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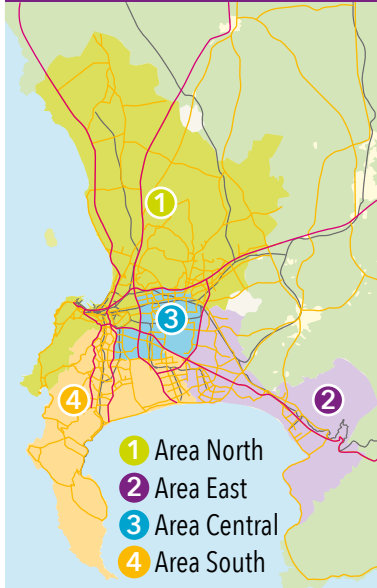


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Have your say on our plans for the Bay: Gordon's Bay residents, businessowners and interest groups had until 22 March to submit their comments on the draft local spatial development framework (LSDF) for the Gordon's Bay development area (GBDA), as shown on the map alongside. The GBDA comprises vacant and underdeveloped land situated to the north of Gordons' Bay, between the existing N2 and just east of Sir Lowry's Pass Road. The LSDF will guide development applications and land uses in the area to help determine what it will look and feel like a few years down the line. The plan will support and elaborate on the guidelines set out in the higher-order spatial development framework for the broader Helderberg district.

Survey coming your way

The City has contracted a research organisation to conduct a large-scale household survey to better understand the set-up and service delivery needs of Cape Town's households. The findings will inform the City's investment decisions and service delivery planning.

Up until May, interviewers will visit 10 000 households, randomly selected from suburbs across town. They will be clearly identifiable by their reflective vests and ID badges. Householders will also receive a pamphlet with a QR code to access details of the survey on the City's website. While participation is entirely voluntary, the City appeals to the selected households to complete the interview, which should not take longer than 40 minutes.

Information to be gathered includes socioeconomic and demographic details (age, gender, general health and wellbeing), current employment, level of education, migration, modes of transport, homeownership or rental status, household income and expenditure, access to services, and use of public amenities.

Rest assured that the survey is legitimate and POPIA-compliant. All information gathered will be used for statistical and research purposes only.

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LET'S STAND TOGETHER

The March, the merrier in Cape Town

From the Cape Town Cycle Tour and the Open Book Youth Fest to Cape Town Carnival and the Cape Town Surf Pro, March has been buzzing in the Mother City. The Events Permit Office issued permits for 60+ events. During the first week of March, they had their hands full with no less than 26 events to monitor.



On 10 March, the Cape Town Cycle Tour, the world's largest timed cycle race, saw over 30 000 cyclists pedal the event's two scenic routes around the Cape Peninsula.

From 13 to 15 March, the Sunshine Tour professional and amateur female golfers gathered at the Royal Cape Golf Club for the 10th edition of the Cape Town Ladies Open.

The Open Book Youth Fest again delighted young readers from 13 to 20 March. Schools, libraries and book lounges offered platforms for young people to engage with poets, authors, illustrators and storytellers. Workshops fostered a love of literature and encouraged creative expression.

The Absa Cape Epic is the foremost mountain bike stage race in the world, attracting over 1 000 riders for eight days of non-stop action to compete for the coveted champion's trophy. This year's event, from 17 to 24 March, kicked off at the Lourensford wine estate, through Tulbagh and Wellington, and finished in Stellenbosch.

Cape Town Carnival, this year themed "Lekker", entertained thousands of locals and visitors along the Fan Walk in Green Point on 16 March. The colourful celebration of our cultural heritage included massive floats and some 1 400 performers.

Also on 16 March, some of the country's top spinners went head to head in the Red

Bull Shay' iMoto at Century City. This event is where motorsport meets stunt work, with loads of flair.

And while the spinners were spinning, top local and international surfers caught the waves at Long Beach, Kommetjie, in the Cape Town Surf Pro.

The Cape Town leg of the SPAR Women's Challenge saw over 10 000 runners take to the streets of Green Point, Sea Point and Mouille Point on 24 March. Held in five other cities in South Africa, the event features a run or walk 10 km challenge or a 5 km fun run.

For more information on these and other events hosted in Cape Town, visit eventsincapetown.com.

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Inwoners, sakelui en belangegroepe van Gordonsbaai kon tot 22 Maart kommentaar lewer op die konsep- plaaslike raamwerk vir ruimtelike ontwikkeling vir die Gordonsbaai-ontwikkelingsgebied.

