleaning on traffic centres
	03: Rodent and pest control	P1: Frequency of interventions effected/sites covered	Thrice yearly on each site, once monthly in market/fairs	Thrice yearly on each site, once monthly in market/fairs	Thrice yearly on each site, once monthly in market/fairs	Thrice yearly on each site, once monthly in market/fairs
	04: Information, Education and Communication (IEC)	P1: Number of IEC organized	15	Nil, due to under-staffing	Nil	Nil

PROGRAMME 4 : SOUND AND HEALTHY CONDITIONS IN THE COUNCIL'S AREA

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARMENT

Activities in 2015 (Jan-Dec)	Wards 1+2	Wards 3+4	Wards 5+6+7+8	Total
No. of notices served in Wards	56	76	79	211

Activities in 2015 (Jan-Dec)	Total
No. of notices served in Markets	70
No. of contraventions served	206
No. of new accounts created for Markets	83

MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERIES

BURIALS

CEMETERY	NO. OF BURIALS FOR YEAR 2015
Western (St. Georges, Gébert, Old)	383
Muslim	54
Eastern	113
Pailles	158
TOTAL	708

CREMATIONS

CREMATION GROUND	NO. OF CREMATIONS FOR YEAR 2015
Les Salines	30
Vallée des Prêtres	88
Tranquebar	51
Pailles	15
TOTAL	184

SANITATION SECTION

Special tasks performed in addition to daily normal scavenging service:

No.	Task	Period
1	Cleaning works in the context of Dengue fever	11-22 April 2015
2	Cleaning works along Latanier River	29 April – 16 May 2015
3	Clean up campaign at Residence Sir Gaëtan Duval, GRNW	20 June 2015
4	Clean up campaign in Constituency No. 2	4 July 2015
5	Cleaning of Pouce Stream	17-23 August 2015
6	E-waste campaign in Municipal Ward 2 (GRNW, Sable Noir, Canal Dayot, Camp Chapelon and Plaine Lauzun) and Municipal Ward 1 (Pointe aux Sables)	11 October 2015
7	E-waste campaign in Municipal Ward 3 (Cassis, La Butte, Ward IV & R. Vallijee region)	18 October 2015
8	E-waste campaign in Municipal Ward 4 (Tranquebar, La Paix St. and vicinities and Champ de Mars region)	25 October 2015
9	E-waste campaign in Municipal Ward 5 (Plaine Verte, Cité Martial and Vallée Pitot)	8 November 2015
10	E-waste campaign in Municipal Ward 6 (Camp Yolloff and Roche Bois region)	15 November 2015
11	E-waste campaign in Municipal Ward 7 (Roche Bois, C. Briquetterie, Abercrombie, Paul Toureau and Sainte Croix region) and Municipal Ward 8 (C. La Cure and Vallée des Prêtres region)	22 November 2015
12	Clean up campaign in Constituency No. 1 (GRNW, Pointe aux Sables and R. Vallijee)	5-6 December 2015
13	Distribution of bins and plastic bags to religious and educational institutions	Prior to religious festival and other events
14	General cleaning works prior to religious festivals such as Cavadee, Maha Shivratri, Chinese Spring Festival, National Day celebrations, Ougadi, Eid Ul Fitr, Eid Ul Adha, Pere Laval Pilgrimage, Ganesh Chaturthi, All Saints Day and Christmas Day	Prior to religious festivals



Cleaning Natural Storm Water Drain at Debarcadere – January 2015



Removal of tree at Old Moka Road – February 2015



Cleaning Latanier River – April 2015



Clean up Campaign at Residence Sir Gaëtan Duval – June 2015



Clean up Campaign – Constituency no. 2 – July 2015



Clean up Campaign at Camp Chapelon – September 2015



Cleaning Canal Anglais – October 2015



Clean up Campaign at GRNW – 6 December 2015

PROGRAMME 5 Promotion of Sports, Welfare, Education and Cultural Development Outcome(s): To provide access to socially oriented and recreational activities						
DELIVERY UNITS	OUTPUTS	PERFORMANCE				
	(Services to be delivered)	Indicators	2015 Targets	2015 Achieved	2016 Targets	2017 Targets
Welfare Department	01: National festivities	P1: Number of activities	12	12	12	12
	02: Organisation of sports activities	P1: Number of sports activities organized	110	117	120	120
Library	03: Provision of IT, Literary and other facilities	P1: Number of persons getting access to facilities being provided by the Council	28,000	27,500	28,000	28,000
		P2: Number of children attending pre-primary schools run by the council	725	700	725	725

