



# TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Enquires: SC Mkabile

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Eastern Cape Legislature  
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Hon. Marlene Ewers,

## **RE: ELLIOT INTERNAL STREETS**

Acknowledgement of your correspondence dated 11 November 2024 is hereby done.

I have noticed that your focus is on development of Khowa as one of the urban areas of the Sakhisizwe Local Municipality which I am currently seized with the duty to administratively look after. It is true that whatever update is required should come through the office of the municipal manager. Amongst development aspects you expressly show interest on is the stormwater drainage system that is characterised as dysfunctional. It is also discernible through the contents of your correspondence that potholes in almost the whole town remain a worrying factor. There is a pertinent question on the plans the municipality must address these two fundamental development aspects.

It is therefore proper to indicate that the Municipality has established, through its EPWP grant, a project for stormwater clearance which is done on the critical lower areas of the town. The blocked drains have been cleared as we were preparing for the rainy season. The Municipality still is committed to eradication of blocked stormwater infrastructure. I must as well, without fear of contradictions, allude that the Municipality is busy with paving of the streets despite the competing financial constraints and need for coverage of a huge area.

Furthermore, your letter detailed the affected streets by the potholes which have seemingly been increasing on the residential and commercial areas. The Municipality has through its inter-governmental arms collaborated with SANRAL for assistance on closing potholes of the Khowa streets. On the collaboration with SANRAL, the Municipality shall rehabilitate fully the following streets but not limited to:



- Robin Street
- Barry Road
- Dirkie Uys Street
- Voortrekker Street

The Municipality has embarked on the process of revitalising the Khowa town to its former glory and committing to delivering quality, sustainable services to its communities.

I hope the above is in order.

Yours in quest for accelerated service delivery

  
SG Sotshongaye  
Municipal Manager