Van die Kaapstad-fietstoer en die Open Book-jeugfees tot die Kaapstad-karnaval en die Cape Town Surf Pro, die Moederstad was in Maart 'n miernes van bedrywighede. Die Stad het permitte vir meer as 60 geleenthede uitgereik.

Die Stad het 'n navorsingsfirma aangestel om 'n grootskaalse huishoudelike opname te doen om die omstandighede en diensleweringse behoeftes van Kaapstad se huishoudings beter te verstaan. Die bevindinge sal die Stad se beleggingsbesluite en diensleweringse planne rig.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Abahlali baseGordon's Bay, oosomashishini namaqela banikwe de ibe yi22 kweyoKwindla ukuba bafake izimvo zabo kwisikhokelo sophuhliso lwemihlaba yengingqi esiseluyilo (LSDF) sommandla wophuhliso waseGordon's Bay (GBDA), njengoko kubonisiwe kwimephu.

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Making progress possible. Together.

Energy Strategy launched

The City has launched its 2050 Energy Strategy. In addition to new initiatives, the document outlines progress with ongoing efforts to end load-shedding in Cape Town, including the short-term plan to protect residents against the first four stages of Eskom's shed by 2026. The strategy also provides a roadmap to 2050, showing how government, the private sector, residents and businesses can all play their part in the regional energy transition. Download it at https://bit.ly/Energy_Strategy.



War on water-guzzling alien plants

Thirsty alien plant species guzzle up 55 billion litres of Cape Town's precious water every year. This is why removing them forms a key part of the City's Water Strategy and long-term New Water Programme. Back in 2021, the City invested R50 million in the Greater Cape Town Water Fund (GCTWF) to combat the threat of alien invasives. Other partners committed to the GCTWF are CapeNature, the South African National Biodiversity Institute, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the World Wide Fund for Nature South Africa, and Working on Fire.

Through the GCTWF's efforts, almost 50 000 ha of alien plants have been cleared to date, returning 16,1 billion litres of water to Cape Town's groundwater sources. This is equivalent to 44 million litres of water per day. In the process, 787 green jobs have also been created.

The City and TNC clear alien plants in four catchments: Wemmershoek, Steenbras, Berg River and the Atlantis aquifer area. In the first six months of the 2023/24 financial year alone, they restored 3 472 ha of alien-invaded land. The City has committed R25 million to continue the clearing activities in these catchments.

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Together, we'll power through and beat load-shedding

The future of our city, the dignity of every Capetonian and the sustainability of every Cape Town business depend on our energy security. Without a reliable supply of affordable electricity, Cape Town will not fulfil its potential, and we will come up short in our mission of building a city of hope for all who live and work here. This is why our efforts to beat load-shedding, and ultimately end our dependence on Eskom, are so critically important.

Our recently released 2050 Energy Strategy is our blueprint for achieving this goal. We are the first and only metro in the country with such a detailed energy plan, and we hope to show the rest of South Africa that an energy-secure future is indeed possible.

The strategy outlines our immediate load-shedding mitigation measures and how we intend to avoid the first four stages by 2026 through energy procurement and demand management programmes. At the same time, it looks far into the future in terms of alleviating energy poverty and ensuring that the Cape Town of tomorrow is built for optimal energy use.

One of the key aspects of the strategy is to move away from a



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

single, central, inefficient state-owned energy monopoly, towards decentralised, cost-effective and increasingly carbon-neutral energy. And it doesn't get more decentralised than our ground-breaking Cash for Power programme. The programme enables households and businesses with approved grid-tied small-scale generation systems and a bi-directional electricity meter in City supply areas to sell their excess rooftop solar power back to us for cash. We've just registered a first batch of

households who applied, bringing the first registration window to a close. I urge every Capetonian with rooftop solar panels and a grid-tied system to consider taking us up on this offer. We will buy as much power as you can sell. We're also in the final testing phase of a cheaper bi-directional meter to make this an even more attractive option. So, look out for the second registration window, which will open shortly. If you're happy to have your City bill credited rather than receiving cash, this will be done automatically, and there is no need to apply.

Similarly, I encourage Capetonians to become Power Heroes by joining our voluntary demand management programme that remotely switches off non-essential loads such as geysers and pool pumps during high-use times. This could reduce citywide power demand by some 60 MW and could be a real game-changer in our fight against load-shedding.

