

Pipe work turns south

KEN MCHUNU

WORK on the City's asbestos cement pipe replacement project has now reached the Queensburgh and Bellair areas.

Project Spokesman Jochen Dedekind said contractors were expected to be busy in these areas for the next six months, digging trenches and laying modified polyvinyl chloride pipes. These new pipes are expected to have a lifespan of 50 years.

The City's Water and Sanitation Unit started the mammoth, three-year project in June 2007, with the aim of replacing old asbestos cement water mains from Tongaat in the north to Umkomaas in the south and Cato Ridge in the west of eThekweni.

The project has now passed

the halfway mark, said Dedekind.

Work in Queensburgh and Bellair runs concurrently with that continuing across the central business district, in which 15km of the old water pipeline are being replaced. This part of the job began in April.

Dedekind said Northdene, Escombe and Malvern would be affected by the work in Queensburgh and Bellair.

Alan Kee, Project Executive at eThekweni Water and Sanitation, said because of varied pipe and cable connections in these areas, the first phase would include proving and design work.

Kee said design work was crucial to the project's success. He said: "It is at this stage that we plan the pipeline's route and analyse

which other services are in the area."

Kee said the project was the City's "proactive approach to prevent a full-blown water crisis", which would have been a result of ageing infrastructure.

Dedekind said residents could expect "some inconveniences" while pipes were being laid.

Careful

"Roads and verges will be excavated and sometimes water supplies will be disrupted. However, the project is being carefully managed and every effort will be made to ensure pipe laying is done with minimal disruption to the community," Dedekind said.

Scheduled water cuts would

be advertised on posters and flyers in letterboxes.

Dedekind said all roads and verges would be restored to their original condition once pipe laying had been completed.

Kee said the work would reduce eThekweni's water loss "substantially", saving the City about R248-million a year.

He said other spinoffs included the employment of about 12 000 predominantly unskilled workers, who worked on different stages of the project each year.

The project is due for completion in July next year. The City expects to recover the expenditure within nine years.

Water-related complaints can be reported toll-free at 080 131 3013.

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CONTACTS

Aids Helpline

0800 012 322

Ambulance (public)

10177

Ambulance (private)

082 911

Air Pollution

031 311 3555

O/H 8am – 4pm, Mon – Fri

A/H contact

Emergency Services

031 361 0000

Beaches and Recreation Facilities

031 335 3700

O/H 7.30am – 6pm

Development Planning

031 311 7883

O/H 7am – 4.30pm

Mon – Fri

Sub division

Rezoning

Special consent

Development Management

031 311 7881

Building inspectorate

Plans submissions

Enforcement

Advertising and Signage

031 311 7055

Environment

031 311 7875

Engineering Services Centre

080 131 3013

O/H 24hrs, 7 days a week

Road repairs

Stormwater

Blockages/repairs

Replacement of manhole covers

Repairs of guardrails and roadside fencing

Sidewalk and kerb repairs

Sewer repairs/blockages

Road marking and street signs

Water reconnections/Accounts

Faulty traffic signal

Flooding coastal

Infrastructure

Water faults

Water pollution

Water account queries

SMS: 083 707 3013

Fax: 031 311 8220

Mxit: 083 707 3013

Email: eservices@dmws.durban.gov.za

Revenue Call Centre

031 328 1200

O/H 7.30am to 4.30pm,

Mon to Fri

and 7.30 – 11.30 on Sat

Rates

Electricity

Water Accounts

Emergency Services

031 361 0000

O/H 24Hrs, 7 Days a week:

- Fire

- Disaster Management

- Metro Police

Electricity Call Centre

080 131 3111

O/H 24Hrs, 7 days a week

Faults and breakdowns

Fax: 031 328 1050

Street lights

Illegal connections

Cable theft

031 311 9611

Health

031 311 3555

O/H 7am - 4.30pm Mon to Fri

A/H contact Emergency Services

Air pollution

Environmental noise

Illegal dumping

Food safety

Communicable diseases

Hazardous chemical

Substances

Vector Control (mosquitoes, flies, rats, etc)

Illegal dumping

031 311 8804

O/H 7:30am – 4pm,

Mon to Fri

Refuse Removal

031 311 8824

O/H 7.30am – 4pm,

Mon to Fri

Removal of dead animals

031 311 8809

Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries

031 201 1303

O/H 7.30am – 4pm,

Mon to Fri

Verge and grass maintenance

Fallen and trimming of trees

after hours

080 131 3013

Ombudsperson and Head Investigations

080 020 2020

Reporting fraud, corruption and maladministration in the Municipality:

Ombudsperson@durban.gov.za

Fax 031 311 4002

Regional Centres (Sizakala)

080 033 1011

O/H 7.30am – 4pm, Mon to

Fri, 8am to 11am Sat

080 033 1011

One Stop Shops access/

payments for council services

031 311 6101

Switchboard

031 311 1111

O/H 7.30am – 5pm, Mon – Fri

Ramp gets 'em rolling

ROMITA HANUMAN

THE Municipality's busy Florence Mkhize Building is now more disabled-friendly, thanks to the recent installation of a ramp at its main entrance.

