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Ngwelezane hosts “Taking Council to the Community”

Council ventured out into the community for the third time in June when it held its annual “Taking Council to the Community” event at the Nongweleza Sports Field in the Ngwelezane area.

The “Taking Council to the Community” programme represents Council’s commitment towards service delivery and fostering a partnership with the community. The programme seeks to encourage healthy community relations and give the community an opportunity to develop an understanding of how Council conducts its business and also to understand the challenges.

The event is a huge logistical undertaking requiring the Municipality to hire marquees, arrange generators for electricity to power the sound system and lighting, as well as buses to transport hundreds of community members from the surrounding area.

The programme for the day included visits to the Sigisi and Bingoma Primary Schools, in Wards 25 and 24 respectively, where learners were addressed by officials and ward councillors on traffic law enforcement as well as tourism and environmental awareness in conjunction with Richards Bay Minerals. Thereafter the Traffic Section, Fire and Rescue and Disaster Management Services led a parade from the Fire Station in Empangeni to the Nongweleza Sports Field.

Government departments were also included in the programme and were available to make presentations and to assist the in terms of the services. In attendance were the Independent Electoral Commission, South African Police Service, Department of Health, Department of Social Development and the Department of Home Affairs.

Explaining the purpose of the day, Municipal Manager, Dr Nhlanhla Sibeko, said that uMhlathuze Municipality is a government that cares and holding a Council meeting in the community is a gesture to show that uMhlathuze Municipality, as local government, wants to engage the community in everything that it does.



Mayor Elphas Mbatha interacts with members of the community before the official proceedings get underway.



The Ngwelezane community turned out in their numbers at the Nongweleza Sport Ground in Ward 25 to attend the Council meeting.

“By the very definition of a democracy we are a government of the people, by the people, for the people,” he added.

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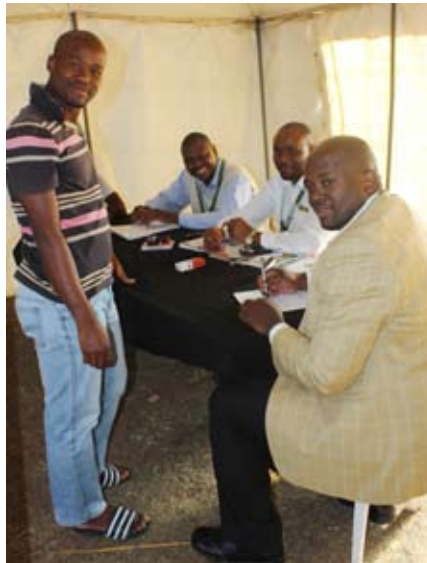
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In welcoming guests to the Council meeting, Deputy Mayor Zethu Gumbi, said the event also served as a celebration of 20 years of democracy in the country as well as 20 years of peace in KwaZulu-Natal, the uThungulu district and the City. She thanked the KwaMadlebe community for coming out in large numbers to vote during the recent National Election and reminded all of the Local Government Elections scheduled in 2016.

In his address, Mayor Elphas Mbatha said that the Municipality would be signing an agreement in the near future with Richards Bay Minerals to fast track skills development because this is a priority for the area. He also acknowledged service delivery backlogs in certain areas of the municipal area but assured the community that no part of the City will be left out in the delivery of basic services.

"I am proud to report that 60% of uMhlathuze Municipality's R467 million Capital Budget is spent in the rural areas," said Mayor Mbatha.

In his message of support, uThungulu District Mayor Thulani Mashaba, encouraged councillors to respect their jobs and the people who elected them by engaging with their communities more regularly and keeping them informed. He said communities that were kept informed about issues that directly affect them had no need for service delivery protests. Similarly he advised municipal officials to be hard working and performance driven in order that they can deliver to the communities.



Left: Various Government departments, including the Department of Health and the Department of Social Development, were in attendance to provide services to the community. Here officials from the Department of Home Affairs assist community members to apply for identity documents.



City of uMhlathuze councillors get down to business.



Food parcels were handed out to community members, for some it was a long day, as they had started gathering at midday in anticipation of the council meeting.



Deputy Mayor Zethu Gumbi waits with VIP guests before being led into the marquee for the Council meeting.



Programme Director and Speaker, Cllr Mvuseni Mnqayi, welcomes the community to the event.



Mayor Elphas Mbatha delivers his mayoral message.



