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MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PERSISTING SEWER SPILLAGES IN MARAPONG TOWNSHIP EXTENSION TWO (2)

The Municipality hereby informs residents of Marapong Township Extension 2 about the ongoing sewer spillages and the steps being taken to resolve the matter.

The spillages are caused by blocked and collapsed sewer pipelines within Marapong Ext 2. Repair teams are unable to complete full unblocking and repair work because several houses and informal structures have been erected directly on top of the municipal sewer servitude, obstructing safe access to the damaged pipes. Foreign objects and inappropriate waste (including sanitary products and other solid waste) are also being disposed of into the sewer network, worsening blockages and causing overflows.

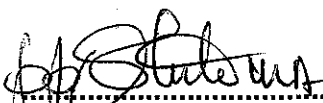
On Monday, 17 August 2026, municipal officials met with representatives of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) to discuss the removal and demolition of structures located on the municipal servitude so that repair works can proceed. The SAHRC has undertaken to begin a process of engagement and negotiation with the affected households as a matter of urgency. This process will determine the recommended course of action for clearing the servitude. The Municipality will commence permanent pipeline repairs once the SAHRC's recommendations have been received and the outcomes of the engagement process allow safe and lawful access to the damaged sewer infrastructure.

While remedial repair work is pending, the Municipality will continue to provide temporary assistance to affected households, including the supply of chlorine for odour control and targeted unblocking of accessible sections of the sewer network. Municipal teams will maintain regular monitoring and emergency response to reduce health and environmental risks to the community.

Residents are strongly urged not to dispose of foreign objects, sanitary products, wipes, rags, plastics, or other waste into the sewer network. These items cause blockages, damage infrastructure, and contribute directly to sewer overflows. Households occupying or constructing on municipal servitudes are asked to cooperate with the SAHRC-led engagement process and the Municipality to allow safe repair of the sewer system.

The Municipality remains committed to restoring full sewer functionality in Marapong Ext 2 as quickly and safely as possible and will provide further updates following the SAHRC engagement process.

For sanitation-related emergencies or enquiries, contact the sanitation standby line on 083 306 9446 or the Manager: Sanitation on 067 609 0710.


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