



JANUARY TO JUNE 2025

EMAKHAZENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Emakhazeni Local Municipality Achieves Significant Audit Improvement



**EXECUTIVE MAYOR
CLLR N.A MASHELE**

We are pleased to announce that Emakhazeni Local Municipality has received a qualified audit opinion from the Auditor General for the 2023/2024 financial year which is a significant improvement from the previous adverse audit opinions. This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our Municipal Manager and staff, councillors, and the public at large. Their collective efforts have enabled us to become a more responsive, approachable, and sustainable institution. We acknowledge and appreciate the tireless work that has gone into achieving this milestone and look forward to continued progress. The municipality has been awarded a certificate by CIGFARO a Chartered Institute as a token of appreciation and recognition of this improvement.

“I, Executive Mayor Cllr N.A Mashele, extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in this achievement. Your efforts have paid off, and we are proud to be moving in the right direction. Let us continue to work together to build a better future for our community.”



From Left: Mr. JW Shabangu Municipal Manager Emakhazeni Local Municipality, Executive Mayor Nkangala District Municipality, Cllr T.D. Ngwenya and MMC Finance Cllr S Mthimunye Emakhazeni Local Municipality



MISSION

‘Emakhazeni Local Municipality Exists To Improve The Quality Of Life Of It’s Citizens By Proving Accelerated Services And Creation Of Conducive Environment For Economic Growth Through Good Governance, Innovation And Integrated Planning’

VISION

‘A Developmental Local Municipality Striving To Accelerate Provision Of Quality Services To The Satisfaction Of Community’

MOTO

**Kumnyama
Kubomvu
Siyanoqoba**

MACDONALD STREET PAVING PROJECT UPDATE

The Macdonald Street paving project in Belfast has been successfully completed, showcasing the Emakhazeni Local Municipality's commitment to infrastructure development. This R29 million project, awarded to Mahlangu Mgabadele under the directorship of Mr. Vusi Mahlangu (also known as Vus Bereza) by Nkangala District Municipality, has paved 2,500 meters of the street.

Project Completion.

The project has reached 100% completion and has achieved its objectives.

- **Job Creation:** A total of 34 employment opportunities were created, contributing to the local economy and benefiting the community.
- **Subcontractor Development:** Six subcontractors, initially graded as Grade 1, have been elevated to Grade 3 due to their involvement in this project, demonstrating the initiative's impact on local business growth and capacity building.

Project Impact:

The Macdonald Street paving project has not only improved the street's infrastructure but also had a positive impact on the local community. The project's success is a testament to the effective collaboration between the Emakhazeni Local Municipality and Nkangala District Municipality.

Looking Ahead

The Emakhazeni Local Municipality will continue to prioritize infrastructure development projects that benefit the community and support local economic growth. As stated by the honourable executive mayor Cllr N.A Mashele



REFURBISHMENT OF SEWER PLANT PUMP: GLISA PUMP STATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Glisa Pump Station refurbishment project is set to enhance the sewer infrastructure, ensuring reliable and efficient service delivery to the community. Here's an update on the project:

Project Details:

- **Project Name:** Refurbishment of Sewer Plant Pump: Glisa Pump Station
- **Project Value:** R 285,000
- **Start Date:** July 2024
- **Completion Date:** June 2026
- **Contractor Appointment:** Dzata properties is the main implementing contractor with G Seal being the consulting engineers.



REFURBISHMENT OF OLD MANDELA PUMP STATION: SIYATHUTHUKA PROJECT UPDATE

The refurbishment of the Old Mandela Pump Station in Siyathuthuka is a significant infrastructure project aimed at enhancing the reliability and efficiency of the pump station. Here's an update on the project:

Project Details:

- **Project Name:** Refurbishment of Old Mandela Pump Station
- **Project Value:** R 2.2 million
- **Current Stage:** The tendering process is currently underway.

ROMAN RISING MAIN PROJECT UPDATE



The Roman Rising Main project, valued at R 3.2 million, was scheduled to start on July 1, 2024, and end in June 2025. However, as we're already in 2025, and it's supposed to end in June 2025, it's concerning that the project hasn't started yet.

Project Details:

- **Project Name:** Roman Raising Main
- **Project Value:** R 3.2 million
- **Planned Start Date:** July 1, 2024
- **Planned End Date:** June 2025
- **Current Status:** The project has not started yet, which might impact its completion by the planned end date.

We hope the project will commence soon and be completed within the planned timeframe.



