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The Mayor of Alfred Duma Local Municipality led by Mayor, Cllr Zama Sibisi, handed over 165 livestock Dips Medicine to livestock/dip owners at uMnambithi. The event was held at the Town Hall Building in uMnambithi.

The much-anticipated handover ceremony was attended by leaders of various dipping associations, inclusive of, Isihlahla somnyezane, Siyaphambili, Ikusasalemfuyo Umnambithi livestock and others.

In showing of appreciation to the municipality, Mr Ndlovu from uMnambithi Livestock commended the initiative of His Worship the Mayor for considering them with their livestock since they rely heavily on farming for a living. Mr. Khumalo from Phumendlini applauded the mayor for his assistance. He further pleaded for livestock owners to consider security measures when trading livestock and to apply for trading permits with relevant stakeholders. UThukela Economic Development Agency representative Ms. Sithole, under Local Economic Development, shared with livestock owners that their organization is available to owners if they wish to sell their livestock through action sales.



The municipality will continue with means of assisting livestock owners given their leadership success in the next local government elections, which guarantees the continuation of such assistance. The mayor is planning to request funding through the office of the MEC Agriculture and Rural Development fleet to assist livestock owners.

Hand-over was attended by Cllr T Dlamini, Cllr M Sithole, Cllr N Zwane, Cllr T Mlaba, Cllr B Xaba, Cllr Ngubane, Cllr X Kubheka, Cllr F Zuma, and Cllr S Msimango and livestock/dip owners.





# IDP & BUDGET CONSULTATION ROADSHOWS

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUMMARY



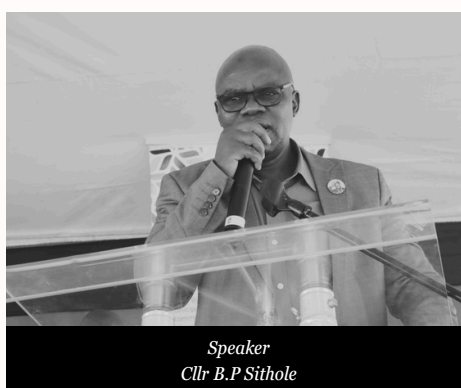
from left:  
Cllr TP Dlamini, Cllr X.O Kubheka, Cllr ZJ Sibisi, Cllr S Simelane, Cllr S Sithole

Alfred Duma Local Municipality conducted a consultative IDP and budget Consultation RoadShows for 2025/26 financial year. These community anticipated and engaging meetings began with Amakhosi meeting that was held at the Council Chamber, and council began visiting the municipal clustered wards. The main focus of these visit to present and outline the Municipality's draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) & budget and to consult the members of the communities. This process was conducted under the leadership of the Mayor, Cllr ZJ Sibisi accompanied by Councillors, Municipal Management and officials. The objective of the meetings was to consult with the municipal stakeholders which includes community, Amakhosi, and Business sectors, provide them with a platform to engage, raise issues, and participate in the drafting of the IDP and Budget for the 2025/26 financial year. During these consultation, the Mayor had a opportunity to present and highlight the service delivery developments within various wards. Within the central, in ward 13, Indoor Sports Complex and Tanjore Road in Ward 10, and Shepstone Road in Ward 22. Emphasizing collaborative efforts, the Mayor called on businesses to work with the municipality to bring positive change for vulnerable communities.

The roadshows were clustered into five key areas Driefontein, Mhlumayo, Indaka, Ezakheni and Central cluster, to showcase the planned projects. These projects demonstrate the municipal commitment in improving the lives of residents across all wards. Here's a glimpse of the highlighted projects, construction of Peacetown Asphalt Road in ward 15 and 36, construction of Mpolombeni bridge in ward 29, construction of Nkunzi lower crossing bridge in ward 24, Installation of high mast light in various wards in ward 3, 27, 30,33, 32, 28,29,37 Halls renovation in kwaMjindini and kwaShoes Halls. Some of the above listed service delivery project are the municipal commitment to ensure that service delivery is adhered to



Hon Mayor  
Cllr Z.J Sibisi



Speaker  
Cllr B.P Sithole



Cllr Z.I Madondo





# EKUVUKENI CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN



From left:  
Cllr S.E Ngubane, Cllr S.M Nene, Exec Dir S. Nguse

## CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN, PLANTING OF TREES, AND SKIP-BIN PLACEMENT IN EKUVUKENI (WARD 33)



*Trees Plantation*



*Cleaning the streets*

The Alfred Duma Local Municipality, under the leadership of Mayor, Cllr Z.J. Sibisi and the Department of Community and Social Services hosted a highly successful clean-up campaign in Ward 33, Ekuvukeni area on Thursday, 04 September 2025. The campaign, which focused on community cleanup, skip bin placement, and the planting of trees, saw a remarkable participation and collaboration between Councillors, community members, and a valued sponsor, aQuelle Company. The event was a testament to the power of community unity. The Portfolio Chairperson, Cllr T.P Dlamini, accompanied by Ward 33 Cllr S.M. Nene, Cllr S.E Ngubane, Cllr M Sithole, Executive Director Miss

The campaign's success was further uplifted by the sponsorship of aQuelle Company, which generously provided refreshments for all participating community members. The campaign extended its impact beyond clean-up activities by incorporating the planting of trees, particularly at Imbizeni High Schools and in one of the local community churches. This initiative aims to enhance environmental sustainability in the Ekuvukeni community while fostering a sense of pride and ownership among residents.

Nguse, and municipal officials, led the initiative alongside with community members. Together, they worked towards creating a cleaner, greener, and healthier environment for all residents.



*Making use of skip bins to avoid litter*

Community members were also advised about the importance of keeping their neighbourhood clean, reinforcing the message of environmental responsibility. During the campaign, Cllr T.P Dlamini encouraged community members to maintain a clean environment, highlighting the collective effort and shared responsibility required to preserve the beauty and health of the Ekuvukeni area. The involvement of local leaders and the active participation of residents demonstrated a strong commitment to environmental stewardship.

