

KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY



NOTICE NO: 149/2016

**LIFTING OF FOXHILL ROAD AREA DEVELOPMENT
MORATORIUM**

BACKGROUND:

Earlier this year, the KwaDukuza Municipal Council via Council resolution C 281 dated 24/04/2016 resolved to impose a development moratorium on the area known as Foxhill Road Area and surrounds. It must be noted that the moratorium was for a period of six months and this expired at the end September 2016. During the period of the moratorium the Municipality appointed a service provider (Gibb Engineering) who undertook an assessment related to the road upgrades and alignment for Foxhill Road and related issues including short, medium to long terms interventions required in order to alleviate the challenges experienced in the area. The focus area included N2 / P330 (Salt Rock Road) interchange, Tiffany Centre Entrance/Foxhill Road intersection and the P330 and P434 (Sheffield Road). The scope of work that the exercise dealt with the following issues:

- a) Traffic Assessment at Foxhill Road/ Tiffany's Intersection ;
- b) Planning for North-south road link east of the N2 including route alignment;
- c) Preparation of a cost contribution model to apportion road upgrade/ development costs;
- d) Review the implementation of Conditions of Approval imposed on developers by Approval Authorities

PROGRESS

Gibb Engineering produced two reports with firm recommendations talking to the above project objectives. These reports were submitted to Council for consideration. Based on the recommendations progress made on the assessment, KwaDukuza Council vide resolution C897 dated 29 September 2016 resolved to conditionally lift the moratorium with certain actions that need to be taken in order to finalise the planning and implementation of the recommendations contained in the reports. Some of the actions that the municipality will be engaged in included the following:

- i. That all necessary steps be taken to enforce compliance with the conditions of approval, in particular, obligations imposed to developers to implement as part of the implementation of their own development;
- ii. The finalisation of the cost contribution model to apportion road upgrade/ development costs.

The effect of the above decision is that the municipality will accept and process development applications submitted by developers. However, due consideration will be taken on the impact of such development on the road infrastructure and this will inform which appropriate conditions will be imposed on such developments.

CONSULTATION:

As part of the abovementioned exercise, the municipality had engagements with various stakeholders including KZN DoT, SANRAL, the affected community as well political leadership.

By enlarge, the engagements were very positive and all relevant stakeholders agreed that there is an urgent need to intervene in the short to medium term. Some of the key outcomes of the engagements include SANRAL agreeing to install signalisation at the N2 / P330 (Salt Rock Road) interchange by the end of the year (2016). KZN DoT also agreed that there is a need to signalise P330 and P434 (Sheffield Road) intersection and indications are that this will be implemented by one of the developers in the next 3- 6 months. However, there are still outstanding issues which the municipality is still following up on with KZN DoT at a high level relating to how the Tiffany's / P330 (Salt Rock Road) intersection should be treated.

CONCLUSION

The municipality would like to thank all relevant stakeholders for their understanding in the past six (6) months especially those who were directly affected by the moratorium and unable to proceed with their developments. As indicated above, there are still going to be further engagements and actions that will be undertaken as part of this process - this includes engagements with the community and their representatives. The decision by KwaDukuza Council to conditionally lift the development moratorium is effective immediately and that development applications will be accepted and processed in accordance with the conditions imposed by Council. The municipal Council has directed that all engagements and final recommendations be finalised forthwith and a progress report be submitted for their consideration by end of the same month.

Should there be any queries in relation to the moratorium, please do not hesitate to contact our offices: contact person Director Development Planning (Mr. Mava Ntanta) 032 437 5031 or mavan@kwadukuza.gov.za. In relation to the Foxhill Road project implementation, the contact person is the Senior Technician: Civil Engineering (Mr. Senzo Buthelezi) - 032 437 5058 or SenzoB@kwadukuza.gov.za

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