Deputy Mayor Zethu Gumbi introduces the VIP guests to the meeting.



Municipal Manager, Dr Nhlanhla Sibeko explains the purpose of taking Council to the community.



uThungulu District Municipality Mayor, Thulani Mashaba, offers a message of support.

Additional wings to Richards Bay Airport

One of the country's leading regional airlines, Airlink, has joined its Alliance partner, SA Express, in offering two daily weekday Johannesburg - Richards Bay return flights.

These extra flight options available for commuters is welcomed by Richards Bay Airport Manager Heila Trollip. "We are very pleased to have Airlink in Richards Bay as their flights compliment those offered by SA Express affording our commuters alternative options."

Introduced in November last year Airlink's Jetstream J41 planes, with a carrying capacity of around 29 passengers, arrive from Johannesburg at 8:35am weekday mornings and are ready for the return flight at 9am with the afternoon flight arriving from Johannesburg at 4:20pm and ready for its return to Johannesburg at 4:40pm.

The largest independent airline in southern Africa, Airlink carries more than one million passengers to over 30 destinations in smaller towns, cities and regional centres.

While the passenger profile of the two airline operators at Richards Bay Airport is mainly business, there is room for growing the number of tourists in transit at the airport.

"Although the majority of our passengers are business people, there are a number of tourists that make use of the airport to visit the many tourism attractions in the area, and with Richards Bay's proximity to world class tourism destinations there is opportunity for these establishments to develop tour packages that would bring more passengers through the airport," said Heila.

With safety and security of passengers and visitors a priority, Training and Fire and rescue manager for Indiza at Richards Bay, Alan Kukard said that the airport is set to become host to the first South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) and Local Government Seta accredited training centre offering Firefighter 1 and 2 as well as Hazmat courses. "The courses would be done on-line through the main hub which is situated in Vancouver, Canada."

Other new operators to be introduced to the airport are Denel Aviation, that is to run Transnet's Port Authority's pilot helicopter service, and also imminent is Air Mercy Services (AMS) extending their service hours to provide the region with a 24-hour service attending to medical emergencies.

To keep abreast with the growing passenger and visitor traffic, the airport buildings have recently enjoyed an extensive refurbishment. Besides a new cosmetic coat of paint, a new air conditioning system was installed, new flooring and a new roof adds to the aesthetics of the building while new automated access doors at the entrance makes for the smooth movement of people in and out of the building.



Richards Bay Airport Manager Heila Trollip was very pleased to welcome Airlink and its Richards Bay manager, Mazwi Mngwengwe to the Richards Bay Airport.

Deputy Municipal Manager appointments

Council has approved the extension of the employment contract of the Deputy Municipal Manager: Financial Services, Mr M Kunene, on a month-to-month basis for a period not exceeding three months. Mr Kunene would also act in the position of Deputy Municipal Manager: Corporate Services during this term in office (1 July until 30 September 2014).

Mrs B Strachan has also been appointed as the Acting Municipal Manager: City Development on a month-to-month basis for a period not exceeding three months.

The position of Acting Municipal Manager: Infrastructure and Technical Services, Mr T Gopane, has also been extended on a month-to-month basis for a period not exceeding three months.

City prepares for the incorporation of a portion of Ntambanana

The City is to make application to the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs for a restructuring grant of R1 million following the re-determination of the uMhlathuze Municipal boundaries to include Wards 7, 8 and a portion of Ward 5 (east of the Okuka Traditional Authority) of the Ntambanana Municipality.

The new boundaries will come into effect after the Local Government Elections in May 2016, after which the City of uMhlathuze will be required to provide services to the newly incorporated areas.

According to data from the 2011 Census the new areas have a combined population of about 30 000 people and that land is mostly privately owned by commercial farmers, State owned land and Ingonyama Trust Board land.

Should COGTA approve the restructuring grant, the funds will be used for planning purposes to obtain digital aerial photography, contour mapping and cadastral information of the area as these all form part of the backbone of all other information to be added to Council's GIS (Geographic Information System), valuations and PROMIS systems.

Any remaining funds will be used to obtain additional information such as property valuations and vegetation mapping.

COGTA is to be invited to address Council regarding the implications of the amended boundary in terms of expectations and available funding.

The Municipality is to also form a task team, under the leadership of the Municipal Manager, to assess the impact the change in the municipal boundary will have in order to prepare for service delivery after May 2016.



