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Buffalo City beach control and permits

City traffic authorities announced that no Eastern Beach access permits will be issued unless one is a resident of the Quigney area.

Previously, permits were issued to all Buffalo City residents to allow them access to the Eastern beach area to control congestion.

Closures to the beach front area will come to effect as from this Month end until early in the New Year.

The current closures will be executed in such a way that car drivers will be allowed access to the area up to a certain extent. The plans will be published in the media in due course.

"We urge people not to come to the traffic department and seek permits as we will cordon off the area in such a way that it will be accessible to beach goers," said BCM Commander for Traffic and Law Bernie Martins.

Authorities have given Quigney residents applications forms and will then deliver permits to them. Hotels and accommodation establishments in the area have also been engaged with to make arrangements for those coming in from outside.

Beach Control

- Marshalls are hired to control Beach parking from 15th Dec to 3rd January in the aid of controlled access and parking for all. This allows clear access if emergencies arise. The fee is R5 per vehicle and the public will be given a number BCM ticket.
- No go areas for vehicles from 31 Dec until 2 January 09 will be Gonubie, Bonza and Nahoon Beach parking areas.

Public Behaviour and safety:

- To swim safely on our beaches always swim on a public beach where lifesavers are available
- Lifeguards are on duty from 07h00 to 18h00 at all swimming beaches, with additional lifeguards from 13th Dec to 3rd January 09
- Swim between the lifesaving flags
- Do not swim alone in isolated areas
- Do not cross Rivers especially after heavy rain.
- Do not swim if you have been drinking alcohol.
- Do not swim after dark