**The Alfred Duma Local Municipality expresses gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and supporters of the campaign. The municipality looks forward to continued community engagement and future initiatives that promote environmental awareness and sustainable living in Ekuvukeni and beyond.**



# LITERATURE EXHIBITION

## COMPETITION AND BOOK LAUNCH

### BOOK LAUNCH

On Friday, 23 May 2025, Alfred Duma Local Municipality, led by Mayor Cllr Z.J. Sibisi, hosted a Literature Exhibition Competition and Book Launch as part of the Africa Day celebrations. The event was organised by the Community and Social Services Department – Library Unit, in collaboration with the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture, and the Vulindlela Reading and Writers Club. The aim of the event was to celebrate Africa Day by promoting local authors and highlighting their literary work. Participating uMnambithi-based authors included:

- Amanoni asoThukela by Bongani Mavuso
- Ayihlome by T.B. Qwabe and A.N. Zibani
- Kwesikabhadakazi by Sindisiwe Nzuza
- Izinkwazi zoThukela by Londi Makhanya
- Nasemaphandleni Zikhona Izimpisi by Manqoba Masondo
- Let's Go My Own by Mbali Mabaso
- Insight: 2 Lives in 1 by S.N. Phungula
- UMcebo wakwaHlathi by Musawenkosi Jokana



*Author of Umcebo wakwaHlathi book - Mr M Jokana*

The event was honored by attendance from the Hon. Chief Whip Cllr S. Sithole, Cllr N. Sithole, Cllr C.T. Mlaba, officials from the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture, Macmillan Education, iNkosi yeSizwe sakwaSigweje, iNkosi S.S. Kunene, learners from Ladysmith Secondary School, members of the Vulindlela Reading and Writers Club, and municipal officials.

*In his remarks, Hon. Chief Whip Cllr S. Sithole praised the Community and Social Services Department – Library Unit, and the Vulindlela Reading and Writers Club for promoting literature and supporting local authors.*



*Participants receiving certificates*

The Department of Sports, Arts and Culture presented awards for the Literature Exhibition Competition and commended the Alfred Duma Library Unit for empowering local authors through the Vulindlela Reading and Writers Club. The department also conducted a skills-sharing session on poem and novel writing, encouraging communities to cultivate writing skills through reading.

#### ALL PARTICIPATING AUTHORS RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.

Mr. Mshengu from Macmillan Education emphasized the importance of research when writing novels. He encouraged authors to focus on storytelling and improve language usage, outlining key areas to consider during the writing process.

During the book launch segment, Mr. Musawenkosi Jokana officially launched his book UMcebo wakwaHlathi the author, from Ward 36 in KwaHlathi, also recited a poem titled Kuyiwaphi...

In the message of support, Ms. Pearl Mhlongo from the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture applauded the Alfred Duma Library Unit for its efforts to promote local authors. She also informed attendees about services available through the department and encouraged continued research and use of libraries.





# ALFRED DUMA

# SPELLERS COMPETITION 2025

10 September 2025



The Alfred Duma Local Municipality, under the leadership of Mayor *CLLR Z.J. Sibisi* and the Department of Community and Social Services (library section) hosted a highly successful Spelling Bee Competition 2025 on the 10 September 2025 at the Civic Hall in uMnambithi. The competition featured two languages —IsiZulu and English—for the first time in the event's history. This initiative was designed to celebrate Literacy Month, foster the joy of learning, reinforce the power of reading and writing, and strengthen the vital relationship between teachers and students. Ultimately, the competition aimed to give children a sense of direction in life.



The event showcased the remarkable abilities of young participants and highlighted the strength of community collaboration. A total of 102 participants from 54 schools took part in the competition.

In attendance were *Councillor Warrasally* (Exco Member), Executive Director of Community and Social Services Miss Nguse, and Portfolio Chairperson *Cllr T.P. Dlamini*. Their efforts were supported by aggregations, stakeholders, principals, parents, and teachers, all working together to make the Spelling Bee a resounding success.

## WINNERS FOR ENGLISH SPELLERS

- 1st Place: Maphumulo Snikeziwe – Mkhulunyelwa Primary School
- 2nd Place: Ndebele Fanelisibonge – Mkhulunyelwa Primary School
- 3rd Place: Thandolwethu Molefe – Gabangemfundo Primary School
- 4th Place: Sengezo Manjingolo – Limit Hill Combined
- 5th Place: Ndoniyamanzi Masilela – Langaletu Primary

## WINNERS FOR ISIZULU SPELLERS

- 1st Place: Mavimbela Fanelisibonge – Ekuphumleni Primary School
- 2nd Place: Thwala Ayabonga – Siyaphambili Primary School
- 3rd Place: Sithole Zelwande – Nkanyezi Primary School
- 4th Place: Sibisi Thandokuhle – Nkunzi Primary School
- 5th Place: Ziqubu Anele – Nkunzi Primary School

Winners in both languages were awarded trophies, certificates, vouchers, school bags, and stationery vouchers. The best school in the competition was also awarded certificates.



During the vote of thanks, Ms. Nguse encouraged all participants to maintain their dedication to education and congratulated all the winners in both IsiZulu and English categories.

The Alfred Duma Local Municipality remains committed to supporting educational initiatives that empower youth and strengthen the community as a whole.





# ALFRED DUMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY EMPOWERS POULTRY FARMERS THROUGH TARGETED TRAINING

FOSTERING SELF-RELIANCE AND SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES ACROSS ALL WARDS

The purpose of the training was to promote a self-help and self-reliance strategy among poultry farmers while also creating a platform to discuss key challenges in the sector. *The Speaker, Cllr BP Sithole* as the champion of the training further alluded that the training marks a continued commitment by the Alfred Duma Local Municipality to empower local farmers, promote economic development, and ensure the sustainability of the poultry sector.



## FOLLOWING THE RECENT HANDOVER OF LED MATERIALS



It became apparent that recipients required additional training on poultry farming management and market access. This training initiative, spearheaded by the Department of Local Economic Development, aimed to empower SMMEs within the municipality with knowledge and practical skills for sustainable poultry farming.



## THE INITIATIVE SPEARHEADED BY DEPARTMENT DPHS

This targeted training ensures that the municipality's investment in materials is matched with knowledge, creating a more sustainable and prosperous poultry farming sector across all Alfred Duma communities.



*Mr Nzimande* of Avipharm KZN (Pty) Ltd engaged directly with the farmers, delivering a detailed presentation on best practices in poultry farming. Topics included proper housing ventilation, effective feeding techniques, and the use of disinfectants, rodent control, vitamin supplementation, water treatment, and fumigation practices.

