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NWAKHUWANI, THE LATEST VILLAGE TO RECEIVE WATER FROM THE GIYANI WATER WORKS



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Nwakhuwani village in Ward 31 of the Greater Giyani Municipality is the latest community to get water direct to each household from the Giyani Water Treatment Works as the “elimination process” gains momentum.

The Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi visited the village earlier today to monitor progress, where he was accompanied by the Mayor of Greater Giyani Municipality Cllr. Thandi Zitha, the Speaker for Mopani District Municipality Cllr. Martha Maswanganyi, and members of the mayoral committee.

The project is at practical completion (99,8%) with the community now receiving water through Pipeline B. “People are now getting water on a sustainable basis as part of our approach to conclude the elimination processes where we are beginning to give water to communities, one community at a time. We are now wrapping up on this particular community, reducing the 24 communities that must begin to receive water as part of the first phase.



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“We appreciate the work that the contractor, the engineer, the project steering committee, the community of Nwakhuwani led by our councillor who dedicated their time to ensure that this community is able to complete the project, and is now receiving water on a sustainable basis. We have also put meters, so that those who are able to pay we are able to make them pay,” the Executive Mayor said.

A resident of Nwakhuwani, Mavis Hlungwani told the Executive Mayor that the community was drinking water from wells shared with donkeys. “We were travelling about seven kilometres to get water. We are relieved and excited to get water from this project,” she said.

Tintswalo Magoda echoed the statement by Hlungwani. “We didn’t have water in this community, except from one borehole, which at times also didn’t work. The other alternative was getting water from the river. Our water supply problems are solved through this project.”

The Nwakhuwani Water Reticulation Project which also include the construction of 130 kilolitre elevated water storage tank created 23 temporary work opportunities.

The work to refurbish the Giyani Water Treatment Work has also reached practical completion. The WTW now has the capacity to treat and supply on average at least 28 megalitres a day. The next phase of the project will be the upgrade by 10 megalitres, which will increase the capacity or the WTW to 40 megalitres a day.