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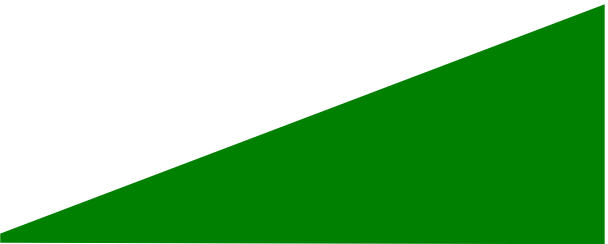
PROPOSED MUIZENBERG  
BEACHFRONT REFURBISHMENT,  
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## 1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City of Cape Town proposes to refurbish public coastal protection infrastructure and services at Muizenberg Beachfront along Beach Road. The City of Cape Town has appointed Infinity Environmental as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to conduct Basic Assessment (BA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed development.

The Muizenberg Beachfront is a coastal destination place and one of the most-visited recreational beaches in Cape Town. It is also one of Cape Town's top 20 international attractions, bringing in many foreign visitors locals alike.

The public coastal infrastructure and services at Muizenberg are in a state of decline. The wooden revetment, concrete seawalls, and Surfers' Corner stone steps ("the Point") have passed their design lives and are showing signs of failure. Minor urgent repairs have been conducted where possible, although these are just short-term solutions and repairs are not sufficient to maintain the long-term structural integrity of the existing coastal protection structures. Additionally, there are longstanding incomplete components of the precinct such as the existing informal gravel parking areas that are in need of maintenance due to heavy use. In general, maintenance and sense of place is failing (vegetation missing or eroded, old worn down playground, etc) which places the economic and social value of the space at risk. Recent efforts (such as the re-planting of lawns) have been met with a positive reaction by the public, highlighting the value of this beachfront refurbishment project.

The proposed Muizenberg Beachfront Refurbishment prioritises the proactive replacement of the old wooden revetment, concrete seawalls, and degraded stone steps as these structures have passed their design life and are beginning to fail. It is proposed that these existing coastal defence structures be replaced with a stepped concrete revetment coastal protection structure in order to provide effective coastal protection from climate change-induced sea level rise, whilst also improving public coastal access. This will serve to support and protect the local socio-economic environment going forward. Secondary to coastal protection is the extension of the project scope landward to include the refurbishment of the hard and soft landscaping and buildings, as well as the optimisation and formalisation of the existing parking areas.

The refurbishment is designed to withstand the increasing effects of climate change, such as rising sea-levels, increased wave action, storm related scour, and higher storm surges. Additionally, the concrete stepped revetment and promenade is robustly designed to deal with storm overtopping. In its current state, the existing coastal defence structure is not expected to withstand the expected wave impacts and related scour to the toe of the structure, which will lead to failure of the coastal defences and/or damage due to overtopping under higher water levels. Robust coastal infrastructure, informed by coastal modelling and other site investigations, is required to ensure that the beachfront, and the urban areas and supporting infrastructure behind it, are maintained and physically protected to preserve the precinct. To improve resilience, the existing ablution building, located on the beach, within the wave run-up and littoral active zone, will also be demolished and retreated to a protected location, landward of the proposed stepped revetment.

The proposed development involves activities listed in terms of the amended 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR 326 and 324 of 2017), of the National Environmental Management Act (Act no 107 of 1998, NEMA). In terms of the EIA Regulations, the proposed upgrades require an Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP), and a Basic Assessment (BA) is undertaken by Infinity Environmental (Pty) Ltd.