*The program was clustered as per Alfred Duma Local Municipality wards Drifontein cluster, Mhlumayo Cluster, Ndaka Cluster, Ezakheni Cluster and the Central Cluster so that every wards can take part.*





# BUSINESS LICENSE AND TUCKSHOP REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP

BUSINESS LICENSING



SPAZA SHOP



COMPLIANCE



Alfred Duma Local Municipality Local Development Planning and Human Settlements and Local Economic Development, in collaboration with key stakeholders, held a highly successful Business License and Tuck Shop Registration Compliance Workshops within various wards, the workshops aimed to raise awareness among both informal and formal business traders about crucial aspects of business compliance and municipal regulations. The aim of this workshop was to assist both formal and informal businesses in understanding and complying with business legislation. The session also emphasized the importance of regulatory compliance and the benefits businesses can derive from adhering to legal standards. Attendees also learned about funding opportunities available through various sector departments. This support is essential for fostering growth and sustainability within our local business community.

## Strategic Partnerships

*This initiative featured collaboration with key institutions:*

- KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA)
- Small Enterprise Development Finance Agency (SEFA)
- Trade and Investment KwaZulu-Natal
- Small Business UThukela
- KwaZulu-Natal Economic Regulatory Authority (KZNERA)
- FNB Banking Services
- Ithala Development Finance Corporation Limited



Mr Zwane (Local Economic Development)



Mr Dlala (Public Safety & Emergency Services)



Cllr Kubheka (Ward 15)

## Workshop Overview



On the 25 July 2025, the Alfred Duma Local Municipality successfully hosted a Business License and Tuckshop Registration Compliance Workshop in uMnambithi Town Hall where various stakeholders were present and had an impactful engagement in order to create awareness on the legal requirements for the operational of the formal and informal businesses. The workshop was also aimed to urge the owners and vendors to adhere to municipality regulations.







On Monday, 29 September 2025, Honourable Speaker. *Cllr BP Sithole* warmly welcomed and swore in the new proportional representational councillor to the Alfred Duma Local Municipality council.



*From left: Hon Speaker, Cllr BP Sithole, Cllr BJ Zwane, Mr A Nsele, Cllr A Rajkoomar*

*Cllr Bheki Joel Zwane* was sworn in as a Democratic Alliance Proportional Representational Councillor, replacing *Cllr A Suddaby*, who had gone on to retirement and resigned from the council. The newly inaugurated councillor committed himself to serving the community to which has been deployed with faithfulness and to ensure service delivery to the people.





# Inspection in uMnambithi Town



The primary focus of the inspection was on education and compliance, raising awareness to the local traders and addressing the issue of foreign national traders who now have access into hawking spaces and that they must possess valid permit to trade within the municipal areas. Teams engaged with informal traders to provide information on relevant by-laws and assist them in adhering to regulations.

## Several key areas of concern were addressed during the operation, including:

- Access to hawking spaces by foreign nationals
- Verification of valid trading permits
- Instances of non-compliance with municipal by-laws
- Identification of illegal immigrants trading without permits
- Instances of expired permits
- Removal of illegal structures erected without authorization.

As this was a preliminary or notice-based inspection, local traders found to be in violation of by-laws were given the opportunity to reapply for permits and were instructed to remove any unauthorized structures. The municipality is committed to supporting informal traders who are operating legally and sustainably.

## Alfred Duma Municipality Conducts Successful Informal Traders Inspection in uMnambithi Town

The Alfred Duma Local Municipality under the leadership of the Mayor, Cllr ZJ Sibisi successfully conducted an inspection operation targeting informal traders in uMnambithi Town. The initiative aimed to ensure compliance with municipal by-laws and promote a fair and regulated trading environment.



*Cllr A Warrasally leading the inspection at Illing Road*

The operation was spearheaded by the Department of Development Planning and Human Settlements, a Portfolio Chair b, with collaborative efforts from various municipal departments and external agencies y Cllr A Warrasally that included:



*ADLM inspectors checking the documents of an informal trader*

- *Public Safety and Emergency Services*
- *Community and Social Services*
- *Environmental Health Practitioners from uThukela District Municipality*
- *South African Police Service (SAPS)*

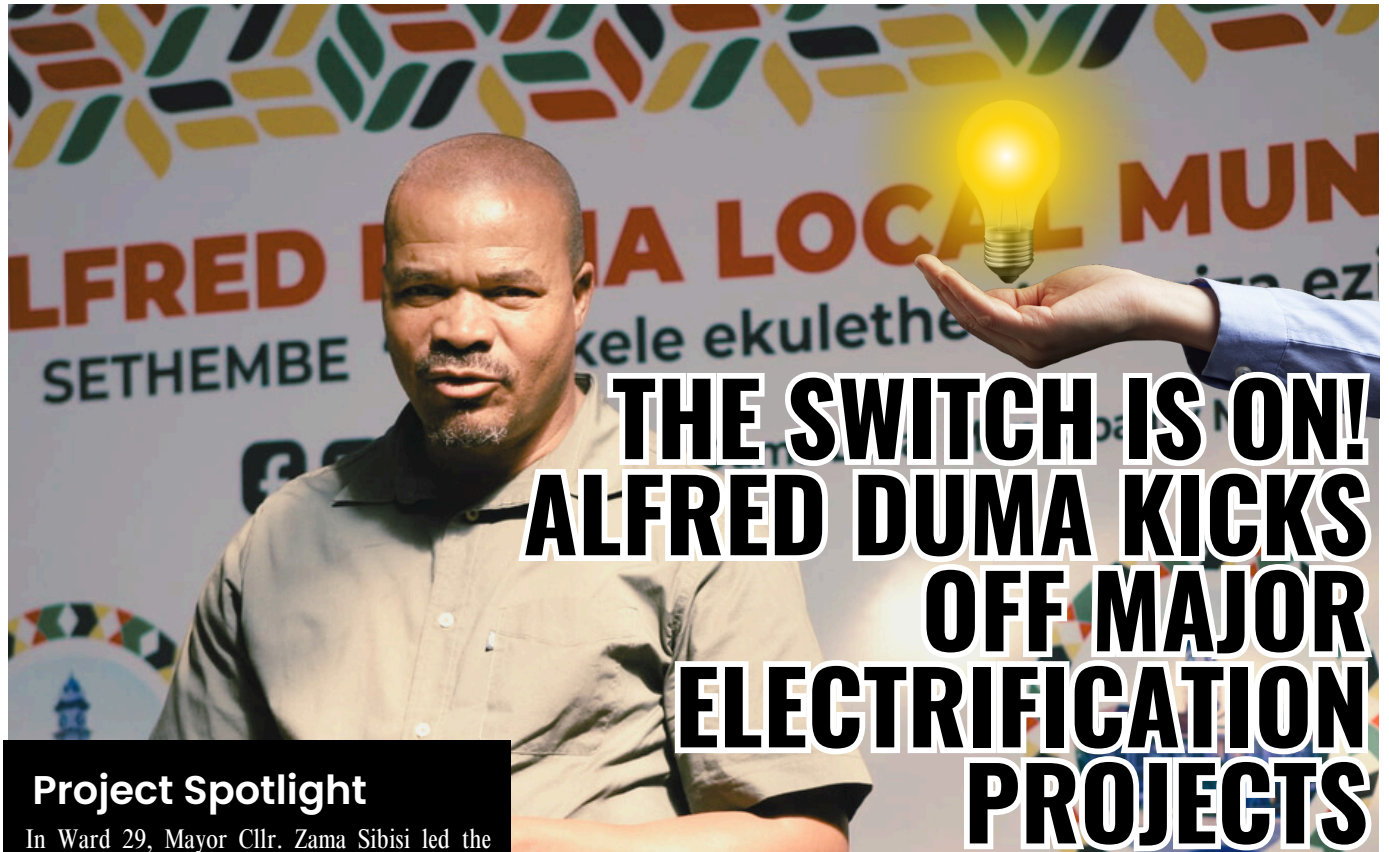
The inspection operation targeted high-traffic areas within uMnambithi Town, including:

