

# uMhlathuze Wami

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## Auditor-General applauds City of uMhlathuze

A delegation from the National Treasury Department, led by the Auditor-General, Mr Kimi Makwetu, visited the City of uMhlathuze in February to table the Municipality's Audit Report for the 2013/2014 financial year and congratulate the Municipality on achieving its goal of a clean audit.

During his address to Council he said this is the second consecutive year that the Municipality has received a clean audit - an audit that is financially unqualified with no other matters. Importantly Mr Makwetu did not identify any instances of non-compliance with legislation, nor did he identify any deficiencies in the Municipality's internal control.

However, Mr Makwetu emphasised material losses of R25,9 million, which were incurred by the Municipality as a result of water losses of 17,5 million kilolitres as well as underspending on the capital budget to the value of R213 million. "This amount was made up of R120 million which related to a tender objection on a rural sanitation project and the balance of R93 million was attributable to poor planning and execution of capital projects," he explained.

Mr Makwetu commended the senior management, the accounting officer and the audit committee on implementing the commitments made to address prior and current year audit findings.



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Auditor-General, Mr Kimi Makwetu (seated middle), and his delegation from National Treasury with members of the City's political and administrative leadership led by Deputy Mayor Zethu Gumbi (seated right).

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He said the Municipality had successfully reviewed its Supply Chain Management System for possible conflicts of interest during the SCM processes, had made information requested for auditing available as per the agreed turnaround time and had sustained the clean audit achievement in the prior year. The two other findings, which were to monitor and review water and electricity losses and assess the IT environment and implement the necessary IT controls in the systems and IT processes, are still in progress.

In his report, the Municipal Manager, Dr Nhlanhla Sibeko, mentioned the challenges facing the City, namely water losses, the funding of strategic projects, community upliftment and the empowerment of rural areas, economic development and the attraction of investments, maintaining development standards in all areas, providing affordable housing, poverty alleviation, balancing social and economic progress while protecting the integrity of the ecological environment and managing the impact of the economic downturn effect on cash flow.

In closing he gave an undertaking that the Municipality remains committed to clean administration. "We want to maintain our clean audit through continuously improving internal controls. We always see the external audit as adding value to how we do things within the Municipality and where we need to improve, we certainly do so. As a Municipality we are not saying that we are perfect but that we strive to do things the right way and continue to learn."

He also thanked Mr Makwetu and his delegation for addressing Council and said: "We value your input and time and assure you that we are one of a kind that is striving for excellence."

## Achievements by the City of uMhlathuze

- 96,65% of the population have access to water
- 100% electricity where the Municipal has licence to supply (excluding Eskom area of supply)
- Clean audit from the Auditor-General for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014
- Among KZN Integrated Development Plan top achievers for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015
- KZN most innovative infrastructure - 2012/2013
- KZN best municipality providing all basic services - 2012/2013
- Govan Mbeki housing award
- Blue Drop status
- Green Drop status
- Blue Flag beach
- Electricity losses below the industry norm
- Functional IDZ
- Greenest Municipality - second in the country



The City's Chief Financial Officer, Mxolisi Kunene is all smiles after the City received its second consecutive clean audit from the Auditor-General, Mr Kimi Makwetu.



The Auditor-General, Mr Kimi Makwetu, with the Municipal Manager, Dr Nhlanhla Sibeko after their respective presentations.

## Mediese beampte aangestel

Die Raad het onlangs die aanstelling van 'n deeltydse privaat algemene mediese praktisyn om as die Raad se mediese beampte vir die volgende drie jaar te dien, aanvaar.

Dr Simangaliso Sylvester Mathenjwa sal vir die volgende drie jaar volgens die bepalings van die Wet op Gesondheid, primêre gesondheidsorg asook maatskappy gesondheidsorg aan amptenare van die Raad bied. Die mediese diens is weksdae beskikbaar by Richardsbaai kliniek (3 ure) en by Empangeni kliniek (1 uur per dag).

Dr Mathenjwa sal 24 uur op bystand wees ingeval van nood en sal ook voorsiening maak vir 'n locum dokter in sy afwesigheid.

**E:** Council has noted the appointment of Dr Simangaliso Sylvester Mathenjwa as a part-time private general medical practitioner to act as Council's medical officer of health for the next three years.

# French navy sails into Richards Bay



At the welcome of the French vessel to Richards Bay were (back left): Stanley Mbatha (Acting Deputy Municipal Manager: City Development); Col Francois Erasmus (SAPS Richards Bay Deputy Station Commissioner); Lt Kenneth Singh (Officer Commanding SAS Tekwane and SAN Liaison Officer); Midshipman Alexis Tricot; SWO Oliver Debus (assistant to the Defence Attaché); Col Jean-Marie Monot (Defence Attaché – Air Force); Dr Nhlanhla Sibeko (uMhlathuze Municipal Manager) and Ernst van Biljon (Department of Community Services) with (front left): Chief Magistrate AB Ntshangase; French Consul Raymond Quereilhac; Mayor Elphas Mbatha and Captain Nicolas Napal (Commander of La Grandiere).

The French Naval Ship 'La Grandiere' paid an informal visit to the Richards Bay harbour, docking on 14 February and departing four days later.