Cash for Power as well as Power Heroes offer you a chance to play a part in putting load-shedding behind us. Please consider signing up and help us build a city of hope for all.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor

Western Cape dam levels drop amid high temperatures

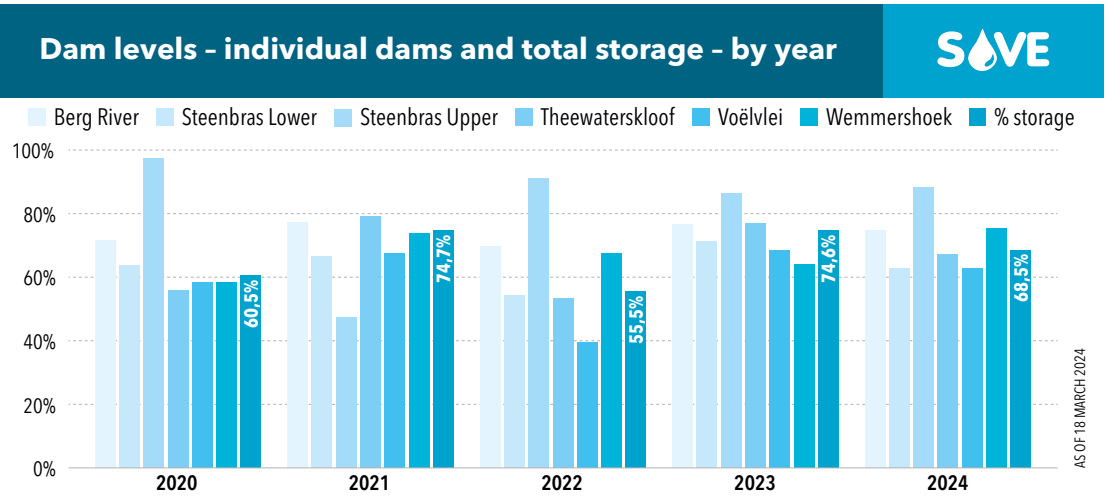
The dam levels for Cape Town have dropped to 68,5%. The City is still aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regulations contained in the City's Water By-law still apply across Cape Town, regardless of the

restriction level.

Municipal water may be used in gardens only before 09:00 or after 18:00, but never to hose down paved areas.

- Visit www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater or www.capetown.gov.za/waterregulations to access the regulations.



Pressing on with infrastructure project pipeline

The latest Infrastructure Report confirms that 73% of this year's record R11 billion infrastructure budget has been spent and will specifically benefit lower-income households and people living in informal settlements. Infrastructure investment will create some 135 000 jobs over three years, along with many more downstream economic benefits.

Projects, projects, everywhere

Water and sanitation infrastructure now accounts for 42% of the overall ten-year project pipeline. Multi-billion-rand upgrades to seven wastewater works are on track. Through its New Water Programme, the City also aims to add 300 million litres of water per day from new sources by 2030.

Urban mobility projects of R21 billion will improve public transport along the three major corridors of Khayelitsha-Century City, Symphony Way, and Klipfontein. And in terms of waste management, ten new drop-off facilities planned up to 2035 will see the City reduce the radius of this service from 7 km to 3 km. Moreover, some R55,5 billion of the ten-year pipeline has been earmarked to build Cape Town's resilience against drought, fire, heat, flooding and storm surges.

Download the report at www.capetown.gov.za/infrastructurereport.



A fiery four months: October 2023 to January 2024 was a very busy period for the Fire and Rescue Service, with 13 087 incidents responded to, of which 55% were vegetation fires. Cape Town has 32 fire stations, and construction on a new one in Langa starts soon. Every day, the City's fire stations have at least 240 firefighters on operational duty, and incident management teams are on standby around the clock in the event of major incidents. The Service's operational fleet comprises over 200 vehicles, including fire appliances, water tenders, heavy technical rescue units, aerial appliances, and watercraft.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het sy langtermynenergie-strategie bekend gestel. Die dokument beskryf onder meer vordering met voortgesette pogings om beurtkrag in Kaapstad te beëindig. Dit sluit in die plan om inwoners teen 2026 teen die eerste vier fases van Eskom se kragonderbrekings te beskerm.

