



THE MUNICIPAL CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS



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1. THE LORD MAYOR'S STATEMENT



Following the municipal elections of June 2015, a newly elected Council has been set up.

However, in virtue of the Local Government Act 2011, this Council has had to prepare and adopt an annual report highlighting the activities undertaken by the previous Council in 2014.

The present Council has noted, from records available, that basic services, as provided by law, have been delivered to inhabitants of the City and that these activities were carried out within the budgetary provisions.

The present Council therefore submits this annual report while maintaining its reservation on the nature of such activities and on projects undertaken.

M. Oumar KHOLEEGAN
Lord Mayor of Port Louis

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT



As stipulated in Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2011, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the City Council of Port Louis for year 2014.

I have been posted as Chief Executive at the City Council of Port Louis since 12 January 2015. I can nevertheless state that the Council has been able, throughout 2014, to perform its statutory functions and provide services as laid down in the relevant legislations.

The smooth running of the Council depends a lot on team work among Heads of Departments and the staff as well as the support of the Lord Mayor and members of the Council.

I, therefore, wish to express my deep thanks to those who have helped for the achievement of the Council's objectives in one way or another.

**Jaylall Mulloo
Chief Executive**

3. MISSION/VISION/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 cities
- 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 partners, 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 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 “*bâtitteur*” 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 1960. 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 will reckon 50 years of existence in August 2016.

The City also has the privilege and prestige of having the greatest number of historical buildings, monuments and sites (79) which are classified as national heritage. Among them, the *Aapravasi Ghat Immigration Depot* whose inscription 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 150,353. 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, of 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 and represent a huge potential for tourism.

Port Louis has a twinning relationship with 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 are a regular feature and enable representatives of the Council to interact with their foreign counterparts.

Official visits effected in 2014 were as follows:

- The Lord Mayor, Ms. D. Chuckory, participated in the “*Réunion de Bureau*” of AIMF in May 2014 (Paris-France).
- The Deputy Lord Mayor, Mr. P. Servansingh, represented the Council at the “*3^{ème} Séminaire & Assemblée Générale de l'Observatoire des Villes Port de l'Océan Indien* » in June 2014 (Reunion Island).
- The Lord Mayor, Ms. D. Chuckory, and the Chief Executive, Mr. J.F. Dorestan, participated in a working session in La Possession in September 2014.
- Councillors A.J. Seedoo and M.S. Hurreeram as well as Welfare Officer T. Sookun accompanied winning team of football competition “*Trophée de la Jeunesse*” to La Possession in September 2014.
- Councillor Ozeer and Mr. J.F. Dorestan, Chief Executive, participated in the International Mayor's Forum on Tourism in November 2014 (Zhengzhou – China).

6. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL FOR YEAR 2014

Mrs. Marie Christiane Dorine CHUKOWRY (Lord Mayor)

Mr. Phalraj SERVANSINGH (Deputy Lord Mayor) *

Mr. Mohamad Salim ABBAS MAMODE **

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

Mr. Gino Nicolas France COTRY

Mr. Ismaël Yacoob DOBA

Mr. Mahendra GONDEEA, OSK

Mr. Aslam Adam HOSSENALLY

Mr. Mahendranuth Sharma HURREERAM **

Mrs. Roubina JADOO-JAUNBOCUS **

Mr. Muhammad Eshan Ally KAWROO

Mr. Daniel Eric Clive LAURENT

Mr. Yusuf MOHANGEE

Mr. Sheik Ahad Khan OZEER

Mr. Antonio Jenito SEEDOO

Mr. Ahmad SEEGOULAM

Mrs. Marie Cristine TENERMONT

Mr. Aboobakar UTTEENUN

* On 1st October 2014, Mr. Y. Mohangee was elected Deputy Lord Mayor after the stepping down of Mr. P. Servansingh.

** Messrs. Abbas Mamode and Hurreeram and Mrs. Jadoo-Jaunbocus resigned after having been elected members of the National Assembly and were replaced by Messrs. Mohammad Oumar KHOLEEGAN, Michel Gérard NINA and Mohammad Hamid Ismaël RAWAT on 23 December 2014 in accordance with the Local Government Act 2011.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR YEAR 2014

1. Working Committee for Public Welfare Committee

Period 10 to 29 January 2014

Chairperson: Mr. J.G.D. Augustin
Vice-Chairperson: Mr. L.L.M. Caserne
Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. P. Servansingh (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. S.R. Cadam Ally, Mr. J.C. Chiffonne, Mr. Y. Mohangee and Mr. A.J. Seedoo

