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CITY OF uMHLATHUZE

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MAYOR'S FOREWORD



**HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR,
CITY OF UMHATHUZE
Cllr MG Mhlongo**

Welcome to the City of uMhlathuze. We are pleased to report back to the people we serve as representatives as to how far have we managed to change their lives for the better and what our City have contributed in moving South Africa forward.

These are interesting times to report back and reflect as we celebrate 21 years since the inception of democratic order in line with values and principles of the freedom charter. This period, 2016 in particular also marks 16 years since the ushering of the local government era, which saw the amalgamation of the towns eMpangeni and Richards Bay, townships such as eSikhaleni, eNseleni, KwaDlangezwa, Ngwelezana, Mandlanzini and areas under the ambit of traditional leadership, KwaMadlebe, KwaMkhwanazi and KwaMthiyane to form what is now called The City of uMhlathuze.

We promised to work together with the public in ensuring that we provide the necessary basic services to improve people's lives. We were of course guided by our master plan the Integrated Development Plan which took queue from our vision; mission and we set targets for ourselves. We are proud to present this report card to you having achieved beyond our expectation in terms of delivering basic services in the last 21 years.

Our accolades are testament to working hard. We are the provincial and national champions in human settlement, we achieve three consecutive financial years, clean audits and the list is endless.

As the City leadership, we are however cognisance of the fact that we still endure challenges in some areas such as poverty, unemployment and inequality, which are a national social ills.

Ours is to focus mainly on strategies of growing the economy. It is our view that small, medium and micro enterprise must be at the forefront of this new wave supported by the City and private sector. We are on point in solidifying our base for black industrialists to emerge from our City.

We are a City poised for economic growth, open for business and a well-oiled machine marching towards the realisation of the National Development Plan 2030.

Thank you.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality is the third-largest municipality in KwaZulu-Natal. Located on the north-east coast of the province, it is a strategically placed, aspirant metropol.

The City is home to the country's largest deep-water port and an industrial development zone that enjoys the associated economic spin-offs. The John Ross Parkway, the major access road to the City from the inland provinces, is in the process of being upgraded and rehabilitated.

The road boasts the country's longest road bridge and has been designed to meet the growing transport needs of the City in line with the development plans for the CBD and harbor.

Apart from being an industrial and economic hub, the City enjoys a diverse natural environment. Importantly, the City of uMhlathuze is a progressive municipality that appreciates the need to achieve a successful balance and synergy between industry, its rich environmental assets, and the community.

UMhlathuze Municipality was established on 5 December 2000 after the demarcation process and the local government elections of that date. Richards Bay is considered to be the industrial and tourism hub, eMpangeni the commercial hub and eSikhaleni the largest suburb.

The name uMhlathuze is derived from the uMhlathuze River, which meanders through the municipal area and symbolically unifies the towns, suburbs and traditional areas. Its vision is: 'The City of uMhlathuze, as a port city, will offer improved quality of life for all its citizens through sustainable development. It will be a renowned centre for trade, tourism and nature-lovers, coastal recreation, commerce, industry, forestry and agriculture.'

Cities/Towns: eMpangeni & Richards Bay

Main Economic Sectors: Manufacturing (45.9%), mining and quarrying (11.6%), financial, real estate and business (10.7%), community, social and personal services (10.4%), transport and communication (9.1%), trade (6.3%), agriculture, forestry and fishing (3.2%).



MUNICIPAL MANAGER
Dr NJ Sibeko

An aerial photograph of the City of Umhlathuze, showing a mix of urban development, green spaces, and industrial areas. The city is situated near a body of water, with various buildings, roads, and green fields visible. The sky is clear and blue.

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CITY OF UMHLATHUZE: HARD AT WORK AND POISED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH



This report card highlights different achievements and inroads the City of uMhlathuze have made over 21 years and it also frankly looks at our challenges. Much emphasis is also on the last 5 years. This is important to pursue the path that will enable us to build a better future for all our communities.

We are pleased to report that we have managed to respond as promised and we are continuing to strive to change the lives of our people for better in the process of building better communities.

When serving people the Council is always guided by the vision, goals and targets it set for itself.

Accordingly, long term vision as encapsulated in the IDP is to, "create the port city of uMhlathuze that offers improved quality of life for all citizens through sustainable development."