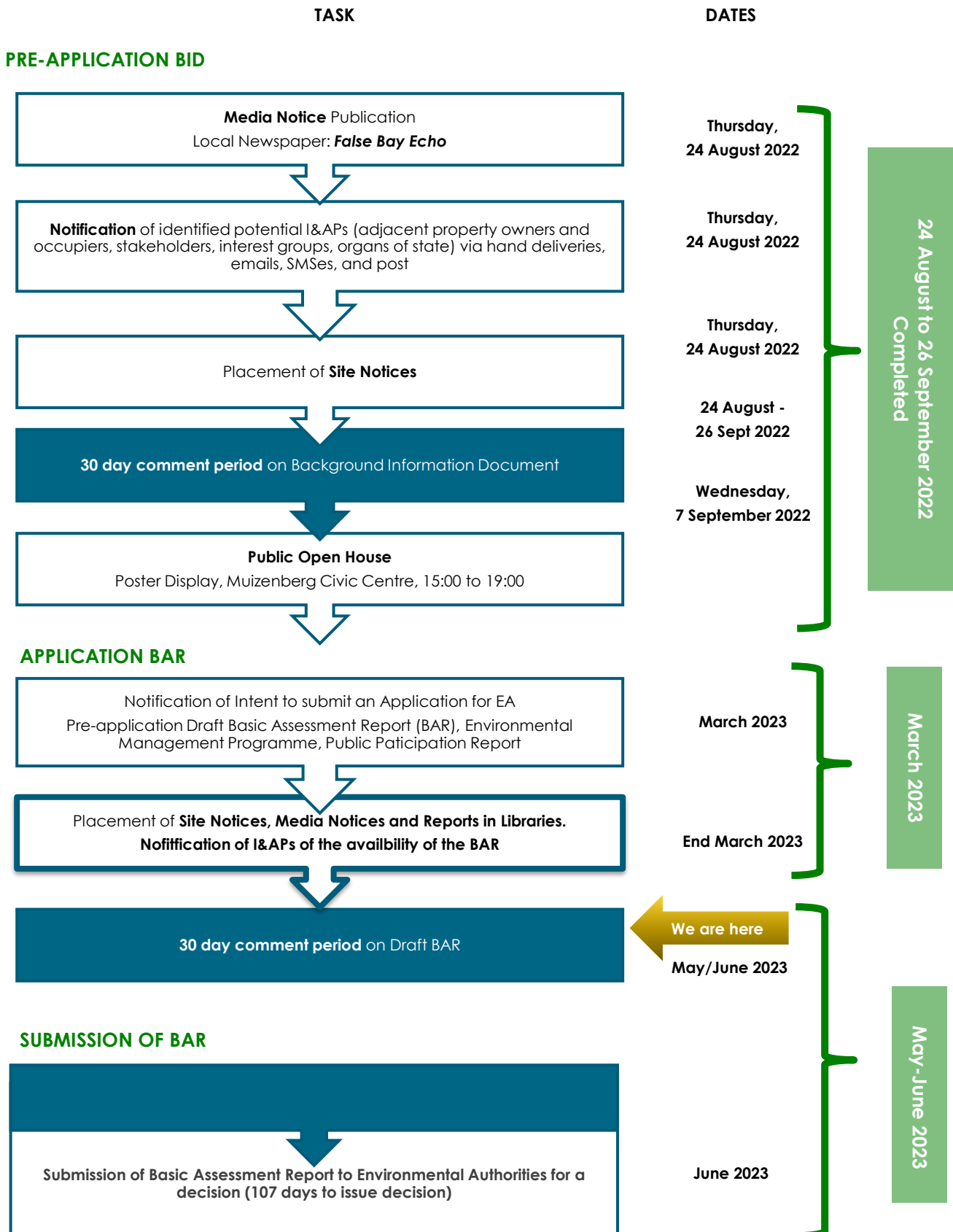
## 2. PURPOSE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is a critical informant of the environmental assessment process. Comprehensive, integrated and thorough application of public participation facilitates and ensures informed decision-making by the competent authority. Guidelines on public participation in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, published by the Department of Environmental Affairs in 2017, note that public participation should allow for the following:

- the **opportunity for all role players** including potential and registered interested and affected parties, environmental assessment practitioners, state departments, organs of state, and the competent authority **to obtain clear, accurate and understandable information about the environmental impacts** of the proposed activity or implications of a decision;
- the **opportunity for role-players to suggest** ways for reducing or mitigating any negative impacts of the project and for enhancing its positive impacts;
- the person conducting public participation to **incorporate the needs, preferences and values** of potential and registered interested and affected parties into the proposed development that becomes the subject of an application for an environmental authorisation;
- to provide opportunities for **clearing up misunderstandings** about technical issues, resolving disputes and reconciling conflicting interests;
- to encourage **transparency and accountability** in decision-making;
- to contribute toward maintaining a healthy, vibrant **democracy**; and
- to give effect to the requirement for **procedural fairness** of administrative action as contained in the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000).

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

Three iterations of PPP were proposed, which include two pre-application and one application engagement. An overview of the public participation process completed to date and to be completed with timelines is provided below.



## 4. FIRST PRE-APPLICATION NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL I&APS

This section documents the first pre-application public participation process that commenced on Friday, 26 August 2022 and ended on Monday, 26 September 2022 during which the Background Information Document (BID) and concept designs were made available for comment by potential I&APs. The following public participation process was undertaken.

### 4.1. Database Of Interested And Affected Parties

A comprehensive list of potential interested and affected parties (I&AP) which includes various key stakeholders, civic and ratepayers' associations; organisations utilising the beach; municipal sub-council 19 ward councillors; and relevant municipal, provincial and national departments was compiled prior to the first public engagement. Additional I&APs were registered during the open day public forum, via emails, website, and WhatsApp. Only individuals registered formally onto our database will receive future notifications of information on the project and further engagements with the public.