SAKHELWE STADIUM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Sakhelwe Stadium project, valued at R 10 million and a multi-year project, is a significant development aimed at providing world-class sports facilities to the community. Here's an update on the project:

Project Details:

- **Project Name:** Sakhelwe Stadium Development
- **Project Value:** R 10 million
- **Progress:** The project is currently at 75% completion.
- **Facilities:** The stadium will feature soccer, netball and tennis facilities, promoting sports development and community engagement.
- **Job Creation:** The project has created 16 job opportunities for local residents.



RETURN OF SUSPENDED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN ENTOKOZWENI

In a significant step for workers' rights, the South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU) in eMakhazeni Local Municipality has successfully negotiated the return of suspended municipal employees in Entokozweni.

Eleven (11) employees were suspended on full pay in March 2020 for engaging in an unprotected strike whereby municipal property was damaged. These employees were subjected to a disciplinary hearing whereby a guilty verdict was pronounced and given a sanction of a final written warning.

Because of the serious nature of the charges, Council took the matter for review at the labour court demanding dismissal. However lengthy delays to have the matter dealt with by the court were experienced of which one of the contributing factors was the Covid 19 pandemic which negatively affected the normal operations of the courts.

The delay of finalizing the matter by the court had a severe impact on service delivery, future of these employees and staff shortages. Therefore intense negotiations were started by council and the labour unions which culminated to the return of these employees back to work in March 2025.

Both council and labour appreciate their return to work and this has improved service delivery and relations between the two parties.



DUGGAN STREET PAVING

The Duggan Street paving project is currently underway, with 500 meters of the street being paved. This initiative has already made a positive impact on the community, creating 26 job opportunities for local residents.

Project Progress:

- **Progress:** The project is currently at 25% completion.
- **Job Creation:** 26 jobs have been created, contributing to the local economy and benefiting the community.



MONGWE RING ROAD PHASE 2 PAVING OF STREET IN SIYATHUTHUKA Extension 3

Project Completion Update

We are pleased to report on the successful completion of the Mongwe Ring Road Phase 2 project, which involved the paving of streets in Siyathuthuka Extension 3. Although the project took longer than it was initially planned it has however been finalized.

Project Highlights:

- **Project Value:** R 2,307,570
- **Project Duration:** Initially planned for 7 months (July 2024 to January 2025), but took a bit longer to complete.
- **Employment Creation:** The project created 8 job opportunities for local residents.
- **Subcontractor Development:** 3 subcontractors were utilized, contributing to local economic growth and development.





UPGRADING GROUND RESERVOIR AND WATER RISING

1. **Project name:** Upgrading of Machadodorp WTW, ground reservoir and water rising main phase 4.
2. **Budget:** R24 309 800.15
3. **Employment generated:** 9
4. **Project progress:** for this financial year it is complete but overall its 84%



2025 MAYORAL IMBIZO

HIGHLIGHTS



From Left: Ward 8 Cllr Siyaphi Mthimunye, Speaker of Council, I Ndinisa (standing) Executive Mayor Cllr N.A Mashele and MMC fanance Cllr Seun Mthimunye.



Community Members

On 23 June 2025, a Mayoral Imbizo was held at the old Madala location in Ward 8, where community members gathered to engage with their councillors. Present at the meeting was the Executive Mayor Cllr N.A Mashele, Speaker of Council S L Ndinisa, MPAC Chairperson Cllr D Mahlangu, Whip of Council Cllr TA Lukhele, MMCs Cllr Mabila, Cllr Nkosi, and Cllr Mthimunye, as well as Councillors C Mmola and Ward councillor Siyaphi Mthimunye. The meeting was aimed at addressing pressing issues affecting the community.

The issues raised were as follows:

- 1 RDP Housing: Community members expressed concern about RDP houses being occupied by non-ward residents.
- 2 Infrastructure: Residents requested road paving to alleviate muddy streets during rainy days.
- 3 Lighting: High mast lighting was identified as a priority to improve safety and visibility.
- 4 Recreational Facilities: A simple sports facility or open ground for kids to play soccer

was requested.

5 Community Hall: The need for a community hall was emphasized.

6 Basic Services: RDP houses lacking toilets and water, and households sharing water taps, were highlighted as pressing concerns.

7 Employment: Residents expressed frustration about unemployment and the employment of outsiders in local mines.

In response the Executive Mayor Cllr N.A Mashele assured the community that all raised issues would be followed up and addressed in due course. She promised to report back to the community regarding any developments on the issues raised.

The Imbizo provided a valuable platform for community members to engage with local government public representatives and voice their concerns. The Executive Mayor's commitment to addressing these issues is a positive step towards improving the lives of Ward 8 residents.

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