

Winning ways

ON 10 NOVEMBER we will be celebrating the 10th year of the Mayoral Awards for Excellence.

When we instituted these Awards in 1996 we had many aims. We wanted to create awareness of the priorities within the metro area; foster civic pride; promote a culture of excellence; and reward and recognise achievements.

But we also realised that the Mayoral Awards process is inextricably linked to the process of nation building and has the undeniable potential to bring people together in celebration.

I believe that here in Durban, we have proved to the world that greater cultural diversity does not lead to numerous problems.

On the contrary, it greatly enhances and enriches our capacity for innovation, insight, and engagement with the world and other people, respect for human rights and the protection of individual and community freedoms.

We have seen over these 10 years that so often the true men and women of action, integrity and high morals – those who transform our



Obed Mlaba
eThekweni Mayor

world, are not politicians or statesmen, they are ordinary people.

Labourers and office workers, soldiers, teachers, priests – mothers and fathers who are compelled to live a life that puts human rights and dignity above everything else.

This awards ceremony is not only about recognition of excellence – it is also about the acknowledgement of these men and women who have led by example.

The categories that they have been nominated for, have been named after other eThekweni heroes.

We felt by branding the categories we are not only paying tribute to the memories of our heroes, but we are also passing on their shining legacy to our new nominees and recipients.

We salute the nominees in all the categories and congratulate, in advance, the winners on 10 November.

Beating the backlogs

RECENTLY, comments I made when giving a presentation on our broader strategic perspective became front-page news.

While you never know how the media will cover matters, I am glad they gave the issue of backlogs such prominence.

Of all the things that cross my desk, none concerns me more than the squalor in which so many people live. None of us can sleep soundly in the knowledge that hundreds of thousands of our neighbours go to bed without sanitation, housing, water, electricity and the like.

Worse, most of those people cannot rely on one good meal a day.

We have been doing a lot of work trying to understand the service provision backlogs in our city so that we can develop plans to wipe them out.

We begin with trying to understand what we mean when we say each resident is entitled to a basic package of services.

The national government limits this package to access to water, sanitation, electricity and basic energy, refuse removal and shelter.

We believe that from a



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eThekweni Manager

total/quality living environment perspective, each resident is also entitled to access roads, sidewalks and footpaths, stormwater drainage, public transport infrastructure and services, greening, street numbers and names, and community facilities and services.

We have looked at all of these and the figures are stark. More than 200 000 families remain without a home and we need a lot of money to meet the capital shortfall. We would need more than R2-billion for housing, more than R1-billion to provide electricity, more than R600-million for water, and another R300-million-plus for sanitation.

If we extend the package to include total/quality of living environment then we would need more than R160-million for stormwater, more than R2-billion for roads, more than R1-billion for

sidewalks and footpaths, and hundreds of millions more for the rest. All in all, we need well over R7-billion in capital expenditure and hundreds of million in operating budgets to see us through in delivering this basic, but better life for all.

We should not simply cite these figures, then sit back and do nothing, saying the problem is too large. Rather, we should all sit up and say, "How can I contribute to reducing these backlogs?"

Some would want to do it having seen the gut-wrenching conditions in which so many people live. Others see their own self-interest and take the view: "If I don't help, the poor will turn on me, crime will increase and soon we will be in a never-ending cycle of despair". Yet others will do it because of their religious or other beliefs. Most of us want to make a difference for a combination of these reasons.

And if we all start working together to change this reality I have no doubt we will become the first city on our continent to have found solutions to making a better life for all a reality in our lifetime.

Book prize eluded me

SOON after 10am I dialled the number advertised in the 5 October edition of *eZasegasini Metro* to win a copy of *Durban: A Paradise and its People*.

But I got an engaged tone and after 30 minutes I decided to give it a break, and try again later. This I did throughout the day and into the evening, but to no avail.

I had hoped to pass the prize on to a final year medical student from Germany who is doing Community Service at King Edward Hospital.

I would appreciate a response.

As for "New route marker scheme points the way", in the same edition, I recall that Johannesburg already had the system in the late 1960s. When I visited I never ever got lost! Thank you for *eZasegasini Metro*, I enjoy reading it.

LORRAINE H SCOTT
Seaview

WE GOT a flood of calls from readers hoping to win the book, and the 25 copies went quickly. For another chance to win, email metrobeat@durban.gov.za. – Editor



START YOUR CAREER IN A WORLD CLASS ELECTRICAL UTILITY

DON'T miss out on this fantastic opportunity to become part of a world class electrical utility, in the City of Durban, where the sun never sets. Ethekeeni Electricity is renowned for its excellent standards in terms of network availability and reliability. Ethekeeni has won the Gold Award from the National Energy Regulator of South Africa for being the best run municipal electricity distributor and the Vuna Award for being the best municipality.

Applications for full bursaries for studying the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree are invited from grade 12 learners who meet the following requirements:

1. Excellent overall academic results in Grades 10, 11 and 12;
2. Excellent results in mathematics and science;
3. Ability to work under pressure;
4. Ability to work independently, with initiative; and
5. Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing.

Applications for the above, shall be done in writing and shall include a curriculum vitae, a copy of grade 10, 11 and 12 academic records and identity document. All applications shall be forwarded to the Manager: Human Resources, eThekweni Electricity either by e-mail: jobapplications@elec.durban.gov.za or by fax: 031 311 9242. Applicants will be assessed and interviewed to confirm their suitability. For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us on: 031 311 9008 or 082 321 6293.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF A TRANSPORT CALL CENTRE

Tenders are hereby invited from suitable professional Consultants to provide the development, implementation and operation of a Transport Call Centre for the eThekweni Municipality.