Sonder die betroubare voorsiening van bekostigbare elektrisiteit sal Kaapstad nie sy potensiaal verwesenlik nie en sal ons tekortskiet in ons missie om 'n stad van hoop te bou. Dit is waarom ons pogings om beurtkrag te beëindig, en uiteindelik nie meer op Eskom te moet staatmaak nie, so belangrik is.

Die jongste infrastruktuurverslag bevestig dat 73% van vanjaar se enorme infrastruktuurbegroting van R11 miljard bestee is. Veral laerinkomstehuishoudings en mense in informele nedersettings sal hierby baat vind.

Uitheemse plantspesies slurp jaarliks 55 miljard liter van Kaapstad se kosbare water op. Juis daarom is die verwydering van dié plante 'n kerndeel van die Stad se waterstrategie en langtermyn-nuwe waterprogram.

Oktober 2023 tot Januarie 2024 was 'n baie besige tyd vir die brand- en reddingsdiens. Hulle het op 13 087 voorvalle gereageer, waarvan 55% veldbrande was.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siphehlelele iSicwangciso soMbane sika2050 saso. Ngaphezu kwamaphulo amatsha, uxwebhu lwesicwangciso luchaza ngeenzame eziqhubekayo zokuphelisa ucimicimi wombane eKapa, kubandakanywa isicwangciso esiza kulandelwa kungekudala, engadlulanga u2026, sokukhusela abahlali kumanqanaba amane okuqala okucima kombane kaEskom.

Xa kungekho lubonelelo lombane oluthembekileyo, iKapa ayizi kukwazi ukwenza oko inamandla okwenza, yaye siza kubethakala ekuphumezeni umnqophiso wethu wokwakha isixeko sethemba. Yiloo nto kubalulekile kakhulu kuthi ukuba siwuphelise ucimicimi wombane yaye sohlukane nokuxhomekeka kuEskom. ISicwangciso soMbane sika2050 sethu esisandula kukhutshwa singumkhombandlela wokuphumeza le njongo.

Ingxelo yezibonelelo esandula ukukhutshwa iqinisekisa ukuba i73% yerekhodi yebhajethi yezibonelelo yalo nyaka eyi R11 bhiliyoni ichithwe yaye iza kuzuzwa zintsapho ezifumana imivuzo ephantsi nabantu abahlala ematotyombeni.

Uhlobo lwesityalo esingaqhelekanga sibimbiliza iilitha eziyi55 bhiliyoni zamanzi ethu aseKapa qho ngonyaka. Yilo nto ukususisa esi sityalo kuyinxalenye engundoqo kwiSicwangciso seSixeko saManzi nakwiNkqubo yaManzi eNtsha yexesha elide elizayo.

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Strand now also benefits from online bookings

The City's queue management system (QMS) and online booking service for its walk-in centres and municipal offices are being rolled out across town. Strand municipal offices are among the latest to benefit from this technology. The QMS and online bookings allow City customers to make an appointment ahead of time and spend less time queuing. More than 24 478 customers have taken advantage of the convenient service since its launch in September 2022.

The appointment system is accessible on all mobile devices. Access it at <https://bookings.capetown.gov.za> to book for your motor vehicle licence renewal, account payments or queries. For a short YouTube video with step-by-step instructions, go to <https://bit.ly/3WH8j5o>.

New name for Old Granary

The Old Granary building in central Cape Town has been renamed after Desmond and Leah Tutu. Due process was followed to consult the public. Situated at 11 Buitenkant Street, the building was originally constructed in the early 1800s. Over the past 200 years, it has been used as a bakery, granary, women's prison, customs house, court and police office, and Public Works offices. In 2015, the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation co-funded its refurbishment so that the Foundation could use the space as a peace centre, archive and a museum, with the remaining space used for City offices. At its meeting in August 2023, the City's Naming Committee endorsed Economic Growth's proposal to rename the building in honour of the life and work of the late Archbishop and his wife.

Illegal dumping causes R8 m clog in Khayelitsha sewer

City teams remove rags, stones, builder's rubble from pipeline

Thanks to the City's tireless efforts to clear a stubborn recurring blockage on the 600 mm sewer main line in Welcome Zenzile, Khayelitsha, the line has been flowing properly again since late January. Operational teams are now working through the interconnected sewer lines that drain into the main line to clear all remaining blockages.

Rags and stones nearly broke its bones
The blockage was caused by rags, stones, builder's rubble and foreign objects dumped into the sewer over time after an upstream manhole had been deliberately vandalised to create illegal connections. Residential structures built on top of the sewage line further complicated the work, as the manholes meant to offer access to the system were inaccessible.