- Lyell Street
- Main Taxi Rank
- eZakheni Rank

*The Alfred Duma Local Municipality remains committed to creating an environment that fosters economic growth and development for all its residents while ensuring compliance with the by-laws.*







# THE SWITCH IS ON! ALFRED DUMA KICKS OFF MAJOR ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS

## Project Spotlight

In Ward 29, Mayor Cllr. Zama Sibisi led the introduction of the appointed contractor, R Busisiwe (Pty) Ltd, at KwaNogejane Community Hall. This project aims to bring household electrification to numerous homes previously without access to electricity, significantly improving living conditions and creating local employment opportunities. R Busisiwe (Pty) Ltd was selected through a transparent procurement process, ensuring compliance with local and national regulations. The project will employ 10 community members and is expected to be completed within three months. Local leadership, including Cllrs. Madondo, Kubheka, Mlaba, Xaba, Majola, Mhlongo, Ngubane, and Zwane, attended the introduction event. The Municipality remains committed to maintaining open communication with community stakeholders to ensure the project's success.

## WARD 29 (KWANOGEJANE) AND WARD 25 (COLENZO)

The Alfred Duma Local Municipality is pleased to announce the official introduction of contractors for two critical electrification projects in Ward 29 (KwaNogejane) and Ward 25 (Colenso). These projects reaffirm the Municipality's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents by providing essential services.



In the picture: Cllr B.C Majola, A.B Xaba and the community members of ward 29



From left: Cllr S Simelane, Cllr T Hadebe, Mr Molefe, Ms Ndaba



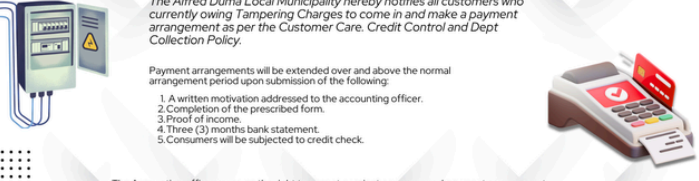
### Tampered with your electricity meter? WANT TO PAY?

The Alfred Duma Local Municipality hereby notifies all customers who currently owing Tampering Charges to come in and make a payment arrangement as per the Customer Care, Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy.

Payment arrangements will be extended over and above the normal arrangement period upon submission of the following:

1. A written motivation addressed to the accounting officer.
2. Completion of the prescribed form.
3. Proof of income.
4. Three (3) months bank statement.
5. Consumers will be subjected to credit check.

The Accounting officer reserves the right to accept or reject any proposed payment arrangement.



The Alfred Duma Local Municipality is committed to transparent governance and sustainable development, ensuring that all residents benefit from essential services and infrastructure improvements.



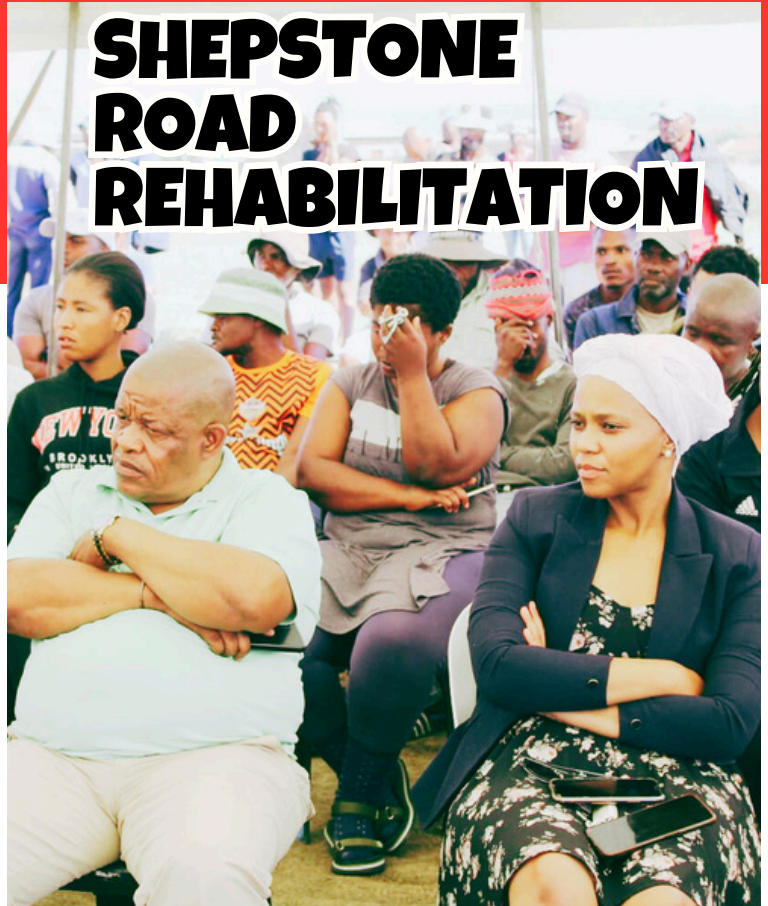
# PAVING THE WAY:

## MAJOR ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECTS LAUNCH ACROSS THE MUNICIPALITY



Alfred Duma Local Municipality is excited to announce the official start of multiple, significant road rehabilitation projects, funded by COGTA, aimed at enhancing infrastructure, improving mobility, and creating local jobs.

