

# WARD COMMITTEE UPDATE



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inform my office of the co-operation, or lack thereof, between committee members and the community.

We have heard of areas where there are problems and we are looking into it.

The reports will also inform us whether committees are holding public meetings, as expected, at least once a month to inform and listen to people.

Recently, the municipality started co-operatives in a number of wards under the Community Based Planning and Grant-in-Aid programmes to help people, who are unemployed, to start their own businesses.

They were given sewing machines, ploughing equipment, block making equipment and other implements.

The ward committees should make it their business to find out if the equipment in their area is being used and whether it is bearing fruit.

If it is not being used find out why and report it as training might be needed.

The reports should be faxed to my office at 031 311 2032.

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

THE ward committees in all of eThekweni's 100 wards are up and running and communities are urged to get involved in their work by forwarding requests and information on issues that affect their lives.

To facilitate communication between ward committees and my office, committees have been asked to submit reports to me on meetings among themselves and with members of the communities they serve.

This should be done monthly so I can see where problems are and where lessons can be shared with everyone.

The process of sending reports is going to be made easier with a new form that will be circulated to ward committees soon.

Instead of compiling a long report, committee members will simply fill in a form which will guide them on what information is required, and fax it to the office.

These reports, which will now be in a form format, are very important because they



CLIMATE change is a global phenomenon that is increasingly at the forefront of environmental discussions.

Decoded - climate change is the increase in the average temperature of the Earth's atmosphere, which will cause changes in the local climate patterns and sea level rise worldwide.

In South Africa, climate change will alter rainfall patterns and seasons across the country which will pose threats to water availability, health, biodiversity, and infrastructure.

Climate change is a global problem that requires action at individual, local, national and international levels.

The municipality has recognised the challenges climate change poses for development and biodiversity preservation in Durban and is making efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt municipal planning and activities.

Activities that will reduce the impact of climate change include simple behaviour change, such as switching lights off when they are not in use and encouraging the use of sustainable technologies, such as solar power and vehicles that run on cleaner fuels.

Governments cannot tackle climate change alone, they need the support and actions of their citizens.

In 2004 the municipality commissioned a study of the impact of localised climate change on the city.

This study and subsequent research indicates that eThekweni is likely to experience the following changes:

**Temperature:** Daily maximum temperatures are likely to increase by 2C to 3C and daily minimum temperatures by 3C to 4C in all seasons. Days with temperatures over 30C will increase in the period October to March.

**Rain:** Rainfall patterns will change, with longer dry periods and shorter periods of more intense rainfall. The average amount of rainfall will, however, stay the same.

**Sea levels:** Average sea levels are likely to rise by about 2.7cm every 10 years.

Overall, climate change is predicted to pose significant challenges to eThekweni's development goals.

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-Finola Quarsingh

\* Climate Change information supplied by Dr Debra Roberts

# 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 2



**Ward:** 2  
**Councillor:** Stanley Qaphelani Hlatshwayo  
**Party:** ANC

**Contact:** 031 311 1111

**Areas within ward:** Imbozamo, Inthuthuko, Mabedlane, Mgangeni, Mgezanyoni, Mkhholombe, Mlahlanga, Qhodela and Senzokuhle

**Community need assessment priorities:** Safety and security, sponsorship and subsidy for shelter programmes, taxi management, crisis centre, creche facility

Household income (pa)	Households	%
No income	1 875	31
R1 - R4 800	649	11
R4 801 - R9 600	1 427	23
R9 601 - R19 200	1 092	18
R19 201 - R38 400	747	12
R38 401 - R76 800	224	4
R76 801 - R153 600	61	1
R153 601 - R307 200	40	1
R307 201 - R614 400	4	0
R614 401 - R1 228 800	2	0
R1 228 801 - R2 457 600	5	0
R2 457 601 and more	1	0

Work Status	15 - 65 years	%
Employed	3 508	17
Unemployed	6 242	30
Not Economically Active	11 261	54
Literacy Rate (Grade 7 and above)	12 915	35
Dependency Ratio		10

Delivery Of Basic Household Services		%
Electricity	3 209	52
Refuse Disposal	66	1
Flush Toilets	220	4
Water - dwelling/yard	2 491	41
Water < 200m	141	2

Dwelling type		
Number of households	6 081	%
Formal	2 209	36
Informal	98	2
Traditional	3 765	62
Other	9	0

Age		%
Age 0 - 4	4 309	12
Age 5 - 14	10 019	27
Age 15 - 34	13 257	36
Age 35 - 64	7 622	21
Age > 65	1 548	4

Population	28 119	%
African	36 710	100
Coloured	14	0
Indian	5	0
White	25	0
Pensioners	1 548	4
Disabled	1 907	5
Male	16 781	46
Female	19 973	54

Major Community Facilities located in the Ward include:	
Library	0
Clinics	12
Police	0
Hospital	0
Pension pay points	0
Billing points	0
Metro police	0
Fire stations	0
Community halls	0
Post office	0
Schools	29

Approved Capital Projects (R million)				
Project	Type Task	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Engineering Roads Provision	Ebumnyameni access Road (Ward 2)	0.1	0.7	0.3
Water & Sanitation	Inthuthuko Water and Sanitation	4.0	0.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation	Mabedlane Water Project	6.0	5.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation Operations	1 000 Hills Res	6.0	0.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation Technical Support	Mabedlane Sanitation Project	6.0	5.5	0.0

\*Information prepared by the eThekweni Municipality's Corporate Policy Unit.

Source: Census 2001