

## WARD COMMITTEE UPDATE



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SPEAKER

problems, but the Office has been able to deal with them.

Ward committees with problems should contact the Office of the Speaker.

Committees are also encouraged to invite City officials to their meetings if they need clarity on developmental issues.

Ward committees responded positively to the invitation from eThekweni Water Services and the gathering on 7 November was a success.

Those who came learnt a lot about the delivery of water. And the entertainment was from the top draw and all present were in stitches with laughter when Pastor Mjoli gave his interpretation of water services.

The draft rates policy is out for comment and ward committees should ensure this matter is on their agendas for discussion.

Comments on the policy should be submitted to Council by 7 December.

The draft rates policy is available in English and Zulu and can be found in libraries, Sizakala Centres, the City Hall, the Florence Mkhize Building and on the internet.

The policy is important because it will affect all citizens of the municipality. It was developed in terms of the Municipal Property Rates Act and it changes the way rates will be levied.

Inquiries on ward committees can be directed to the Office of the Speaker: 031 311 2015 or 031 311 2021.

IT'S NOW more than a year since the first ward committees were elected.

The first elections were held on 29 October last year in wards, 5, 6, 7, 12 and 91, when communities came in their numbers to be part of this historic event.

It is the obligation of ward committee members to work for the development of their communities. Members should remember they were elected to represent their communities in all matters relating to ward development.

Ward committees meet at least once a month to discuss issues and thereafter report progress to the community at community meetings.

Members are an advisory body to the chairman, who is a ward councillor and therefore should always discuss issues and agree on recommendations. The chairman must then submit recommendations to the Office of the Speaker.

This ensures the Council acts upon recommendations. Members are reminded that there is a code of conduct and should they contravene the code measures can be taken against them.

So far, the Office of the Speaker is satisfied with progress. There are teething

that each region identifies the extent of sea-level rise, which is likely to occur locally.

Little work on rising sea levels has been done to date along the east coast of South Africa, but recently the municipality's Andrew Mather, Project Executive – Coastal Policy, has been examining the tide gauge records in Durban.

Over the 1970 to 2003 period, the results from his investigation yield that sea-level rose at a rate of 2.7±0.05mm a year.

Projected sea-level rise yields a range of projected increases from 1980-1999 to 2090-2099 to be in the range of 0.18-0.59m.

The southern oceans have exhibited a weaker rate of sea-level rise than the global oceans and therefore for planning purposes a figure of 3mm a year, should be factored into municipal plans from now onwards.

Information courtesy of Andrew Mather.  
[www.imaginedurban.com](http://www.imaginedurban.com)

– Finola Quarsingh



WORLDWIDE there has been an increased awareness of the effects of climate change, particularly rising sea levels and increased storminess and the impact this may have on coastal cities.

Sea level changes over the centuries have been documented, however the predicted rate of sea level rise in the next century remains a debated issue.

What is known is that many of the largest South African cities are located on this stretch of coast, and may be at threat.

Global warming is expected to result in a rise in sea levels because of melting of the polar ice caps and glaciers; thermal expansion of the oceans; and an increased break-up of the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets.

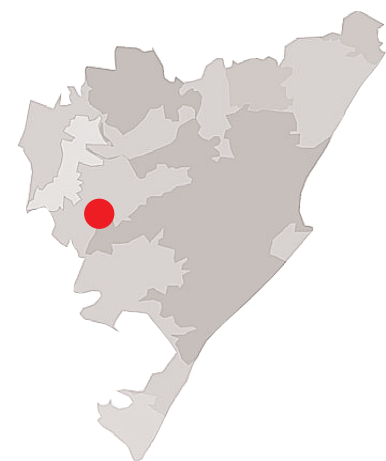
The global sea level was estimated to have risen over the 1993 to 2003 period at a rate of 3.1±0.7mm a year.

However, the distribution of sea level rise will not be uniform over the surface of the oceans.

It is therefore important

## PROFILES: WARDS

The city comprises 100 wards, each with its own ward committee. In this, and forthcoming editions we will profile these wards so you can get to know them better. This week we look at Ward 7



**Ward:** 7

**Councillor:** Fanie Themba Moyo

**Party:** ANC

**Contact:** 031 311 1111

**Areas within ward:** Alverstone, Assagay, Bux Farm, Cliffdale, KwaNdengezi, KwaNtamntengayo, Mandlakazi, Mpumalanga East, Ntshongweni, Peacevale, Salem Community, Shongweni Resource Reserve and Summerveld

**Community need assessment priorities:** HIV/Aids Centre, Metro Police, markets, accessible health services and sanitation

Household income (pa)	Households	%
No income	1 434	23
R1 – R4 800	634	10
R4 801 – R9 600	1 250	20
R9 601 – R19 200	1 403	22
R19 201 – R38 400	946	15
R38 401 – R76 800	399	6
R76 801 – R153 600	144	2
R153 601 – R307 200	86	1
R307 201 – R614 400	26	0
R614 401 – R1 228 800	6	0
R1 228 801 - R2 457 600	20	0
R2 457 601 and more	2	0

Dwelling type		
Number of households		%
Formal	3 057	52
Informal	735	12
Traditional	2 072	35
Other	27	0

Population	28 290	%
African	26 879	95
Coloured	135	0
Indian	715	3
White	561	2
Pensioners	955	3
Disabled	1 258	4
Male	13 458	48
Female	14 382	52

Work Status	15 – 65 years	%
Employed	5 379	30
Unemployed	6 497	36
Not Economically Active	6 022	34
Literacy Rate (Grade 7 and above)	11 529	41
Dependency Ratio		5

Delivery Of Basic Household Services		
		%
Electricity	4 264	67
Refuse Disposal	1 707	25
Flush Toilets	2 079	33
Water - dwelling/yard	3 682	58
Water < 200m	701	11

Age		
		%
Age 0 – 4	3 132	11
Age 5 – 14	6 381	23
Age 15 – 34	11 055	39
Age 35 – 64	6 766	24
Age > 65	955	3

Major Community Facilities located in the Ward include:	
Library	0
Clinics	8
Police	1
Hospital	0
Pension pay points	0
Billing points	0
Metro police	0
Fire stations	0
Community halls	1
Post office	0
Schools	11

Approved Capital Projects (R million)				
Project	Type Task	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Cleansing and Solid Waste Management	Western Landfill – EIA Process (Shongweni)	0.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering Roads Provision	Sidewalk: Vilakazi Access Road	0.1	0.0	0.0
Engineering Roads Provision	Western Freeway Rehabilitation and Upgrading	31.0	0.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation	Mandlakazi Water,	3.0	0.0	0.0
	Ntshongweni Water,	5.4	6.1	0.0
	Salem Water Project,	4.0	1.5	0.0
	Shongweni 400 Steel	3.0	0.0	0.0
Water & Sanitation Technical Support	Mandlakazi Sanitation,	3.0	0.0	0.0
	Ntshongweni Sanitation,	5.4	6.1	0.0
	Salem Sanitation Project	4.0	1.5	0.0

\* Information prepared by the eThekweni Municipality's Corporate Policy Unit

Source: Census 2001