The City had to implement various technical interventions since last year, deploying specialised vehicles on-site and doing overpumping to bypass the blockage and provide relief to residents. Unfortunately, ongoing safety risks meant



Illegal dumpers' doing: Water and Sanitation operational teams working with specialised machinery and vehicles to remove illegally dumped items that blocked the flow of the 600 mm diameter sewer pipeline in Welcome Zenzile, Khayelitsha.

additional delays, as Law Enforcement had to safeguard the City's operational teams while working.

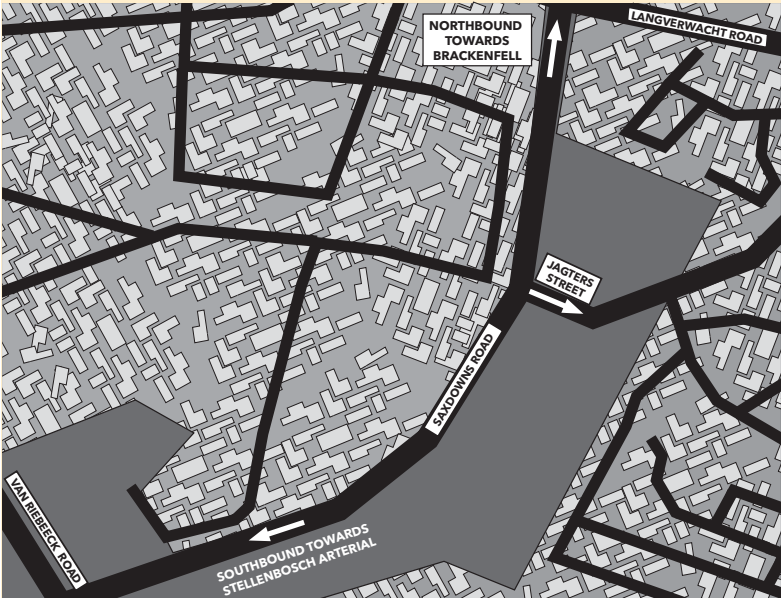
Money down the drain
To date, the total cost incurred to clear the sewer blockage since it was first identified in September 2023 is approximately R8 128 317,70. This includes the cost of

jetting, overpumping, bucket machine cleaning, and establishing an access road. The City urges residents to take ownership of the infrastructure in their communities and report any suspicious activity by calling 021 480 7700. Cash rewards of up to R5 000 are available for information that leads to the arrest of those who vandalise public infrastructure.



A little bird told us: Bird enthusiasts will be pleased to know that the Knysna warbler (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*), endemic to South Africa and thought to be extinct in Cape Town, has been spotted again. This juvenile was recently photographed in the Newlands section of the Table Mountain national park by avid birder John Graham. Mike Buckham, chair of the Cape Bird Club, also heard a Knysna warbler calling on one of his regular runs in the same area in November last year. The unassuming little bird inhabits dense tangles and thickets in or on the edge of forests. While extremely secretive, it has a distinctive call that consists of clear, high-pitched notes that accelerate and end in a trill. To listen to a sound clip, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj3IYSxwLY>.

Extension of Saxdowns Road gets under way



The extension of Saxdowns Road from Langverwacht Road to Van Riebeeck Road in Kuils River has started. The project, anticipated to be completed in the third quarter of the year, will provide an important new link road between Bottellary Road in the north and Van Riebeeck Road in the south. It forms part of the City's strategy to alleviate traffic congestion. Work will take place between 07:30 and 17:30 on weekdays, as well as on consecutive Saturdays as needed.

Extensions will include the

construction of a single carriageway between Langverwacht Road in the north and Van Riebeeck Road in the south, and dualling where Saxdowns intersects Langverwacht and Van Riebeeck. Universally accessible sidewalks will be constructed on either side of the newly extended road. Additional work includes the installation of a bicycle lane, a new traffic signal at the Van Riebeeck Road intersection, new streetlighting, as well as a stormwater pipe along Van Riebeeck Road to the canal at Dumas Road.

Khayelitsha library closed for business after blaze

Khayelitsha library is closed until further notice after a fire broke out at the facility shortly after closing time on 1 February. Before the fire started, the librarian-in-charge and security guard heard what sounded like an explosion in the server room inside the building.

