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BCMM award R1.1m worth of bursaries to students

In response to the high number of unemployed youth and shortage of critical skills, Buffalo City Metro Executive Mayor Zukiswa Ncitha handed over bursaries to 26 deserving students at the East London City Hall on April 5. The ceremony was honoured by the presence of Eastern Cape MEC for Education Mandla Makhuphula, Metro Mayoral Committee Members, Senior Management and bursary recipients.

The annual Executive Mayoral Bursary Fund was set up in 2008 to help students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds with their studies. The fund is aimed at helping learners who are interested in studying in fields where skills are scarce and in demand, such as science, finance engineering and information technology. Addressing the beneficiaries, BCMM Executive Mayor Zukiswa Ncitha said the bursary fund was part of the municipality efforts to empower young people in order to play an active role in the development of the city. "We have moved beyond the rhetoric of youth development policies, and we are now actually investing in human capital through endeavours that are aimed at empowering young people. We are therefore helping you to gain the professional skills and training that have become a principal requirement for entry into the public and private sector job market," she said. Ncitha added that the recipients have a moral responsibility to plough back their knowledge and skills to the people of Buffalo City. "By assisting you to acquire professional qualifications, we are also creating a database from which we will draw the skills needed for us to develop Buffalo City and its people." She congratulated learners and wished them well in their academic year of studies.

Speaking at the event MEC for Education

Mandla Makhuphula made a call to recipients to use this opportunity to change their socio-economic conditions. "You must work very hard in order to complete your studies and also you must always remember where you come from and what you want to achieve in life. After you have finished your qualification you must play active role in improving the condition of your families and communities," he said.

Makhuphula urged young people to consider Further Education Training Colleges as one option to advance their education. "National Government has invested billions of rands to ensure that FET colleges are playing a pivotal role in boosting skills development in the country. The recent statistics show that the majority of artisans are white male who are in their fifties and this is very concerning. As government we want to encourage young people to consider plumbing, electricity and brick-laying, so that we can address the skills gap," he said. One of the recipients an Information technology student at Walter Sisulu University student Sivenathi Gqibithole said: "I am very excited about this financial assistance that was provided by the municipality towards my studies, because my parents could not afford fees for my studies". The bursaries cover tuition fees, prescribed text books and accommodation for learners.



BCMM Executive Mayor Zukiswa Ncitha and Eastern Cape MEC for Education Mandla Makhuphula with 2012 bursary recipients.

Metro establish employee disability forum

by Lydia Ngqoba

A forum has been formed to look at the needs of the disabled employees in the metro. This is the first disability forum formation aimed at identifying and recognising people with disabilities in the institution.

"We want to identify skills and provide people with disabilities with training and see how they can be developed and be able to participate in decision making in structures

of council," said Shaun Petzer, the manager for Special Programmes. The concept document for the establishment of the forum states that the forum will work within council process to promote institutional co-operation between the metro and the relevant bodies or authorities in relation to people with disabilities.

Committee members were elected; Mr. Bennie Martin as the convener, Mr. Gcobani

Matiwane as the coordinator and two additional members Zola Bevu and Yandisa Nala.

Meetings of the forum will be held at least once a quarter and special meetings may be called by the chairperson to deal with matters that are of an urgent nature. Reports of the meeting will be submitted to BCMM council process through the office of the Portfolio Holder of Special Programmes.

Global ties discussed

By Tabisa Mtengwana

SOUTH African cities have strong ties with various international cities and countries, it was confirmed by International Relations Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane at a seminar at the East London City Hall on Saturday, 21 April.

It was part of the national Department of International Relations and Co-operation's Public Participation Programme, which is being rolled out to ensure that ordinary citizens understand the work that is carried out by the International Relations Office and are able to link the government's domestic priorities and the department's international engagements. Welcoming guests to the event, Executive Mayor Zukiswa Ncitha said: "This seminar seeks to establish a mutually beneficial engagement between the [department] and regional stakeholders.

"The event is aimed at providing the perfect platform for us to interact with [the department] meaningfully, and to ensure that the broader international programmes of our country are linked to local priorities."