#### 4.1.1. Municipality which has jurisdiction in the area

The site is located within the City of Cape Town metropolitan municipality which is also the subject applicant. Internal departments of the City were notified by email at email addresses provided by the applicant department.

Department	Contact Person
City of Cape Town Environmental Resource Management	Andy Greenwood
City of Cape Town Area Manager	Jade Oliver
City of Cape Town District Engineer	Brendon Fortuin
City of Cape Town Senior Professional Officer	Talcott Persent
City of Cape Town Transport (NMT)	Elias Tukushe
City of Cape Town Universal Access & Non-motorised Transport Section	Teuns Kok
City of Cape Town Transport	Pierre Maritz
City of Cape Town Regional Operations Manager	Yusuf Ebrahim
City of Cape Town Manager: Stormwater and Sustainability	Abdulla Parker
City of Cape Town Engineer	Andrew Taylor
City of Cape Town Recreation and Parks Department	David Curran
City of Cape Town Facility management and PMO	Zeenat Arieff
City of Cape Town Recreation and Parks Department	Joy de Morney
City of Cape Town Public Lighting Development	Shaun Kemp

#### 4.1.2. Municipal councillors and rate payers' organisations

The site falls within ward 64 of Subcouncil 19 of the City of Cape Town, all the Subcouncil 19 councillors were notified by email.

<b>Subcouncil 19</b>	<b>Member</b>
Subcouncil Manager	Desiree Mentor
PR Councillor (Speaker)	Felicity Purchase
PR Councillor	Siva Moodley
Ward 45	Mandy Marr
Ward 69	Patricia Francke
Ward 61	Simon Liell-Cock
Ward 64	Aimee Kuhl

The following residents' or rate payers' associations were notified by email at email addresses obtained from the City of Cape Town database.

- Muizenberg Lakeside Residents Association
- Muizenberg improvement district (MID)

#### **4.1.3. Organs of state**

Organs of state below were notified of the proposed application by email and were provided with a copy of the background information document attached to email.

<b>Organ of state</b>	<b>Department or Directorate</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Email</b>
Western Cape Government	Planning and Building Development Management	Shameemah Heugh	<b>shameemah.heugh@westerncape.gov.za</b>
Western Cape Government	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Development Facilitation Unit	Adri La Meyer	<b>adri.lameyer@westerncape.gov.za</b>
Western Cape Government	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Development Facilitation Unit	Thea Jordan	<b>thea.jordan@westerncape.gov.za</b>
Western Cape Government	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Waste Management	Saliem Haider	<b>Saliem.Haider@westerncape.gov.za</b>
Western Cape Government	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development: Pollution and Chemicals	Catherine Warr (née Bill)	<b>Catherine.Warr@westerncape.gov.za</b>
Western Cape Government	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Biodiversity and Coastal Management.	leptieshaam Bekko	<b>leptieshaamBekko.westerncape.gov.za</b>
Western Cape Government	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Biodiversity and Coastal Management.	Marlene Laros	<b>Marlene.Laros.westerncape.gov.za</b>
Heritage Western Cape	Assistant Director: Professional Services	Waseefa Dhansay	<b>waseefa.dhansay@westerncape.gov.za</b>
Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment	Specialised Production: Environmental Officer	Azrah Essop	<b>AEssop@dffe.gov.za</b>
Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment	Chief Directorate - Integrated Environmental Authorisations	Sabelo Malaza	<b>Smalaza@environment.gov.za</b>
Department of Water and Sanitation		M Noqamza	<b>noqhamzam@dws.gov.za</b>



Cape Nature	Conservation Manager	Helene van der Westhuyzen	<b>hvdwesthuzen@capenature.co.za</b>
Cape Nature	Landscape Conservation Intelligence Management Unit	Ismat Adams	<b>iadams@capenature.co.za</b>
South African National Biodiversity Institute	Curator of Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden	Werner Voigt	<b>w.voigt@sanbi.org.za</b>
PRASA	Programme Head: Programmes Management Unit	Moseli Ntsiki	<b>moseli.ntsiki@prasa.com</b>
PRASA	Regional Rail Planner	Duma Goso	<b>duma.goso@prasa.com</b>

#### 4.1.4. Organisations utilising the beach

The proposed site is known as a surfer's corner this is where surfing activities are predominant. Established surfing and other related organisations listed below were obtained from the City of Cape Town database and through desktop search, were notified by email.