His Worship, the Mayor of Alfred Duma Local Municipality, *Cllr ZJ Sibisi*, commenced the program at uMnambithi Town Hall, where residents of Ward 22, under the guidance of Cllr SS Zwane, gathered to witness the introduction of the appointed contractor, Messrs W BLACKMINE (PTY) LTD. This company has been awarded the contract to rehabilitate the Newcastle Road, covering a distance of 0.65km, with a budget of R6.5 million. The project, set for completion within four months, will also generate 14 job opportunities for local residents. The Speaker, Cllr BP Sithole, alongside *Cllrs S Zwane, S Msimango, S Mswane, M Sithole, and L Kubheka*, as well as municipal officials and community members, graced the event. In his address, Mayor Sibisi commended the community for their continued support of their Ward Councillor.



### SHEPSTONE ROAD REHABILITATION



From left: Cllr N Mbhense, Cllr S Simelane, Cllr X.S Zwane

Simultaneously, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Simelane, accompanied by Cllr Mbhense, visited Hydepark (corner of Faircliff & Hyde Road) in Ward 22, where he introduced Messrs Dambuza Logistics Services. This contractor has been awarded the responsibility of rehabilitating Shepstone Road, a 1.3km stretch valued at R7.9 million, expected to be completed within four months and creating 14 employment opportunities for local residents. Additionally, the Deputy Mayor proceeded to Ezakheni, where he introduced Black Transport and Logistics as the contractor tasked with rehabilitating a critical road connecting Ward 3 (under Cllr Dlamini) and Ward 5 (under Cllr Mngadi). With a budget of R5,448,182.09, this project will provide employment for 10 residents and is scheduled to commence on Monday, 13 May 2025, with the contractor reporting on-site. The municipality's leadership emphasized that

These projects, funded by COGTA and allocated by National COGTA Minister, *Hon. VF Hlabisa*, are part of a broader initiative to enhance service delivery. Residents were encouraged to take pride in and protect the new infrastructure. Any concerns regarding these projects should be promptly communicated through Ward Committees and Councillors.







Municipal Official Mr Ntusi

## PROJECT AT A GLANCE

A significant step was taken in Ward 17 as the municipality officially launched the rehabilitation of the Mtateni low water crossing, a project critical for the community's daily life and safety.

## A COMMUNITY-FOCUSED LAUNCH

The official introduction was held on Tuesday, 15 July 2025, at the Mtateni Community Hall, led by Mayor Cllr ZJ Sibisi under the leadership of Ward Councillor CT Mlaba.

In his address, Mayor Sibisi:

- Applauded the community for electing a dedicated Ward Councillor.
- Urged residents to take pride in and protect the new infrastructure for future generations.
- Emphasized that community cooperation is vital to avoid delays and ensure timely service delivery.



Cllr T.C Mlaba (ward 17 councillor)

## Building Safer Communities: Mtateni Crossing Rehabilitation Begins

On Tuesday, 15 July 2025, the Mayor of Alfred Duma Local Municipality, Cllr ZJ Sibisi, visited the Mtateni Community Hall in Ward 17 under the leadership of Ward Councillor CT Mlaba. The purpose of the visit was to officially introduce the contractor appointed for the rehabilitation of the Mtateni low water crossing to the local community.

This initiative is intended to address critical community needs, particularly those affecting school children and emergency service accessibility.

In attendance were municipal officials, ward committee members, community members, and Cllr F Zuma, who welcomed all attendees. Cllr Zuma also commended the community for honouring the invitation and formally introduced the Honourable Mayor, Cllr ZJ Sibisi.

In his address, Mayor Sibisi applauded the community for electing a dedicated ward councillor who prioritises the interests of the people. He further urged residents to take pride in the new infrastructure and to ensure its protection for the benefit of future generations.

The rehabilitation of the Mtateni low water crossing is funded through a disaster grant from the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA). The Municipality appeals to community members to report any concerns or dissatisfaction regarding the project through the Ward Councillor. Should the Councillor be unavailable, residents are encouraged to contact the Office of the Mayor. The Mayor also stressed the importance of not interfering with the project, as this may cause delays in service delivery.



## Funding & Community Cooperation

Siwelile Mose Projects was officially introduced as the contractor appointed to rehabilitate the Mtateni low water crossing. The project is valued at R2 million and is expected to be completed within four months. In addition, it will create ten (10) employment opportunities for local community members.



# Building for Dignity & Development: New Projects Launch in Wards 13 & 14



## Project Spotlight

On Thursday, 17 July 2025, the Mayor of Alfred Duma Local Municipality, *Cllr ZJ Sibisi*, visited the Esidakeni Community in Ward 14, under the leadership of Ward Councillor M Khoza, to officially introduce the contractor appointed for the reconstruction of the Buford Cemetery low water crossing.



*Cllr M.M Khoza addressing the community of ward 14*

Thereafter, the Mayor proceeded to the Ward 13 community event held at Civic Hall, under Cllr Rajkumar, for the introduction of the contractor appointed to resurface 2.1km of Chisty Place Road. The contract, valued at R5 million, was awarded to Jaha the Grade Trading and Projects. The project is expected to be completed within three months, and will employ 10 community members.

The Mayor urged community members from both Wards 13 and 14 to report any project-related concerns or dissatisfaction through their Ward Councillor. Should the Councillor be unavailable, residents are encouraged to contact the Office of the Mayor directly. He also emphasized the importance of not interfering with the projects, as such interference could delay service delivery.