To this end, as a municipality, we have set for ourselves the following goals:

- (a) Good governance.
- (b) Sustainable Infrastructure and service delivery.
- (c) Social and economic development.
- (d) Institutional development.
- (e) Sound financial management.

MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF UMLATHUZE

- John Ross Highway
- New John Ross Hospital
- John Ross Parkway (Tangawizi Motors, BP Garage & new hospital across)
- Harbor Expansion
- Waterfront Development
- New ICC with Shopping & Entertainment amenities
- New Airport City
- Alkantstrand Beach Revamp
- eSikhaleni Intersection Expansion & Beautification

INDUSTRIES & CONGLOMERATES

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| ▪ Richards Bay Minerals | ▪ RBCT |
| ▪ BHP Billiton (360) | ▪ ZCBF |
| ▪ Bell Equipment | ▪ LEOMAT |
| ▪ Tronox | ▪ NASHUA |
| ▪ Foskor | |
| ▪ National Port Authority (NPA) | |



GOOD GOVERNANCE

Our municipality has achieved many accolades. Officials and councilors are also commended on building strong working relationships.

As a Municipality we have won the following awards:

- Most Credible IDP recipient - 2013/2014 and 2014/2015
- Blue Drop recipient - 2012/2013
- Green Drop recipient - 2012/2013
 - Vulindlela Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - Nseleni Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - Ngwelezana Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Blue Flag status at Alkantstrand for the 2014/2015
- Govan Mbeki Awards for Human Settlements.
 - Best Performing Level 2 Accredited Municipality 2013/14
 - Best Performing Family Units 2013/14
 - Best Performing Level 2 Accredited Municipality 2013/14
- Municipal Service Excellence Awards 2013/14
 - Best Performance in Providing Basic Services
 - Best Performance in Infrastructure Innovation (Technical Operating Centre)
- Clean Audit: 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/15

The Municipality has been acknowledged by the National Department of Finance for having a budget that is “credible, funded and relevant”.

In achieving these awards it means that we as the City of uMhlathuze Municipality take cognisance of all government priorities in particularly the NDP (National Development Plan) and the PGDS (Provincial Growth Development Strategy). Adhering to the MFMA government legislature and Municipal system/structures act.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION

The City of uMhlathuze is the commercial and economic hub in the northern part of KwaZulu-Natal, and a key centre and driver of growth in South Africa. However, in any society, the prerequisites for sustained and inclusive economic growth include a healthy socio-economic fibre characterised by efficient and effective services in respect of infrastructure, governance and business - friendly environment.

The biggest problem facing our City is growing unemployment, poverty and inequalities. We firmly believe that this problem can only be addressed by empowering and supporting small businesses to become job creators, supporting large scale industrialisation, development of both urban and rural nodes and developing a business friendly operating environment.

The City, working together with its partners, has developed a Blueprint for Economic Development, Transformation and Job Creation that is an anchor strategy to guide and channel job intensive and inclusive economic growth interventions in an integrated and coherent manner.

Our economic development and job creation initiatives need a major acceleration and in this regard, we have identified 13 priority interventions to stimulate growth and create jobs:

1. Fast-tracking the implementation of catalyst projects such as Richards Bay Waterfront Development, International Convention Centre (ICC), New Airport, eMpangeni CBD Revitalization, Richards Bay CBD South Extension, John Ross Eco Park etc.;
2. Mobilising and supporting the expansion of the Port and Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone (RIDZ) Strategic Investments;
3. Integrated Job Creation Plan that will include Job Seekers Diversion Programme;

4. Planning and implementation of Township Economy Revitalisation and Modernisation Initiatives focusing on eSikhaleni, Nseleni, Ngwelezana and Vulindlela;
5. Planning and implementation of Rural Economic Nodes such as Mavamhlophe, Mashinini, Ndabayakhe, Port Dunford, Nhlangenyuke and Chibini;
6. Strategic investment in Rural and Urban Agriculture including Agro-processing;
7. Comprehensive programme to ensure investment attraction, retention and expansion with specific focus on strategic marketing embedded in Innovate, Invest, Buy, Sell, Visit, Live and Play in the City of uMhlathuze;
8. Priority and comprehensive Skills Development based on industry and sector requirements;
9. Unlocking the full potential of the Maritime Industry in line with Operation Phakisa and to ensure downstream benefits for the people of uMhlathuze as a result of being a Port City;
10. Dedicated support for Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) including establishment of Business Support Centres in order to galvanise and support existing, new and young entrepreneurs;
11. Prioritisation and support for sectors such as tourism, manufacturing, metals beneficiation, ITC, retail, creative industries, freight and Logistics as stimulus for economic growth and job creation;
12. Transformation of the City's procurement policies by ensuring improved local sourcing with a target of 40% to be increased progressively for the benefit of local businesses and cooperatives;
13. Investment in diversified youth employment initiatives.