Period 30 January to 8 October 2014

Chairperson: Mr. J.G.D. Augustin
Vice-Chairperson: Mr. L.L.M. Caserne
Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. P. Servansingh (Deputy Lord Mayor up to 22 September 2014), Mr. S.R. Cadam Ally, Mr. J.C. Chiffonne, Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mr. Y. Mohangee, Mr. A.J. Seedoo and Mrs. M.C. Tenermont

Period 9 October to December 2014

Chairperson: Mr. J.G.D. Augustin
Vice-Chairperson: Mr. L.L.M. Caserne
Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. S.R. Cadam Ally, Mr. J.C. Chiffonne, Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mr. A.J. Seedoo and Mrs. M.C. Tenermont

2. Working Committee for Public Infrastructure Department

Period 10 January to 8 October 2014

Chairperson: Mrs. R. Jadoo-Jaunbocus
Vice-Chairperson: Miss O.J. Adebiro
Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. P. Servansingh (Deputy Lord Mayor up to 22 September 2014), Mr. L.L.M. Caserne, Miss Z.T. Choomka, Mr. G.N.F. Cotry and Mr. A. Utteenun

Period 9 October to December 2014

Chairperson: Mr. S.A.K. Ozeer
Vice-Chairperson: Miss O.J. Adebiro
Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. L.L.M. Caserne, Miss Z.T. Choomka, Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mrs. R. Jadoo-Jaunbocus and Mr. A. Utteenun

3. Working Committee for Public Health Department

Period 10 to 29 January 2014

Chairperson: Mr. A.J. Seedoo
Vice-Chairperson: Mr. M.S. Hurreeram
Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. P Servansing (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. M.S. Abbas Mamode, Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo, Mr. D.E.C. Laurent and Mr. S.A.K. Ozeer

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Vice-Chairperson: Mr. D.E.C. Laurent
Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. P Servansing (Deputy Lord Mayor up to 22 September 2014), Mr. M.S. Abbas Mamode, Mr. M.S. Hurreeram, Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo and Mr. S.A.K. Ozeer

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Chairperson: Mrs. M.C. Tenermont
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Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. M.S. Abbas Mamode, Mr. M.S. Hurreeram, Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo and Mr. S.A.K. Ozeer

4. Working Committee for Finance Department

Period 10 to 29 January 2014

Chairperson: Mr. A.A. Hossenally
Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. M.C. Tenermont
Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. P. Servansing (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mr. M. Gondeea, OSK, Mrs. R. Jadoo-Jaunbocus and Mr. A. Seegoulam

Period 30 January to 8 October 2014

Chairperson: Mr. A.A. Hossenally
Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor)
Members: Mr. P. Servansing (Deputy Lord Mayor up to 22 September 2014), Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mr. M. Gondeea, OSK, Mrs. R. Jadoo-Jaunbocus, Mr. A. Seegoulam and Mrs. M.C. Tenermont

Period 9 October to December 2014

Chairperson: Mr. A.A. Hossenally
Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor)
Members: Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mr. M. Gondeea, OSK, Mrs. R. Jadoo-Jaunbocus, Mr. A. Seegoulam and Mrs. M.C. Tenermont

5. Executive Committee

Period 10 to 29 January 2014

Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. P. Servansingh (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. G.N.F. Cotry, Mr. A.A. Hossenally, Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo, Mr. D.E.C. Laurent and Mr. Y. Mohangee

Period 30 January to 8 October 2014

Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. P. Servansingh (Deputy Lord Mayor up to 22 September 2014), Mr. A.A. Hossenally, Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo, Mr. D.E.C. Laurent, Mr. Y. Mohangee and Mr. A.J. Seedoo.

Period 9 October to December 2014

Members: Mrs. M.C.D. Chukowry (Lord Mayor), Mr. Y. Mohangee (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mr. G. Bissessur, Mr. J.C. Chiffonne, Mr. A.A. Hossenally, Mr. M.E.A. Kawroo, and Mr. A.J. Seedoo.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM FOR 2014

Administration Department	<p>Chief Executive: Mr J. F. Dorestan</p> <p>Ag. Deputy Chief Executive/Assistant Chief Executive: Miss L. Moheeput (<i>3 January 2013 to 28 January 2014 - 20 February 2014 to 23 October 2014</i>)</p> <p>Ag. Deputy Chief Executive/Assistant Chief Executive: Mr S. Bassawon (<i>29 January 2014 to 19 February 2014</i>)</p> <p>Ag. Deputy Chief Executive/Assistant Chief Executive: Mr R. K. Nursing (<i>24 October 2014 to 31 December 2014</i>)</p> <p>Ag. Assistant Chief Executive: Mr H. Ramphul</p> <p>Senior Librarian: Mrs Y. M. 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</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	Head, Land Use and Planning Department: Mr K. Santokhee Planning and Development Officer: Mr D. Koonjul (up to 05 October 2014) Ag. Planning and Development Officer: Mrs C. Mookan-Vert Chief Building Inspector: Mr R. Sumun
Welfare Department	Chief Welfare Officer: Mr A. Ramnauth Principal Welfare Officer: Mr I. Jumeer

9. **ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEES**

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

As also 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 28 sittings in 2014.