Council narrows down renewable energy opportunities

Nine bidders have met the minimum requirements for the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage of Council's tender that called for expressions of interest to explore the potential of renewable energy in the City.

The bidders now have twelve months to perform the necessary feasibility studies to ensure the successful evaluation of the final proposal to the Municipality. They are:

Company/Companies	Rated technology for RFP stage
Tsebolo Minerals CC	Photovoltaic Solar Plant
EAB Astrum Energy (Pty) Ltd, Basil Read Energy (Pty) Ltd and Mqapheli Suppliers CC	Municipal Solid Waste to Energy
Live Energy (Pty) Ltd JV Core Project Management (Pty) Ltd, Kholofelo Solution CC	Agricultural Biomass to Energy
Namasthethu Electrical (Pty) Ltd, Impact Energy Projects	Waste Heat Recovery to Energy
Black Lite (Pty) Ltd, Merdeka Energy Solutions (Pty) Ltd	Photovoltaic Solar Plant (Copper Indium gallium diselenide)
Mondi Richards Bay (Pty) Ltd	Agricultural Biomass, Lignin and Coal to Energy
Mponeng Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Hydrogen Storage Dispatcher to Energy
Process, Energy and Environmental Technology Solution - University of Johannesburg and Korean Solar Power Consortium	Photovoltaic Solar Plant
Tactical Software Systems (Pty) Ltd, Hope Energy, SEP 75 (Pty) Ltd	Waste Tyres to Energy; Wave Harnessing and Agricultural Biomass to Energy

An interdepartmental steering committee is to be appointed to project manage the initiative and the Department of Infrastructure and Technical Services has been delegated to award a Partial Power Purchase Agreement to the successful tenders.

A bridge not too far

The final stage of the upgrade, the section from the N2 to Empangeni started in April 2012 with a practical completion date set at September, 2014.

This stage included building a new bridge over the railway lines at Empangeni Rail area, demolishing the old existing bridge and then building a new second bridge, all with as little disruption to road and rail traffic – a tall order.

On completion last year of the northern new bridge, all traffic was and still is diverted to the new bridge while the old bridge was demolished and work proceeded on the new southern bridge.

Reporting progress on the John Ross Parkway upgrade project to the Public Liaison Committee, Royal Haskoning DHV consulting engineers' resident engineer Drew Wilson said foundation piling works started in January this year with 40 precast concrete piles driven to a maximum depth of 20 metres.

Meanwhile 27 precast concrete beams, ranging from 12 to 20 tons, were manufactured nearby to the site of the new bridge.

"These beams were recently placed over the railway line as shown in the attached pictures. The next stage is to complete in-situ concrete deck on top of the precast beams, followed by barriers and asphalt surfacing."

Wilson added that the timescales for these phases are dependent on adequate curing/setting times for the concrete to achieve the required strengths.

The east bound carriageway and large intersection of the John Ross Parkway and Grantham Highway/R102 are both 90% completed.

Next focus in the R132-million contract is the completion of the refurbishment of the west bound carriageway from the N2 to the new bridge; construction of the west bound carriageway from the new bridge past the front of the Caltex Garage and Quality Cars as well as the construction of the intersection at Tanner Road; and finally resurfacing the north and south sections of the R102 leading to the intersection with the Parkway.

The total expenditure on the project to date is around R106-million. Wilson said there had been a substantial increase in production with the last certificate drawn of over R11-million. "Previous certificates averaged between R3million and R4-million. The escalation of costs was due to an escalation of the manpower hours and work completed as contractors stepped up the pace to complete the intersection with the R102 as fast as possible in an attempt to ensure traffic returns to normal as soon as possible.

"We really must thank commuters for their patience in the traffic gridlocks during the earlier critical days of the upgrade of the intersection. Traffic is now moving smoother and will only improve."

Within the next four months the upgrade of the John Ross Parkway will be all but completed and years of traffic congestion and frustrations will become distant memories. Photos courtesy of Trevor from Contraspac.



Lifting and placing the first beams for the new bridge.



Placing the final beam in the third section.



With all the beams in all three sections placed, the next stage is casting diaphragm walls and pouring the concrete deck which has to cure before the final black top is applied.

Amalambu Ogesi E-LED Azofakwa Emigwaqeni YaseMadlankala NaseMaholoholo

Abakwa Namasthethu Electrical (Pty) Ltd banikwe umsebenzi wokuthola abantu abazofaka amalambu e-LED emigwaqeni waseMadlankala naseMaholoholo eSikhaleni.