The visit included a courtesy call to the Mayoral Parlour at the Civic Centre in Richards Bay where the ship's captain, Commander Nicolas Napal, introduced himself to Mayor Elphas Mbatha, Chief Magistrate AB Ntshangase and SAPS Richards Bay Deputy Station Commissioner, Colonel Francois Erasmus.

The French entourage included the Consul of France in Johannesburg, Raymond Quereilhac; Defence Attaché Colonel (Air Force) Jean-Marie Monot; Midshipman Alexis Tricot and Senior Warrant Officer Olivier Debus (assistant to the Defence Attaché) as well as South African Naval Liaison Officer, Lt Kenneth Singh, Officer Commanding SAS Tekwane.

During the mutual exchange of gifts, Cdr Napal thanked Mayor Mbatha for the warm welcome received on their arrival in Port adding that this was not his first visit to Richards Bay and would not be his last. "We may be visiting again later in the year when, together with the South African Navy, we will work in the Mozambique Channel on joint maritime safety exercises," he said. Mayor Mbatha gave a basic history of the City of uMhlathuze and the Port of Richards Bay, its large surrounding rural areas and the importance of attracting investors to assist in the development of the local economy and bring job creation.

The French 1 260 ton vessel, La Grandiere is an amphibious ship for the French Armed Force of South Indian Ocean (FAZSOI) and is based in the Port des Galets in La Réunion and operates in the Indian Ocean and Mozambique Channel.

The introductory visit to the mayoral parlour was followed by a formal luncheon aboard the La Grandiere and a gala dinner hosted by the Mayor.

A secondary visit by a larger French frigate is expected in June to arrange and organise shore support for the joint exercises to be carried out off-shore in September.



Mayor Elphas Mbatha and Commander Nicolas Napal, Captain of the French vessel, La Grandiere, exchange gifts and introductions.



# Umsebenzi Wezezindlu Endaweni YakwaMadlebe Uphele Ngempumelelo

Njengoba bekwakhiwa izindlu okungenani ezingama 50 ngenyanga, lokho kwenze umsebenzi wokwakha izindlu endaweni yakwaMadlebe uqedwe ngenkulu impumelelo kanti abanikazi bazo abangama 1000 sebezisayinile izincwadi zokugcina zokwaneliseka.

EBikela uMkhandlu-Dolobha ngalomsebenzi wama R73.5 ezigidi, uMnuz. D Seetal wakwaLinda Masinga and Associates wathi ukwakha lezizindlu ezingama 1000 kwaqedwa ngoMay 2014 kanti njengamanje sebeqedela umbiko wokugcina okuwuphawu lokuwuqeda lomsebenzi.

Nokho kwakungelula njengoba abebesingathe lomsebenzi abakwaLinda Masinga and Associates babebhekene nezinsalelo eziningana ngenkathi kwakhiwa "Ngenkathi kuqalwa, ukutholakala kwabasebenzi kwakuyinkinga kodwa emva kwezingxoxo namakhansela nenkosi kwabe sekwenziwa uhla lwabasebenzi ababekhona, kwasetshenziswa lona" kuqhuba uMnuz uSeetal.

Iziteka engxenyeni yemisebenzi yezokuthutha nazo zadala ukubambezileka kulomsebenzi ngoba impahla yayingakwazi ukuthuthwa ngenxa yokuthi ezinye izinkampani zokuthutha zazivinjwa ngabasebenzi ababeteleka ukuba zizolanda impahla.

Njengeminye yemisebenzi yezezindlu ezindaweni zasemakhaya, iziza eziningi ezazihlonziwe zazingakulungele ukuba kwakhiwe izindlu kuzo ngakhoke kwakudingeka kubuye kubhekwe ezinye.

UMnuz. Seetal wathi "Kwabanjwa imihlangano enkantolo yesizwe phakathi kwenkosi, amakhansela amawodi, inkampani esingethe , onjiniyela aboMnyango wokuHlelwa kwaBantu, usonkontileka , iziphathimandla zokuxhumanisa umphakathi kanye noMasipala. Saphuma sonke sayohlola iningi leziza kanti lezo ezazitholakala ukuthi azikulungele ukwakhiwa zazikhishwa noma zishenxiselwe kwenye indawo."

Iziza ezazingakulungele ukwakhiwa zazisendaweni ephakheme kakhulu noma ziseduze kakhulu nezintambo zogesi noma zisendaweni enamanzi.

Inselelo yokugcina okwakumele kubhekanwe nayo yileyo yabanikazi abangama 66 okwakumele bafakwe ezizeni, yona-ke eyaxazululeka ngosizo lomxhumanisi nomphakathi noMnyango wokuHlelwa kwaBantu.

