



**MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL IGR FORUM**

**DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**TIME: 10H00**

**VENUE: BLUE LAGOON HOTEL**

ITEMS	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	DEADLINES
<p><b>1. Welcoming &amp; Introductions</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson Ms. Ondela General Manager Communications and Development Cooperation opened the meeting and welcomed all present.</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p>	<p>IEC, OTP-IR, Safety and Liaison, Transnet, SAPS, Home Affairs,</p>		

<b>3. Outstanding matters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eskom was supposed to appraise the meeting according to the resolutions of the IGR Forum held on 14 June 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>4. Institutionalization of responsible gambling in the workplace</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Tshoko from Eastern Cape Gambling Board made a presentation, on the issue of gambling. The purpose of the presentation was to highlight and show the dangers of excessive gambling especially by public servants.</li> <li>The ECGB made a plea to have access to all BCMM employees, in order to avail their informative and rehabilitative programmes.</li> <li>The Department is looking to reach about 60% of public servants by 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ECGB seeks the assistance of the IGR platform to assist in working with Head of Corporate Services in BCMM to access and reach to all employees of BCMM.</li> <li>BCMM Communications department is to assist by ECGB with an awareness campaign on gambling and its ills.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>5. Presentation on the state of</b>	<p>Mrs. Fikeni from Department of Education presented on the status and profile of education in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality. The purpose of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was resolved that the department make a list of vacant schools and be</li> </ul>	

<p><b>education</b>      <b>in</b></p> <p><b>BCMM</b></p>	<p>presentation was to highlight and give a brief overview of the changes and alignment of districts that was made by the Department from 42 districts to 12 districts.</p> <p>The Department highlighted the challenges they have in terms of 10360 learners who do not have ID documents. The lack of identity documents for these learners made it difficult to include those learners in budget processes, access to stationery and the school nutrition program.</p> <p>Also, the Department emphasized the challenge they have of illegal independent schools within the jurisdiction of BCMM, currently the department were following up all the independent schools and were verifying their status.</p> <p>The Department had also been having a continuous challenge of vandalism and the theft of school property as well as the grocery that is meant for the school nutrition especially in Mdantsane.</p> <p>She further advised that the Department of Education was also experiencing overcrowding in many of its schools whilst some of the school were also empty.</p> <p>The Department also dealt with the rejection of admission of learners to hot spot schools especially to</p>	<p>forwarded to EPMO Unit as the information is required by the Built Environment Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resolution was taken that the land transfer process must be coordinated at the City Manager's Office. A meeting will be called in this regard as part of IGR roundtable session with sector departments.</li> <li>• A resolution was taken that the EMPO unit of BCMM will have an engagement with the Infrastructure unit in department of education and discuss a long-term plan alternative use of these closed schools.</li> </ul>	
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inner city schools. Currently the number of rejection letters were sitting at 200. There was an intervention in the form of three new schools which were opened but that intervention was not enough as these schools could not accommodate all the rejected learners.

The department informed the meeting that they were in the process of opening a school for learners with autism in BCMM.

**Second presentation**

Ms. Mnisi from Department of Education made a presentation on land issues and property issues in BCMM.

She advised that BCMM had about 455 operational schools in total and had 58 schools that were closed due to rationalization.

The Department sought an intervention from the IGR platform to a land application for development made by the Department but was not yet approved.

The department is still awaiting council approval and resolution for the land applications and for the transfer of these schools that belong to BCMM to the Department of Education.

- BCMM to advise on the progress with the land application and the matter of the 58 unoccupied schools to be dealt with by the Departments of Education, Department of Public Works and BCMM.

	<p>The Department also requested BCMM when establishing new space townships, that an allocation must also be made for school.</p>		
<p><b>6. Presentation on EPWP</b></p>	<p>Ms. Peter made a presentation on the status of the Expanded Public works program in BCMM. It was reported that approximately R9 million was budgeted for BCMM projects and the expenditure so far was about R 1 450 000, and that only 15 projects were being reported on. The Department was facing a challenge of active projects within BCMM which were not captured in the system and these projects are not reported on.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was resolved in the meeting that the Department of Public Works will contact the IGR Secretariat and email the list of projects which were not captured.</li> <li>• It was agreed that a separate meeting will be arranged between Department of Public works and BCMM IGR and EPMO units to discuss a way forward for these uncaptured projects within BCMM</li> </ul>	

<p><b>7. Presentation on Communicators Forum</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ngwenya from BCMM presented on the Communicators Forum.</li> <li>• The Forum held quarterly meetings. The forum was comprised of communicators from Government Departments, State Owned Enterprises and CDW's of all 50 wards of BCMM.</li> <li>• Sector departments are encouraged to use what is called the bulk airtime community radio and convey any message that needed to be shared across BCMM.</li> <li>• The presidential hotline also was raised which still had some unresolved issues that needed attention of BCMM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation was Noted</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Presentation on coordination of joint intergovernmental planning during the IDP Review.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Qebenya from IDP Unit in BCMM made a presentation on the IDP process plan.</li> <li>• The purpose was to present an approach for the joint intergovernmental planning for the forthcoming IDP review in the next financial year.</li> <li>• She also presented the issues which were raised during the last Mayoral imbizos at the ward level, and departments were asked to give responses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sector Departments to provide responses to issues raised and forward them to the IDP unit by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.</li> </ul>	

	<p>to those issues and forward them back before the upcoming Mayoral Imbizo.</p>		
<p><b>9. Announcement on EXCO Outreach program by office of the Premier</b></p>	<p>Mr. Fani from Office of the Premier made an announcement on the adoption of EXCO Outreach of the Province that sought to go to all the District and Metro Municipalities in the Eastern Cape, the aim was to interact with the communities and provide feedback on issues that were previously raised by these communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All sector departments across the three spheres were requested to develop their own service delivery reports on projects in the metro.</li> <li>• The aim of the outreach was also to launch and handover the projects to communities.</li> <li>• The scheduled dates for the BCMM EXCO Outreach was from 28-29 November 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCMM and Sector Departments to prepare Executive Mayors Report, Service Delivery Report and Response on the service delivery petitions.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>10. Presentation on awareness raising on conservation of water resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nongogo from Water and Sanitation in BCMM made a presentation on status of water in BCMM, and to raise awareness on the importance of water management and conservation.</li> <li>• BCMM had a twinning agreement with the City of Oldenburg in Germany and this was one of the projects that was funded by the twinning program.</li> <li>• The presentation to the IGR Forum was to create awareness on the water sources and the threats it faced. It needed all persons to consider their actions when they opened the tap, as water was a scare resource that needed to be used with care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation was noted.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. Way Forward</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairperson acknowledged all the presentations given and noted that minutes of the previous meeting which was held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 will be acknowledged and agreed upon in the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will circulate the minutes of both meetings accordingly.</li> </ul>	



<b>12. Closure</b>	The Chairperson thanked everyone in attendance and appreciated their the inputs and then closed the meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	