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PROVISION OF BASIC SERVICES TO PEOPLE

In keeping with the newly adopted approach of “Back to Basics”, the City can proudly boast that over the years significant progress and improvements have been made in delivering basic services to the people of uMhlathuze.

As a municipality we are always working hard in promoting the ideals of developmental local government. Every year we seriously engage with our communities and stakeholders thus offering them opportunities to have a say in matters affecting their livelihoods. The response has always been tremendous and overwhelming.

We are eternally grateful to our community for their undivided support and great enthusiasm over the years. Our service delivery plans are informed by the submissions made and received during extensive public participation for each and every financial year.

This is a brief report back on the achievements and plans during this term of office. These achievements are now directly linked and respond to the nine (9) point plan announced by His Excellency, President Zuma during the 2015 State of the Nation Address. These are:

1. Resolving the energy challenge.
2. Revitalising agriculture and the agro-processing value chain.
3. Advancing beneficiation or adding value to our mineral wealth.
4. More effective implementation of a higher impact Industrial Policy Action.
5. Encouraging private sector investment.
6. Moderating workplace conflict.
7. Unlocking the potential of small, medium and micro enterprises, cooperatives, township and rural enterprises.
8. State reform and boosting the role of state owned companies, information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure or broadband roll-out, water, sanitation and transport infrastructure
9. Operation Phakisa aimed growing the ocean economy and other sectors.

The nine point plan also finds expression in the State of the Province Address as well as State of the District Address.

1. Provision of water

Water is one of the basic needs for our survival and likewise we have prioritised it to ensure that all residents have access to clean and safe water.

In the past we have managed to provide water to our communities through house connections, yard connections as well as communal supply or standpipes.

Currently, our water provision and coverage stands at 95% with approximately 5% backlog.

We are proud to say that about 89% of households in the City obtain their water through uMhlathuze Municipality pipe networks and only 3% obtain water supply through the daily dispatched water tankers. The City continues to maintain its Blue Drop status.

We, however, urge our communities to continue to use water sparingly due to the drought affecting our Province and the City. Since this situation is beyond the municipality's control, measures have to be put in place to save water. It may be required that we implement water restrictions from time to time. We are, however, hoping and praying that we do not reach the point where we are forced to even cut water.

As we speak, water is no longer being extracted from our Lake Mzingazi as the water levels have dropped drastically. The City is now forced to purchase water from uMhlathuze Water Board at a higher cost and this in turn is impacting negatively on the City's budget.



We are aware of the water losses resulting from leakages and illegal connections and we are decisively dealing with the challenge.

2. Water Infrastructure

Over the past four years we have managed to install the water infrastructure in different parts of the City. We have laid about 94,35 km of new pipes, costing about R94 million. This was unavoidable as the ageing pipes conditions were frequently causing pipes bursts, thus disrupting water supply to our community.

This project has resulted in the empowerment of SMME's and jobs creation.

3. Provision of electricity

As of 2015, 95% of households in the City have access to electricity, leaving only 5% to be connected.

To date this is how we are addressing the backlogs:

- (a) Dumsani Makhaye Phase 7: 532 households have been connected.
- (b) ESikhaleni H and J Sections: 40 households have been connected.
- (c) Madlanzini: 591 households have connected.
- (d) Mzingazi: 244 households have been connected.

ESKOM's backlog is estimated to be 8 946 households.

4. Electricity Infrastructure

We have, in 2014/15 alone, spent more than R135 million investing in new and upgrading existing electricity infrastructure to ensure

security of supply. Our strategic investment in energy infrastructure to support industrialisation will be maintained and this includes replacement of ageing cables and creating more energy generating capacity as part of energy-mix.

5. Provision of sanitation

According to Census 2011, 49% of our households within our City are connected to the water borne sewer system. In order to improve sanitation conditions in rural areas, we have drastically increased the number of VIP sanitation projects.

Since 2012, 3 390 new VIP toilets have been constructed and are already in use. The City is making every effort to reduce the backlog including piloting waterborne sewer system in rural areas e.g. at Mandlanzini benefiting 2400 households and the next project will be at Mzingazi.

