

TSHELIMNYAMA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Address: 118 Umhlatuzana Road, Tshelimnyama

Ward: 15

Client: Parks, Recreation and Culture

Contract Period: October 2017 – December 2018

Contract Value: R13 million (ex. VAT)

The community of Tshelimnyama is currently served by a small library in their subdivided community hall on Umhlatuzana Road – the main road through Tshelimnyama.

Parks, Recreation and Culture requested that a new library be built on the same site because of its convenient location on a primary transport route and proximity to the community hall, local creche and schools. The site contains an array of haphazard buildings, fencelines and footpaths. The new library has been positioned along the edge of the site against the main road to formalize the edge of the site and create a more considered campus of community and educational facilities.

The design for the consolidated site includes a formalised entrance and gatehouse with shared parking for the community hall and library users. The new library is paired with a hall that can double as a study venue or activities room. Besides the typical reading material found, the main library itself also contains a cyberzone with internet access and a games area for the youth.

