

BEACH WATER QUALITY IN CITY CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

THE City is working tirelessly to repair all damaged sanitation infrastructure, focusing on those affecting beaches and rivers. Recently the City commissioned the Ohlange Sewerage Pumpstation with repairs at the Kingsway 2 Sewerage Pumpstation progressing well. The pumps are now operational. However, the pumpstation is not online due to a faulty non-return valve. The repairs are expected to be completed just in time for the festive season for residents and visitors to enjoy Winkelspruit Beach. EThekwini Mayor Councillor Mxolisi Kaunda conducted an oversight visit to several pumpstations in the City where repairs are underway.

This includes the Ohlange Sewerage Pumpstation and the Northern Waste Treatment Works. He also visited several beaches that have been opened after water quality improved.

He said: "I am impressed with the work being done at the pumpstations. Our teams are working tirelessly to ensure that we fix these pumpstations. In many areas where I visited, they have already started to prepare for the commissioning of several pumpstations. The City is working with stakeholders to ensure that we are able to open our beaches."

"We are sticking to our commitment that beaches will be open for swimming. Considering the magnitude of damage to pumpstations and electrical infrastructure from the floods, we are happy with the work that has been done." Mayor Kaunda added: "We



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have a duty and responsibility to expediate the repairs of damaged infrastructure. Phase 1 is prioritising pumpstations impacting on beaches."

Work is also in progress in uMhlanga where the City's sanitation team is clearing blocked manholes to improve water quality at the Ohlange River. Meanwhile, 21 swimming pools have been re-opened.

The re-opened pools are Rainham, Durban North, Pipeline Paddling, Tiger Rocks, Anstey's, Westville, Kings Park Indoor, Kings Park Outdoor, Stanmore, uMlazi D, L.T King, Bayview, Arena Park, Alex Bulley, Lamontville, Lahee Park,

Ntuzuma, Sutton Park, South Beach Paddling, Tesoriere, and uMgababa. The public will be informed of the re-opening of other pools which are currently undergoing maintenance.

The following beaches are now open: Country Club, Winkelspruit and Anstey's beaches. The decision to open beaches was taken after experts conducted water tests which confirmed that beach water quality had improved to an acceptable standard.

In addition to the above beaches, the following beaches remain open for swimming: Point, uShaka, Wedge, North, Battery, Bay of Plenty,

Pipeline, Toti Main, Warner and Umgababa beaches.

The public is informed that the following beaches are closed until further notice: Addington, Brighton, Reunion, South, Westbrook, Umhlanga and Thekwini.

Water quality at Umdloti, Laguna and Bronze beaches is at an acceptable standard but these beaches will remain closed as per directive from the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs.

The City is constantly monitoring water quality at all beaches to ensure the safety of residents and visitors.

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