

City must cut budget by R1 billion

I COULDN'T agree more with Paul Gering, Rates: City must cut coat according to cloth.

I have been saying the same thing to anyone who would listen. In the Finance and Procurement Committee my colleagues and I push that exact agenda.

I am of the opinion that there should be no increase more than CPIX and in these tough economic times we should at the very least be freezing the budget and at best cutting it by at least R1 billion.

We have to eliminate the nice to haves and concentrate

on the must haves ... there is much fat to be cut from the budget.

It is amazing how the rest of the world takes note of the economic crisis and cuts government spending, but we just go ahead increasing spending and raising rates, taxes, fees and tariffs. Ratepayers and residents have reached their limit.

Let's also get serious about collecting the R599m owed us for rates and services from government departments.

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