Lamalambu e-LED azofakwa ibanga elingamakhilomitha amahlanu umgwaqo ngamunye. Mayelana nomgwaqo waseMadlankala lamalambu azofakwa kusuka kuMdoni Road kanti eMaholoholo azofakwa kusuka kuMthombothi Road.

Lomsebenzi wesamba esibalelwa kuR1 wesigidi uzoqala ngomhlaka 1 August 2014 kanti kulindeleke ukuba uphele ngomhlaka 28 February 2015.

Lomsebenzi kwakumele ubandakanye nokufakwa kwamalambu ogesi weLED kuMain Road, eMpangeni kodwa iKomidi likaMasipala eliBhekelela ukuHlunga labona ukuthi imali ephakanyiselwe ukufakwa kwezintambo ogesi ngaphansi komhlaba kulomgwaqo inkulu kakhulu ngakho ayiwufanele lomsebenzi.

E: *Namasthethu Electrical (Pty) Ltd has been awarded a contract to provide labour for the installation of LED streetlight luminaires along Madlankala and Maholoholo roads in eSikhaleni.*



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Veldenvlei Community Hall refurbishment underway

Ezekhethelo Product has been awarded a tender in the amount of R376 294,38 for the refurbishment of the Veldenvlei Community Hall and commenced work in mid-June.

The four-month contract is phase one of the project and includes replacing the hall roof as well as removing the aluminium shop fronts on either side of the hall and replacing them with brick walls.

The tender for phase two of the refurbishment project is due to be advertised at the end of July so that the second contract can start immediately after phase one has been completed. Phase two will include replacing the ceiling, painting, floor tiling, installing new plumbing and revamping the ablutions.

Kuqokwe Osonkontileka Bogesi Ukufaka Ugesi Ezindlini

Abakwa Solethu Energy baqokwe njengosonkontileka wogesi ukufaka ugesi ezindlini ezingama khulu amahlanu namashumi ayisihlanu nesisihyalolunye eDumisane Makhaye Village eyayaziwa ngoMhlathuze Village ngaphambilini ngesamba sama R3,76 ezigidi.

Usonkontileka uqale ukusebenza ekupheleni kukaMay kanti isikhathi somsebenzi yizinyanga ezine. Izindlu ezihlonzelwe lomsebenzi zisesigabeni 7 seDumisane Makhaya Village kuWodi 23.

AbakwaThuthuka Electrical bona baqokwe njengosonkontileka bokufaka ugesi ezindlini ezingama 564 eMandlazi Village ngesamba samaR3,51 ezigidi. Ukwedluliselwa kwendawo yomsebenzi kwenziwa ekuqaleni kukaJune kanti Umsebenzi kulindeleke uphele ekuqaleni kuka-October.

Ngokunjalo abakwa-Indlulamithi Construction bangusonkontileka ozofaka ugesi ezindlini ezingama 209 eMzingazi Village ngesamba sama R2,96 ezigidi. Indawo yomsebenzi yedluliselwa ekuqaleni kukaJune kanti umsebenzi kulindelwe ukuba uphele ekuqaleni kuka-October.

E: *Solethu Energy has been appointed as the electrical contractor for the electrification of five hundred and fifty nine households in Dumisane Makhaye Village, formerly uMhlathuze Village, in the amount of R3,76 million.*

City provides opportunity for people with disabilities

Eighteen young community members, with various disabilities, have been provided an opportunity to participate in a twelve month learnership programme at the City of uMhlathuze so that they can gain work experience to improve their hopes of finding employment.

Importantly, as part of the learnership programme, they are also studying towards a Business Administration Certificate (NQF 2), which is sponsored by Athena Private FET College in Durban through Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) funding. Every four weeks a representative from the College will travel to Richards Bay to provide training for the week.

Disabilities include people who are blind, people who are deaf and those who are confined to a wheelchair. During their work experience those with disabilities will learn how to deal with the public, become familiar with an office environment, assist with day-to-day office activities such as filing, and learn how to dress for the office environment.

While the learnership offers an important opportunity to those people with disabilities, it also provides an equally important opportunity for municipal officials to learn how to work with people with disabilities.

Each Municipal employee has been given a booklet, which outlines the various disabilities, appropriate language use when speaking about disabilities and how to communicate with people according to the disability that they have.