In his welcome remarks, Cllr Khoza shared that he had taken the initiative to construct a community clinic, as the area has suffered for many years with only limited services from a mobile clinic. He further announced that, as part of Mandela Day celebrations, the Al-Imdaad Foundation would be providing meals to residents at KwaGodi and Hopsland Hospice. He also made a heartfelt plea to the Mayor for support in rebuilding a house for the Mchunu family, whose home was recently destroyed by fire. This infrastructure initiative is aimed at addressing critical community needs—particularly improving access to cemeteries for dignified burials and ensuring better emergency service accessibility. Also, in attendance were Ward 23 Councillor TP Dlamini, municipal officials, ward committee members, community members, iNduna Shabalala, and iNduna Kunene. Cllr Khoza welcomed all attendees and formally introduced the Honourable Mayor, Cllr ZJ Sibisi.





# Paving Progress: Matiwane Asphalt Road Phase 2 Launches in Ward 23



From the left: Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Simelane, ward 35 Cllr N Mbhense and contractors

Deputy Mayor Cllr S. Simelane introduces contractor for a key infrastructure project, enhancing safety and connectivity for the KwaVimbukhalo community.

On Friday, 25 July 2025, the Deputy Mayor of Alfred Duma Local Municipality, Cllr S. Simelane, visited the Ward 23 community at KwaVimbukhalo Sports Ground, under the leadership of Ward Councillor TP Dlamini. The purpose of the visit was to officially introduce the contractor appointed to construct Phase 2 of the Matiwane Asphalt Road (500m) to the local community. This initiative aims to address critical community needs, particularly those impacting school children and the accessibility of emergency services. Accompanying the Deputy Mayor were Cllr N. Mbhense, municipal officials, ward committee members, and community members.



Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Simelane

Cllr Dlamini welcomed all attendees, commended the community for honouring the invitation, and outlined other municipal service delivery initiatives in the ward. These include the donation of school shoes to various schools, the donation of three houses, the construction of the Matiwane Asphalt Road (Phase 2), and the construction of a gravel road.

In his address, the Deputy Mayor applauded the community for electing a dedicated Ward Councillor who prioritises the interests of the people. He further urged residents to take pride in the new infrastructure and to protect it for the benefit of future generations.

This critical project is funded through the municipality's 2025/2026 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Budget.

In his address, Deputy Mayor Simelane:

- Applauded the community for their support of a dedicated Ward Councillor.
- Urged residents to take ownership and protect the new road for the benefit of all.

Stressed that community cooperation is essential to complete the project on time.

## A COMMUNITY INVESTED IN DEVELOPMENT



The Municipality maintains open channels for communication. Residents are requested to:

- Report any project-related concerns first through your Ward Councillor, Cllr TP Dlamini.
- If the Councillor is unavailable, contact the Office of the Mayor directly.



The construction of Matiwane Asphalt Road Phase 2 is funded through the 2025/2026 IDP Budget. The municipality appeals to community members to report any concerns or dissatisfaction regarding the project through the Ward Councillor. In the Councillor's absence, residents are encouraged to contact the Office of the Mayor. Multi Solution Trading was officially introduced as the appointed contractor to undertake the construction. The project is valued at R6 million and is expected to be completed within three months. Additionally, it will create 10 job opportunities for local community members.

# Paving the Way Forward: Major Road Projects Launch in Wards 19 & 20



*Mayor Sibisi leads community engagements to kick-start the construction of Malva and Mhlwaneni Roads, marking a major investment in infrastructure and local employment.*

On Tuesday, 29 July 2025, Mayor Cllr ZJ Sibisi visited the Acaciaville and Mhlwaneni communities to officially launch two highly anticipated road construction projects. These initiatives represent a significant step in the municipality's commitment to enhancing local infrastructure, improving daily life, and stimulating economic activity through direct job creation. The enthusiastic turnout at the Acaciaville Community Hall and Driefontein Thusong Centre underscored community support for these vital developments.

Community engagements were held at the Acaciaville Community Hall and the Driefontein Thusong Centre, drawing enthusiastic participation from residents excited about the upcoming developments. Mayor Sibisi emphasized the critical role these infrastructure upgrades will play in improving residents' daily lives by providing better access to essential services and boosting local economic activity. The sessions also allowed residents to engage directly with municipal leadership, ask questions, and raise any concerns related to the construction processes.

## Malva Road – Ward 20

The municipality introduced Sihlahlasiyhluma Construction (Pty) Ltd as the appointed contractor for the Malva Road project. With an allocated budget of R6 million, the project is expected to take six months to complete and will create approximately 14 job opportunities for local residents.

## Mhlwaneni Road – Ward 19

Muntuza Engineering was announced as the contractor for the Mhlwaneni Road upgrade. Similarly budgeted at R6 million and scheduled for completion within six months, this project aims to significantly improve road quality and accessibility in the area. It is anticipated to generate 15 local employment opportunities.

In closing, Mayor Sibisi called on all community members to fully cooperate during the construction phases. Residents were encouraged to channel any concerns or issues through their respective Ward Councillors or the Office of the Mayor.





# LIGHTING THE WAY TO SAFETY



## A BRIGHTER, SAFER COMMUNITY

On Monday, 04 August 2025, the Alfred Duma Local Municipality leadership took a significant step towards improving community safety with the official introduction of contractors for high mast light installations across three wards. These projects, launched at the Vaalkop Community Hall, are designed to enhance visibility, deter criminal activity, and foster a greater sense of security for all residents after dark.



Cllr B.C Majola alongside the Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Simelane, Cllr N Mbense and many more.

The Mayor, Cllr *ZJ Sibisi* presided over the gathering, which included councillors, municipal officials, dedicated ward committee members, and engaged community members. The purpose of the event was to formally introduce Engineering Pty Ltd as the contractor entrusted with this crucial infrastructure project at a value of R2.5 million expected to be completed in 4 months with 9 employment opportunities for community members.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr *S Simelane*, also introduced Nothani Engineering for similar high mast light projects in Ward 28 (KwaMteyi) and Ohwebedeni in ward 30. In both wards, the project is at the value of R2.5 million, expected to be completed within 3 months, and 8 community members will benefit in the employment opportunities these projects come with.

Simultaneously, Deputy Mayor Cllr *S Simelane* announced the rollout of similar critical projects in two additional wards.