**E:** *With an average of 50 houses being completed each month, the Madlebe Rural Housing project has been successfully completed and all 1 000 beneficiaries have signed their final 'happy' letters.*

## Izindlu Zokugcina Zendawo YakwaMkhwanazi Kumele Ziphele Ngo-April

Umbiko ngenqubekela phambili yoMsebenzi wezeZindlu endaweni yesizwe sakwaMkhwanazi wethulelwa uMkhandlu Dolobha ngoFebruary ngabakwaQhawe lamaQhawe Business Enterprise okuyibona abaqokelwa ukusingatha ukwakhiwa kwezindlu ezingama 1000 bakhela abanikazi abasebholonzwe endaweni yomaZiphathe wesizwe sakwaMkhwanazi

Yize izindlu ezingama 952 seziqediwe zaphinde zanikezelwa kubanikazi bazo, uNkk S.Cele wakwaQhawe lama Qhawe wabika ukuthi kusenezindlu ezingama48 okusamele ziqedwe ezingakapheli ngenxa yezingqinamba ezithize.

Ukutholakala kwezindawo zabanikazi ezisendaweni ezinamanzi kwaba ngenye yezinsalelo okwakumele ziphenywe nanokuthi kwakumelwe kubuye kubhekwe ezinye iziza ezifanelekile.

Ngokuka Nkk Cele enye inselelo eyayibhekene nabasingethe umsebenzi kwakuwukuthi izindawo zokuqala zabanikazi zazibandakanya amaWodi 10, 11, 18, 30 kanye nama Wodi 19 no 22 angezelwa nokuyilapho kwahlonzwa khona izindawo zabanikazi abangama 48 ezisasele.

Ukwenezelwa kwabanikazi ndawo kuWodi 19 no 22 kuthintela imali kanti abasingethe umsebenzi sebhlangene noMnyango wokuHlelwa kwaBantu ngenhloso yokuba kutholakale izimali zokuba kwakhiwe kuqedwe lezizindlu ezingama 48.

UNkk Cele wathi enye inkinga eyenza ukuba ukwakhiwa kwezindlu ezinhlanu kumiswe eWodi 18 kwaba yizenzo zokucekela phansi okwakwenziwa amalungu omphakathi.

UNkk Cele waqhuba wathi "Inkosi yakhapha umhlaba wokuba kwakhiwe lezizindlu kodwa umsebenzi wosuku nosuku owawusiqediwe wawucekelwa phansi ngamalungu omphakathi okwaholeda ekubeni ukwakha kumiswe. Sekumele kutholakale iziza ezintsha zalabanikazi ndawo kodwa inkinga wukuthi uMnyango awuzukuzikhokhela izindlu ezakhiwe ngaphandle kwendawo yomsebenzi."

Wenezelela ngokuthi kwethenjwa ukuthi zonke izinkinga zizoxazululeka bese kwakhiwa lezizindlu zokugcina ezingama 48 zinikezelwe kubanikazi bazo ekupheleni kuka-April nonyaka.

**E:** *An update on progress in the KwaMkhwanazi Rural Housing Project was presented to Council.*

# Exciting expansion of Boardwalk on the cards



Owners of the Boardwalk Inkwazi Mall are proposing an estimated 14 000m<sup>2</sup> expansion of Richards Bay's major shopping centre, which will result in more shopping, additional entertainment and increased parking.

In a presentation to Council on behalf of owners, Resilient Property Fund (Pty) Ltd, BAU Design Associate Director and architect, Pravash Authar, unwrapped the R200- to R300-million third phase expansion project.

The multi-faceted proposal entails increased floor areas for several retail outlets including Truworths, Game, Checkers and Woolworths; a new additional parking deck in the existing Standard Bank/Entrance 4 parking area as well as the inclusion of an extensive entertainment area that would include an ice rink – not full ice-hockey size but large enough for the game to be played – a bowling alley, restaurants and other family oriented entertainment facilities.

Authar added that the proposed 'new-look' Entrance 4 glass façade would be replicated at the other entrances to the shopping centre to create a "friendlier feel, be more open and inviting while being more aesthetically pleasing" and is up to date with the latest trend in retail centre design.

Additional parking is to be created with a dug-out lower level (basement) and upper level parking deck in place of the existing Standard Bank/Entrance 4 parking area yielding 684 extra parking

bays. Entrance to the bank would be via the upper parking deck. A second parking deck, built over the 'basement' entertainment area, will replace the existing parking area opposite the ABSA building. Authar appealed that once the plans have been approved, Council permit the construction of the upgrades to proceed while the re-zoning process continues.

At this stage of the proposed project, Authar said that it is not known how many temporary local jobs would be created for the construction phases and as the expansion is still in the planning stage, it is difficult to estimate how many permanent positions would be required. "Construction on the planned expansions would be phased to ensure the least disruption to businesses and visitors to the centre," said Authar.



**Carlo Render of Resilient Property Fund (Pty) Ltd, Pravash Authar of BAU Design with Marinus van Rooijen of the Department of City Development.**

# Water customers urged to take immediate drought action

The City of uMhlathuze (CoU), in its capacity as the Water Services Authority, would like to introduce several initiatives and interventions in light of the current drought season and its impact in the provisions of water services.

The City appeals to all its customers to use water in a responsible manner, and herewith below are some of the steps to be taken to try and mitigate the severe impact of shortage in the CoU jurisdiction.

## Water Conservation and Demand Management (WCDM)

CoU appeals to all customers to engage in water conservation practices on a daily basis and as a way of life. Herewith below are some of the water conservation tips which will aid in the preservation of water as a scarce resource: Industrial Customers to ensure that water is recycled as many times as possible.