6. Provision of waste collection services

Our goal is to continue being a clean city to ensure healthy living environment. On a weekly basis our municipality collects and disposes refuse amounting to 76 023 tons of domestic refuse and 4 831 tons of garden waste annually. Excluding businesses, the municipality services 62 752 households.

Free basic service is also rendered to 16 347 low income (indigent) households. There are currently 130 skips dedicated and servicing rural households. In total, both urban and rural areas, about 72, 46% of the residents are provided with this waste management service. We have also acquired ten (11) new waste removal trucks as part of our long term fleet replacement strategy to improve operational ef-

ficiencies.

We have set aside R3 million for the establishment of two Recycling Centres as we strongly believe in the concept of reduce, reuse and recycle.

For us to remain a clean City we run extensive awareness programmes with schools and other stakeholder urging our communities not to litter. We want every citizen to say "this is uMhlathuze wami, my hope, my future and my dignity I don't litter"

Through these outreach programmes the City of uMhlathuze obtained second position in the National Greenest Municipality Awards 2014/2015.

7. Transportation

One of the main goals of the City over the past years has been the allocation of more funds for the construction and maintenance of rural





roads. To date we have thus far managed to construct and maintain closed to 600 kilometres of rural access roads to improve mobility. The City also maintains 585 KMs of urban asphalt/black top roads, which includes repairing potholes and rehabilitation in some instances. Major rehabilitation work included portions of North Central Arterial leading to Brackenhams, a portion of Ngwelezana Highway, Alumina Allee in Alton, Guldengracht in Richards Bay and various intersections in eMpangeni.

The City has also built a number of new roads, which included a road in eSikheleni J2, two roads in Ngwelezana B1030, East Central link to John Ross Highway and the John Ross Highway has been completed and being double carriage way which eases the flow of traffic to the N2 freeway and both to Richards Bay and eMpangeni.

Council contributed substantial funding towards this project and we are also very grateful to the other spheres of government for their generous contributions.

8. Storm water services

The City is currently implementing the first ever 2 year annual storm water cleaning and maintenance and in a process created 120 job opportunities through EPWP, as well as empowering of 8 SMME Contractors through the CIDB National Development Programme.

To prove that indeed we are a City hard at work, the municipality has successfully completed two (2) pedestrian bridges in Ward 24. We are in the process of reconstructing one (1) pedestrian bridge in Ward 24.

We are working on a R1.2 million tender for the construction of pedestrian bridges in Wards 14, 15, 18 and 22. We have also completed the refurbishment of the Tuzi Gazi Steel Bridge across Mzingazi Canal and pipe jacking project under the North Central Arterial.

9. Social and Economic Development Infrastructure

Over the past three financial years including the current year, more than R58 million has been budgeted for and spent on providing access to opportunities for social and economic development within the City.

10. Community facilities

The City, with the support of Government Departments and other stakeholders, has ensured that different communities have access to different facilities. We ensure regular maintenance of our four cemeteries, sixteen (16) community halls and thirty four (34) sport fields.

Over the past 4 years more than R149 million has been spent on the maintenance and development of recreational infrastructure.

Currently, the City is undertaking R4 million expansion of Ngwelezana Hall.

In partnership with Richards Bay Minerals (RBM) the City revamped Port Dunford Hall to the tune of R4 million. This facility opened earlier in the year and is available for the community use.

We have also spent about R4, 3 million to build three new sports fields for the communities in eMadlankala, KwaTsheka and eBomvini. These facilities are of great benefit to our communities, especially the youth.

11. Provision of shelter to our communities

Housing is regarded as a basic need and in this regard the City of uMhlathuze is playing a pivotal role in developing sustainable human settlements.

In partnership with the Provincial Department of Human Settlement, the City has managed to ensure that land is made available and shelter is provided to those in need. The human settlement projects being pursued can be categorised as follows:

- (a) Public Sector Hostels upgrading.
- (b) Urban low income housing.
- (c) Rural low income housing.
- (d) Slums clearance and informal settlements

Hostels upgrading

All in all there are seven hostels located in both H and J Sections at

eSikhaleni. In total the hostel blocks being refurbished comprise of 360 units.

Six of these hostels have been completed. This means completion of 306 units and the tenants have either been re-allocated or are in a process of being re-allocated.