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 52 sittings in 2014.

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 compound, 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.

50 meetings of the Procurement Committee were held in 2014.

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 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 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 such application.

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.

Note: Delay of 14 working days does not apply for such application.

The Minister has a “droit de regard” on any recommendation made by the Permits and Business Monitoring Committee.

The Minister may direct 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.

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.

Note: Delay of 14 working days does not apply for such application.

The Permits and Business Monitoring Committee had 55 sittings in 2014.

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:

(b) 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.

(c) The Technical Committee shall assess every application forwarded under paragraph (b) and shall submit its recommendations to the Permits and Business Monitoring Committee.

(d) 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 have been assessed by the Technical Committee for the year 2014:

S.N	REF. NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	ADDRESS OF SITE	NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT	TECHNICAL CTTEE	STATUS
1	COMM /0118/ 2014	Guan Ji Gong	3, Emmanuel Anquetil Street, Port Louis	Conversion of part of an existing building to operate as victualler	25/09/14	Approved
2	SERV/ 0017/ 2014	Bank of Mauritius represented by Miss Sobrun Meelah	No 17, Sir William Newton Street, Port Louis	Refurbishment of an existing building consisting of ground up to fifth floors to be used as office	27/2/15	Approved
3	RESI/ 0465/ 2014	Late Bai Rehmat Bai Waqf	3, Duke Of Edinburg Street, Port Louis	Repairs of damaged structure	27/2/15	Approved
4	COMM /0188/ 2014	Tang Kan & Co.Ltd rep by Mr Barney Chan Wong Chong	47, Queen Street, Port Louis	Conversion of part of an existing building to be used as victualler	27/2/15	Approved
5		Ministry of Public Infrastructure	Immigration Square, Port Louis	Market Fair	27/2/15	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 2014 was as follows:

Chairperson : Mr. J. F. Dorestan (Chief Executive)
 Vice-Chairperson : Mr. U. K. Dookhooah (Principal Health Inspector)
 Secretary : Mrs. S. Bhoojhowon (Safety & Health Officer)

Employers Side:

Mr. R. Gungadeen	:	Financial Controller
Mr. M. Appigadoo	:	Senior Inspector of Works
Mrs. M. Liu Yew Fai	:	Senior Librarian
Mr. S. Baccus	:	Principal Health Inspector

Employees Side:

Mr. G. Herchenroder	:	Driver
Mr. S. Ackburally	:	Library Officer
Mr. H. Ramphul	:	Senior Health Inspector
Mr. J. C. Noël	:	Foreman
Mr. S. Summun	:	Chief Building Inspector

Over and above statutory committees, the Standing Orders of the Council make provision for committees 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 Finance 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 12 sittings in 2014.

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 met for 7 sittings in 2014.

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 met for 10 sittings in 2014.

Committee for the Finance Department

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

The Committee had 5 sittings in 2014.

There were also other committees which met on various occasions during 2014 for specific items as follows, among others:

- distribution of bins
- stallholders
- request for facilities
- renovation of municipal theatre
- local disaster management – simulation exercise

There were 76 such meetings in 2014.

10. REMUNERATION/ALLOWANCE OF COUNCILLORS

Monthly remuneration/allowances to the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors were paid in 2014 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 35,400	Rs 2,000	Rs 13,000 as petrol allowance
2	Deputy Lord Mayor	Rs 17,850	Rs 1,500	Refund of travelling expenses to attend committees
3	Councillors who are members of the Executive Committee	Rs 10,980	Rs 1,000	
4	Councillors	Rs 9,000	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 2014, 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 2014 through the existing mechanisms and processes:

- examination and recommendation by appropriate committees and approval of recommendations by Council.
- examination and decision by Council.
- decisions taken in line with relevant legislations
- allocation of funds as per provisions made in 2014 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 2014 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 2014 was affixed at a conspicuous place 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 27 March 2014.

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 2014 was composed of:

- Mrs M.C.D. Chuckowry (Lord Mayor – Chairperson)
- Mr A. A. Hossenally
- Ms R. Jadoo-Jaunbocus
- Mr A. J. Seedoo
- Mr M.S. Abbas Mamode
- Mrs J. Adebiro
- Mr E. Kawroo

The first meeting of the Ethics Committee was held on 16 May 2014.