Ncitha also said South Africa was a respectable member of the international society of nation states and a leader in several global and continental programmes and initiatives. Buffalo City had links with Gavle in Sweden, Oldenburg in Germany, and Leiden in Netherlands. "Those are living examples of our strong ties with

international cities for the development of our communities." The mayor admitted that there were still random incidents of xenophobia in certain areas in South Africa, but she assured the minister: "The metro has a multi-stakeholder forum that among other things monitors the presence and activities of foreigners in Buffalo City to ensure that this does not lead to unnecessary tensions between them and the natural citizens of this region."

Nkoana-Mashabane added: "This type of initiative is a confirmation that the [department's] mandate of securing and preserving friendly and mutually beneficial relations with global nation states, particularly neighbouring African states.

"This shows the commitment in the metro of forging strong ties and respecting other countries and their contribution to our country."



BCMM Executive Mayors Zukiswa Ncitha with International Relations and Cooperation Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane during a seminar at the East London City Hall

Metro opens tourism desk at EL Airport

By: Xolile Bengenze



BCMM Executive Mayor Zukiswa Ncitha perusing a tourism information brochure alongside Portfolio Head of Local Economic Development, Councilor Phumla Nazo during their visit to the newly opened tourist desk at the East London Airport.

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality Tourism Office has opened an office at the East London Airport in an effort to cater for information needs of visitors especially tourist.

The desk which started operating on April this year was part of the Tourism Department efforts to ensure that city is marketed in various key strategic areas such as the Airport.

Talking to BCMM April about establishment of this office, Acting Tourism Head Thandiswa George said: "When people arrive at the airport be it, business travellers, visitors and local residents, they require information about buffalo city and they struggle to get information that they require. With this office our visitors will able to get information they need, for example accommodation and tourist attraction points," said George.

She said the research showed that in each and every domestic airport in the country there is a local tourism office. "We have discovered that in each domestic airport, there is a tourism information desk to direct and guide people. In Buffalo City, we did not have such office and this resulted in most of visitors get stranded and confused even to get out the airport

to their destinations. This office will assist them by providing information material like city maps to guide them".

George added that the main object of the office is to promote Buffalo City as tourism destination, to provide an effective information service to travellers in rapid and accurate manner and to create positive experience for travellers by providing a high level of friendly and professional service.

The Department will be publishing tourist brochures, maps and other informational that will provide guidance to local tour guides.



Metro's receive training on Leadership in Local Government

By: Simphiwe Seti

From the 2-9 March 2012 all eight metros took part in the 'leadership in local government: building globally competitive cities' course which was held at Stellenbosch Lodge in the Western Cape. The course was convened by the University of Cape Town, World Bank Institute in partnership with the South African Local Government Association (Salga) and National Treasury. Funding for the course came from National Treasury with in kind contributions from Salga, World Bank Institute and UCT.

Motivation for the course

What stimulated introduction of the course was the fact that a very significant expansion of metro functions is currently being rolled out, for instance, in respect of human settlements, public transport, spatial planning and climate change. In response to this, national government is preparing a Cities Support Programme to assist metros. The course was therefore aimed at preparing Cities.

Further motivation for the course was that following the May 2011 local elections political and administrative leadership has now stabilised and political reform mandates are being confirmed and strategies are being developed, which is an opportune time to inspire metros towards achievement of rapid results and improvement of performance.

Objectives of the course

Key objectives of the course were to empower both political principals and top management in all the metros to "develop and implement reforms to achieve rapid results for improved city performance in support of a clearly defined political mandate". The course was further aimed at:

- Ensuring that City leaders own the seriousness of the challenges confronting their cities in terms of finance, fragmented spatial form, and access to housing opportunities, public transport & good governance.
- Inspiring and demonstrating to Metro leadership that much more rapid reform can be achieved within their control.
- Working with the leadership to identify and commit to a catalytic project (urban acupuncture) that can be implemented within 3 years within existing financial constraints. Such a project should have a transformational effect on both the administration and the city itself.

Course participants

Participants from each metro comprised of the Executive Mayors and two members of the Mayoral Committee responsible for finance, planning and housing/infrastructure.

In the case of BCMM, the Executive Mayor – Cllr. Ncitha, Cllr. Badenhorst and Cllr. Mgezi participated in the course from 2-4 March 2012.