About 300 people have been relocated to Dumsani Makhaye Village where they were assisted with permanent alternative housing.

Urban low income housing projects

Our first urban low income housing at Dumisani Makhaye Village is now nearing its completion. Phase 1-5 of the project has been completed and the houses have been allocated to the approved beneficiaries.

- Phases 1- 3 yielded 1 191 housing units



- Phase 5 yielded 313 houses
- Phase 4 yielded 400 self-financed and bonded houses. All the houses in these phases have electricity and water supply
- Phase 7 comprising of 548 houses is also nearing completion
- The last phases 6 & 8 are being planned

As the City of uMhlathuze we are not building houses, but we are creating homes that will raise future generations.

Due to the housing backlog being experienced, the municipality in the next coming 7 years have a number of planned urban housing projects, these include:

- (a) Aquadene Superblock housing project (CONTRACTOR ON SITE)
- (b) Dumisani Makhaye phase 6& 8
- (c) ESikhaleni-Vulindlela expansion corridor
- (d) EMpangeni Mega Housing Project

With regard to Rural Housing Projects, we have again successfully delivered a total of 4 500 houses in various traditional areas. For this achievement we are grateful to our Traditional Leaders for their sup-

port and cooperation in ensuring that rural communities are assisted accordingly.

The City of uMhlathuze has been granted Level 1 and Level 2 Housing Accreditation and as such the municipality is allowed do beneficiary management, subsidy budget planning and allocation, priority programme management and administration.

12. Private Sector infrastructure investment

We acknowledge investment by the private sector in our City. Investments by Osho Cement Company, Panda Petroleum, VW, Mzingazi Shopping Mall and Garage just to name a few have contributed immensely to the economy of the City, and we urge the private sector to do more in order to create jobs for our people. We also note the following private investments in the pipeline:

- BHP E- Village
- CBD North – Lifestyle Centre
- SAPPI Housing Development
- Westview Residential



- Carsdale
- Waterstone Lifestyle Estate

The Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone continues to be the beacon of hope in our quest to accelerate economic growth and job creation. To date the RIDZ has been focusing on the following investments:

1. Operational Investors = R870million
2. Committed Signed Investors = R5,7 Billion
3. Board Approved Investors = R3,8 Billion
4. Investor Attraction = R336million

These on-going and new investments are expected to yield approximately 1 600 direct jobs and more than 2000 indirect jobs during construction. We applaud the leadership and management of the RIDZ for a job well done.



13. Social development

EPWP programme

Through EPWP the City has created more than 6 391 work opportunities with approximately R7million spent on wages. In the coming year the City will be looking at an EPWP Exit Strategy that will assist participants to become entrepreneurs in their own right so that they can benefit from the City's local sourcing plan.

Indigent programmes

As part of the City's Indigent Programme more than 400 households have benefited through this programme to the tune of R 1,6 million per annum.





Burial of those who cannot afford

Through the City's intervention 576 families have been assisted with state burial at a cost of approximately R1million and as a caring City we will continue to be of great assistance to those in need.

Special programmes

As part of our youth development initiatives, the City signed a memorandum of understanding with Umfolozi TVET College to provide an appropriate platform for youth empowerment. City of uMhlathuze Youth Council also passed its policy and hold summits and conferences to pave way for the youth emancipation. The City continues to assist matriculants who are indigent and academically deserving with registration fees in tertiary institutions.

Operation Sukuma Sakhe

To deal with the challenges of HIV/AIDS, social ills, poverty and inequalities working with the Provincial Government we have ensured that relevant structures are established to deal with all challenges cited above.

We have established a number of war-rooms which are centres of dealing with service delivery challenges for people. At the moment we are working hard in ensuring that our structures are fully functional so that they can serve our people better.

HIV/AIDS is one of our greatest challenges through our Local AIDS Council we are focusing on campaigns to encourage our people to test for HIV as well as TB, young boys to go for male medical circumcision, wards aids committees to form chronic clubs/ART clubs to make distribution of ARV's easy.

We have already started a campaign of dealing with the challenge of violence and sexual assaults that are directed to women and children. We are calling for the citizens to unite against these barbaric acts expose and isolate those within our communities who are doing this.

14. Information Technology

Over the last 18 months the City of uMhlathuze has completed a major fibre optic cable project and is on the cusp of beginning a second phase to expand the fibre optic network even further. It is envisioned that this fibre optic backbone infrastructure will result in great benefits for all systems and services within its reach. A further vision for this infrastructure is that it will have direct impact on bettering the lives of the citizens and residents of the City of uMhlathuze. Two phases of this multiphase project is discussed below.