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 being still 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 therefore 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 to manage with the same sources of revenue, i.e government grant, local rates, market and trade fees, other revenue. No specific grant has been allocated for the annexation of the regions of Pailles, Montebello and Soreze with Port Louis. This annexation represents additional service delivery for the Council and no additional staff has been provided to the Council due to budgetary constraints.

It is becoming more and more difficult for the Council to work out a balanced budget in the absence of additional sources of revenue. Corrective measures will have to be taken or otherwise the Council will be facing very difficult situations with the rising cost of materials, goods, services and salaries.

The Council has to shoulder also other new responsibilities without any additional resources. The National Disaster Scheme provides for local authorities to set up a Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee. This Committee has to organize 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 which the Council has been facing and continues to face is to ensure efficient service delivery with existing resources.

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 flash flood of 30 March 2013 has rung the alarm bell. 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 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.

13. OPERATIONAL AND SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

Major services provided during year 2014

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 centralized and decentralized 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 salubrious 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	2014 Targets	2014 Achieved	2015 Targets	2016 Targets
Administration Department	01: Council's Policies implemented	P1: Percentage of Policy measures actually implemented	85%	85%	90%	90%
	02: PBB delivery of Council's programmes	P1: Percentage of PBB indicators met	80%	80%	85%	90%
	03: Attendance to complaints and suggestions	P1: Percentage response to public queries	90%	90%	95%	95%
Finance Department	04: Revenue estimates for budget formulated carefully to be close to actual	P3: Variance from actual not above	10%	10%	10%	5%
	05: Revenue Collection	P4: Percentage reduction in outstanding debt/arrears	30%	30%	25%	25%

PROGRAMME 1: POLICY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL

TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES

No. of employees in post as at 31 December 2014: 1,424

Training of employees for the period of January to December 2014

No.	Training course	Institution	No. of employees
1	Energy Saving – LED Lighting Technology	Mauritius Institute of Training and Development	3
2	Electronic Engine Management for Petrol and Diesel Engines	University of Mauritius	1
3	Innovative Use of ICT in Libraries	Mauritius Council of Registered Librarians	12
4	Perfectionnement du français	Institut Français de Maurice	10
5	Basic Course in Carpentry	Mauritius Institute of Training and Development	3
6	Conduite de Projets (Project Management)	Institut Français de Maurice	22
7	L'Écriture Stratégique	Institut Français de Maurice	10

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	2014 Targets	2014 Achieved	2015 Targets	2016 Targets
Public Infrastructure Department	01: Construction and maintenance of roads	P1: Area of roads constructed and maintained	Constructed: 6,000 m2 Maintained: 16,000 m2	Constructed: 4,000 m2 Maintained: 16,000 m2	Constructed: 6,000 m2 Maintained: 16,000 m2	Constructed: 6,000 m2 Maintained: 16,000 m2
	02: Construction and Maintenance of drains	P1: Length of drains constructed and maintained	Constructed: 2,000 m Maintained: 6,000 m/run	Constructed: 1,000 m Maintained: 6,000 m/run	Constructed: 2,000 m Maintained: 6,000 m/run	Constructed: 2,000 m Maintained: 6,000 m/run
	03: Maintenance & Installation of street lighting points	P1: Number of street lighting points installed and maintained	Installed: 400 lanterns Maintained: 5,000 points	Installed: 350 lanterns Maintained: 6,000 points	Installed: 400 lanterns Maintained: 5,000 points	Installed: 400 lanterns Maintained: 5,000 points
	04: Road marking and traffic signs fixed	P1: length of road marking effected	12,000 m	1,000 m	12,000 m	12,000 m
		P2: Number of traffic signs fixed	600 UNITS	300 UNITS	600 UNITS	600 UNITS
	05: Maintenance of Councils assets and buildings	P1: Percentage of maintenance requests attended to	95%	95%	95%	95%
	06: Key Infrastructure projects implemented	P1: Number & Percentage completion of projects started	7 80%	7 85%	7 80%	7 80%

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

MAJOR PROJECTS DURING YEAR 2014

No.	Project	Project Value (Rs.)	Project Value (Rs.)
		Completed in 2014	Started in 2014 and to be completed in 2015
1	Mini Soccer Pitch at Vallée Pitot	1.2 M	
2	(i) Petanque Pitch - Allawi Plaine Verte (ii) Petanque Pitch - Concorde Garden	930,000 120,000	
3	Gradins, Security fencing - La Tour Koenig	-	1.8 M
4	Upgrading Green Space & Irrigation system - La Tour Koenig	-	1.8 M
5	Upgrading of gutters and related works along one identified roof gutter grid line at Ibrahim Abdoolah Market Fair - Cité Martial, Plaine Verte		65,000
6	Embellishment Projects: <u>Lighting - Cité La Cure</u> 1. Cnr Marie 2. Rev. Schnepp 3. Ex-Sophia Lane	575,000	
7	Memorials (i) Victims – Sorèze accident (ii) Rev. Jean Lebrun at Company Garden	100,000 160,000	
8	Resurfacing of Roads	2.6 M	
9	Construction of Drains	3.36 M	