### Domestic Customers to ensure that:

- Leaks are repaired timeously,
- Make use of showers when taking a bath,
- Refraining from emptying and filling up swimming pools unnecessarily
- Customers are encouraged to visit the Municipal website for an exhaustive list of water tips.

### National Water Week

The idea of this initiative is that customers are made aware of how to conserve and preserve water. The Municipality will embark on a public awareness campaign using National Water Week to kick start the programme.

## Water Restrictions

The CoU shall implement the water restrictions schedule in accordance with Department of Water and Sanitation Rules, dated 28 January 2015, refer to Table 01. The tabulated summary of the percentage rules as per the CoU implementation plan is shown as follows:

Table 01: City of uMhlathuze Drought Management Plan			
Sector (01 March 2015)	Agriculture	Dom. Use	Ind. Use
Level 1 (70%)	50%	10%	5%
Level 2 (60%)	60%	20%	10%
Level 3 (50%)	70%	30%	10%
Level 4 (30%)	90%	60%	15%

The detailed analysis of the above implementation plan is such that:

### Level 1 to 4:

Agriculture and Industrial/Commercial will be affected as per the table above. The Traditional Areas will be restricted between 22h00 to 04h00 on a daily basis, ie. there shall be zero water supply at these times. All unregistered car wash outlets will be closed with immediate effect. Registered car washes will be audited and they must fully comply with the by-laws of the Municipality. Those found to be in breach of the said provisions on the by-laws will be fined. The implementation of each level will be communicated timely to all users. It must be noted that Level 1 Water Restrictions came into effect as of 1 March 2015. The tables below illustrate the summary of Water Restrictions Schedule in the municipality.

Table 2.1: Water Restrictions Schedule – Level 1				
eSikhaleni System	Wards	Dates	Times	Restriction Type
Mvuzemvuze; Msasandla; Thatha falazi; Mangezi Ongoye mission; Sihuzu Matholonjeni; Manzamnyama Nsiwa; Nhlangenyuke; Thondo	10-11	March	Stage 1	100% water closure
Madlankala; Mcabango; Emacambini Madaka; Mabuyeni; Mpembeni Gubhethuka; Gobandlovu Dube village; Diphini; Ndindima Bhekizwe; Ncombo Esikhalini college; Mkhobosa Ediphini (mzingwenya) Port dunford; Nyembe; Ephayindini J1; Nsimbini; Mavuka; Thango; J2; Mzingwenya; H1; H2; Aquafresh Shendelembuzi; Qwizumentshiso Zimele; Vulindlela township Unizul; Nkonjane; Felixton	12-13-14 15-16-17 18-19-20 21-22-23	March	Stage 1 & 2	100% water closure and or/ pressure reduction
Key: Stage 1:- 2100-0100; Stage 2:- 0800-1400				
Table 2.2: Water Restrictions Schedule – Level 1				
Richards Bay System	Wards	Dates	Times	Restriction Type
Meerensee; Mzingazi; Arboretum; Wildenweide; Mandlanzini; Birdwood; khomo; Mkhambangwe; Mathunzi; Mayini; Bhejane; Izikhonkwane; Mazimazana Nseleni township; Ovondlo; Kwatsheka; Brackenham; Aquadene	1-2, 3-4 5-6, 7-8 26	March	Stage 1 & 2	100% water closure or/ pressure reduction
Key: Stage 1:- 2100-0100; Stage 2:- 0800-1400				
Table 2.3: Water Restrictions Schedule – Level 1				
Empangeni and Ngwelezane System	Wards	Dates	Times	Restriction Type
Mhlathuze village; Empangeni rail; Germini; Felixton; Zidedele; Garden clinic; Empangeni airport; Dover Farms; Umhlathuze village; Bingoma; Hillview; Qalakabusha; Odondolo; Matshana; Mankwanyaneni; Nkosazane; Mtengu; Qhubandaba; Sigisi; Macekeni; Mhlanga; Ngwelezane B section; Bomvini; Mshayezafe; Emabhasini; Maromeni; Niwe; Ndabayakhe; Nqutshini	9-23 24-25 27-28 29	March	Stage 1 & 2	100% water closure or/ pressure reduction
Key: Stage 1:- 2100-0100; Stage 2:- 0800-1400				

**By-Laws Enforcements**

As highlighted in the preceding paragraphs, the enforcement of the Municipal by-laws will be effected from 1 March 2015. Customers are encouraged to be familiar with the provisions of the by-laws by visiting the Municipal website. The Municipality, as part of National Water Week and the accompanying public awareness campaign, shall distribute hard copies of the latest edition of the by-laws. In addition, the Municipality will send sms notifications periodically reminding customers of the critical provisions of the by-laws as relating in mitigating the impact of drought and sustaining of water conservation and preservation programmes.

**Communications**

Should there be further clarity sought in this regard, all enquiries can be directed to Mr Melusi Nhleko or his deputy, Mr Thembinkosi Zondi, via their respective contact details:

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## Sports lighting tender withdrawn

A tender to appoint consultants to design and project manage the installation of floodlighting for the eSikhaleni Sports Complex has been cancelled by the Municipality and will be re-advertised in due course with a more refined specification and an expanded scope of works.