At administrative level City Managers and four senior managers responsible for finance, planning, housing and infrastructure/public transport were expected to participate. Due to commitments on the part of top management, the following officials represented BCMM from 2-9 March 2012:

- Riana Pretorius – Branch head : Settlement Planning
- Simphiwe Seti – Manager: IDP & Budget Integration
- Vincent Pillay – Acting GM: Budget & Treasury
- Jacque Toerin – Housing Strategic Planner
- Lee Mellin – Programme Manager: Transport Planning

Key presentations

Presentations during the course focused on core areas which are finance, sustainable human settlements and spatial integration and economic development. Some top experts gave insightful presentations on finance, planning, housing, leadership, coalition building, rapid results and economics. Inspirational high profile speakers such as the ex Mayors of La Paz (Venezuela) and Bogota (Colombia) offered interesting accounts of how rapid reforms were achieved in their respective cities.

Course participants were taken through a sequence of steps which included

- Accurately diagnosing the problem through identifying reform objectives;
- Aligning the political mandate with reform objectives;
- Setting an achievable stretch goal

(catalytic project) for a sound outcome;

- Making tough choices and understanding tradeoffs; and
- Developing a sound strategy to implement the chosen catalytic project.

Expected outcomes

At the end of the training metros were expected to choose a reform idea which must be a catalytic 'game changer' i.e. have a transformational impact on the way the city works and on its future development. The idea had to be something concrete, specific and tangible and achievable within 3 to 4 years. BCMM's catalytic idea focuses on Duncan Village Proper and Amalinda Junctions and it entails linking north west (middle income area) with the south east (poorest area of the city), crossing the social divide with the integration of open space, facilities and communities, and "breaking" physical barriers in terms of the Ziphunzana Bypass & other major roads.

Way Forward

Following the course all management participants are expected to present the reform strategies and action plans to their Mayoral Committees and Councils for approval. Ongoing support will be provided to management teams by course facilitators who will visit each Metro after thirty days to monitor progress made and advise where necessary. At the end of 100 days there will be another visit to receive feedback and a close out report will be compiled and submitted on progress made.

BCMM officials working through an exercise during a leadership course that took place in Cape Town



Anti - Poaching Campaign conducted at Eastern Beach East London

By: Xolile Bengeza

In an effort to curb the illegal exploitation of marine resources, an Anti-poaching campaign was conducted at the Eastern Beach in East London on April 2012.

The campaign was organised by the National Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries in partnership with Buffalo City Metro Marine Services.

BCMM Chief Marine Officer Siani Tinley said the objective of this campaign was to inform and educate members of the public about the importance of marine resources, its protection and sustainability for future generation.

Themed: "Working Together to Protect Our Marine Resources", the campaign also seeks to illustrate the important role that communities play in the protection of these resources.

During the campaign, fisherman were sensitise about rules need to be followed and penalties imposed if someone caught fishing without a permit.

The Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries handed out leaflets at the beachfront to encouraged residents to report any suspicious poaching activities to law enforcement agencies.

Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries' official educating a fisherman about importance of preserving marine resources during the campaign.



Metro raid illegal Day Care Centers

By: Lydia Ngqoba

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality in partnership with the Provincial Department of Social Development recently embarked on an operation to combat illegal Day Care Centers in the city.

The raid started in two day care centers ; Tomorrow's Leaders and Rainbow Kids Day Care Centres both based in Southernwood.

This has been prompted by numerous public complaints about Day Care Centers operating without permission.

During the operation, the team discovered that the two Day Care Centres were in total contravention of the council resolution on operation of Crèches in residential areas.

"Council took a resolution that when a crèche is established in a residential area must not have more than 50 children in their premises, and the people that we are visiting have two times the number," said Colleen Forsyth, who deals with Educare Centres in the metro.

BCMM Chief Environmental Health Practitioner Mkhusele Ngoma said: "We want to be proactive on this matter, we have identified this problem as the municipality and we want to deal with it in a right manner.



The owners were given a 30 day notice to apply for special consent, or their day care centers' will be shutdown.

Ngoma said that the Environmental Health Department will extend their raids to funeral parlours and fast food outlets who are not abiding to the required regulations.

BCMM environmental health and law enforcement officials conducting a briefing session before entering Tomorrow leader's day care centre premises.