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	2014 Targets	2014 Achieved	2015 Targets	2016 Targets
Land Use and Planning Department	01: Issuing of Building and Land Use Permit	P1: Percentage of applications processed	100%	100%	100%	100%
	02: Updated Cadastre	P2: Percentage of new properties surveyed	80%	50%	90%	90%
Public Health Department	03: Ex Post Control of economic operators	P2: Percentage of new trading activities	50	50	50	50

PROGRAMME 3 : DEVELOPMENT CONTROL WITHIN THE COUNCIL'S AREA

BLP applications in 2014	Processed	Issued	Rejected/ Set aside	Applications requiring additional information
	1101	767	99	235

Court cases	Action Initiated at Court	Outcome	Still under process	Total no. of cases
	27	22 Sentences/ Judgment	12	49

Type	No. received	No. processed and action taken
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report	5	5
Preliminary Environmental Report (PER)	3	3
Morcellement applications	3	3
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
	513	474

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	2014 Targets	2014 Achieved	2015 Targets	2016 Targets
Public Health Department	01: Refuse collection service	P1: Number of times households serviced per week	Once weekly	Minimum once weekly	Twice	Twice
		P2: Number of times commercial places serviced per week	Daily	Twice daily and once on Public Holidays and Sundays	Daily	Daily
	02: Cleaning public places (including green spaces, cemeteries and traffic centres)	P1: Frequency of cleaning operations carried out	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
	03: Rodent and pest control	P1: Frequency of interventions effected/sites covered	Once fortnightly	Once fortnightly	Once fortnightly	Once fortnightly
	04: Information, Education and Communication (IEC)	P1: Number of IEC organized	15	15	15	15

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

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARMENT

Activities	Wards 1,2	Wards 3,4	Wards 5,6,7,8	Total
No. of notices served in Wards	-	-	91	91
No. of notices served	21	50	-	71
No. of notices served in Markets	20	2	46	68
No. of contraventions served	1	3	16	20
No. of new accounts created for Markets		-	6	6

MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERIES

BURIALS

CEMETERY	NO. OF BURIALS FOR YEAR 2014
Western (St. Georges, Gébert, Old)	281
Muslim	60 (including 25 late night burials)
Eastern	117
Pailles	116
TOTAL	574

CREMATIONS

CREMATION GROUND	NO. OF CREMATIONS FOR YEAR 2014
Les Salines	41
Vallée des Prêtres	37
Tranquebar	37
Pailles	12
TOTAL	127

SANITATION SECTION

Special tasks performed in addition to daily scavenging service:

No.	Task	Period
1	Distribution of bins to residents of Port Louis	January to July 2014
2	Clean up campaign in Camp Yolloff	22 June 2014
3	Bulky waste campaign in Ward 1 (Pointe aux Sables) and Ward 3 (Cassis, La Butte, C. Vallijee region)	22-23 November 2014
4	Bulky waste campaign in Ward 1 (Morc. Rey and vicinity) and Ward 4 (Tranquebar, La Paix St. and vicinity, and Champ de Mars region)	29-30 November 2014
5	Bulky waste campaign in Ward 5 (Plaine Verte, Cité Martial and Vallée Pitot)	6-7 December 2014
6	Bulky waste campaign in Ward 2 (GRNW, Sable Noir, Canal Dayot, Camp Chapelon and Plaine Lauzun) and Ward 6 (Camp Yolloff and Roche Bois region)	13-14 December 2014
7	Bulky waste campaign in Ward 7 (Roche Bois, C. Briquetterie, Abercrombie, Paul Toureau and Sainte Croix region)	20-21 December 2014
8	Bulky waste campaign in Ward 8 (C. La Cure and Vallée des Prêtres region)	27-28 December 2014
9	Intensive cleaning of barelands within the jurisdiction of Port Louis	October, November and December 2014
10	Intensive cleaning of drains within the jurisdiction of Port Louis under the National Land Drainage Framework 2014	October, November and December 2014
11	Distribution of bins and plastic bags to religious and educational institutions prior to religious and educational institutions	Prior to religious festival and other events
12	General cleaning works	Prior to religious festivals



