

WARD COMMITTEE UPDATE



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committees. This process will be done in all 100 wards of eThekweni. Dates and venues for these workshops will be advised as soon as they are finalised.

These processes will help members to understand the municipality's budgeting process as well as the service delivery system.

Members will remember that their portfolios are according to the IDP eight-point plan and are, therefore, encouraged to be ready to ask questions, seeking clarity in this regard.

Furthermore, members are required to participate fully and make use of the facilitators to gain more knowledge of the IDP. The IDP is the municipality's business plan and member's input is appreciated.

The workshops will culminate in a Big Mama 7 workshop, where all stakeholders will be invited to finalise comments received during the ward workshops. This will be our biggest Big Mama ever as all ward committee members will be invited.

Members are requested to continue holding their monthly meetings and forward their minutes to the Office of the Speaker.

Stationery including diaries will be delivered to ward councillors' offices.

□ Inquiries on ward committees can be directed to the Office of the Speaker: 031 311 2015 or 031 311 2021.

WE ARE now in the year 2008, almost 14 years from the year we acquired our freedom.

If we look back we realise we have achieved a lot but there is still more that we need to do.

Our communities are still in the dark about their rights and responsibilities, hence the establishment of ward committees. Ward committees are the municipality's foot soldiers.

They have to strengthen the communication line between the municipality and communities. The Office of the Speaker is excited about the arrangements in store for ward committees. This year we will ensure that all ward committee members are well equipped and are able to perform their duties efficiently and diligently.

Members are encouraged to watch this space as most of the developments will be announced through this publication, *Ezasegagasini Metro*.

Council is in the process of reviewing the 2007-2008 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and this will start with a workshop for councillors which will be followed by the workshop with members of ward



LIKE other cities of the world, Durban is faced with a range of environmental challenges, air pollution, litter and water pollution.

Other long-term challenges include, climate change, shortages of oil, lack of space for landfill sites, the need for alternative sources of energy as a result of energy shortages and to cut greenhouse gases, and threats to biodiversity and the natural environment.

Durban is reliant on its natural environments for goods such as food, firewood and fibre, and services such as flood protection, water supply, waste treatment and erosion control.

Imagine Durban is busy developing goals and strategies to ensure the city is prepared for future environmental challenges.

These goals and strategies should help establish eThekweni as a leading city in the field of environmental sustainability.

If you are interested in helping the *Imagine Durban* team draft goals and strategies, your participation

in the team's workshop on environmental sustainability would be appreciated.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, 13 February 2008, from 9am to 12.30pm, at the Botanical Gardens Visitors Complex.

For details on the workshop call Zama Ndlovu on 031 311 3444 or e-mail ndlovuzc@durban.gov.za.

If you can't attend the workshop but have some good ideas on how to improve the environmental sustainability of Durban – submit them to our website <http://www.imaginedurban.com/yourIdea.aspx>.

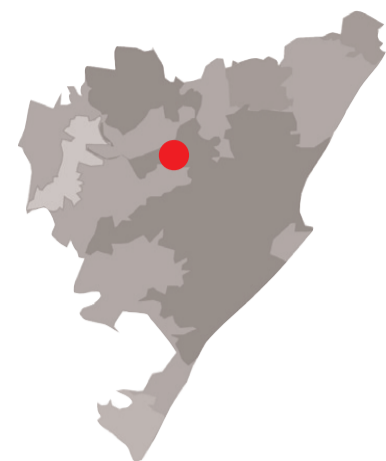
These could also be faxed to 031 311 3446, for the attention of Sindira Chetty.

The best idea submitted to the website by midnight, 10 February will receive a R200 *Imagine Durban* gift voucher and a copy of the new book *Durban: A Paradise and its People*. Ensure you include your name and contact details if you want to be eligible to win the prize.

www.imaginedurban.com.
– Sohana Singh

PROFILES: WARDS

The city comprises 100 wards, each with its own ward committee. In this, and forthcoming editions we will profile these wards so you can get to know them better. This week we look at Ward 9



Ward: 9

Councillor: Terence Peter Collins

Party: DA

Contact: 031 311 1111

Areas within ward: Crestholme, Crestview, Forest Hill, Hillcrest, Kranskloof, Langfontein, Lower Molweni, Luke Bailes Farm, Mshazi, Tin Town, Upper Molweni, Waterfall and Wyebank

Community need assessment priorities: Roads and access roads, housing, safety & security, clinic, hospital and poverty alleviation

Household income (pa)	Households	%
No income	1 302	15
R1 – R4 800	347	4
R4 801 – R9 600	1 083	13
R9 601 – R19 200	1 167	14
R19 201 – R38 400	1 098	13
R38 401 – R76 800	894	10
R76 801 – R153 600	1 108	13
R153 601 – R307 200	1 016	12
R307 201 – R614 400	389	5
R614 401 – R1 228 800	69	1
R1 228 801 - R2 457 600	59	1
R2 457 601 and more	31	0

Dwelling type		
Number of households	8 369	%
Formal	7 154	85
Informal	239	3
Traditional	961	11
Other	15	0

Population	32 192	%
African	20 073	62
Coloured	127	0
Indian	183	1
White	11 809	37
Pensioners	2 527	8
Disabled	1 209	4
Male	15 416	48
Female	16 776	52

Approved Capital Projects (R million)				
Project	Type Task	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Economic Development & Facilitation: Economic Development Programmes	Inanda Dam Tourism Nodes & Corridors – Umgababa	1.0 2.9	0.0 2.0	0.0 5.0
Electricity HV Operations	Hillcrest 132/11kv S/Stn Upgrade	0.1	0.0	0.0
Engineering Coastal, Stormwater & Catchment Management	Chobe close	0.2	0.0	0.0
Engineering Roads Provision	Usikwama Access Road (Ward 9) (MIG)	1.1	3.9	2.0
Transport Authority Road System Management	Sidewalk : Brickenhill Road Sidewalk : HCA Primary School, Ward 9	0.2 0.1	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0

Work Status	15 – 65 years	%
Employed	9 014	43
Unemployed	4 337	21
Not Economically Active	7 374	36
Literacy Rate (Grade 7 and above)	18 306	57
Dependency Ratio		4

Delivery Of Basic Household Services		
Electricity	7 137	83
Refuse Disposal	4 594	51
Flush Toilets	4 784	56
Water - dwelling/yard	6 211	72
Water < 200m	689	8

Age	%	
Age 0 – 4	2 827	9
Age 5 – 14	6 313	20
Age 15 – 34	10 781	33
Age 35 – 64	9 744	30
Age > 65	2 527	8

Major Community Facilities located in the Ward include:	
Libraries	2
Clinics	6
Police	2
Hospitals	0
Pension pay points	0
Billing points	0
Metro police	0
Fire stations	0
Community halls	4
Post offices	2
Schools	15