

## WARD COMMITTEE UPDATE



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committees is foolproof.

The ward committees know their task is to consult their communities across the board and not along political affiliation.

Development of any kind is for all the citizens of eThekweni. This was emphasised during the orientation of ward committees and there are even guidelines to this effect.

Once the ward committees have forwarded their recommendations or comments to the team, these will then be discussed by the Masakhane committee. Its report will then be forwarded to Exco and then full Council for approval.

It is therefore mischievous for some political parties to pre-empt the outcome of these intensive consultative processes and mislead the citizens.

The naming and renaming process should not be clouded by individual aspirations. It's everyone's process and must be owned by all eThekweni citizens.

The channels of communication are open for dialogue about the renaming process in particular or the ward committees in general.

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

THE municipality started the process of naming and renaming infrastructure within eThekweni last year and the process is still continuing.

To date 83 proposed names, selected by a technical team within the Masakhane, Grant-in-Aid and Non Sexism and Non Racism committee, have been forwarded to the ward committees in all 100 of the municipality's wards.

The ward committees have been given the task of consulting their communities to discuss, recommend or comment on the proposed names and forward these to the technical team by 13 October. The indication through ward councillors, is that most wards have held meetings with their communities on this process.

There have, however, been unfounded concerns as well as allegations raised in some quarters that the process may be tampered with along political lines. I want to assure everyone that the consultative process between communities and ward



THE sustainability of our city and its infrastructure depends on long-term planning, including its transport systems.

The eThekweni Transport Authority (ETA) has started developing a response and plans to cater for the transport needs of the region, in particular public transport.

Rail can play a more significant role in public transport given its location and the fact that it enjoys a dedicated right of way.

The ETA has developed a plan to address the key issues along the north-south rail line in conjunction with the rail authorities so that this corridor acts as the backbone of the public transport system.

The rail authorities have committed resources to upgrading coaches as well as the signalling and security.

As enhancements to the line become more visible, feeder services to it will be encouraged.

In terms of road-based transport, interventions such as the national taxi recapitalisation programme will improve the image and service.

Similarly, restructuring public transport contracts will be pursued to cater for

the needs of commuters.

The department is looking at making our transport system more accessible to people with special needs.

The ETA is working to develop an integrated service with a through ticketing facility to facilitate seamless travel through the system. All services will have proper timetables that will be adhered to.

The department has begun work to develop a public transport call centre in Durban by 2010. It will provide commuters with information on the services that will be available to them.

The upgrading of eThekweni's central business district public transport system is another key intervention.

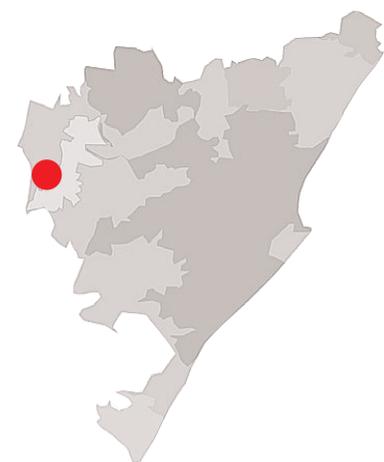
Logan Moodley, Deputy Head: Strategic Transport Planning, eThekweni Transport Authority, said: "It is our view that we have to have an efficient public transport system before we can expect car-reliant users to move to public transport."

"Hence the focus is on building a solid public transport platform in the short to medium term." (Information supplied by the ETA)

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-Finola Quarsingh

## 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 5



**Ward:** 5

**Councillor:** Judah Inoch Shabalala

**Party:** ANC

**Contact:** 031 311 1111

**Areas within ward:** Camperdown Rural, Geogedale, Mophela and Sankontshe

**Community need assessment priorities:** Clinics, public toilets, HIV/Aids Counsellors, safety and security, roads, electricity, water, a market, library and an Adult Basic Education and Training centre.

Household income (pa)	Households	%
No income	2 149	30
R1 – R4 800	610	8
R4 801 – R9 600	1 543	21
R9 601 – R19 200	1 489	21
R19 201 – R38 400	994	14
R38 401 – R76 800	313	1
R76 801 – R153 600	82	0
R153 601 – R307 200	17	0
R307 201 – R614 400	10	0
R614 401 – R1 228 800	1	0
R1 228 801 - R2 457 600	7	0
R2 457 601 and more	0	0

Dwelling type		
Number of households	7 156	%
Formal	4 958	69
Informal	1267	18
Traditional	913	13
Other	18	0

Population	36 551	%
African	33 914	99
Coloured	25	0
Indian	70	0
White	112	0
Pensioners	1 175	3
Disabled	1 662	5
Male	15 919	47
Female	18 202	53

Approved Capital Projects (R million)				
Project	Type Task	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Engineering Roads Provision	Sidewalks Mhlongo Road	0.1	0.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation	Geogedale Water & Sanitation	13.7	13.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation	Sankontshe/Mahlabathini	4.8	0.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation Technical Support	Geogedale Water & Sanitation	13.7	13.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation Technical Support	Sankontshe/Mahlabathini Water & Sanitation	4.8	0.0	0.0

Work Status	15 – 65 years	%
Employed	5 426	26
Unemployed	8 311	39
Not Economically Active	7 435	35
Literacy Rate (Grade 7 and above)	15 770	46
Dependency Ratio		6

Delivery Of Basic Household Services		
Electricity	3 800	11
Refuse Disposal	134	2
Flush Toilets	430	6
Water - dwelling/yard	2 642	37
Water < 200m	2 265	31

Age	%	
Age 0 – 4	3 800	11
Age 5 – 14	8 100	24
Age 15 – 34	12 936	38
Age 35 – 64	8 109	24
Age > 65	1 175	3

Major Community Facilities located in the Ward include:	
Library	0
Clinics	6
Police	0
Hospital	0
Pension pay points	0
Billing points	0
Metro police	0
Fire stations	0
Community halls	2
Post office	0
Schools	6