The installation of these high mast lights significantly enhances visibility and contributes to a safer environment for the residents of ward 32, 28, 30, and surrounding areas. By improving night-time, the municipality seeks to deter criminal activities and foster a greater sense of security within the community. Mayor Sibisi emphasized the importance of community cooperation throughout the project's duration, urging residents to participate actively in ensuring its success and sustainability.

The municipality reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to transparent governance and sustainable development. This project exemplifies the Alfred Duma Local Municipality's proactive approach to addressing community needs and improving the overall quality of life for its citizens.





## LIGHTING UP MORE COMMUNITIES

### SAFETY PROJECTS EXPAND TO THREE NEW WARDS

The Municipality's ward-by-ward rollout of high mast lights continues, with new projects launched in Wards 3, 27, and 37 to enhance safety and create local jobs.

### SUSTAINING THE MOMENTUM FOR SAFETY

The Alfred Duma Local Municipality is maintaining its accelerated pace in delivering essential safety infrastructure. Following recent launches, the leadership has introduced contractors for high mast light projects in three additional wards. This ongoing initiative underscores a deep-seated commitment to transparent service delivery, local economic development, and creating safer environments for all residents.



*Cllr A.B Xaba (Ward 27)*

On Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, Mayor Cllr ZJ Sibisi, along with municipal officials and councillors, officially introduced KUSH POWER as the contractor for high mast light installation projects in Ward 3 (Ezakheni, Manzini Abilayo area) and Ward 27 (St Chads). Each project is valued at R2.5 million and is expected to be completed within 4 months.



*Cllr N.S Dlamini (Ward 3)*



*Cllr S Simelane Alongside ADLM Councillors & Contractors*

These projects are anticipated to generate significant employment opportunities for the communities within these wards. Mayor Sibisi emphasized the municipality's dedication to ensuring that local residents benefit from these initiatives. The projects form a key part of the IDP and the Municipality's drive to ensure that lights are installed where they are most needed.

The Alfred Duma Local Municipality is set to continue visiting other wards as per the programme to officiate contractors' introduction. The municipality reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to transparent governance and sustainable development. This project exemplifies the municipality's proactive approach to addressing community needs and improving the overall quality of life for its citizens.



MONDAY  
11/08/2025

# ENHANCING SAFETY! HIGH MAST LIGHTS INAUGURATED FOR WARD 29

## Project Launch and Key Details

On Monday, 11 August 2025, the Alfred Duma Local Municipality took a significant step towards improving community safety in Ward 29 with the official introduction of the contractor for a new high mast light installation. The event, held at the Egoqweni Community Hall, was presided over by Deputy Mayor Cllr S Simelane and witnessed by a broad coalition of council members, traditional leaders, municipal officials, and enthusiastic community members, demonstrating strong collective support for the initiative.

## Contractor and Community Impact

The municipality formally introduced BBTN Technologies Pty (Ltd) as the contractor entrusted with this vital infrastructure project. Valued at R1.1 million, the project involves the installation of four high mast lights and is scheduled for a rapid completion timeline of just 30 days. A key benefit of this initiative is the creation of employment opportunities for eight local residents, directly contributing to the socio-economic development of the Egoqweni area.



## Strategic Benefits for the Community

This strategic initiative is designed to dramatically enhance night-time visibility throughout Egoqweni and its surrounding areas. The improved lighting is expected to deliver multiple benefits, including deterring criminal activities, reducing the risk of accidents after dark, and fostering a greater sense of security and well-being among residents. The project stands as a clear example of the municipality's commitment to creating safer and more vibrant communities through targeted and meaningful infrastructure investments.



## Community Reception and Municipal Commitment

Community members in attendance expressed their gratitude for the project, highlighting the anticipated positive impact it will have on their daily lives and overall safety. The Alfred Duma Local Municipality reaffirmed its unwavering dedication to this kind of ongoing development and its commitment to continued collaboration with all local stakeholders to ensure the well-being and progress of every resident.

## LIGHTING THE PATH TO SAFETY: HIGH MAST PROJECT LAUNCHES IN WARD 33



*Hon Mayor Zama Sibisi introduces contractor for a R2.5 million safety initiative in Ekuvukeni, set to enhance visibility and create local jobs.*

### OFFICIAL PROJECT LAUNCH

On Thursday, 07 August 2025, the Alfred Duma Local Municipality reached a significant milestone in its community safety program with the official launch of a high mast light project in Ward 33. The event, held at the Ekuvukeni Community Hall under the leadership of Ward Councillor SM Nene, was led by Mayor Cllr ZJ Sibisi. The Mayor was accompanied by Cllr Dlamini, Cllr Ngubane, municipal officials, and community members, all witnessing this pivotal step towards a safer community.



*Cllr S.M Nene (Ward 33)*

### CONTRACTOR AND PROJECT DETAILS

The municipality formally introduced Chosen Engineering as the appointed contractor for this vital infrastructure initiative. The project, valued at R2.5 million, involves the installation of four high mast lights. The construction is scheduled for completion within four months and will directly benefit the local economy by creating employment opportunities for 10 residents of Ward 33.

*Enhancing Community Safety and Security*



*Cllr T.P Dlamini and Cllr S.E Ngubane*

### COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

The primary goal of this project is to dramatically improve nighttime visibility throughout Ekuvukeni and its surrounding areas. By illuminating public spaces, the new high mast lights are a strategic intervention designed to deter criminal activity, reduce safety hazards after dark, and foster a greater sense of security and well-being for all residents. This initiative underscores the municipality's proactive approach to addressing community needs through essential infrastructure.

*The Alfred Duma Local Municipality reaffirms its commitment to transparent governance and sustainable development. This project is a clear example of our dedication to improving the quality of life for our citizens by investing in infrastructure that directly addresses their safety concerns and contributes to building stronger, more resilient communities.*



Sunday, 12 August, 2025

# PAVING THE WAY FORWARD: MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS LAUNCH IN WARDS 16 AND 22

## Project Spotlight: Thompson Road Rehabilitation, Ward 22

On Tuesday, 12 August 2025, a community meeting was convened at uMnambithi Town Hall by Mayor Cllr ZJ Sibisi, alongside Ward Councillor Zwane and Councillor Sithole, to launch the Thompson Road rehabilitation. The municipality officially introduced Isipheshethwa as the appointed contractor for this significant project. With a budget of R3.9 million, the project is slated for completion within six months and will create twelve (12) valuable employment opportunities for local residents.

