



Press Release: Luganville Municipal Council I Mekem Courtesy Visit Long Minista blong Internal Affairs

Tusdei 10 Maj 2026 | Port Vila, Vanuatu | Luganville Municipal Council (LMC) i mekem wan courtesy visit long Minista blong Internal Affairs, Hon. Andrew Solomon Napuat, wetem Direkta blong Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, tedei moning blong tokbaot ol impoten developmen praoriti mo ol wok we i stap gohed long Luganville Municipality.

Delegesen blong Luganville i inkludum Lord Mayor Hon. John Boe Mavutu, Honourable Deputy Mayor, mo ol Chairman blong ol woking Komiti insaed long Luganville Municipal Council.

Miting ia i givim wan gudfala janis long ol lida blong Council blong briefem Minista long ol developmen plan mo ol inisiatif blong olketa, we i aim blong mekem Luganville i gohed blong kam wan strong ekonomi hub blong Vanuatu, olsem Gavman blong Vanuatu i bin deklarim.

Ol Impoten Developmen Plan we oli Toktok Long Hem

Long taem blong courtesy call ia, ol impoten tinktink we oli diskasem wetem Minista blong Internal Affairs hemi:

- **Harmonisem Standing Orders wetem Municipalities Act [CAP 126]**

Council i stap reviewim Standing Orders blong hem blong mekem sua se i stret wetem ol recent amendment blong Municipalities Act. Luganville Municipal Council i stap wok tugeta wetem ofis blong Attorney Jenerol blong verify mo finalizem ol jenis ia.

- **Greater Luganville Development Plan**

Council i presentem visen blong olketa blong Greater Luganville Plan, we i aim blong extendem current municipal boundary blong accomodatem fiuja urban growth, gudfala taun planning, mo moa municipal services.

- **Unity Park Beautification Project**

Council i gat plan blong implementem wan beautification project long Unity Park blong mekem ples ia i kam moa naes mo welcoming blong ol resident mo ol visitor.

- **Niufala Cemetery Site**

Council tu i stap wok blong identify mo securem wan niufala cemetery site blong mitim gro blong populesen mo nid blong municipality.



Ministry blong Internal Affairs i expressim full sapot blong hem long ol inisiatif mo developmen plan we Luganville Municipal Council i presentem. Taem Luganville i stap gohed blong gro olsem impoten ekonomi hub blong Vanuatu, i impoten blong strengthen wok tugeta bitwin national gavman mo municipal authority blong mekem sua se developmen i sustainable mo i wel plan blong benefitim ol pipol.

Miting ia i finis wetem wan shared commitment blong strengthenem kolaboresen bitwin Ministry blong Internal Affairs mo Luganville Municipal Council blong pushum olketa developmen effort we bae i benefitim ol pipol blong Luganville mo tu ol citizen blong Vanuatu.

Blong karem moa infomesen, plis visitim:

Ministry of Internal Affairs, Independence Park

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Ministry of Internal Affairs

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Press Release: Luganville Municipal Council Pays Courtesy Visit to the Ministry of Internal Affairs

Tuesday 10th March 2026 | Port Vila, Vanuatu | The Luganville Municipal Council (LMC) paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Andrew Solomon Napuat alongside the Director of Urban Affairs and Planning department this morning to discuss key development priorities and ongoing initiatives for Luganville Municipality.

The delegation from Luganville included the Honourable Lord Mayor, Honourable Deputy Mayor, and Chairman's of the Committees in Luganville Municipal Council.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the Council leadership to brief the Minister on their development plans and initiatives aimed at strengthening Luganville's role as Vanuatu's key economic hub, as declared by the Government of Vanuatu.

Key development plan discussed

During the courtesy call, several important matters were discussed between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Luganville Municipal Council, including:

- **Alignment of Standing Orders with the Municipalities Act [CAP 126]**
The Council is currently reviewing its Standing Orders to ensure they align with the recent amendments to the Municipalities Act. The Luganville Municipal Council is currently working with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General, to verify and finalize these updates.
- **Greater Luganville Development Plan**
The Council shared its vision for the **Greater Luganville Plan**, which aims to extend the current municipal boundary to accommodate future urban growth, improved planning, and expanded municipal services.
- **Unity Park Beautification Project**
Plans are underway to implement a beautification project at **Unity Park** to enhance the public space and create a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors.
- **Identification of a New Cemetery Site**
The Council is also working on identifying and securing a **new cemetery site** to meet the growing needs of the municipality.



The Ministry of Internal Affairs fully supports the initiatives and development plans presented by the Luganville Municipal Council. As Luganville continues to grow as Vanuatu's economic hub, it is essential that we strengthen collaboration between national government and municipal authorities to ensure sustainable and well-planned development that benefits our people.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to strengthening collaboration between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Luganville Municipal Councils in advancing development efforts that will benefit the people of Luganville and the wider citizens of Vanuatu.

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