- Shark spotters
- Waves for change
- Roxy Davis Foundation
- Active Change Drivers

#### Other identified potential I&APs organisations

The following additional identified potential I&APs were notified by email:

- FynbosLife
- TM Tours
- Zandvlei Trust
- Muizenberg Beach Club (MBC)
- Amava oluntu

#### 4.1.5. Potential I&APs from database provided by the City

Potential I&APs obtained from the City of Cape Town database were notified by email, a total of 170 emails were sent with 158 successful deliveries and 12 bounces. The proof attached is a report generated from mail chimp will be included in the final BAR for submission to the authorities.

**The complete database of Identified and registered I&APs will be submitted to the environmental authorities with the final BAR.**

## 4.2. MEDIA NOTICE AND SITE NOTICES

A media notice informing the broader public of:

- the environmental process applicable and the opportunity to comment on the process;
- how to acquire project information;
- how to register on the I&AP database, and
- attend the Open House

was placed in the local newspaper, **False Bay Echo on Thursday, 25 August 2022**. Site notices of the same content were placed at the entrances of shark spotters, waves for change and ablution buildings on the same day. See the content of the media notice and site notice below. Proof of placement is provided in pictures below and tear sheet will be included in the final BAR.

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MUIZENBERG BEACHFRONT UPGRADES

The City of Cape Town intends to upgrade public coastal infrastructure and services at the Muizenberg Beachfront. The proposed upgrades will take place at Surfers Corner, on the western part of the beachfront along Beach Road in Muizenberg. The upgrade will provide improved pedestrian and universal beach access and will entail the replacement of the coastal protection infrastructure, promenade, recreational areas and buildings as well as formalization of the gravel parking.

**You are invited to attend a public Open Day where project information will be on display and the design team will be available to answer questions and discuss your inputs.**



The Open Day will take place on **Wednesday, 7 September 2022** at the **Muizenberg Civic Centre** between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
\*please come at any time that suits you



You are also invited to register as an interested and affected party for an Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed upgrades. The first public participation commenting period will start on **25 August** and end on **26 September 2022**



A Background Information Document is available online at [www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenbergbeachfront](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenbergbeachfront)



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An application will be made for environmental authorisation to undertake activities listed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (GNR 326 of 2017). These include activities 15, 19A and 52 of Listing Notice 1 (GN 327 of 2017), relating to construction or expansion of structures in the coastal public property and infilling or excavation of material within 100 metres of the high water mark.

For more information, to comment, or to arrange alternative ways of participating, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner,  
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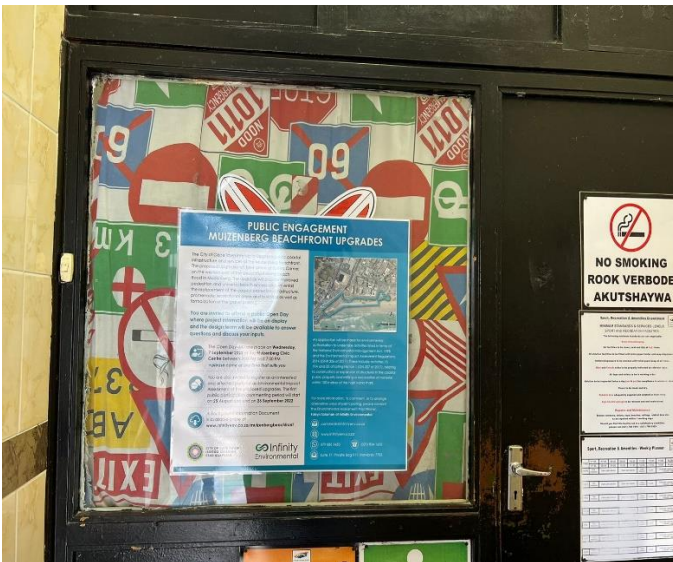
**Figure 1: contents of the media and site notice**



**Photograph 1&2: site notice placed at Waves for change building**



**Photograph 3&4: Site notices placed at Shark Spotters building**



**Photograph 5&6: Site Notices placed at the ablution building**

### 4.3. AVAILABILITY OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

A background information document (BID) was compiled and distributed to potential I&APs informing them of the EIA. The BID summarised the project proposal and the environmental assessment process, outlined the opportunities to participate within the process and the invitation to the open house. Copies of the BID were placed at the Shark Spotters facility and distributed to businesses along the surfer's corner and at the open house. The BID was also accessible on the website.

### 4.4. OPEN DAY

An Open Day public meeting was held at Muizenberg Civic Centre on Wednesday, 07 September 2022 between 15h00-19h00 pm. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an opportunity for potential I&APs to access project information, ask questions to the EAP and the project team and raise concerns in person. The event was publicised through media notice (False Bay Echo local newspaper), series of radio interviews by City's project team representatives, City's social media accounts and Infinity Environmental website. The format of the Open Day was centred around poster

displays and small group discussions. The EAPs representatives and the project team were present, and four sets of posters were displayed to accommodate four groups at a time. The displayed posters showcased the proposed concept design options and the Environmental Impact Assessment (Basic assessment) process to be undertaken. See images below.