The contractor who was allocated the original tender had tendered for a Class 1 Design, which only caters for practice match lighting, instead of a Class IV Design to provide a national televised event pitch. This was only discovered during the presentation of their preliminary design and, as a result, the company withdrew from the tender.

The City would like a Class IV Design at the eSikhaleni Sports Complex as the facility is built to cater for various sports activities and could then be used for premier league matches.

The Department of Infrastructure and Technical Services is planning to re-tender with a more refined specification that will ensure that only outdoor lighting specialists will be attracted for the project. The scope of works will also be expanded to include the regional sports facilities at the Central Sports Complex in Richards Bay, Muzuvukile Sportsfield in eNseleni, Ngwelezane Sportsfield and Vulindlela Sportsfield.

## Public invited to MPAC meetings

The public are reminded that they are welcome to attend meetings of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), which are open to the public.

The balance of meetings scheduled for 2015 will take place on the following dates: 23 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 12 August, 16 September, 14 October and 11 November. Meetings start at 12:00 and are held in the Council Chambers of the Richards Bay Civic Centre. Please contact Sarah Pienaar on 035- 907 5070 for details.

The MPAC is an oversight committee with mainly the following primary functions:

- To consider and evaluate the content of the Annual Report and to make recommendations to Council when adopting an oversight report on the Annual Report;
- In order to assist with the conclusion of matters that may not be finalised, information relating to past recommendations made on the Annual Report, must also be reviewed. This relates to current in-year reports, including the quarterly, mid-year and Annual Reports;
- To examine the financial statements and audit reports of the Municipality, and in doing so, the committee must consider improvements from previous statements and reports and must evaluate the extent to which the Audit Committee's and the Auditor General's recommendations have been implemented;
- To promote good governance, transparency and accountability on the use of Municipal resources;
- To recommend or undertake any investigation in its area of responsibility, after reviewing any investigation report already undertaken by the Municipality or the Audit Committee; and
- To perform any other functions assigned to it through a resolution of Council within its area of responsibility.



# uMhlathuze Municipal Customer Satisfaction 2015 survey gets underway

The municipality is in the process of appointing a service provider to conduct the City's 2015 Customer Satisfaction Survey, which aims to give the Municipality an indication of how the community perceives the municipality with regard to services delivered by the municipality and also to identify possible weaknesses in areas pertaining to service delivery. The survey will be conducted during April and May 2015.

The last survey was conducted in the 2013 and is conducted every second year. The survey is meant to provide statistical data for quality indicators developed within the Performance Management Framework of the Municipality as prescribed in the Local Government Municipal System Act No. 32 of 2000. The customer satisfaction index is further required to provide a framework for the annual performance targets in respect to services delivered by the Municipality and to judge the perception of the community.

As part of this survey, a total of 3 000 questionnaires are to be completed across the City as follows:

Ward	Number of questionnaires	Ward	Number of questionnaires
1	120	16	70
2	140	17	120
3	90	18	100
4	100	19	100
5	110	20	90
6	120	21	70
7	80	22	70
8	60	23	110
9	150	24	150
10	90	25	110
11	60	26	100
12	60	27	100
13	90	28	80
14	110	29	110
15	100	30	140

The questionnaire contains a series of multiple choice questions regarding various services including, water, electricity, sanitation, solid waste removal, communications, the budget and the Integrated Development Plan.

The questionnaires will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. As per the tender requirements, local students and unemployed youths are to be enrolled as data enumerators. Each enumerator

will be clearly identified with a bib and will present letters in English and Zulu explaining their work. The community's cooperation is being sought and it is extremely important that the public answer the questions as honestly /correctly as possible to measure accurately the perception on performance against the service delivery targets.

For more information about the Customer Satisfaction Survey, the following municipal employees can be contacted: Denys Myburgh on 035-907 5168 or BM Dladla on 035 907 5152. The community may also contact their relevant Ward Councillor for information in this regard.

## Usonkontileka Omusha Womsebenzi Wezezindlu Endaweni YakwaBhejane

Umbiko wenqubekelaphambili yokwakha izindlu ezingama 1200 emsebenzini wezezindlu endaweni yakwaBhejane wethulelwa uMkhandlu-Dolobha ekupheleni kuka February.

Ethula umbiko wakhe, uSandile Zwane wakwa Thokoza Developments wathi usonkontileka wokwakha wokuqala okwakungabakwa Motheo, bahoxa kulomsebenzi ngenxa yezinkinga zezimali kwasekuthi ngoDecember 2014 base beqoka abakwa WBHA ukuba baqhubeke nokwakha izindlu.

Ngokombiko, abakwa Motheo, baqeda amathophingi angama 513 kanye nezisekelo ezingama 334 kanti izindlu ezingama 115 zaseziphelile zafulelwa. UMnuz. uZwane wathi usonkontilenka omusha wayezohlola wonke amathophingi nezisekelo okwakuqedwe ngabakwaMotheo ukuze baqiniseke ukuthi kuseqopheleweni elifanele ngaphambi kokuba baqhubeke nezakhiwo.