PROGRAMME 5 : PROMOTION OF SPORTS, WELFARE, EDUCATION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

No.	Activities	Venue
1	Maha Shivaratree Celebrations	
2	Thaipooosam Cavadee	
3	Abolition of slavery	
4	Chinese Spring Festival Cultural show	
5	Eid Celebrations	
6	Yaum Un Nabhi celebrations	
7	Ganesh Chatturthi	
8	Father Laval Pilgrimage	
9	Ugaadi Celebrations-financial contributions	
10	Divali Celebrations	Camp Benoît
11	Divali Celebrations	Pailles
12	Divali Celebrations	Vallée des Prêtres
13	Quarante Heures - buses	
14	Govinden Celebrations	
15	Durga Pooja Celebrations	
16	National Day Celebrations (Nurseries/Infant Schools)	
17	Music Day	
18	Varusha Pirappu celebrations	
19	Other religious ceremonies – Ram Nawmi/Holi/Fire walking/Yamsee	

No.	Activities	Venue	Date
Sports Activities 2015			
1	Trophée International de Football	Saint Francois Xavier Stadium	8 and 9 August
2	Trophée de la Jeunesse	Saint Francois Xavier Stadium	Final - 13 September
3	National Kyokushinkai knockdown tournament	France Martin Gymnasium	23 August
4	Port Louis Cup - Kyokushinkai Knockdown Tournament	I. Goomany centre	26 April
5	Independence Cup- Kyokushinkai Knockdown Tournament	I. Goomany centre	28 March
6	Cycle race - Circuit Champ de Mars	Champ de Mars	21 February
7	Cycle Race - Circuit La Tour Koenig	La Tour Koenig	
8	Détection Annuelle Jeunes Footballeurs (Benjamins/Poussins/Minimes)		January to April
9	Inter-écoles de football (categories U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)		February to June
10	Championnat d'Athlétisme	Maryse Justin Pyndiah Stadium	January to March
11	Championnat de Kickboxing		March to August
12	Petanque Tournament	Les Salines and Allawi Boulodromes	March, May, June, July
13	Tour de l'Ile Cycliste		July/August
14	Football Annual Tournament (Minime/Cadet/Interzone)		
15	Marathon (Vacoas-Phoenix and Quatre Bornes) and Relais Marathon		
16	Boxe Francaise Competition		July
17	Championnat d'Athletisme	Maryse Justin Pyndiah Stadium	
18	Soirée Omnisports	In front of City Hall	5 September
19	Muaythai Gala	Centre 1er Fevrier	25 April

No.	Activities	Venue	Date
Inauguration/Renaming ceremonies			
1	Naming ceremony of Abercrombie Market after late Marie Elyata Potou	Abercrombie	18 March
2.	Inauguration of Vallée Pitot Mini Synthetic Turf after late Dr O.F.C. Uteem	Vallée Pitot	18 March
3.	Inauguration of public stand	La Tour Koenig football ground	21 April

No.	Activities	Venue	Date
Other Activities			
1	Remise d'équipements sportifs	City Hall	23 January
2	Mother's Day Celebrations (<i>City Hall and wards, Nurseries, Infant Schools</i>)		
3	International Women's Day	City Hall	7 March
4	Reception in honour of laureates	City Hall	26 March
5	Tribute to victims of 30 March Floods-Wreath laying ceremony	Caudan -Next to Rogers House	30 March
7	Cultural Show in connection with Ugaadi Celebrations	City Hall	8 April
8	China Town Food and Cultural Festival	China Town	25 and 26 April
9	Eid Family Day	Plaine Verte	26 July
10	Manilall Doctor Birth Celebrations	Company's Garden	28 July
11	Eid - Qawali nite	Plaine Verte	1 August
12	Eid Family Day	Morcellement Raffray, Pailles	23 August
13	End of Year Musical Show	City Hall	21 December



Handing over of sports equipment to 'Ecoles de foot' of Port Louis – 23.01.2015



Abolition of slavery – Laying of wreaths – 01.02.2015



Kickboxing competition at Centre 1er février, Roche Bois – 14.03.2015



Inauguration of mini synthetic soccer pitch at Vallée Pitot – 18.03.2015



Kyokushinkai Karaté competition at Dr I. Goomany Centre – 28.03.2015



Tribute to victims of 30th March 2013 floods
Wreath laying ceremony at Caudan Waterfront – 30.03.2015