Employees also have the option of attending daily sign language lessons to learn how to communicate with people who are hard of hearing.



Getting used to an office environment are (back from left) Vusi Nzimande, Jeremy Moodley (uMhlathuze HR Officer), Smangalis Ntuli, Nokubonga Makhabela with (front) Simphiwe Mathenjwa and Grace Zibane.

Councillor Class of 2014



Forty councillors from the City of uMhlathuze have been nominated, on the basis of proportional representation at Council, to attend the Management Development Programme (MDP).

The councillors include 28 representatives from the African National Congress, eight from the Inkatha Freedom Party and two each from the Democratic Alliance and National Freedom Party.

The programme is being facilitated by Regent Business School and includes seven modules.

The first module, on Leadership, was facilitated by Professor Marvin Kambuwa during a two day session on 18 and 19 June in the Council Chambers, Richards Bay. The remaining modules include: People Management, Strategic Management, Financial Management, Marketing, Project and Operations Management, Economics and Economic Policy. These modules will be facilitated two days each month from July 2014 to December 2014.

After assessments, those councillors who have been found competent on all the modules shall graduate with a Management Development qualification.

Exco gives guidance on Civic Centre fencing

Exco has recommended that a boundary fence be erected around the entire perimeter of the Civic Centre - a total of 780m - and has indicated that they would prefer a roofed security access point "that is decent but not too expensive" over a simplistic guard house with a boom gate.

Councillors said the roofed security access point would provide shelter against the elements when guards needed to search vehicles and would also be more aesthetically pleasing.

This follows a report to Exco recently about the findings of a security assessment that was conducted of the Richards Bay Civic Centre. The assessment highlighted the need for the area to be closed off and controlled indefinitely during certain times to improve security.

The former Deputy Municipal Manager of City Development, Lindani Khoza, presented a 3D design to Exco at the end of June indicating the boundary fence so that councillors could clearly see the proposed areas that are to be incorporated. He also indicated the areas that could be left unfenced should the councillors prefer to exclude certain portions of the property to make open areas available outside the fence

for public activities such as street markets, flea markets and the annual circus.

The presentation furthermore included the various fencing options that are available to the Municipality that would complement the architecture of the Civic Centre complex.

Another report will serve before Exco in the near future indicating the availability of budget to complete the project, which is estimated at between R975 000 and R1,2 million, as well as the time frame for the project.



Above: One of the fencing options presented to Exco that would complement the Civic Centre building.

Below: The boundary of the perimeter fence for the Richards Bay Civic Centre, as highlighted in a presentation to Exco at the end of June.



Changes to Council



Councillor Alice Mthembu (Above) of the African National Congress has been nominated as the Speaker of uThungulu District Municipality and therefore will no longer be available as a member of the Executive Committee at the City of uMhlathuze. The vacancy on the Executive Committee has been filled by Councillor Nonhlanhla Cele (Below), who is also an ANC representative.



Did you know?

The vending commission for third party electricity vending is for the Municipality's account. This means that all third party electricity vending - itronenergy.co.za website, Internet banking sites or at appointed supermarkets and garages - is now the same price as pre-paid electricity purchased directly from the Municipality, i.e. there is no vending charge.

Rehabilitation of North Central Arterial underway

Commuters along North Central Arterial in Richards Bay will have noticed that the City of uMhlathuze has embarked on a project to rehabilitate the portion of road which is Council's responsibility to maintain.

X-Moor Transport has been awarded a contract in the amount of R16,38 million and is overseen by V&V Consulting Engineers. X-Moor has experience in road rehabilitation having worked on contracts for the South African National Roads Agency (SANRA) on the N2 and on portions of the John Ross Parkway.

The North Central Arterial project is a four month contract to rehabilitate the 1,6km stretch of road and is scheduled for completion in mid-September. Work includes the in situ stabilisation of the road by milling the road surface to a depth of 250mm and stabilising with cement using a state-of-the-art road recycling machine.

This is then overlaid with a new bitumen treated base of 100mm, as the load bearing layer, which is laid in two layers of 50mm each. A 30mm asphalt pre-mix is the final layer to seal and protect the road, which should have a lifespan of 15 years with planned maintenance.