Phase 1 - Fibre Optic Route between Richards Bay Civic Centre and eMpangeni Civic 1, Including Alton and Richards Bay Sports Complex (Completed)

This route included 18.5KM of fibre optic cable being installed between Richards Bay civic center and eMpangeni Civic 1. Along with this main route there were extensions to Alton and the Richards Bay central sports complex.

One of the primary drivers behind this phase was high speed connectivity to the municipality's disaster recovery server room housed within eMpangeni Civic 1. While DR (Disaster Recovery) is critical and is a point that is audited in great detail at every audit, this certainly is not the only benefit if this infrastructure. The following sites and office were connected during phase 1.

Areas and offices connected:

- eMpangeni Civic 1
- eMpangeni Civic 2
- eMpangeni Museum
- Richards Bay Central sports complex
- Richards Bay Library
- Alton Fire Station
- Alton Electrical Workshop and offices
- Alton Mechanical Workshop and offices
- Alton Northern Services Centre (Stores, Lab, Solid Waste, Plumbers Parks etc)
- eMpangeni Western Services Depot (eMpangeni Rail)
- Ngwelezana library
- Ngwelezana Rates Office
- Ngwelezana Rural Roads Office

Benefits:

- Provides the same network performance to the above sites which officials have access to at Richards Bay Civic Centre. This enables officials at all the listed sites to work far more productively and efficiently than had their network connectivity been provided via slower radio links.
- Enable the monitoring and control of critical municipal infrastructure along the fibre optic routes. This infrastructure includes traffic lights, sewer pump stations, water reservoirs, electrical substations and electrical smart meters.
- Fibre infrastructure critical for the resuscitation of the municipality's urban CCTV system
- Important backbone to enable the future rollout of free public Wi-Fi for broadband internet access at municipal buildings and facilities connected to this route. (Libraries, Swimming Pools, recreational parks, etc.)

- Enables Disaster recovery failover to Emapngeni to the event that Richards Bay Civic center becomes inaccessible.
- Hire out surplus capacity to local business and residents to generate revenue for the municipality.

Budget: R 13 500 000-00 (Thirteen point five million Rands)

Phase 2 - Fibre Optic Route between eMpangeni and eSikhaleni

The beginning of this phase is imminent as the proposed tender will be advertised for public bid from the 18th of February 2016. As such, timelines and costs are budgetary figure only as of the writing of this report. Due to the nature of the terrain through which phase 2 will have to be dug, it is envisioned that this phase will take substantially longer than phase 1. Despite this, the envisioned benefits far outweigh any challenges this phase poses. Following are the offices and sites that will be connected in phase 2 with envisioned benefits listed below.

Areas and offices to be connected:

- eSikhaleni Cemetery
- eSikhaleni Southern Services Depot
- eSikhaleni Library
- eSikhaleni Rates Office
- eSikhaleni Community Hall
- eSikhaleni Public Swimming Pool
- eSikhaleni Fire Station
- Hlanganani Hall
- Vulindlela Rates Office

Benefits:


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Projected costs and timelines:

- This phase is expected to take approximately 8 months to complete.
- An amount of R 24 500 000-00 (Twenty Four Million Five Hundred Rands) has been budgeted for phase 2.

While there are many immediate benefits to completing infrastructure projects such as this, the true value and benefit is seen over the long term. As new technology becomes available in the future, even more benefit will be derived from the foundational work being done now. The implication, of course, is that the municipality's investment now will keep paying dividends for decades to come. Better, cheaper, faster and more efficient service delivery and new innovative services provided by the City of uMhlathuze will drive more investment in this area to the benefit of all residents and citizens of this great City.



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FINAL PUSH

RANK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

1. Budget

Council provided R7 million in its 2015/2016 capital budget.

2. Facilities targeted for intervention

Lot 63, Empangeni next to Spar, Richards Bay CBD Rank, and A-Rank, Empangeni.

3. Progress

3.1 Lot 63

Traffic study and design drawings were finalised in September 2015. Depicted hereunder is the proposed design;

3.2 Richards Bay CBD Rank

Urban design for the precinct has been finalised and the most feasible



option chosen.

PMU is in a process of appointing a Service Provider to develop facility design and associated details. The Project aims to provide new loading shelters as well as the ablution facilities.