Memorial Week for Nelson Mandela – 3.12.2015



Remittance of gifts to senior citizens – 27.12.2015

14. FINANCIAL POSITION AND PERFORMANCE

CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS				
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.2015 (UNAUDITED)				
Year ending 31.12.14		Note	Year ending 31.12.2015	
Rs			Rs	Rs
	ASSETS			
	NON CURRENT ASSETS:			
1,376,084,376	Capital Outlay	2		1,406,661,666
236,138,513	LONG TERM INVESTMENT	3		261,806,122
	CURRENT ASSETS			
14,365,616	Stock		13,822,597	
131,675,640	Debtors	5	119,786,032	
70,667,647	Cash and Bank	6	73,790,459	
325,820,799	Investment in Pension Fund-SICOM		371,360,803	
67,739,281	Special Bank Account	10	70,906,150	
610,268,983			649,666,041	
	LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
68,140,891	PL Theatre Fund & Solidarity Fund	9	71,324,322	
37,894,445	Creditors & Provisions	8	50,492,336	
26,550,454	Prepayments	7	15,890,061	
4,984,116	Deposits		5,605,996	
137,569,906			143,312,715	
472,699,077	Net Current Assets			506,353,326
2,084,921,966				2,174,821,115
	FINANCED BY			
1,707,462,498	General Fund	4	1,751,821,643	
50,000,000	Capital Reserve		50,000,000	
325,820,799	Pension Fund-SICOM Ltd		371,360,803	
1,638,669	Passage Fund		1,638,669	
2,084,921,966				2,174,821,115

CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015 (UNAUDITED)				
31.12.14		Note	Year Ending 31.12.15	
Rs	<u>INCOME</u>		Rs	Rs
494,114,603	Grant-in-Aid		513,718,719	
120,729,523	General Rates		120,963,871	
3,487,456	Investment Income		1,494,234	
37,383,720	Rentals		35,589,954	
76,858,548	Trade Fees		84,088,250	
15,504,489	Permits		15,575,753	
9,768,104	Other Income		9,363,656	
	Decrease in provision for bad debts		6,453,376	
9,033	Transfer from Theatre Fund			
4,039,034	Transfer From General fund		2,447,968	
761,894,510				789,695,783
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
461,149,086	Staff Costs		485,639,855	
82,228,545	Supplies & Services		82,703,793	
15,099,242	Transport costs		13,714,310	
79,420,603	Other Administration Costs		83,925,000	
11,775,237	Social and Cultural Activities Expenses		11,254,885	
5,168,989	Grants & Subsidies		5,104,119	
	Exchange Loss		7,431	
2,500,000	Provision for replacement of vehicles		1,000,000	
103,414,735	Pensions & Gratuities		104,640,112	787,989,504
760,756,438				
	Stock written off			204,758
1,138,071	Revenue Surplus for the year			1,501,521

CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015 (UNAUDITED)				
31.12.14		31.12.2015		
Rs		Rs	Rs	Rs
	OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
494,847,876	Cash received from Grants-In-Aid	513,719,119		
130,372,602	Cash received from rates and taxes	122,962,000		
94,822,635	Cash received from Trade Fees-12th Schedule	82,961,163		
65,176,806	Cash received from other sources	66,623,090		
785,219,920			786,265,373	
306,210,530	Cash payments to Suppliers/Customers	286,190,245		
458,435,249	Cash paid to and on behalf of employees	480,937,809	767,128,053	
764,645,779				
20,574,141)	Net cash Inflow from Operating Activities		19,137,319	
	RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
7,625,503	Interest received on Investment	27,153,858		
-	Interest paid on Loan	-		
28,199,644	Net Cash Inflow from R.O.I and S.O.F		27,153,858	
	INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
(75,538,513)	Investments	(211,806,122)		
71,452,525	Realisation of Investment	186,138,513		
-	Receipt from sale of Fixed Assets	-0		
54,683,793	Payments to increase Capital Outlay	30,577,290		
78,797,449	Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities		(56,244,899)	
	FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(1,725)	
46,072,241	Government Grants	13,078,259		
-	Redemption of Loans		-	
(23,124,198)	Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities		13,078,259	
(15,502,103)	Increase/(Decrease) in Cash			3,122,812
70,667,647	Balance as 31.12.2014	73,790,459		
55,165,544	Balance as 31.12.2013	70,667,647		
15,502,103			3,122,812	

CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS -Financial Year 2015**Note 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- (i) The Accounts have been prepared on a historical cost basis and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and the Local Government Act 2011.
- (ii) Stock is valued at weighted average cost.
- (iii) No depreciation is charged in the Accounts.
- (iv) Income has been accounted for on an accrual basis except for one-off and non-renewable revenues.
- (v) Investments in fixed deposits and shares have been accounted at cost.
- (vi) Acquisition of capital outlay is accounted on a cash basis.
- (vii) Provision for replacement of vehicles, plant and equipment is made in the Income and Expenditure account.