German company shares knowledge with BCMM

Buffalo City Metro hosted a delegation from Next Energy in the German City of Oldenburg from 11 to 12 of April.

The objective of the visit led by Director of Next Energy Prof. Dr. Carsten Agert was to share knowledge and information on renewable Energy Programmes with local industry players such as Ikwezi Solar based East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ).

Key amongst issues discussed was the metro current Renewable Energy Programmes like Retrofit and the Mdantsane Lighting project and ELIDZ Berlin Solar Park. The Oldenburg City has strengths in various areas, including energy supply, renewable energies, environmental technology, marine research, information technology and medicine. Next Energy develops solutions for the energy supply of the future. This involves conducting extensive research in conjunction with industry players which focuses on three technological areas: photovoltaics, fuel cells and energy storage facilities.

They also do application-oriented and interdisciplinary work ranging from materials research to systems development.

The delegation visited Ikwezi Solar based at the ELIDZ and Wilsonia Wind Turbine Project.



BCMM Programme Manager for Trade and Investment Promotion Lucky Tshayivithi with an official from Next Energy.



Offices of Ikwezi Solar located in the East London IDZ

BCMM host workshop on best practice in wastewater management

Buffalo City Metro in collaboration with the Water Research Commission and the Department of Water Affairs hosted an information sharing workshop on best practice in wastewater management on April 19.

The workshop held at the East London Golf Club was attended by municipal officials responsible for wastewater management.

It was organised by Water Information Network-South Africa - a network of organisations focusing on improving knowledge sharing in the water and sanitation sector, targeting decision makers in government and non-government water services sector.

The discussion focused on the use of risk abatement planning to access funds such as the Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme,

Municipal Infrastructure Grant and other infrastructural devel-

opment funding.

These funding sources play a pivotal role in providing much needed financial injection in ensuring that municipalities are achieving Green Drop improvement and effluent compliance

The National Department of Water Affairs' system of 'Green Drop' Awards provides an assessment of the overall performance of the country's wastewater treatment works and Buffalo City metro received two awards for 95% compliance in its East and West Bank Treatment plants last year.



green drop
CERTIFICATION

waste water service
REGULATION

Left: BCMM General Manager for Water and Sanitation Graham Cowley with municipal officials during the wastewater workshop held at the East London Golf Club.



Metro held workshops to discuss disaster management policy

By: Xolile Bengeza

BCMM Disaster management unit held a numerous workshops around the Metro to discuss the Disaster Management Policy Framework with stakeholders.

The workshops held in Bhisho , Greenfields and at the City Hall were attended by Councillors, Traditional leaders various municipal departments, Private organization and the Provincial Department of Health .

BCMM Head of disaster management, Owen Becker said with these workshops they wanted to align the metro disaster management policy with the provincial and national policy.

"The disaster management is a cross cutting issue that require participation of government in all level and also various sectors of the society".

The disaster management policy and legislation makes provision for government to declare disaster areas, and allow for resources to be allocated for immediate relief, as well as reconstruction.

This includes things like food, blankets and medical supplies as relief and building materials for reconstruction.



BCMM Head of disaster management, Owen Becker facilitating at the disaster management policy workshop

Buffalo City young Professionals help Mdantsane schools

By: Xolile Bengeza

About 20 schools in Mdantsane will have computers, thanks to the donations made by *Buffalo City Young Professionals Network* (BCYPN).

Buffalo City Young Professionals Network was formed in 2009, as a non-profit organisation and consists of professionals who have decided to bring professionals of BCMM and its surroundings together with a sole purpose of ploughing back skills into communities.

The main focal areas of the network are; education and training, sports, arts and culture, business and entrepreneurship, social transformation and research and development. BCYPN in conjunction with Buffalo City Metro recently organized an event to inform parents and learners about the donation which was held at the Mdantsane Unit 7 Community Hall.

Eastern Cape Liquor Board and BCMM youth advisor center were amongst the organisation who were invited to inform young people about their programmes and campaigns.

BCYPN member Mthetho Tshemese said: "We are youth people of Buffalo City who work in various parts of the country and we have started this organisation to help in education, particularly in townships and rural areas. This project aims to

improve education condition and we want to work hand in hand with the municipality in assisting this initiative especially with funding," said Tshemese

Councillor Monwabisi Mahodi said "As municipality we will learn from this project with the intention of implementing in other

areas so that we can make a better future for our children."