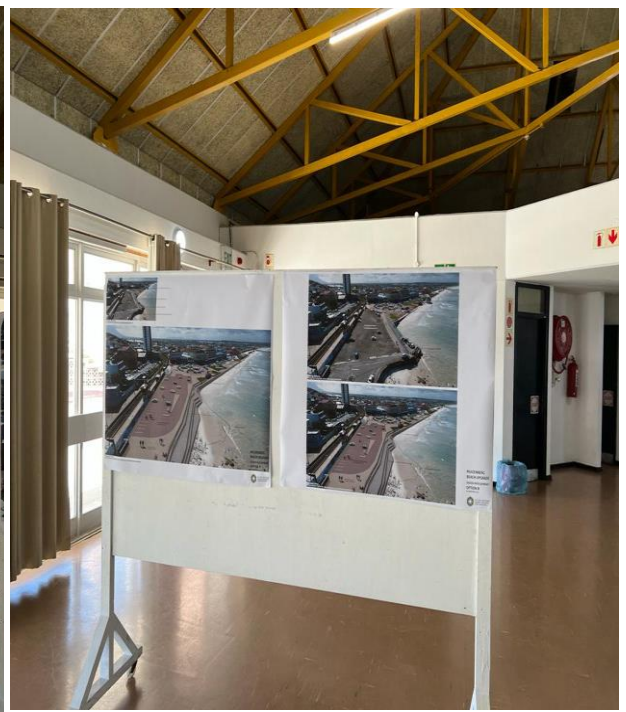
I&APs were invited to attend the Open Day at any time convenient to them between the time set. All attendees were required to complete an attendance register prior to accessing the main hall and advise if they wish to register formally as I&APs for future opportunities to participate in the process. Attendees were also encouraged to document their comments and concerns on the comment sheets and drop in the comment box provided. Alternatively, attendees were invited to send comments via email, website and WhatsApp or submitted to the EAP on or before the closing date of the commenting period.



**Photograph 7: Open day posters display with the project team**



**Photograph 8: showing posters display at the second discussion station**



**Photograph 9&10: showing posters display at the third discussion station**

## 5. FIRST 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENTING PERIOD

The commenting period on the background information document commenced on Thursday, 25 August 2022 and ended Monday, 26 September 2022. Interested and Affected Parties were notified as described above and were encouraged to comment using any of the following methods:

- Email to [comments@infinityenv.co.za](mailto:comments@infinityenv.co.za) / [Muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za](mailto:Muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za)
- Post to Infinity Environmental, Suit 17, Private Bag X11, Mowbray 7705
- WhatsApp message to 079 086 1453
- Website on [www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenbergbeachfront](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenbergbeachfront)
- Hand delivery at Infinity Environmental office, 2 Fir Street, Observatory

Interested and affected parties were also requested to provide contact information and a declaration of any interest they may have in the application together with their comments.

A total of **335 comments** were received from I&APs during and after the first commenting period, including:

Source	Number of comments
Open Day	104
Website	127
Email	118
WhatsApp	5
Hand delivered	1

See **Appendix 1** for Comments and Responses Report for pre application public participation.

**All original comments submitted will be included in the final BAR submission to the environmental authorities for their decision.**

## 6. PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT BAR

This section documents public participation process undertaken with the publication of the draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR). The public participation process undertaken for this phase complied with the requirements of Chapter 6 of the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended). The 30 day commenting period commenced on Thursday, 30 March 2023 and ended on Wednesday, 03 May 2023. The draft BAR was circulated to the public, organs of state and stakeholders for comments. All proofs of the public participation process completed will be provided in the final BAR for submission to the competent authority.

### 6.1. MEDIA NOTICE AND SITE NOTICE

A media notice was placed in the local newspaper, False Bay Echo on Thursday, 30 March 2023. Site notices of a regulated size with the same content were placed in various locations along the site boundary, outside of the ablution building and next to the bathing boxes and play area on the same day. Proof of placement is provided in the photographs below and tear sheet will be included in the final BAR.

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS PROPOSED MUIZENBERG BEACHFRONT REFURBISHMENT

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**Project Proposal:** The City of Cape Town proposes to refurbish public coastal infrastructure and services at the Muizenberg Beachfront. The proposal is primarily for the refurbishment of coastal defence infrastructure but will also entail refurbishment of the promenade, recreational areas as well as formalisation of the gravel parking area. The overall proposed refurbishment will provide improved pedestrian and universal access to the beach.