Cause to be determined
Community members who were about to have a meeting at the hall next to the library rushed over to assist and were joined by firefighters within minutes, who extinguished the fire. It is not yet known what the exact cause of the fire was or what it will

cost to repair the damage. The library receives about 4 000 visitors a month. While programmes will be halted due to the closure, the librarians will conduct outreach programmes by visiting early childhood development centres and schools.

No fretting about fines now
In the meantime, patrons can make use of the Moses Mabhida, Kulani or Masakhane libraries or may call any other library to make a renewal. Fines incurred for items borrowed from Khayelitsha library will be waived during this time.



Bad end to the day: The Khayelitsha library building caught fire on 1 February, just as staff were locking up for the day. The cause has yet to be determined.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad se toestaanbestuur- en aanlyn afspraakstelsel vir sy instansentrums en munisipale kantore word al hoe wyer in werking gestel. Die munisipale kantore in die Strand is nou ook een van die fasiliteite wat by hierdie tegnologie baat vind.

Danksy die Stad se onverpoosde werk om 'n hardnekkige verstopping in die hoofrioolleiding in Welcome Zenzile, Khayelitsha, te verwyder, werk die pyp sedert die einde van Januarie nou weer behoorlik. Die verstopping was die handwerk van onwettige vuilisstorters.

Kranige voëlkykers sal bly wees om te hoor dat die Knysna-ruigtesanger (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*) weer opgemerk is. Die voël is endemies in Suid-Afrika, en almal het gedink dit het uitgesterf in Kaapstad. 'n Jong ruigtesanger

het egter onlangs sy kenmerkende fluit in die Nuwelandgedeelte van die Tafelberg- nasionale park laat opklink.

Die Ou Graanskuur-gebou in die Kaapse middestad is herdoop en heet nou na Desmond en Leah Tutu.

Die verlenging van Saxdownsweg, van Langverwacht- tot Van Riebeeckweg in Kuilsrivier, het begin. Die projek, wat na verwagting in die derde kwartaal sal klaar wees, sal 'n belangrike nuwe verbindingspad tussen Bottellaryweg in die noorde en Van Riebeeckweg in die suide bied.

Khayelitsha-biblioteek is gesluit tot verdere kennisgewing nadat 'n brand kort na sluitingstyd op 1 Februarie daar uitbreek het.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Inkqubo yeSixeko yokulawula imingcelele yokulinda (QMS) nenkonzo yokubhukha ngeintanethi kumaziko aso nakoomasipala iqalisile ukusebenza kwimimandla yonke. Iiofisi zikamasipala zaseStrand zezinye ezisandula ukuzuza kule teknoloji.

Ngenxa yemizamo eqhubekayo yeSixeko yokususa izinto ebezibhloke umsele ongundoqo wogutyulo oyi600 mm oseWelcome Zenzile, eKhayelitsha, lo msele usebenza kakuhle kwakhona ukususela ekupheleni kweyoMqungu.

Abathandi beentaka baya kuvuya ukwazi ukuba intaka ebizwa ngokuba nguNothoyi yaseKnysna (Knysna warbler (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*), efumaneka eMzantsi Afrika ebekucingwa ukuba yatshabalala yaphela eKapa, iye yabonwa kwakhona. Eli phuku lifotwe kwipaki yesizwe eseTable Mountain kwicala elingaseNewlands.

Isakhiwo iOld Granary esikumbindi weKapa sithiywe ngokutsha saba yiDesmond and Leah Tutu.

Kuqalile ukuxonyezelelwa kweSaxdowns Road ukusukela eLangverwacht Road ukuya Van Riebeeck Road eKuils River. Le projekthi, ekucingelwa ukuba iya kugqitywa kwikota yesithathu yonyaka, iza kunceda ngothungelwano olululutho olutsha phakathi kweBottellary Road ekumantla neVan Riebeeck Road ekumazantsi.

Ithala leeNcwadi laseKhayelitsha lisavaliwe de kuphinde kubuywe kwaziswe, oku kungenxa yomlilo othe waqhambuka kweli thala emva kokuvalwa kwalo ngomhla we1 kweyoMdumba.

N2 Express MyCiTi contract extended

The operating contract for the N2 Express MyCiTi bus service will run for another two years until 30 June 2026. This will allow for the continuation of the service between Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha and the Civic Centre station in town until the line between the metro southeast, Wynberg and Claremont is operational. A Mayoral Committee recommendation to this effect served before the City's Supply Chain Management Bid Adjudication Committee in March for approval. The current contract with the N2 Express joint venture company terminates on 30 June.