Amongst the schools set to benefit from this programme is Simnikiwe, Zanokhanyo, Songezi ,Zamani, and Philani primary schools.



Left: BCMM Portfolio Head for Special Programmes Councillor Ayanda Peter with one of principals of the schools and members of the Buffalo City Young Professional Network.

Celebrities donate food parcels to Masizakhe Children's Home

CELEBRITIES and philanthropists from Johannesburg descended on Masizakhe Children's Home in Mdantsane over the Easter weekend to donate food and bring joy to the children.

The team of 16 included representatives from the Gift of the Givers and Renault.

The 72 children at the home were given an unforgettable weekend by the team, including Eastern Cape-born Tazz Nginda, who plays Ndalo in Intsika; Real Goboza presenter Pearl Thusi; Theo of Boom Shaka fame; Masasa Mbangeni, who plays Thembeke in Scandal; Themba Nofemele, who plays Rantumeng in Muvhango; Nzinga of Channel O fame; DJ Ferrari, and German DJ Leo Large.

Nginda said he was thrilled when he was asked to be part of the initiative to help the home, which shelters children who have been abandoned, neglected or orphaned. "I was like them when I was younger; my mother couldn't afford to take care of me," said Nginda, who originally hails from Motherwell in Port Elizabeth.

He added that once his mother got back on her feet, she started providing for him again. Speaking of his visit to the home, he said: "It was one of the proudest moments of my life – giving without expecting anything in return."

He said the group shared time with the children simply by being "sisters and brothers, fathers and malumes (uncles)".

Nginda said on the drive down from Johannesburg, the truck driver had become tired just after Bloemfontein, so he and Nofemele had taken over the rest of the driving to East London.

"I became part of this initiative because I wanted to make a difference and make someone smile. I'll jump at this opportunity again at any other point. Those kids didn't ask to be in those situations; as a community we should get together and do whatever we can," Nginda said.

Andy Tladi, a motivational speaker and life coach from the Gift of the Givers, was also part of the team that made a difference.

He said the success of the trip was a result of what happens "when you put people together who are sober minded and who know what it means to give".

The Gift of the Givers provided the food, which the celebrities then packaged and delivered.

Tladi said the aim was to give hope to the children and encourage them to tap into their potential.

Nobuntu Pindela, programme director at the home, said they were elated by the weekend's gifts, and it was a moment the

children would never forget.

"The children are still talking about the celebrities even now.

"When they see them on TV they point them out and say they know them. This was great.

"We are very grateful and happy to have been remembered as the Eastern Cape," she said.

Pindela said their storage units and food cupboards were full.

"We will eat for two to three months – that's how much they gave us," she said.

Source Daily Dispatch



Gift of the Givers and Renault brought smiles to Masizakhe Children's faces. Seen on the picture is Pearl Thusi of Real Goboza TV Show on SABC-1.

Pre-school children get pampered

It was all smiles at the *New Start Day Care* in Amalinda Forest, when Councillor Monwabisi Mahodi alongside a delegation from the Cambridge Police Station brought towels, soaps and snacks for children on April 2012.

The day care centre formed early this year caters for 15 learners ranging from age 0-5 years. Councillor Monwabisi Mahodi said he was grateful that police were contributing to communities they serve.

"We are grateful that the police station is lending a helping hand in this community whilst focussing on catching criminals".

Early this year, the police station brought food parcels and a carpet in an effort to contribute to the plight of the poor learners.



Councillor Monwabisi Mahodi with members of the Cambridge police station handing over goodies to learners

Border Cricket rewards top performers

Border Cricket recently hosted a ceremony to reward its players who performed outstandingly during the league.

Amongst the dignitaries invited to grace the ceremony was BCMM Executive Mayor Zukiswa Ncitha.

Speaking at the occasion, Themba Lupuwana, the Chief Executive Officer for Border Cricket highlighted the importance of change and growth in cricket.

He made mention of five pillars in their mission statement, which states that Border Cricket will be a World Class Community-Based sports organisation Serving the Needs of our cricket community by producing Personal Greatness and Excellence at all levels.