An official from the Department of Infrastructure and Technical Services said: "We appeal to the public for patience during the course of the contract. We are aware that traffic control is a frustration to many commuters, but the contractor is trying to work between the peak hours, from 9am to 4pm, whenever possible. We are confident that after the four month contract, the community will benefit greatly from the improved road as we were receiving numerous complaints about potholes before the project commenced."

Tanner Road rehabilitation

The Department is planning to rehabilitate a 2,38km portion of Tanner Road in Empangeni using the same milling and stabilisation process. Naidu Engineering Consultants have been appointed as the project consultants and the tender to appoint a contractor is at the bid evaluation stage.

The tender calls for the project to be a night operation in order to reduce the inconvenience to businesses in the Empangeni Rail area.



City introduces 'Mobile Power' for pre-paid electricity

The City's Department of Finance is in the process of finalising and launching several innovative and useful products aimed at improving the convenience of the services offered to customers and reducing municipal queues.

The first of these exciting products is 'Mobile Power', which enables those customers who are registered for the service, to buy pre-paid electricity and airtime on their mobile phone from anywhere at any time of day.

Registration can be done online or by registering via an SMS. Thereafter all purchased can be done via SMS.

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Importantly pre-paid electricity from the Municipality and its third party vendors is now the same price and no additional fees are charged by Mobile Power for the convenience of buying electricity on your mobile phone.

Customers interested in registering for Mobile Power can visit Mobilepower.co.za or SMS 'Register' with your meter number to 44380. For more information contact Mrs H Koekemoer at the Department of Finance on (035) 907 5112.

Representatives from the service provider, Itron, will also be visiting the City from 4 August, 2014 to provide assistance to residents interested in registering for the service.

Read next month's uMhlathuze Wami for more on other products being offered by the Department.



New air quality stations for the City

SI Analytics (Pty) Ltd has been awarded a tender in the amount of R4 million to supply and install ambient air quality stations for the City of uMhlathuze and provide a twelve month programme on Air Quality Monitoring to build staff capacity.

Including in the equipment to be supplied are analysers, air sampling plumbing, collapsible weather stations, a data management system, a mobile shelter and accessories as well as maintenance and training services.

In terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act of 2004, local government is responsible for air quality management, including the characterisation of baseline air quality, the management and operation of ambient monitoring networks, licensing of listed activities and the development of strategies to reduce emissions.

Three stations will be installed at eSikhaleni, Arboretum and Brackenham and will measure Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂), Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x), Ozone (O₃), Particulate Matters (PM) as well as wind speed, wind direction, standard deviation in wind directions, temperature and various quality control parameters. This data will then be made available on the City's website.

AbakwaDumza CivBuild Banikwe Imisebenzi Emibili ESikhaleni

Umsebenzi wezinyanga eziyisithupha wokwenzangcono ezokuphepha komgwaqo eNxanxatheleni yeZitolo eSikhaleni wesamba sama R2,788 ezigidi unikwe abakwaDumza CivBuild. Lomsebenzi ubandakanye ukwakhiwa kwezindlu zangasese nendawo ekhonkiwe yokulayishela amatekisi.

Ngaphezu kwalomsebenzi, abakwaDumza CivBuild babuye banikwa umsebenzi wesamba sama R4,63 wezigidi wokuvuselela izindawo ezimbili zeHositela elisesizeni Erf H 396 eSikhaleni.

Lomsebenzi wezinyanga eziyisithupha uqale phakathi kukaJune kanti ungowokuvuselelwa kwezindawo ezimbili zeHositela eliseSikhaleni, ukuvuselelwa kophahla, amafasitela, izindlu zangasese kanye nokulungiswa kwezintambo zogesi nokufakelwa kabusha kwamapayipi.

Abahlali balezindawo ezimbili batholelwe indawo emagumbini abengenabantu kulezindawo ezintathu zehositela okulindeleke ukuthi nazo zivuselelwe ngokuhamba kwesuthi.

E: A six-month contract for eSikhaleni Mall road safety improvements has been awarded to Dumza CivBuild in the amount of R2,788 million and includes provision of public ablution facilities and a paved taxi loading area.

Richards Bay Clean Air Association Monthly Report: May 2014

SO₂ (Sulphur Dioxide) is linked with a number of adverse effects on the respiratory system as it is highly soluble and thus readily absorbed by the mucous membranes of the nose and upper respiratory tract.