Clean up campaign in Camp Yolloff – 22 June 2014



Bulky waste campaign in Wards 1 and 3 – 22 and 23 November 2014



Bulky waste campaign in Ward 5 – 6-7 December 2014



Cleaning of barelands – October to December 2014



Cleaning of barelands – October to December 2014



Cleaning of drains – October to December 2014



Cleaning of drains – October to December 2014



Cleaning of drains – October to December 2014

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	2014 Targets	2014 Achieved	2015 Targets	2016 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	100	118	110	120
Library	03: Provision of IT, Literary and other facilities	P1: Number of persons getting access to facilities being provided by the Council	27,000	24,800	28,000	29,000
		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	Date
Religious Ceremonies/Public Ceremonies			
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			
1.	Trophée International de Football	Saint Francois Xavier Stadium	9 and 10 August
2.	Trophée de la Jeunesse	Saint Francois Xavier Stadium	Final -11 May
3.	National Kyokushinkai knockdown tournament	France Martin Gymnasium	8 June
4.	Port Louis Cup - Kyokushinkai Knockdown tournament	I. Goomany centre	6 Sept
5.	Independence Cup- Kyokushinkai Knockdown Tournament	I. Goomany centre	15 March
5.	AUA- Jeux des villes	Rose Hill	27 September to 5 October
6.	Intervilles de l'Océan Indien – Judo competition	Centre 1er Février	30 August
7.	Cycle race - Circuit Champ De Mars	Champ de Mars	
8.	Cycle Race - Circuit La Tour Koenig	La Tour Koenig	2 August
9.	World Cup Fun day	Saint Francois Xavier stadium	June
10.	Détection Annuelle Jeunes Footballeurs (Benjamins/Poussins/Minimes)		January to April
11.	Inter-écoles de football (categories U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)		February to June
12.	Championnat d'Athlétisme	Maryse Justin Pyndiah Stadium	January to March
13.	Championnat de Kickboxing		March to August
14.	Petanque Tournament	Les Salines and Allawi Boulodromes	March, May, June, July
15.	Tour de l'Ile Cycliste		July
16.	Football Annual Tournament (Minime/Cadet/Interzone)		

No.	Activities	Venue	Date
Sports Activities			
17.	Marathon (Vacoas-Phoenix and Quatre Bornes) and Relais Marathon		
18.	Boxe Francaise Competition		July
19.	Championnat d'Athletisme Poussin	Maryse Justin Pyndiah Stadium	June
20.	Street Football Tournament		September
21.	Jeux de l'Avenir		October/November

Inauguration/Renaming ceremonies			
1.	Renaming of children's playground after E. Delangre	Residence Mauvilac	3 Oct
2.	Laying of foundation stone of a public stand	La Tour Koenig	27 August
3.	Environment Day - Unveiling ceremony of plate	Tranquebar	5 June
4.	Dévoilement d'une plaque - Father Souchon	Jemmapes street	13 September
5.	Mass and Unveiling ceremony of a memorial - tribute to victims of flood	GRNW and Caudan	30 March
6.	Tribute to victims of Sorèze accident	Sorèze	16 November
7.	Laying of foundation stone of a mini-synthetic football ground	Vallée Pitot	14 August

No.	Activities	Venue	Date
Other Activities			
1.	Mother's Day Celebrations (<i>Lunch at City Hall and wards, Nurseries, Infant Schools</i>)		
2.	Nelson Mandela Week (Interfaith ceremony)		
3.	Bicentenary of the arrival of Jean Lebrun		
4.	Reception in honour of laureates	City Hall	28 March
5.	Remise d'équipements sportifs	City Hall	7 March
6.	Exercice de Simulation - Tsunami	Débarcadère	19 July
7.	Ceremony of Honorary Freedom	City Hall	6 November
8.	International Women's Day	City Hall	7 March
9.	Centenaries		
10.	Diocèse Anglican - 90th celebrations		
11.	Manilall Doctor Birth Celebrations		