The broad scope of work includes:

1. Acquire and capture the required public transport data from public transport service providers and other organisations.
2. Develop required databases and software applications.
3. Design and implement the call centre's website.
4. Perform data maintenance and management functions
5. Operate the call centre for a period of three years (including administrative and performance reporting functions)
6. Provide, train and manage the required call centre operators and other staff.
7. Specify, supply and operate information kiosks and specify and supply touch screens implementation will be decided by the ETA.
8. Specify, purchase, implement and maintain all required hardware to operate the call centre.

Tender documents can be obtained from the Cashier located in the basement, City Engineers Building, Old Fort Road, Durban, for a non-refundable deposit of R1000. A compulsory briefing session will be held on 13 November 2007, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Room 213, 2nd floor, ETA, 30 Old Fort Place. A formal attendance register will be taken, and no proposals will be considered from firms that have not attended the briefing session. Sealed proposals marked "Development & Implementation - Transport Call Centre" must be deposited in the tender box in the foyer, ground floor, Rennie House, 41 Margaret Mncadi Avenue (formerly Victoria Embankment), Durban or reach PO Box 1014, Durban on 7 December 2007, no later than 11am. Further information can be obtained from R. Singh, singhrekha@durban.gov.za, contact tel: 031 311 7453.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Section 3 of the Local Government: Municipal Rates Act 6 of 2004 obliges a municipality to adopt and implement a policy on the levying of rates on rateable property. A draft Rates Policy has been prepared for submission to the Municipal Council.

eThekweni Municipality invites all property owners and local communities to pick up a Draft Rates Policy document and submit comments and representations to The Municipal Manager: eThekweni Municipality, by no later than 7 December 2007.

The Draft Rates Policy will be available at:

- The Durban City Hall;
- Municipal libraries;
- Clinics;
- Municipal banking halls;
- on our website:

from 2 November to 7 December 2007. Your comments and representations may be sent to the Municipal Manager, eThekweni Municipality, by post: PO Box 1014, Durban, 4000; by hand to any Municipal office; by fax: 031 306 4603; or post on our website: www.durban.gov.za

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF INK SMME FAIR 2008

In line with its SMME Exhibition Strategy the Business Support Unit intends hosting annual a Regional Fair in the INK Area (J L Dube Stadium) at the beginning of 2008. The fair will accommodate 200 exhibitors including SMMEs, NGOs, government departments, corporates and parastatals. It is intended that the successful company/consultant will take full responsibility of the project including the management of sub-contractors. Call for proposal documents will be available from the receptionist on the 11th Floor, 75 Winder Street, Durban from 7:30 to 15:30, Monday to Friday.

Enquiries: Mr Musa Mahlambi or Ms Skuta Ngcobo
e-mail: mahlambim@durban.gov.za or ngcobond@durban.gov.za; Telephone: 031 3114612 (Musa) or 031-311 4035 (Skuta)
Proposals in sealed envelopes, which shall be signed by or on behalf of the respondent, addressed to the Head: Business Support and marked "Request for Proposals: Coordination and management of the INK SMME Fair 2008" must be placed in the Tender Box located on the Ground Floor foyer, Rennie House, 41 Margaret Mncadi Avenue (formerly Victoria Embankment), Durban (and not any other municipal department), on or before 11:00 on 2007-11-16.

STATUTORY NOTICE 2545

PROPOSED DEPROCLAMATION AND SALE OF PORTION OF ROAD RESERVE, FRONTING 17 GLEN ANIL, GLEN ANIL

Notice is hereby given:

- (a) in terms of section 211 of Ordinance 25 of 1974, that the Municipality intends to permanently close a portion of Plane Close in extent approximately 326m², depicted on Plan SJ 4451/3 from 2007-12-05;
 - (b) in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003 and the supply chain regulations that the Municipality intends to sell Proposed Portion [1] of Erf 69 Glen Anil, Registration Division FU in the Durban Entity, Province of KwaZulu Natal by private treaty to Bassfour 482 (Pty) Ltd at a price of R80 000. Notice of the proposed closure is placarded in the area. The plan depicting the area to be closed will be available for inspection at the office of the Head: Real Estate, 17th Floor, 75 Winder Street, Durban (Ref.: 58/17234/1-VRG), between 07:45 and 16:30, Mondays to Fridays, for a period of 30 days commencing on 2007-11-02. Representations or objection to the proposed deproclamation and sale shall only be considered as valid if:
 - (a) The full names, identity number and physical address and contact details of the author is recorded thereon;
 - (b) The interest of the author is recorded fully;
 - (c) The grounds thereof are set out in detail; and
 - (d) Is lodged with the undersigned not later than 17:00 on 2007-12-03.
- Should the author fail to comply substantially with the criteria above, the representation and/or objection may be regarded by the eThekweni Municipality as invalid.

Dr M.O. Sutcliffe, City Manager, City Hall West Street, Durban

CALL FOR PROPOSAL

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

As the engine for sustainable development in Cato Manor, the AMB office functions as the primary interface between communities and the municipality. Its overriding function is social upliftment and the economic development of Cato Manor in a manner that reduces dependency, increases self-reliance and community cohesion, and facilitates co-operative partnerships between government and civil society. Organisations/Institutions are requested to submit proposals for the development and publication of a quarterly newsletter publication for the Cato Manor Area Based Management Programme that will serve as one of the fundamental marketing and communications tools for the Cato Manor ABM and outlines the services and programmes offered by the ABM. Tender documents are obtainable from the Cato Manor ABM, Suite 102 Intuthuko Junction, 750 Francois Road, Cato Manor Durban. The closing date for this tender is Friday, 16th November 2007, at 16h00. Queries can be directed to Mr Njabulo Maseko on 031 261 6640.