Waqhuba wathi "Enye inkinga esinayo endaweni esisebenzela kuyo wukuthi izindlu zisondelele kakhulu kangangokuba usonkontileka uthola ubunzima uma ehambisa impahla yokwakha neyokusebenza phakathi kwezindlu. Sibuye sathola ukuthi abantu abaningi abangabanikazi sebashona kodwa sisebenza nabantu abanikezwa igunya elisemithethweni ngabanikazi bokuqala "

Nakuba umsebenzi waqala ngonyawo lonwabo, uMnuz Zwane unethemba lokuthi bazokwenza inqubekela phambili esheshayo nanokuthi bazokhwakha zonke izindlu ezikulomsebenzi ngesikhathi esilindelekile esinguDecember 2015.

E: Progress on the construction of 1 200 houses in the KwaBhejane rural Housing project was presented to Council at the end of February.



# Residents warned of possible load shedding

Eskom has communicated that the national power grid is under pressure and has given notice that load shedding is to be expected. In the event that the Municipality is requested to load shed by Eskom the following schedule will be used:

## State key

Normal Load Shedding <20 MW

Emergency Load Shedding > 20 MW

BLOCK	1	2	3	4	5	6	More Information:
Notes:	SUBURB	SUBURB	SUBURB	SUBURB	SUBURB	SUBURB	For any problems experienced after load shedding please contact the call Centre @ 0800 222 827.
<b>Stage 1 &amp; Stage 2 Load Shedding:</b> All Customers <b>INCLUDING</b> the Main Shopping Malls will be load shed at 2 hour intervals.  <b>Stage 3 Load Shedding:</b> Customer Blocks will be load shed for 2 hours and Load Curtailment from Key Customers will be required. Blocks will be load shed as close as possible to the time when Eskom requests load shedding to start. Normal times will apply going forward.	CBD	Greenhill Meerensee Mzingazi Small Craft Tuzi Gazi	Aquadene Arboretum + extension Birdswood Brackenham CTC Kusasa Mandlazini Silvacell Veldenvlei Wildenweide	Alton ZCBF	Carsdale Empangeni CBD Hillview Coastal Farmers Corrobrick Sanlam Centre	Bell Empangeni Braeburn, Kuleka Empangeni Rail Fairview Lafarge Quarries Mill housing Noordsig Nyala Park Grantham Park Kildare Richem Panorama  Empangeni Central SAR Empangeni Zidedele Village ZSM (old mill)	Esikhaleni, Ngwelezane, Nseleni, Vulindlela and Felixton are load shed directly by Eskom. The Eskom Load shedding schedules can be found on the website: <a href="http://www.eskom.co.za">www.eskom.co.za</a>
<b>MONDAY</b>							
Stage 1 & 2	07:30 – 10:00	09:30 – 12:00	11:30 – 14:00	13:30 – 16:00	15:30 – 18:00	17:30 – 20:00	
<b>Tuesday</b>							
Stage 1 & 2	17:30 – 20:00	07:30 – 10:00	09:30 – 12:00	11:30 – 14:00	13:30 – 16:00	15:30 – 18:00	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>							
Stage 1 & 2	15:30 – 18:00	17:30 – 20:00	07:30 – 10:00	09:30 – 12:00	11:30 – 14:00	13:30 – 16:00	
<b>THURSDAY</b>							
Stage 1 & 2	13:30 – 16:00	15:30 – 18:00	17:30 – 20:00	07:30 – 10:00	09:30 – 12:00	11:30 – 14:00	
<b>FRIDAY</b>							
Stage 1 & 2	11:30 – 14:00	13:30 – 16:00	15:30 – 18:00	17:30 – 20:00	07:30 – 10:00	09:30 – 12:00	
<b>SATURDAY</b>							
Stage 1 & 2	09:30 – 12:00	11:30 – 14:00	13:30 – 16:00	15:30 – 18:00	17:30 – 20:00	07:30 – 10:00	
<b>SUNDAY</b>							
Stage 1 & 2	07:30 – 10:00	09:30 – 12:00	11:30 – 14:00	13:30 – 16:00	15:30 – 18:00	17:30 – 20:00	

## We are powerless without you sharing the load.

- Please note that the dates and time slots are not fixed and the Municipality has the right to change the schedule without any prior warning or notice.
- Load shedding may take place at any time, which means that depending on the time, the correct block as per the schedule will be shed as per time the slot.

- The suburbs of eSikhaleni, Felixton, Ngwelezane, eNseleni and Vulindlela are directly load shed by Eskom and the Municipality has no control over the dates and times of load shedding for these suburbs. These customers can find their load shedding tables on [www.umhlathuze.gov.za](http://www.umhlathuze.gov.za) or [www.eskom.co.za](http://www.eskom.co.za)

To determine the status on a specific day call the Municipality's 24-hour toll free Call Centre 0800 222 827 or visit our website [www.umhlathuze.gov.za](http://www.umhlathuze.gov.za). Please do not phone the fire station for load shedding enquiries.

- Please regard all electrical equipment as live during load shedding and switch off all appliances.

## Community garden project receives an irrigation system

The uBuhle Bomhlanga community agricultural project in the Ngwelezane-Umhlanga area of Ward 29 has received an irrigation system from the uMhlathuze Municipality, which has also secured fencing of the vegetable garden through sponsorship by the Richards Bay Coal Terminal.