2**CAPITAL OUTLAY SCHEDULE**

	Balance as at 31.12.2014	Additions	Balance as at 31.12.2015
	Rs	Rs	Rs
Land & Buildings	1,118,187,112	24,263,146.65	1,142,450,259
Motor Vehicles	133,838,225	-	133,838,225
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	40,609,362	1,119,992.00	41,729,354
Office Furniture & Equipment	57,569,314	2,789,600.50	60,358,915
Other Fixed Assets	25,880,363	2,404,551.31	28,284,914
	1,376,084,376	30,577,290	1,406,661,666

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INVESTMENTS	01.01.15	31.12.15
General Fund	186,138,513	211,806,122
Shares in DBM Properties Ltd	50,000,000	50,000,000
	236,138,513	261,806,122

4 GENERAL FUND

	01.01.15	31.12.15
General Fund Applied	1,376,084,376	1,406,661,666
General Fund Unapplied	127,903,047	142,415,387
Revenue Reserve	203,475,075	201,515,554
	1,707,462,498	1,750,592,607

5**TOTAL DEBTORS AS AT 31.12.2015**

	Balance as at 31.12.2015	Provision as at 31.12.2015	Balance as at 31.12.2015
	RS	RS	RS
General Rate	100,616,242	27,814,449	72,801,793
Tenants Tax	66,415,481	65,380,356	1,035,125
House Rent	2,388,885	0	2,388,885
Trade Fees	89,362,628	76,664,327	12,698,302
Market Stallholders	28,316,535	13,312,359	15,004,176
Trade Refuse	22,648,567	22,074,192	574,375
Accrued Interest on Fixed Deposits	4,330,245		4,330,245
Interest accrued on P.L. Theatre fund	418,172		418,172
Debtors Other	10,733		10,733
NDU grants recurrent	562,772		562,772
NDU grants receivable	169,011		169,011
Car loan Debtors	9,792,443		9,792,443
	325,031,715	205,245,683	119,786,032

6 CASH & BANK

	31.12.14	31.12.15
	Rs	Rs
MCB Current A/c	(2,076,170)	7,187,693
Cash at Bank SBM Call A/c	85,085,242	68,144,048.15
Cash at Bank SBM Current A/c	(12,341,315)	(3,575,553)
Cash in hand		
	70,667,756	71,756,188

7 PREPAYMENTS

	31.12.14	31.12.2015
	Rs	Rs
General Rates	21,231,804	15,278,166
Rent	-	1,440
Market		232,655
Trade fees	5,318,650	377,800
	26,550,454	15,890,061

8 CREDITORS & PROVISIONS

	31.12.14	31.12.15
	Rs	Rs
Creditors	8,463,005	9,959,738
Provisions	23,623,223	34,113,572
Theatre Fund creditor a/c	234,316	-
Car loan creditors a/c	8,510	8,510
LIF	5,565,392	6,432,157
	37,894,446	50,513,977

9 FUNDS

	31.12.14	31.12.15
	<i>Rs</i>	<i>Rs</i>
Solidarity Fund 9094	24	24
City Council of Port Louis Theatre Fund	68,140,866	71,324,298.22
	68,140,891	71,324,298.22

10 SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT

	31.12.14	31.12.15
	<i>Rs</i>	<i>Rs</i>
Solidarity Fund	24	24.00
City Council of Port Louis Theatre Fund (current)	4,381,657	3,905,926.20
City Council of Port Louis Theatre Fund [Fixed Deposit]	63,357,600	67,000,200.00
	67,739,281	70,906,150.20

11 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Chief Executive represents the City Council of Port Louis on the Board of Directors of the DBM Properties Development Ltd. There has been no related party transactions. The Central Government, through the Ministry of Local Government, finances the City Council of Port Louis in the form of Grants inAid and Capital Grants.

15. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

AREAS TO BE AUDITED	AUDIT FREQUENCY	AREA ACHIEVED
Cash collections	Daily	100%
Income from Library fines, printing, photocopies and Internet	Daily	100%
Approval of service orders/purchase orders on E-biz system	Daily	100%
Approval of payments after verification of invoices, GRN and SRN	Daily	100%
Dispatch of Purchase Orders/Service Orders, correspondence, memos, files, etc.	Daily	100%
Overtime, salaries and wages	Monthly	100%
Mileage allowances	Monthly	100%
Variation in salaries	Monthly	100%
Cheques for salaries, deductions and payment of pensions	Monthly	100%
Approval of payments to contractors/service providers	Daily	100%
Inventory of fixed assets in all municipal buildings and premises	Yearly	50%
Inventory count/stock taking at Roche Bois Stores	Yearly	100%
Inventory of municipal vehicles	Yearly	75%
Inventory of tools and equipment on municipal sites	Yearly	100%
Preparation of Annual Report	Yearly	100%
Deposit for Hall fees (Welfare Dept)	Daily	100%
Sick leave refund to retired employees and to those who have resigned from service	Daily	100%
Passage entitlements	Daily	100%
Gratuity and retirement benefits	Daily	100%
General rates and tenant taxes	As and when submitted to Internal Control Section	100%
Market fees	As and when submitted to Internal Control Section	100%