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**More shocking hikes for Pretoria?**

“A rumour is doing the rounds that the Tshwane Metro is considering calling a special Council meeting to announce and approve an even further 4% increase in the electricity tariff,” says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“All the latest tariff increases came into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July only after public/participation meetings were held. Although the majority of those present at these meetings felt that the increases were excessive and would put further pressure on the tax/payers who are already reeling under these never ending increases, which are due to the ANC’s failures and uncontrollable greed, they were implemented.”

“ With no public participation called for and the haste with which this latest increase is being pushed through, one can only surmise that it has come about as a result of the unacceptable and unjustifiable annual salary of R 2.7 M that the ANC council has approved for the new city manager.”

“The Christian Democratic Party is appalled that from national through to provincial and local levels self/indulgent opportunists are legalizing the pillaging of the country’s treasury, by paying themselves salaries far beyond their capabilities. Stop this insane and deliberate destruction of our economy and stop it now.”

**Nog skokkende verhogings vir Pretoria?**

“n Gerug doen die rondte dat die Tshwane-metroraad dit oorweeg om ‘n spesiale raadsvergadering te belê om ‘n verdere 4 % verhoging in kragtariewe aan te kondig,” sê ds.Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Al die jongste tariefverhogings het op 1 Julie in werking getree na openbare deelname-vergaderings gehou is. Hoewel die meerderheid mense teenwoordig by dié vergaderings gemeen het die verhogings is buitensporig en dat dit bykomende druk op belastingbetalers sal plaas wat reeds onder die nimmereindigende verhogings steier, en wat weer die gevolg is van die ANC se mislukkings en onbeheerste gulsigheid, is dit deurgevoer. “

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“Met geen openbare deelname nie en die onbehoorlike haas waarmee die saak nou aangespreek word, kan ‘n mens maar net aflei dat die jongste verhoging deurgevoer gaan word om die buitensporige en onregverdigbare salaris van R2,7 miljoen te kan betaal wat die ANC-beheerde raad vir die nuwe munisipale bestuurder goedgekeur het.”

“Die CDP is ontstoke daarvoor dat, van nasionale vlak tot plaaslike vlak, opportuniste hul langs wettige maniere so onverdiend volstop, en in die proses die land se tesourie plunder. Stop die gekke en doelbewuste aftakeling van die ekonomie, en stop dit nou!”