**Location:** Muizenberg beachfront, Surfers Corner along Beach Road, Muizenberg, Cape Town.

Application has been made for environmental authorisation to undertake listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) and EIA Regulations, 2014 (GNR 326 of 2017):

**Activity 15 of Listing Notice 1 (GN327 of 2017):** for development of structures in the coastal public property where footprint is larger than 50 square metres; **Activity 19A of Listing Notice 1 (GN 326 of 2017):** for infilling of any material of more than 5 cubic metres or excavation or moving of sand within 100m of the high water mark; and **Activity 52 of Listing Notice (GN 326 of 2017):** for the expansion of structures in the coastal public property where development footprint will be increased by more than 50 square metres.

**Opportunity to participate:** A public participation process will commence on Thursday 30 March 2023 with the publication of a draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Interested and Affected Parties are invited to register and to provide comments on the draft BAR, which is available online at [www.infinityenv.co.za/Muizenberg](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/Muizenberg), copies placed at Muizenberg Library or on request from the Environmental Assessment Practitioner at the details below. When registering or commenting, please provide your name, contact details, and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you have in the application. The 30-day commenting period for the draft BAR will end on Wednesday, 03 May 2023.

For more information, to comment, or to arrange alternative ways of participating, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, Taryn Solomon:

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## SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN AND PETS

**UNDERSTANDING** animal communication is essential for pet owners who want to build a strong bond with their furry friends. Dogs and cats, for instance, communicate through body language, which is a rich and complex form of communication that can express a wide range of emotions, intentions, and needs. To learn more about how to decode animal body language, pet owners can seek help from accredited behaviourists or face-to-face training classes. There are also numerous online resources available that can help pet owners effectively understand their pet's behaviour. Communication is, however, not enough to prevent accidents and injuries between pets and children. Parents should actively supervise interactions between their young children and their pets because by ensuring pets are comfortable, children can also be protected. Teach children not to be loud and chase and name around pets because they have sensitive ears and this can frighten them. Also teach them not to take things like toys or chew items from their pet's mouth if they are playing or chewing. Children must not be allowed to ride on animal ears. Teaching children to respect their pet will help you develop a strong bond and create a happy and safe home environment for everyone.

## PAWSANALITIES OF THE WEEK

**Super Starlight**  
Super-star Starlight is such a beautiful girl with golden eyes and gorgeous expressive ears. She is an active breed type and requires plenty of mental and physical stimulation. She is bright and she is beautifully for treats and learns quickly. She loves to lean against you and to have human company. Starlight needs a secure garden space and a warm cosy bed inside at night and remains to be a loving, loyal companion. Starlight loves people and is such a friendly gal. No couch potatoes for this lass!

**Blue-eyed Bella**  
Bella is an 8 year old Dalmatian. She loves human company and craves attention. She enjoys getting high scratches and going for vigorous walks with her humans. Bella is used to the comforts of being a family pet and needs to sleep inside and be part of the family. She is an active girl who loves to play and is also quite talkative. She knows how to sit and give paws and enjoys learning new tricks. She could also be her best with older kids and a canine companion subject to a successful introduction.

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Your Letter of Wishes is a personal document which accompanies your Will and which offers guidance to your loved ones or Executors after you pass away. Its purpose is to set out how you would like your personal effectual affairs dealt with when it is not practical to include these instructions in your Will. For example, you could include instructions with regard to your funeral or memorial, who to notify of your death and guidance as to how you would like your personal items distributed (especially items with sentimental rather than commercial value). However, unlike a Last Will & Testament, your Letter of Wishes is not a legally binding document but can nonetheless be invaluable, and also provide an opportunity to leave a personal sentiment after you are gone.

**Pensioners discount of 50% is offered for Wills until 30 April 2023. Use reference FALSE BAY ECHO**

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## 4 NEWS Echo

# Benches honour Fish Hoek Tourism founder

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Angela Botha, the woman who founded Fish Hoek Tourism, will be remembered with not one but two memorial benches – one on Lion's Head and the other in Zandvliet.

Both benches were put up by Thabiti Osman, the founder of Take Back Our Mountains, a non-profit organisation that focuses on protecting biodiversity in Table Mountain National Park and promoting safe community hikes.

Ms Botha, of Kommetjie, was a great supporter of Take Back Our Mountains.

Mr Osman said she was actively involved in promoting safety and security in the valley and became good friends with him through her initiative.

She died in December 2020 at the age of 70 from complications after a short illness. Fish Hoek Tourism founder dies," Echo, December 17, 2020.