Thaipoozum Cavadee celebrations – 17.01.2014



Chinese Spring Festival – 'Défilé' – 30.01.2014



Abolition of slavery – Laying of wreaths – 01.02.2014



Kyokushinkai Karaté competition – Opening ceremony – 08.06.2014



‘Jeux des Villes’ – Handing over of sports equipment – 26.09.2014



Unveiling of Memorial at Sorèze, Pailles – 16.11.2014

14. FINANCIAL POSITION AND PERFORMANCE

CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS				
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31.12.2014 (UNAUDITED)				
Year ending 31.12.13		Note	Year ending 31.12.2014	
Rs			Rs	Rs
	ASSETS			
	NON CURRENT ASSETS:			
1,285,253,133	Capital Outlay	2		1,376,084,376
232,052,525	LONG TERM INVESTMENT	3		236,138,513
	CURRENT ASSETS			
13,446,974	Stock		14,365,616	
130,757,417	Debtors	5	131,675,640	
55,165,544	Cash and Bank	7	70,667,647	
259,750,197	Investment in Pension Fund-SICOM		325,820,799	
64,271,818	Special Bank Account	11	67,739,281	
263,641,753			610,268,983	
	LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
64,681,259	PL Theatre Fund & Solidarity Fund	10	68,140,891	
39,021,263	Creditors & Provisions	9	37,894,445	
18,083,476	Prepayments	8	26,550,454	
5,209,889	Deposits		4,984,116	
126,995,886			137,569,906	
396,396,063	Net Current Assets			472,699,077
1,913,701,721				2,084,921,966
	FINANCED BY			
1,602,312,855	General Fund	4	1,707,462,498	
50,000,000	Capital Reserve		50,000,000	
259,750,197	Pension Fund-SICOM Ltd	10	325,820,799	
1,638,669	Passage Fund		1,638,669	
1,913,701,721				2,084,921,966

CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (UNAUDITED)				
31.12.13		Note	Year Ending 31.12.14	
Rs			Rs	Rs
	<u>INCOME</u>			
505,871,271	Grant-in-Aid		494,114,603	
116,766,499	General Rates		121,983,475	
2,847,654	Investment Income		3,487,456	
38,383,391	Rentals		37,383,720	
72,763,720	Trade Fees		76,858,548	
23,678,284	Permits		15,504,489	
2,742,657	Other Income		9,768,104	
	Decrease in provision for bad debts			
225,283	Transfer from Theatre Fund		9,033	
17,583,434	Transfer From General fund		4,039,034	
780,862,192				763,148,461
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
468,434,042	Staff Costs		459,518,433	
89,773,669	Supplies & Services		82,278,762	
15,280,491	Transport costs		15,186,048	
73,100,105	Other Administration Costs		79,432,930	
10,233,982	Social and Cultural Activities Expenses		11,806,837	
	Increase in provision for bad debt			
5,060,652	Grants & Subsidies		5,168,989	
2,000,000	Provision for replacement of vehicles		4,000,000	
111,651,277	Pensions & Gratuities		103,414,735	
775,534,217				760,806,733
5,327,975	Revenue Surplus for the year			2,341,728

CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS - CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2014 (UNAUDITED)				
31.12.13		31.12.2014		
Rs		Rs	Rs	Rs
	OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
503,631,584	Cash received from Grants-In-Aid	494,847,876		
124,240,728	Cash received from rates and taxes	130,372,602		
66,303,350	Cash received from Trade Fees-12th Schedule	94,822,635		
66,497,123	Cash received from other sources	65,176,806		
760,672,785			785,219,920	
175,216,844	Cash payments to Suppliers/Customers	306,210,530		
585,673,319	Cash paid to and on behalf of employees	458,435,249		
760,890,162			764,645,779	
(217,377)	Net cash Inflow from Operating Activities		20,574,141	
	RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
6,898,655	Interest received on Investment	7,625,503		
-	Interest paid on Loan	-		
6,681,277	Net Cash Inflow from R.O.I and S.O.F		7,625,503	
	INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
(71,452,525)	Investments	(75,538,513)		
67,400,000	Realisation of Investment	71,452,525		
-	Receipt from sale of Fixed Assets	-		
(36,401,161)	Payments to increase Capital Outlay	54,683,793		
(33,772,409)	Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities		(58,769,781)	
	FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
10,648,211	Government Grants		46,072,241	
-	Redemption of Loans		-	
(23,124,198)	Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			15,502,103
(23,124,198)	Increase/(Decrease) in Cash			15,502,103
55,165,544	Balance as 31.12.2014	70,667,647		
78,289,742	Balance as 31.12.2013	55,165,544		
(23,124,198)		15,502,103		

CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS -Financial Year 2014

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 as subsequently amended.
- (ii) Stock is valued at weighted average cost.
- (iii) No depreciation is charged in the Accounts. Provision for replacement of fixed assets are made in the Income and Expenditure account.
- (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) Capital outlay is accounted on a cash basis.