3.3 A-Rank

Designs for facilities proposed for A-Rank and ablution facilities to be erected at the site earmarked for the Holding Area have been finalised.

Due to the available limited funds, only the construction of the ablution facilities for the holding area will be proceeded with. This project aspect is being combined with Lot 63 project.

The project should commence by mid-March 2016.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

eSikhaleni Hostels/Flats Refurbishment

HOSTEL NAME	No. OF UNITS	STATUS
Bhambatha Hostel	36	Refurbishment Completed
Bhambatha Hostel	54	Refurbishment to begin in the third quarter of 2015/2016

RICHARDS BAY SMME PARK

BUDGET: R 4, 8 Million

The SMME Park planned for Richards Bay will be on Portion of REM/12520. It will cater for the street mechanics, hairdressers, car washers, and other



small businesses. A call for proposals for an Urban Design Concept for the Business Park Precinct was advertised and closed on 30 October 2015. The report has been submitted, and the concept plan for the SMME Park is here-under. Specifications for detailed architectural designs for the SMME Park has been compiled and advertised on Council's website the closing date is on 15 February 2016.

Project milestones and estimated time frames

Site Establishment, Construction commences: July 2016

Project Completion: February 2017

No	PROJECT	BUDGET
1	Construction of Taxi Ranks	R7 million
2	eSikhaleni Refurbishment of Hostels	R18 million

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3	Construction of SMME Retail Parks	R4,8 million
4	Aquadene Bulk Water and Sanitation	R42 million
5	Public Safety Security Bicycle Project	R 2 million
6	eSikhaleni Fire Station	R 11 million
7	Additional Refuse Trucks	R3.5 million
8	Upgrade and refurbishment of Halls	R7.7 million
9	City Beautification and Greening Projects	R5 million
10	Upgrade of sport facilities including floodlights	R10.6 million
11	Beach Erosion	R6.6 million
12	High Mass and Street Lighting	R7.7 million
13	Electrification eSikhaleni J2710, Mandlanzini, Mzingazi, Ngwelezana	R21 million
13	Rural Sanitation	R29 million
14	Rural Water	R29 million
15	Mandlanzini Road Tarring	R15 million
16	eSikhaleni Intersection Upgrade	R18 million
17	Sewer Reticulation	R4 million
18	Veldenvlei Pumpstation	R22.3 million
19	Hilltop Reservoir	R9.8 million
20	Pipe Replacement City Wide	R44 million
21	eSikhaleni Waste Treatment Plant	R7 million
22	Sports Facilities	R15 million

SUMMARY OF INFRASTRUCTURE 2011-2016 TERM OF OFFICE							
YEAR	WATER	SANITATION	HUMAN SETTLEMENT	WASTE MANAGEMENT	ROADS	ELECTRICITY	SPORTS FACILITIES
11/12	71660	48050	491	58894			1
12/13	73613	53667	2200	59494			NIL
13/14	82842	66822	1564	61872			3
14/15	84617	78481	792	64925			NIL
15/16	84791	74258	766	66947			4
TOTAL	6535 (NEW)	16585 (NEW)	5750 (NEW)	7815 (NEW)	185,5 km (NEW GRAVEL ROADS)	3177 (NEW CONNECTIONS)	8 (NEW) 14 (UPGRADES)

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: INFRASTRUCTURE 2011-2016 TERM OF OFFICE						
FIN YEAR	HOUSING	ELECTRICITY	SPORTS FIELD	WATER & SANITATION	TRANSPORT, ROAD & STORM WATER	ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES
11/12	622 772	8 277 228	644 065	46 770 114	2 237 246	15 521 675
12/13	6 045 656	17 481 678	1 121 002	51 600 713	7 022 569	9 603 300
13/14	5 755 664	60 282 272	2 737 506	142 273 297	31 872 409	16 277 588
14/15	7 144 311	54 095 976	20 208 296	231 772 403	19 918 518	60 373 558
15/16	NIL	5 306 773	5 575 846	61 137 065	2 224 292	17 555 244
TOTAL	19 568 403	145 443 928	30 286 716	533 503 592	63 295 108	119 331 365

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FROM 2011-2016: R911 429 114
TOTAL MAINTANANCE & REPAIRS FROM 2011-2016: R793 197 369
TOTAL EXPENDITURE: VULNARABLE GROUPS: R130 327



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