She was an avid walker and loved nature. At the time of her death, her husband, Paul Botha, said she had developed oedema – swelling caused by excess fluid trapped in the body's tissues – in her feet and legs due to a lack of exercise during lockdown.

Mr Osman said he got to know Ms Botha in 2016 when she "took a liking" to Take Back Our Mountains and what it represented.

"She was very passionate about safety and security in her community and in Table Mountain National Park," he said.

He said they had started chatting on Facebook and the SANParks seldom approved new benches in the park but instead advised applicants to adopt an existing neglected bench.

However, she said, some of the requirements for a memorial bench are that they may only be placed in predetermined sites and must be in keeping with the standard that has been adopted for the park, and the cost of manufacturing, construction, installation, and maintenance must be borne by the applicant.

She said the park perceives the bench as a "donation" and it, therefore, becomes the property of the park.

"She said religious symbolism is to be kept to a minimum and must not be offensive to other religious groups, and SANParks reserves the right, for valid operational reasons, to remove any commemorative structure with no expectation of reimbursement or re-assembly at another site.

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**Activity 15 of Listing Notice 1 (GN327 of 2017):** for the development of structures in the coastal public property where the development footprint is larger than 50 square metres; **Activity 19A of Listing Notice 1 (GN 326 of 2017):** for the infilling of any material of more than 5 cubic metres or excavation or moving of sand within 100m of the high water mark; and **Activity 52 of Listing Notice (GN 326 of 2017):** for the expansion of structures in the coastal public property where development footprint will be increased by more than 50 square metres.

**Opportunity to participate:** A public participation process will commence on Thursday, 30 March 2023 with the publication of a draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Interested and Affected Parties are invited to register and to provide comments on the draft BAR, which is available online at [www.infinityenv.co.za/Muizenberg](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/Muizenberg), copies are placed at Muizenberg Library or on request from the Environmental Assessment Practitioner at the details indicated. When registering or commenting, please provide your name, contact details, and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you have in the application. The 30-day commenting period for the draft BAR will end on Wednesday, 03 May 2023.

For more information, to comment, or to arrange alternative ways of participating, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, Taryn Solomon:

- [muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za](mailto:muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za)
- [www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenberg](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenberg)
- 021 834 1402
- Suite 17, Private Bag X11, Howbray 7705



Figure 2: media notice

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (BASIC ASSESSMENT)

#### PROPOSED MUIZENBERG BEACHFRONT REFURBISHMENT

DEA&DP REF: 16/3/3/A2/3014/23

**Project proposal:** The City of Cape Town proposes to refurbish public coastal infrastructure and services at the Muizenberg Beachfront. The proposal is primarily for the refurbishment of coastal defence infrastructure but will also entail refurbishment of the promenade, recreational areas as well as formalisation of the gravel parking area. The overall proposed refurbishment will provide improved pedestrian and universal access to the beach.

**Location:** The proposed refurbishment will take place at Muizenberg beachfront, Surfers Corner along Beach Road, Muizenberg, Cape Town.

**Application has been made for environmental authorisation to undertake listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) and EIA Regulations, 2014 (GNR 326 of 2017):**

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For more information, to comment, or to arrange alternative ways of participating, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner:

Tarryn Solomon  
Infinity Environmental  
E-mail: [muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za](mailto:muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za)

Project website: [www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenberg](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenberg)  
Tel: (021) 834 1402  
Post: Suite 17, Private Bag X11, Mowbray 7705






Figure 3: site notice



Photograph 11: site notice placed on the eastern side of the site





Mar 30, 2023 14:50:20  
Beach Road  
City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality  
Western Cape

**Photograph 12: site notice placed at the ablution building which is centrally located in the site**



Mar 30, 2023 15:12:20  
183 Main Road  
City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality  
Western Cape

**Photograph 13: site notice placed on the western side of the site**



**Photograph 14: site notice placed near bathing boxes and play area**

## 6.2. NOTIFICATIONS OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

### 6.2.1. Notification to owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent

Notifications were sent by email and hand delivered to the persons in control of and occupiers of the land adjacent shown in the map below. The emails were sent to 26 recipients (25 successfully delivered and 1 soft bounced) and 4 hard copies of the information document were hand delivered. The list of recipients and delivery register will be provided to the competent authority with the submission of the final BAR.



**Figure 4: Properties adjacent to the site**

### 6.2.2. Notifications to municipal councillors, residents and/or rate payer's organisations

Notifications were sent by email to all the councillors of Subcouncil 19 listed in subsection 4.1.2, Muizenberg Lakeside Residents Association and Muizenberg improvement district (MID) on Thursday, 30 March 2023.