The installation was part of a metro-wide City programme to identify ways to improve access to Municipal services.

Joy Andrews, of the City's Treasury Department, said, "It was felt the main entrance to the building in Anton Lembede (Smith) Street was not user-friendly for physically disabled citizens.

"That entrance has now been modified so that all citizens have easy access to the building," Andrews said. The modification has received a positive responses



WHEELY GOOD IDEA: Marlene Moller and Audrey Abrahams of Tafta put the new wheelchair ramp at the Florence Mkhize building to the test Picture: JESSIE SINGH

from the public and staff.

Treasury employee, Mandy Rudman, who works in the building, said, "Not only is it wonderful for wheel chairs, but also for the elderly who come in with walkers and

the semi-disabled. It shows eThekweni is committed to going to great lengths to assist its citizens".

Sathie Moodley, who visits the building each month, said, "It is so much easier to

get into the building.

"I am an elderly person and to walk up stairs is very difficult.

"A big thank you to the Municipality".

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CALLS FOR QUOTATIONS

DURBAN FRESH PRODUCE MARKET: MARKETING STRATEGY

Durban Fresh Produce Market, in Clairwood, is the fourth largest bulk fresh produce market in the country, procuring and selling fruit and vegetables on behalf of farmers on a commission basis to wholesalers, retailers and traders. There are six separate independent market agents based at the market, (registered in terms of the Agricultural Produce Agents Act, Act 12 of 1992), who are responsible for procuring and selling fresh produce in bulk on the market on behalf of farmers and suppliers. The bulk market is owned, managed, administered and controlled by the eThekweni Municipality. Durban market management wishes to develop a well researched and well written three year generic marketing and business development strategy for the bulk market.

Marketing experts, marketing companies and/or marketing consultants are requested to provide market management with a written quotation for the development of this three year marketing and business development strategy. Note, in this regard a compulsory briefing (and question and answer) session will be held on Friday, 11 September 2009, at 11h30 a.m. in the market conference room. The market is located at 81 Flower Road, Clairwood (which is off Solomon Mahlangu [formerly Edwin Swales] Drive). Written quotations will only be considered after attendance at the compulsory briefing session has been checked and verified. You may send representatives to the briefing session if you so wish. Closing date for the submission of written quotations is 12h00 midday on Friday, 25 September 2009. Under no circumstances will late submissions be accepted.

Sealed written quotations must be posted to: The Head: Business Support and Markets, Durban Fresh Produce Market; P.O. Box 464; Durban; or hand delivered to 81 Flower Road, Clairwood, Durban. You may also fax your written quotation to 031-465 4222, or email it to mvelasemoipone@durban.gov.za Quotations received via fax, or email will be placed in an envelope, sealed, and placed in the tender/quotation box together with the other quotations received. Please mark all envelopes/quotations with the words "Quotation: Marketing and Business Development Strategy-Durban Fresh Produce Market." In order to obtain a copy of the terms of reference relating to the development of the marketing and business development strategy simply call our offices on, 031-311 5100 and ask for Ms. M. Mvelase, or email your request through to her at, mvelasemoipone@durban.gov.za

INVITATION TO TENDER

CONTRACT NO.: P/MARITIME/09 Programme Manager: Maritime Industry (2-year contract)

The Municipality requires the services of an individual or consultancy, to drive the Maritime Industry Programme. A detailed consultant briefing document should be obtained from the Economic

Development Unit's offices on the 11th Floor Rennie's House Building, 41 Margaret Mncadi (Victoria Embankment) Avenue, Durban. Tender documentation will not be available for collection on all public holidays and weekends. A non-refundable documentation fee of R100.00 will be applicable. Sealed tenders addressed to the Head: Supply Chain Management and

marked: "Contract No. P/Maritime/09:Programme Manager: Maritime Industry Programme" must be placed in the tender box located in the foyer, Ground Floor, 166 KE Masinga (formerly Old Fort) Road, Durban, not later than 11:00 on 2009-09-25. For all enquiries contact Ms N Sokhela, e-mail: nsokhela@durban.gov.za or by telephone on: 031 311 4096.

INVITE FOR QUOTED PROPOSALS

TRAINING OF COOPERATIVES ON TENDER PROCESS, QUOTATION AND PROPOSAL COMPILATION

The eThekweni Municipality's Business Support and Markets Unit invites organisations/institutions/consultants to forward proposals of training

cooperatives on the tender process, quotation and proposal compilation. Briefs with more details are obtainable from Tuesday 01 September 2009 from 10h00 at 11th Floor, Room 1101, 75 Dr. Langalibalele Dube (former Winder) Street, Durban, 4001. The closing date for submission of quoted proposals is 12h00 on Thursday, 10 September 2009.

All proposals should be sealed in an envelope and hand delivered for the attention of: Sebentile Ndlovu at Business Support & Markets Unit, 11th Floor, Room 1101 75 Dr. Langalibalele (former Winder) Street, Durban 4001. For more information, call Sebentile Ndlovu at 031 311 4649/ 031 311 4500 or email: ndlovuse@durban.gov.za