2 CAPITAL OUTLAY SCHEDULE

	Balance as at 31.12.2013	Additions	Donations	Balance as at 31.12.2014
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Land & Buildings	1,070,684,949	47,502,162		1,118,187,112
Motor Vehicles	95,310,375	2,380,400	36,147,450	133,838,225
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	39,036,175	1,573,187		40,609,362
Office Furniture & Equipment	56,116,034	1,453,280		57,569,314
Other Fixed Assets	24,105,600	1,774,764		25,880,363
	1,285,253,133	54,683,793	36,147,450	1,376,084,376

3 INVESTMENTS

	31.12.13	31.12.14
General Fund	182,052,525	186,138,513
Shares in DBM Properties Ltd	50,000,000	50,000,000
	232,052,525	236,138,513

4 GENERAL FUND

	31.12.13	31.12.14
General Fund Applied	1,285,253,132	1,376,084,376
General Fund Unapplied	99,510,931	127,903,047
Revenue Reserve	217,548,792	203,475,075
	1,602,312,855	1,707,462,498

5(a)**TOTAL DEBTORS AS AT 31.12.2014**

	Balance as at 31.12.2014	Provision as at 31.12.2014	Balance as at 31.12.2014
	RS	RS	RS
General Rate	109,754,098	39,088,761	70,665,337
Tenants Tax	70,683,396	65,380,356	5,303,040
House Rent	1,784,155	0	1,784,155
Trade Fees	93,146,391	74,552,076	18,594,315
Market Stallholders	29,593,957	17,559,339	12,034,618
Trade Refuse	22,648,567	22,074,192	574,375
Accrued Interest on Fixed Deposits			9,225,613
Interest accrued on P.L. Theatre fund			635,926
Debtors LIF	10,733		10,733
NDU grants receivable	2,381,024	0	2,381,024
	330,002,320	218,654,724	121,209,135

ADVANCES	Balance 01.01.14[Rs]	Additions 2014[Rs]	Refunds 2014 [Rs]	Balance 31.12.14 [Rs]
Advance to Employees [Car Loan]	8,680,075	4,062,438	2,276,008	10,466,505

Total Debtors**131,675,640****5(b) Provision for Bad Debts**

	Balance 31.12.13 [Rs]	Increase [Rs]	Decrease [Rs]	Balance 31.12.14 (Rs)
General Rates	32,136,096	-	-	32,136,096
Tenants Tax	65,380,356	-	-	65,380,356
Trade Fees	74,552,076	-	-	74,552,076
Market fees	17,559,339	-	-	17,559,339
Permit/Trade Refuse	22,074,192	-	-	22,074,192
	211,702,059	-	-	211,702,059

6 STAFF COSTS

	31.12.13	31.12.14
Salaries & Wages	292,379,961	293,511,335
Allowances/Compensation/Bonus	31,634,427	35,044,696
Overtime	36,627,831	26,002,428
Travelling & Transport	30,604,106	31,442,345
Uniforms	7,809,983	5,891,980
Passages costs & Other	12,405,581	8,058,235
Sick leaves	12,948,383	13,463,575
SBFPF/NSF	45,002,015	43,584,429
	469,412,287	456,999,022

7 CASH & BANK

	31.12.13	31.12.14
	Rs	Rs
MCB Current A/c	(2,457,649)	(2,076,170)
Cash at Bank SBM Call A/c	70,014,179	85,085,242
Cash at Bank SBM Current A/c	(12,394,542)	(12,341,315)
Cash in hand	3,555	
	55,165,544	70,667,756

8 PREPAYMENTS

	31.12.13	31.12.2014
	Rs	Rs
General Rates	17,889,087	21,231,804
Rates-Self Assessment	194,389	-
Trade fees		5,318,650
	18,083,476	26,550,454

9 CREDITORS & PROVISIONS

	31.12.13	31.12.14
	Rs	Rs
Creditors	11,649,029	8,463,005
Provisions	21,505,786	23,623,223
Theatre Fund creditor a/c	225,283	234,316
Car loan creditors a/c	8,510	8,510
LIF	5,632,654	5,565,392
	39,021,263	37,894,446

10 FUNDS

	31.12.13	31.12.14
	Rs	Rs
Solidarity Fund 9094	3,493	24
City Council of Port Louis Theatre Fund	64,677,766	68,140,866
	64,681,259	68,140,891

11 SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT

	31.12.13	31.12.14
	Rs	Rs
Solidarity Fund	3,493	24
City Council of Port Louis Theatre Fund(current)	4,268,325	4,381,657
City Council of Port Louis Theatre Fund [Fixed Deposit]	60,000,000	63,357,600
	64,271,818	67,739,281

12 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-in-Aid and Capital Grants.

The amount of Grants-in-Aid received as at 31.12.14 was Rs 494,847,876 and Capital Grants Rs 46,072,241

13 INVESTMENT IN DBM PROPERTIES LTD

The City Council has transferred land situated at La Poudrière Street to DBM Properties Development Ltd valued at Rs50m on 14 June 2005 against the issue of 500,000 shares. On 30 December 2009 the Government has acquired the properties of DBM Properties Development Ltd. Relevant adjustments will be made to the accounts when all information is obtained.

15. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

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