The irrigation system, valued at R97 000, was provided by Amandlezizwe and its sub-contractor, Wolf Plumbing, in Richards Bay. It includes a pump and wheelbarrow, eight overhead sprinklers and connectors, six standpipes and a 5 000 water tank.

The Municipality became aware of the need for fencing and an irrigation system when the uBuhle Bomhlanga project received agricultural implements and supplies last year as part of the City's Agricultural Support Programme. The farmers complained about the lack of water and the problem of cattle and goats eating their crops.



Philani Mbokazi and Andre Wolf of Wolf Plumbing together with Xolani Cele of Amandlezizwe joined uMhlathuze's Ward Councillor for Ward 29, Cllr Mathenjwa and Xolani Mthethwa from the Department of City Development to demonstrate the irrigation system at the official handover at the end of January.

## Jazz festival for the City

The first uMhlathuze International Jazz & Soul Festival is planned to take place from 23 to 26 April 2015 and will be hosted at the uMhlathuze Sports Complex by Yonke Imizamo Productions (YIP).

SABC 2 and Radio 2000 have been secured as media sponsors to the event while jazz and soul legends Gerald Albright, Regina Belle, Freddy Cole and Chris Walker will be sharing the stage with the likes of Jimmy Dlodlu, Lira, Nhlanhla Mnikathi, Soul Brothers, Naima Kay, Berita, Brian Thusi, Ringo and others.

Yonke Imizamo Productions, based in KZN, specialises in talent search and promotion, event management and communications and has successfully managed jazz singer Nomalanga from KwaMachibisa, gospel singer Thula Msimang and events such as the Durban Beach Soccer Festival; the BRICS Music Concert and the Umpithi Jazz festival.

Their experience promises that the Jazz Festival will not only benefit the community of uMhlathuze with entertainment but provide opportunities for exposing local talent as well as have the potential to become an annual fixture on the uMhlathuze Tourism calendar in attracting visitors to the City.

The festival also aims to celebrate 21 years of democracy through song and dance as well as raise awareness about responsible driving through a 'No Phone Zone' campaign, which was started by Oprah Winfrey in Chicago, USA in 2010 against the use of mobile phones while driving under the theme "put your phone down when behind the wheel".

**Watch the local press for more information.**

## Richards Bay Clean Air Association Monthly Report: January 2015

### SO<sub>2</sub> (Sulphur Dioxide) Guideline Exceedances

There were Two (2) measured exceedances of the NEMAQA 10 minute average standard (134 ppb). The exceedances were measured at the RBCAA Harbour West station, and were attributed to emissions from the Foskor plant.

### TRS Odour Threshold Exceedances

In January the RBCAA recorded a total of Thirty One (31) TRS Exceedances, which were all attributed to process upsets at the Mondi Plant. Twenty Seven (27) measured exceedances of the RBCAA 10-minute Target (4.5ppb). Three (3) measured exceedance of the WHO 30-minute H<sub>2</sub>S Guideline (5.0ppb). One (1) measured exceedance of the OME TRS 10-minute health standard. Of these, 18 were measured at Richards Bay CBD, and 13 at eSikhaleni.

### PM<sub>10</sub> Exceedances

There were no measured exceedances of the daily standard. The eSikhaleni station recorded the highest Monthly average PM<sub>10</sub>.

### Air Quality Complaints

There were Fourteen (14) air quality complaints received during January 2015. 9 complaints were in response to the internal power outage at Mondi on 15 January 2015 which resulted in the venting of malodorous gasses into the atmosphere. The remaining 5 complaints were as a result of emissions from Foskor (2), Transnet Port Terminal (2) and BHP Billiton (1)

### For more information contact:

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Complaints can be logged at: [complaints@rbcaa.co.za](mailto:complaints@rbcaa.co.za)

Website: [www.rbcaa.org.za](http://www.rbcaa.org.za)

# Esikhaleni 11kV Cable replacement project is good news for community and emerging contractors

A project to replace 11kV (MV) electrical cables in eSikhaleni H and J Sections has been met with overwhelming support from the community, who will benefit from having a more stable, sustainable and uninterrupted power supply on completion of the projects.

However, in a first for the City of uMhlathuze, the project is also a huge step forward for local emerging contractors as the contracts have been awarded on condition that the main contractors subcontract a portion of the work to local emerging contractors at the same rate at which they tendered.

The Electrical Project Execution section under the management of Mr Thandanani Vundla has embarked on what they call a "radical economic transformation" to empower the local contractors and local laborers. The approach adopted is to subcontract the local emerging contractor at the same rate as the main contractor if the tender is awarded to the supplier who resides outside of uThungulu District Municipality. This approach will be used for the first time in the Esikhaleni 11kV Cable replacement project.

The project was presented to the community during four community information meetings at the end of January held at various locations in eSikhaleni.

At the meetings Thandanani Vundla, Electrical Project Manager of the City's Department of Infrastructure and Technical Services, said that Zizamele Electrical has been awarded the contract to replace cables in H- Section and 25% of the project will be awarded to local sub-contractor, Goodness and Mercy Electrical. Likewise Langa Electrical has been awarded the contract to replace cables in J -Section and local sub-contractor, Ohm Electrical, will carry out 25% of the work. It is anticipated that between 70 and 100 local job opportunities will be created as a result of the project.