### **6.2.3. Notifications to the Organs of State and Municipality which has jurisdiction.**

Notifications were sent by email to Organs of state and City of Cape Town internal departments which has jurisdiction in the area on Thursday, 30 March 2023.

### **6.2.4. Notification to potential and registered I&APs**

Notifications were sent to potential I&APs identified during the pre-application phase and registered I&APs who attended open day, registered and commented during the 2 iterations of public participation. Notifications were sent to I&APs via their preferred method of communication which includes email, SMS and/or by post. In instances, where emails bounced an alternative method i.e., SMS was used.

643 emails were sent

80 SMS were sent

03 postal were sent via the post office.

**All proofs of notification will be included in the final BAR submission to the environmental authorities for their decision.**

## **6.3. DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ACCESSIBILITY**

A copy of the dBAR and information documents were placed at Muizenberg Library for public viewing on Thursday, 30 March 2023. Proof of placement is provided in figure 5 below. The draft BAR was also accessible on Infinity Environmental website for download with the link [www.infinityenv.co.za/miuzenberg](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/miuzenberg) or on request from the Environmental Assessment practitioner.

29 March 2023

Muizenberg Library  
Cnr Atlantic and Beach Road  
Muizenberg  
7945

**RE: PROPOSED MUIZENBERG BEACHFRONT REFURBISHMENT, MUIZENBERG, CAPE TOWN**

Dear Librarian

The City of Cape Town Coastal Management Branch proposes to refurbish public coastal infrastructure and services at Muizenberg Beachfront. The proposed refurbishment will take place at Surfers Corner, on the western part of the beachfront along Beach Road in Muizenberg. A draft Basic Assessment report has been prepared for public comment as well as to afford all interested and affected parties (I&AP's) an opportunity to register as I&AP's and to comment on the report. Please make the enclosed report available in your library for public access until 03 May 2023.

A 30 day commenting period starts on **Thursday, 30 March 2023** and ends on **Wednesday, 03 May 2023**.

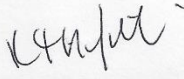
Kindly direct members of the public who may require further information or wish to comment or register as an interested and affected parties to the contact information below.

Tarryn Solomon  
Infinity Environmental  
E-mail: [muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za](mailto:muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za)  
Tel: 021 834 1602  
Fax: 086 591 8616  
Website: [www.infinityenv.co.za/muizeberg](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/muizeberg)

Sincerely,



Tarryn Solomon  
Infinity Environmental (Pty) Ltd.



**Muizenberg Library**  
**0214443197/8**

Figure 5: Placement of the dBAR at Muizenberg Library

## 7. DRAFT BAR 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENTING PERIOD

The commenting period on the draft BAR commenced on Thursday, 30 March 2023 and ended Wednesday, 03 May 2023. Interested and Affected Parties were notified as described above and were encouraged to comment using any of the following methods:

- Email to [muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za](mailto:muizenberg@infinityenv.co.za)
- Post to Infinity Environmental, Suite 17, Private Bag X11, Mowbray 7705
- Website on [www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenberg](http://www.infinityenv.co.za/muizenberg)
- Telephone 0218341602

Interested and affected parties were also requested to provide contact information and a declaration of any interest they may have in the application together with their comments.

A total of 27 comments were received from I&APs during the commenting period of the draft BAR publication.

Comments and responses report on the draft BAR is appended in appendix 2.

**All original comments submitted will be included in the final BAR submission to the environmental authorities for their decision.**

## 8. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Infinity Environmental is required by the EIA Regulations, GNR 326 of 2017 and the National Environmental Management Act to maintain a register of interested and affected parties including of people who have commented, attended meetings, or requested registration. This requires us to collect and process certain personal information as defined in the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013. The following personal information has been collected, with the required consent, for the purpose of public participation from registered I&APs and will be collected from anyone who comments or registers:

- Name, contact details and address;
- A copy of any comments submitted; and
- Details of any interest declared in the granting or refusal of the application.

Should you register and/or comment, your name and your comments will be included in published documents. Your contact details, address, and interest declaration will be provided to the competent authority and must also be provided to any appellants in the event that the environmental authorisation is appealed in terms of the Appeal Regulations, GNR 993 of 2014. Personal information will be stored by Infinity Environmental (Pty) Ltd at 2 Fir Street, Observatory 7925, and on a cloud storage system which may include servers outside the Republic of South Africa. You may at any time request access to or rectify this personal information by contacting us on [info@infinityenv.co.za](mailto:info@infinityenv.co.za).

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**PRE- APPLICATION COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**

**APPENDIX 2  
DBAR COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**