The captain of the team, Abongile Sodumo, thanked all those who made the tournament a success. "Without you, we would not have been here today," he said. He thanked the unity the team reserved throughout, that led them to being winners. Speaking at the event, the president of Border Cricket, Chris

Nenzani encouraged the players to focus and work hard in order for them to be able to succeed.

Anda Mbolombo won an under 17 royalty and the United Cricket Club won a trophy for being top in the Premier League.

"We are planning to have a praise and worship concert to raise funds and we encourage our players to physically and spiritually fit," Lupuwana concluded



The Executive Mayor Zukiswa Ncitha with Anda Mbolombo, who won a medal for the under 17 royalty in Johannesburg United Cricket Club which is top in the premier league.

Thank you letter from Former R293 staff

I would like to extend a sincere gratitude to the City Manager on behalf of the Former R293 staff for resolving issues related to our transfer from the Government to the former East London TLC. As a result of the transfer most of those employees were demoted from their previous posts resulting to reduction of their salaries. Although the transfer process was completed in 2000 the aforementioned employees still contributed their pension to the Government Employees Pension Fund up to 2009. This was a really traumatising situation especially when one retired or died.

I am now excited to inform the BCMM community that within a few months that

Mr Fani was seconded to BCM all those problems had been resolved because he was sensitive to our plight. Uze wenze nje kubo bonke abasebenzi nakuluntu lwase BCMM jikelele ekusombululeni iingxaki zabo.

SITHI KUWE SINGABA BASEBENZI
HUNTSHU NTO KA FANI!!!!
MAZENETHOLE!!!

**PROUD STAFF MEMBER
NOMKHITHA MATWA: COMMITTEES**



BCMM employees acquire MBA Degree

Two Buffalo City metropolitan Municipality Employees Mzwanele Dlova and Bheki Mthembu have recently obtained their Master of Business (MBA) degrees with Rhodes University.

Their master's research topics were as follows:

- Mzwanele Dlova: "Constraints impacting on small, micro and medium enterprises access to finance in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality."
- Bheki Mthembu : "The role of leadership in implementing service delivery initiatives: A case study of Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality."

In the next edition, BCMM Monthly will published a one on one in-depth interview with Dlova and Mthembu.



Left: Mzwanele Dlova and Bheki Mthembu

Complimentary letter from a consumer



Asanda Mjobo

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to bring to your attention the excellent service rendered by one of your employees, Ms Asanda Mjobo who works in the Payments/Enquiries Section.

I had a problem with my water & lights account when I was charged an enormous amount, which was wrong, on my electricity account. I was quite shocked when I saw my account.

Ms Mjobo assisted me in sorting out my account to reflect the correct charges and this helped to put my mind at ease. I wish to bring to your attention just how helpful and patient Ms Mjobo was. She was always smiling and did not have a bad attitude when it came to assisting me. In trying to solve the problem, Ms Mjobo actually had to go to a back-office about three times and she did this without any complaints until the problem was solved to her own and my satisfaction. In my opinion Ms Mjobo should seriously be viewed as a role model by others within the Section in how to treat customers.

I would like to recommend that Ms Mjobo be given an increase and/or promotion to a higher position where her skills in dealing with the public could best be put to use. I am certain that this will motivate her even more to improve the way she treat customers as we need many more people like her in customer care services.

Yours faithfully

C. Pretorius (Mr)

- Staff Birthday Messages -



Happy Birthday (14 April 2012) Mrs Kholeka Zwelibanzi Tom, I pray to God for you to live your life to the fullest, to excel above your expectations, to shine in the darkest places where it is impossible to love and for protection at all times. Have a blessed Birthday and Know that I love you very much, Nicky Sampson.



Even if happiness forgets you a little bit, never completely forget about it! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful colleague on our team. Wishing you a Happy birthday and light workload on your special day.

Zukai, Zuks, Zukie Ntwanambi (19 April)
From GNB staff



BCMM Monthly invites contribution from staff members

The Communication Team would like to invite the staff members to make an input in the Metro's BCMM Monthly. BCMM Monthly covers real service delivery issues that we seldom see on print media. It is an internal publication that is available both in print and electronic version. Our aim is to reach those who do not have access to email. BCMM employees are hard at work and this publication is living proof of that. Provincially, the Premier declared this a

year of ACTION and we align ourselves with that theme.