The N2 Express service comprises four routes: Two routes running from Kuyasa serve commuters from Khayelitsha East and West, while another two operate from central Mitchells Plain and Kapteinsklip respectively. The buses travel via the N2 to central Cape Town and back.



A PTI to be proud of: The new and improved Somerset West public transport interchange (PTI) on the corner of Andries Pretorius and Victoria streets is operational. Every weekday, the facility serves some 1 000 commuters, travelling to destinations such as Lwandle, Macassar, Firgrove, Strand, Nomzamo, Sir Lowry's Pass Village, Zola, Khayelitsha, Stellenbosch and Grabouw.

Lowering Sir Lowry's risk

To reduce the risk of flooding, the City is investing over R292 million in a major upgrade of Sir Lowry's Pass river. The project is on track for completion in 2026.

Originating around 1 200 m above sea level in the Hottentots Holland nature reserve, Sir Lowry's Pass river extends for some 12 km. Because of the surrounding mountains, the region receives concentrated downpours for brief periods of time, which leaves the river vulnerable to severe flooding.

Sir Lowry's Pass river is divided into three sections based on its vertical alignment. The upper region (1 km) runs in the mountains and has incredibly steep slopes. The middle region (8 km) then flows through hills, fynbos, vineyards and Sir Lowry's Pass Village, while the lower region (3 km) comprises the base flow channel below the N2 highway before entering False Bay.



Concrete improvement: This transition structure is among the measures implemented at Sir Lowry's river to support river flow and help prevent future floods.

Getting firm grip on flooding

The extensive upgrades being carried out entail the construction of berms and transition structures (pictured above), grade levelling, and rectification of the river's alignment between the N2 in the north and False Bay. Work also includes constructing bridges, installing erosion

control measures such as riprap, gabions, berms and small concrete structures, creating non-motorised transport pathways, installing services, and doing landscaping.

The upgrade will help protect the surrounding community from future

flooding, while significant tracts of undeveloped land will be freed up for residential development in the process.

Similar flood alleviation projects are in progress or planned at the Lourens, Geelsloot and Macassar rivers as well as the Soet river detention ponds.

World Bank guests pumped to see Steenbras

In February, a World Bank delegation headed by Dr Victoria Kwakwa, vice-president for Eastern and Southern Africa, toured the City's Steenbras hydro-electric facility to experience this unique energy offering first-hand. The visit stemmed from Executive Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis's recent engagements with the World Bank in Washington.

The World Bank has been providing targeted technical assistance to a number of City directorates, including Energy, Future Planning and Resilience, as well as Water and Sanitation. The partnership is anticipated to deepen as the City moves

to implementing its plan to protect Capetonians against up to four stages of load-shedding within the next two years. This will be achieved through a combination of the Steenbras hydro pumped storage scheme, 500 MW of dispatchable energy, and demand management programmes.

The confidence that global partners such as the World Bank display in Cape Town is vital for executing the administration's R120 billion ten-year infrastructure portfolio, which includes projects to enhance resilience and build energy and water security.



Banking on their support: The World Bank guests who visited the City's Steenbras plant to explore deepening support for Cape Town's energy security efforts.



Back to borrow, read, return: Since 1 February 2024, borrowing privileges at the City's libraries are back to pre-pandemic arrangements. This brings an end to the extended month-long lending period and special 20-item allowance implemented during Covid. With the return to the original privileges, the City aims to make library material more readily available to all patrons. Printed newspapers and magazines are also being phased out. Patrons will have free access to electronic copies of their favourite reads and more via PressReader. Library members may access this resource at <https://opac.capetown.gov.za> from a desktop or smart mobile device.

No more number guessing

To show that it means business, the City has launched a new one-stop number for all queries relating to building plans and development.

This should be welcome news to residents and development professionals, who previously had to phone the eight planning district offices for assistance, each with its own contact number. This was particularly confusing to those unfamiliar with the City's district planning boundaries, who were unsure which district office to contact.

The new number, 021 401 4702, is available Mondays to Fridays from 08:00 to 16:00. Use it for any development-related query, from building plan submissions to land use applications and anything in between.