SO₂ (Sulphur Dioxide) Guideline Exceedances

There was one measured exceedance of the NEMAQA daily average standard (48ppb). There were three measured exceedances of the hourly average standard (134ppb). There were 11 exceedances of the 10 minute average standard (191ppb) recorded at Scorpio in April. All exceedances were apportioned to Foskopos.

TRS Odour Threshold Exceedances

There were two exceedances of the RBCAA 10-minute Target (4.5ppb) recorded on 29 May at 04h00 and 04h10.

Air Quality Complaints

There were 15 air quality complaints received. Twelve complaints related to odour and clinical symptoms experienced on 13 and 14 May. The complaints were found to be the result of an Eskom power failure at Mondi Richards Bay. One complaint related to emissions from Tongaat-Hulett during start-up. Two complaints were unresolved. One related to a reported "compost" odour, and the other to a "burning rubber" odour. The RBCAA was unable to establish a possible source.

For more information contact:

Sandy Camminga (Public Officer)

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Complaints can be logged at: complaints@rbcaa.co.za

Website: www.rbcaa.org.za

Iholo LaseNgwelezane Lizonweshwa

Abakwa Daily Double Trading 315 banikwe umsebenzi wesamba sama R2,4 ezigidi wokunweba iHolo loMphakathi laseNgwelezane.

Ngokwesiphathimandla soMnyango weNgqalazinda nemiSebenzi yobuChwepheshe, iholo lizonweshwa ngama 609 izikwele mitha ukuze kubenendawo eyanele yamakhansela, igumbi lokugcina impahla, amagumbi okushintshela abesilisa nabesifazane, igumbi lokusetshenziswa basebenzi kanye nezindlu zangasese.

Usonkontileka uqale umsebenzi ekuqaleni kukaJuly kanti isikhathi somsebenzi yizinyanga eziyishiyagalombili.

E: Daily Double Trading 315 has been awarded a contract in the amount of R2,4 million for a project to extend the Ngwelezane Community Hall.

Umthetho-mgomo Wokuthuthukisa Intsha

Njengoba uJune kuyinyanga eyaziwa njengeyentsha kulolonke izwe, kwabakuhle ukuba izithunywa ezimele amaNwodi eDolobha angama 29 kulawo angama 30 zizibandakanye emhlanganweni wokubonisana ukwenza uMthetho-mgomo wokuThuthukisa iNtsha kuMasipala waseMhlathuze.

Ekhuluma nezithunywa oyiPhini leMeya uZethu Gumbi wathi lomhlangano "ubalulekile ngoba nizohlenganisa nibuye niqhubenzekele phambili izinqumo zeMbizo yeNtsha eyayibanjelwe e-Umfoloji Casino ngomhlaka 20 June 2013." Waqhuba wathi "Lomhlangano ubizelwe ukuphuthula lowomsebenzi ukuze siqale ukusebenza ngendlela efanelekile.

Kumele siqhubeke sibonge intsha ka1976 sibe siqhakambisa iqhaza layo elayifaka enkululekweni yethu namuhla. Intha yangalesosikhathi yayinesibindi esimangalisayo kanti yayizimisele ukulwela ukulingana, ilwa nombuso woBandlelulo owawucindizela abantu. Intsha yanamuhla ibhekene nezinsalelo ezifanayo, izinsalelo zobubha nokweswela imfundo."

"Ngalomthetho-mgomo weNtsha, abantu abasha banamuhla bazokwazi kabanzi ngemfundo, ezempilo, ezamabizininisi nemisebenzi yemiphakathi imbala." kuqhuba yena okaGumbi.

USekela-Meya-uGumbi wenezelela ngokuthi njengoba lendawo inengebo yezomnotho eNyakatho yeKwaZulu-Natal, iDolobha libhekene nenqinamba yokuthuthuleka kwabantu abeza emadolobheni nakho okuletha izinkinga zokuphila nezomnotho kanye nezinsalelo kwizakhamizi.

Inani lentsha likhulu kwizakhamizi zalendawo ngakho-ke kudingeka umthetho-mgomo ophusile ukuze kuxazululeke izinkinga ezibhekene nabantu beDolobha.

Waqhuba wathi, "Abantu abasha bayinxenye ebalulekile emphakathini, bathi bephila manje kube kufanele ukuba bazilungiselele ikusasa. Ngifisa sengathi ningasebenzisa wonke amandla, ubunqokolo nomdlandla eninako ukuqiniseka ukuthi uMasipala wethu usesimweni esifanele ukubhekana nentsha nezinsalelo zomphakathi."