He said this approach has been adopted to ensure that a portion of the contract amount is retained in the City to boost the local economy and to ensure that large companies who work for the

Municipality pass on skills to smaller local contractors. To monitor the imparting of skills these local labourers will receive an unaccredited certificate endorsed by the City and the main contractor as proof that the local labourers has gain experience in certain skills whilst the local contractors will gain immensely on their CIDB grading at the end of the project.

The City will look to adopt this approach with future projects as a means of increasing the skills pool in the City and to alleviate the risk associated with the City having limited pool suppliers.

The current project is rates based with contractors having to tender a rate per activity to be performed. The Municipality has budgeted R14 million for the project, of which R3 million has already been spent on unplanned outages as a result of cable faults.

The contractors commenced work at the beginning of February and the project is scheduled for completion at the end of July. Work includes cable terminations, cable joining, cable laying, pipe jacking, trenching and backfilling.

The community has been advised to expect occasional power disturbances of about three hours during the course of the contract when the contractors are busy with cable terminations at the various sub-stations.



**Local workers underwent medical examinations as part of the process before they started work.**



**Local workers, who have been employed for the project, attended induction at the Richards Bay Civic Centre before they started work.**



## Youth event highlights social ills

The City of uMhlathuze opted to celebrate Valentine's Day by empowering its youth on issues of social ills during an event at uMzuvukile Sports Ground in eNseleni.

Social ills are scourges that eat away the fibre of our precious youth. This does not only affect the youth of uMhlathuze but is also a countrywide phenomenon. The prevalent ills that were focused on during this event were drug and substance abuse, unprotected sex and criminal activities that youth engage in.

The message from the uMhlathuze Deputy Mayor, Cllr NV Gumbi, managed to reach almost 2 000 young men and woman from eNseleni and surrounding areas who gathered and played soccer, volley ball, netball, umlabalaba and many other adrenalin pumping codes. Cllr Gumbi was accompanied by Cllr DJ Ndimande for support and to strengthen the message of abstinence from these ills.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Gumbi dedicated her Valentine's Day to the Youth of Enseleni; the compassion she shows towards children is remarkable. In her address she appealed to the youth to take responsibility for their own futures by not being tempted by drugs and alcohol, by knowing their HIV status and remembering the dangers of unprotected sex including teenage pregnancies. She also encouraged them to make the most of the education opportunities that are presented to them so that they can become employable and responsible young adults and make a positive impact on society and not be attracted to a life of crime.

Cllr Gumbi also thanked Cllr Ndimande for his tireless commitment in being active in peer groups and working with the youth. She acknowledged him as a "true inspiration to youth of today". Gumbi commended a young girl Ms Gumede for her bravery as she disclosed her HIV status, despite the stigma attached.

Afterwards the youth were given presentations by the Independent Electoral Commission, Broadreach, the South African Police Service and Municipal Forums.



Deputy Mayor, Cllr Zethu Gumbi enjoyed her time engaging with the City's youth on the issue of social ills.

## Important Municipal Telephone Numbers

In case of uncertainty, the main switchboard in Richards Bay can be reached by dialling 035-9075000

- **Building Inspectorate**  
Office hours: ..... 035 907 5434/5409/5410
- **Housing**  
Office hours: ..... 035 907 5486/5057
- **Tourism**  
Office hours: ..... 035 907 5018  
Empangeni: ..... 035 907 5630
- **Waste Management**  
Office hours (Emp): ..... 035 907 5670  
Office hours (R/Bay): ..... 035 907 5789/5790
- **Traffic**  
R/Bay Motor Licencing ..... 035 907 5268/5461  
Emp Motor Licencing ..... 035 907 5650/5652  
Drivers Licences ..... 035 787 1464  
Traffic Section ..... 035 907 5633  
Control Room ..... 035 907 5760/1  
Learners Licences ..... 035 907 5030
- **Fire**  
Office hours ..... 035 907 5722/3  
After ..... 035 797 3314/5  
Emergency ..... 035 797 3313/3911
- **Property Section**  
Enquiries ..... 035 907 5038/5073
- **Hall Bookings**  
Empangeni ..... 035 907 5620  
Ngwelezane ..... 035 907 5832  
Richards Bay ..... 035 907 5048  
Esikhaleni ..... 035 907 5825  
Sport fields ..... 035 907 5352/5941
- **Water Leaks & Sewer Leaks**  
**Roads & Storm Water**  
24-hour toll free ..... 0800 222 827  
Switchboard ..... 035 907 5000
- **Refuse Removal**  
Empangeni ..... 035 907 5670/5679  
Richards Bay ..... 035 907 5790/5769
- **Power Failures**  
24-hour toll free ..... 0800 222 827  
Switchboard ..... 035 907 5000
- **Streetlight Complaints**  
24-hour toll free ..... 0800 222 827  
Switchboard ..... 035 907 5000
- **Treasury**  
Account enquiries ..... 035 907 5497/5128/  
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Supplier's database registration ..... 035 907 5773

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