KORTLIKS

Die operateurskontrak vir MyCiTi se N2 Express-diens sal vir 'n verdere twee jaar tot en met 30 Junie 2026 van krag wees. Sodoende kan die diens tussen Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha en die Burgersentrumstasie in die stad voortduur totdat die lyn tussen die suidooste van die metro, Wynberg en Claremont in werking is.

Uitleenvoorregte by die Stad se biblioteke het op 1 Februarie 2024 teruggekeer na wat dit vóór die pandemie was. Die verlengde, maand lange uitleentydperk en spesiale toekenning van 20 items wat gedurende Covid as 'n vergunning ingestel is, is dus nou gestaak.

Die Stad het 'n nuwe eenstopnommer vir alle navrae oor bouplanne en ontwikkeling bekend gestel. Die nuwe nommer, 021 401 4702,

is van Maandae tot Vrydae tussen 08:00 en 16:00 beskikbaar.

'n Afvaardiging van die Wêreldbank onder leiding van dr Victoria Kwakwa, visepresident vir Oos- en Suider-Afrika, het in Februarie die Stad se Steenbras-hidroëlektrisiteitsaanleg besoek om dié unieke energiefasiliteit persoonlik te ervaar.

Die pas voltooide openbarevervoerswarselaar in Somerset-Wes op die hoek van Andries Pretorius- en Victoriastraat bedien elke weekdag sowat 1 000 pendelaars.

Verskeie maatreëls word tans by Sir Lowrysrivier aangebring om riviervloei te ondersteun en toekomstige oorstromings te help voorkom.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ikhontrathi yokusebenza yenkonzo yebhasi yeN2 Express yeMyCiTi iza kuqhubeka eminye iminyaka emibini de ibe yi30 kweyeSilimela 2026. Oku kuza kuvumela ukuqhubeka kwezi nkonzo phakathi kweMitchells Plain, Khayelitsha nesitishi esiseCivic Centre de kusebenze ilayini ephakathi kwemetro ekumzantsimpuma, iWynberg neClaremont.

Ukususela nge1 kweyoMdumba 2024, iinkqubo zokuboleka iincwadi kumathala eencwadi eSixeko zibuyele kumalungiselelo ebekhona phambi kwexesha lobhubhane wekhovidi. Oku kuphelisa ukubolekisa isithuba senyanga yonke nento ebisenziwa yokuvunyelwa ukuba umntu athathe iincwadi eziyi20, nto leyo ibimiselwe ngexesha leCovid.

Ukubonisa ukuba sizimisele ekuboneleleni ngeenkonzo kuluntu, iSixeko siphehlele inombolo enye

yonxibelelwano lwayo yonke imibuzo emalunga neepalani zokwakha kunye nolwakhiwo. Inombolo entsha ethi 021 401 4702, ikho ukususela ngoMvulo ukuya kutsho ngoLwesihlanu ukususela ngo-08:00 ukuya ku16:00.

KweyoMdumba, igqiza leWorld Bank ebelikhokelwa nguGqr Dr Victoria Kwakwa, ongusekela-mongameli weEastern and Southern Africa, liye latyelela isibonelelo sombane seSixeko esitsala amandla kumanzi ahambayo esiseSteenbras, befuna ukuzibonelela ngokwabo eli phulo.

ISomerset West PTI esandula ukugqitywa, ekwikona yezitalato iAndries Pretorius neVictoria, kuqikelelwa ukuba isetyenziswa ngabahambi-ngeenyawo abamalunga ne1 000 noonoteksi abamalunga nama300 phakathi evekini.

Kumiselwe amanyathelo aliqela eSir Lowry's river ukuxhasa ukuhamba kwamanzi nokuthintela iimpuphuma zamanzi kwixa elizayo.

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Tel 0800 HELP 4 U (0800 435 748)

Anti-corruption and fraud hotline
Tel (anonymous, toll-free) . . 0800 323 130

Cable theft
All-hours tel 0800 222 771

Public transport (toll-free)
Information centre. 0800 656 463
Dial-a-Ride 0800 600 895

Drought and water
www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater
Report and track faults
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Contact the City
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Municipal offices, cnr Fagan Street and Main Road, Strand

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Tel 021 400 5538
Site B Khayelitsha Shopping Centre, Khayelitsha

Subcouncil 10
Tel 021 444 7315
Khayelitsha Training Centre, cnr Lwandle Road and Phendula Crescent, Khayelitsha

Subcouncil 21
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