UMthetho-mgomo weNtuthuko yeNtshawokuqala owabunjwa nguMkhandlu weNtsha owawukhethwe ngo2006 wamukelwa nguMkhandlu-Dolobha ngoNovember 2008.

Emva kokukhethwa koMkhandlu weNtsha omusha ngoJune 2013 eMbizweni yeNtsha kwaba nezinsalelo eziningi ezazibhekene nentsha okwaxoxwa ngazo kabanzi kwathathwa nezinqumo ukulungisa lezinselelo kwabe sekuthweswa lomkhandlu omusha umthwalo wokubukeza uMthetho-mgomo weNtuthuko yeNtsha yokuqala.

Kwakuyothi uma usuwethulwe wemukelwa nguMkhandlu-Dolobha loMthetho-mgomo weNtuthuko yeNtsha obukeziwe kaMasipala wawuyosebenza njengethuluzi lokusungula izinhlelo zeNtsha kuMasipala eziyosebenza eminyakeni emihlanu elandelayo.

E: With June recognised as Youth month throughout the country, it was appropriate that delegates representing 29 of the City's 30 Wards took part in a consultative forum to consolidate the uMhlathuze Municipality's Youth Development Policy.

IPhini leMeya uZethu Gumbi ekhuluma nabameleli boMkhandlu weNtsha, iziphathimandla, abathintekayo kanye namakhansela emhlanganweni wokubukeza usomqulu woMthetho-mgomo weNtuthuko yeNtsha yedolobha owawubanjelwe e-Umvubu Lodge eRichards Bay.



Provincial sporting event planned for uMhlathuze

The City of uMhlathuze will host the 6th Provincial Interdepartmental Games 2014 at the uMhlathuze Central Sport Complex at the request of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport and Recreation.

The event is organised annually and involves all government departments and parastatals. This year four municipalities will be participating for the first time. The KZN Department of Sport and Recreation anticipates between 4 000 and 5 000 participants and spectators over the two-day event, which is expected to contribute about R4,5 million to the local economy.

The Interdepartmental Games aim to achieve some of the objectives of the National Health and Wellness Strategy Framework by encouraging regular physical exercise, relaxation activities and promoting a positive and healthy lifestyle among employees of the different departments.

The various codes of sport included in the Interdepartmental Games are: soccer (male and female teams), netball (female teams), volleyball (mixed teams), tug-o-war, athletics (male and female relay races), a 5km fun run/walk, indigenous games of umlabalaba and induku as well as aerobics.

Council has approved R70 000 towards organising of the event and has delegated a senior official to serve on the Local Organising Committee. Similarly Council has approved the provision of maintenance services at the Central Sport Complex during the event.

Handelskou verhoog die vermaak met waaghalsige motorfiets-toertjies en knortjorre

Die organiseerders van die Zoeloelandse Handelskou gaan hierdie jaar sorg vir groot vermaak deurdat die FMX (Freestyle Motorcross) ryers die toeskouers gaan vermaak met uithaler toertjies soos nog nooit van te vore gesien nie.



Vir die van u vir wie die opwinding en adrenalien van FMX 'n nuutjie is, gaan u verstom staan wanneer die manne ongelooflike toertjies uitvoer.

Vanaf 'n klein begin waar FMX entoesiaste slegs loshand en soms losvoet oor klein versperrings gespring het met hul motorfiets, het hierdie sport ontwikkel na 'n ekstreem sport van spesiaal vervaardigde staal hindernisse en waar deelnemers die dood in die oë staar deur tot 10 meter deur die lug te seil met asemrowende toertjies en toeskouers wat verwonderd toekyk, gaan hierdie 2014 Zoeloelandse Handelskou nog lank oor gepraat word.

Gewilde knortjorresies is die volgende hoogtepunt op die vermaak agenda en die tradisionele pretpark gaan weer vermaak aan oud en jonk verskaf. 'n Spesiale kinderarea sal onder andere deur steltlopers en kegellaars vermaak aan die kinders verskaf.

Hou die pers dop en onthou om 26 en 27 September opsy te sit – Jy wil nie die 2014 Zoeloeland Handelskou misloop nie !

E: *Zululand Trade Fair organisers have secured Extreme Sports FMX riders for the event, who will be performing freestyle motocross stunts like Zululand has never seen before.*



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