Your contribution can be:

- A letter to the Editor
- A story that our team could not cover
- Sensitizing us on an up-coming event
- Employee issues – HR can have a monthly column
- Sport issues – Monthly Sport Column
- WE ALSO NEED A MOTIVATION: The motivation corner/column can rotate –

just send us a motivational talk with your picture and we will publish it. (not more than 350 words)

For more information please don't hesitate to contact Keith Ngesi (X1143) or keithn@buffalocity.gov.za or Sam Gqeba (X1158) or samkelog@buffalocity.gov.za



High turn-out at IDP road shows

Buffalo City residents came in numbers last month to give their input in the Integrated Development Plan and Budget Roadshows.

The Roadshows themed: "Service Delivery in Action" held in clusters to accommodate all wards are part of the municipality's public participation process, which enables ordinary citizens to engage and add their input to the draft IDP and Budget for the upcoming financial year.

During the two-week long meetings, residents raised issues such as the improvement of roads, lack of housing, grass cutting, water supply, employment and electricity.

As part of the IDP and Budget consultative process, Buffalo City Metro Mayoral Committee Members and Senior Management will meet with the Business sector at the East London Latimers Landing on May 3.

On the same day, a session will be held with Traditional Leaders at the Mngqesha Great Place near Dimbaza.

After consulting with traditional leaders and business people, the Metro will hold an IDP Open day to pave the way for adoption of the IDP and budget for the next financial year by council.



BCMM Executive Mayor Zukiswa Ncitha speaking during the 2012 IDP Roadshow in Dimbaza



BCMM Deputy Executive Mayor Mzwandile Msoki sharing ideas with Cllr. Vuyani Peter during an IDP Meeting held in Tsholomnqa

IDP Hearings caught on camera



Carnegie Hall - Gonubie



Kidds Beach Community Hall



Mdantsane Unit 15 Community Hall



Gompo Community Hall



Bhisho Community Hall



Berlin Community Hall



Mdantsane Unit 12 Community Hall



Mdantsane Indoor Sports Centre



Moses Twebe Community Hall - Dimbaza



Mzintshane Community Hall

President's desk

The month of April was a very good month for the Buffalo City Municipal Soccer team as they have managed to win convincingly in some of their friendly games played. On 02 April 2012 at Jan Smuts stadium our boys walloped YCL football Club by 7-0. The game itself was not easy for BCM but our boys made it look easy by converting all their available chances. The only moment of brilliance from the opposition was the long range shot by Mawethu Rune during the second half of the game that went wide from the goal posts. BCMM was invited by Chris Hani Municipality on 21/04/12 to play in an Inter-Municipal Sports event that was held in Queenstown. The event went well and again as expected Buffalo City dominated in all categories with our Netball team destroying everyone within their sights.

Netball Scores were as follows :

1. BCMM 53 vs Lukhanji 1
2. BCMM 26 vs OR Tambo 6
3. BCMM 19 vs Chris Hani 1

Football :

1. BCMM 6 vs Lukhanji 0
2. BCMM 4 vs OR Tambo 3
3. BCMM 1 vs Chris Hani 3

Volleyball

1. BCMM vs Chris Hani, Chris Hani won the game.

The games in Queenstown were great and the competition was tight. Also our Darts Team played against Correctional Services on 27/04/12. BCMM Darts team won 8-1 during the first game and 7-2 during the second game.

INTER-MUNICIPAL SPORTS OF SOUTH AFRICA (IMSSA)

The planned IMSSA National General Council meeting for the 28/04/12 was forced to be postponed as Community Services Directorate was still processing a report submitted at the beginning of February 2012. This important gathering will only take place once we receive feedback from Community Services. There will be Limpopo IMSSA Provincial Games on 05 May 2012 in Polokwane.

SAIMSA GAMES 2012

The invitations for this year's well known SAIMSA games have been sent to all Municipalities within the Republic of South Africa. Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality is also invited to participate in this International event. This year's games will be held at Gaborone in Botswana from 24-29 September 2012.



*BCMM Sport Club President
Zolani Ngesman*



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