## A Shared Responsibility: Protecting Community Infrastructure

During both launch events, community members were strongly encouraged to take ownership and pride in the new infrastructure. The leadership emphasized the importance of safeguarding these assets for the long-term benefit of current and future generations, ensuring the community reaps the full rewards of this public investment.



**Cllr X.S. ZWANE**  
Ward 22



**Hon Mayor**  
**Cllr Z.J. Sibisi**



**Contractors**

The Alfred Duma Local Municipality reaffirmed its commitment to transparent communication throughout the construction process. Residents of both wards are urged to report any project-related concerns directly to their Ward Councillor. Should the Councillor be unavailable, the municipality has provided an alternative channel by directing residents to contact the Office of the Mayor.





# ALFRED DUMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY COMMEMORATES WOMEN'S DAY WITH EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

On Saturday, 9 August 2025, the Alfred Duma Local Municipality commemorated National Women's Day by moving beyond celebration to concrete action. Leadership visits to Ward 19 and Ward 32 focused on empowering women in business and agriculture, reflecting the municipality's commitment to fostering self-reliance and honoring the pivotal role women play in community development.

In Ward 19, Deputy Mayor Cllr S Simelane, in collaboration with the Local Economic Development unit, visited the Watershed Ziyaqhiyama Primary Cooperative. The delegation, which included Cllr S Mswane, Cllr TP Dlamini, and Cllr T Mlaba, handed over a Jojo tank and essential crop materials to the cooperative's 3.5-hectare farm. This initiative is a key part of the municipality's ongoing strategy to promote self-help and self-reliance, providing direct support to the three women who established the farm in February 2025 and strengthening the agricultural sector at a local level.

## **EMPOWERING AGRICULTURE IN WARD 19**



## **CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP AND ENTERPRISE IN WARD 32**

Simultaneously, in Ward 32, Mayor Sibisi visited the Nazareth Community Hall for an event initiated by Ndlunkulu Nxumalo under the powerful theme, "Malibongwe Igama Lamakhosikazi" (Let the Name of Women be Praised). The event, attended by local councillors, traditional leaders, and community members, focused on empowering women in business, particularly in farming. During the gathering, Mayor Sibisi personally handed over crop material, seeds, and fertilizers to local women-owned cooperatives. In a heartfelt gesture, he also celebrated his birthday with the community, sharing a message of solidarity and shared purpose.

These events collectively reaffirm the Alfred Duma Local Municipality's unwavering commitment to fostering gender equality, economic independence, and social safety. By investing in women, we are building stronger, more resilient families and communities for a prosperous future.



**BE A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN - PAY YOUR MUNICIPAL BILLS**





# MAYOR LEADS LANDFILL INSPECTION

PRIORITIZING SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

16 SEPTEMBER 2025  
TUESDAY

In a demonstration of hands-on governance, His Worship, Mayor Cllr Zama Sibisi, conducted an operational inspection of the landfill site in Ward 20, Acaciaville, on Tuesday, 16 September 2025. The Mayor was accompanied by Ward Councillor Mr A Warrasaly, Cllr A Rajkoomar, Executive Director Miss Nguse, and other officials, underscoring the municipality's cross-departmental commitment to effective service delivery and environmental management.



CLLR A WARRASALY AND MAYOR, CLLR ZJ SIBISI

## A FOCUS ON SAFETY AND FORMALIZATION FOR WASTE PICKERS

A key focus of the inspection was the well-being and integration of waste pickers at the facility. Mayor Sibisi directly engaged with them, highlighting critical safety protocols. He specifically advised against smoking on the premises to eliminate the risk of landfill fires. Beyond immediate safety, the Mayor advocated for their formalization, strongly encouraging them to obtain valid working papers and offering the municipality's support to facilitate this process, promoting safer and more regulated operations.

## A CALL FOR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

Mayor Sibisi extended his appeal to all landfill workers, emphasizing the need for a cooperative spirit and shared responsibility. He called on everyone to work together to maintain a consistently clean and environmentally sound facility, highlighting that a well-managed site is crucial for both public health and the dignity of the work being done.



Cllr A.S.D Warasally, Mayor, Cllr Z.J Sibisi, Cllr A Rajkoomar



## REINFORCING MUNICIPAL COMMITMENT

This proactive inspection reinforces the Alfred Duma Local Municipality's strategic dedication to upholding the highest standards in environmental management and essential service delivery. It reflects an administration that is not only monitoring operations but is actively engaged in finding practical solutions for safety, sustainability, and community well-being.



# A NEW FLOW OF HOPE

## EKUVUKENI WATER PROJECT HANDED OVER BY MINISTER HLABISA

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 2025

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## A LANDMARK DAY FOR EKUVUKENI

In a landmark event for the Alfred Duma Local Municipality, the Honourable Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Hon. VF Hlabisa, officially handed over the completed Ekuvukeni Water Supply Project to the community. The ceremony, attended by a wide array of stakeholders including Mayor Cllr ZJ Sibisi, district and local mayors, traditional leaders, and grateful residents, marked the culmination of a critical initiative to provide a reliable, long-term water solution for the residents of Wards 30 to 36, ending years of significant water access challenges.



### LEADERSHIP EMPHASIZES COLLABORATION AND PROTECTION

In his opening address, Mayor Cllr ZJ Sibisi expressed profound gratitude to Minister Hlabisa and COGTA for their unwavering support, reiterating the municipality's commitment to maintaining and expanding essential services. Minister Hlabisa, in a powerful speech, underscored water access as a fundamental human right. He called for collaborative efforts and strongly urged the community to take ownership and safeguard the new infrastructure to ensure its longevity and sustainability.

**A SUSTAINED  
COMMITMENT TO  
SERVICE DELIVERY**



The handover was accompanied by significant financial announcements from the national government. Minister Hlabisa committed R7 million to the uThukela District Municipality specifically to address persistent water and sewer blockages, enhancing maintenance and response capabilities across the region. Furthermore, the Minister acknowledged Alfred Duma's progress as an Intermediate City, which comes with increased grant allocations from the national government. These additional resources will empower the municipality to invest further in critical areas, including infrastructure development and solutions for seasonal flood challenges.

