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Ndlambe Local Municipality Addresses Water Supply Concerns in Boknes and Cannon Rocks

Ndlambe Local Municipality has been actively engaged in addressing the concerning issue of low water pressure and intermittent supply affecting certain areas of Boknes and Cannon Rocks. Over recent weeks, reports from residents highlighted challenges, especially in high-lying areas, with dropping reservoir levels at the Boknes reservoir.

Following a collaborative meeting held on the 30th of November 2023, between the municipality and the ratepayers, several immediate and long-term measures have been instituted to assess the root cause of the problem and implement effective solutions.

Immediate Actions:

- **Daily Monitoring:** Daily meter readings at strategic locations to monitor water use and flow rates.
- **Pressure Monitoring:** Continuous monitoring of water pressure at key locations.
- **Leak Detection:** A comprehensive leak detection exercise is underway.
- **Preventative Maintenance:** Ongoing maintenance activities are being conducted.
- **Network Optimization:** Cleaning of all strainers on the bulk distribution network.
- **Pipeline Adjustment:** Adjusting pipeline flow rates to boost reservoir levels for sustained daytime pressure.

Upcoming Short-Term Action (Starting December 6, 2023):

- **Leak Detection Exercise:** Isolation of the water supply pipeline at Perlemoen Street in Boknes may affect water supply from 6 pm to 6 am for a maximum of 3 days.

Medium to Long-Term Plans:

- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Replacement of faulty shut-off valves in the water reticulation system.

- **Commissioning & Servicing:** **Commissioning** and continuous servicing of booster pumps.
- **Investigative Study:** Investigation into the impact of increased building activities on existing municipal resources, specifically water supply, with recommendations to manage demand effectively.
- **Strategic Installations:** Installing air pressure valves, non-return valves, and bulk water flow meters in critical locations.
- **Future Infrastructure Exploration:** The municipality is actively exploring the feasibility of installing a direct pipeline to feed the Boknes reservoir before supplying the community, to ensure more consistent water availability.

The municipality acknowledges the inconvenience faced by residents and assures that proactive steps are being taken to address these challenges. We urge cooperation and understanding from the community during these essential maintenance and investigative exercises.

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