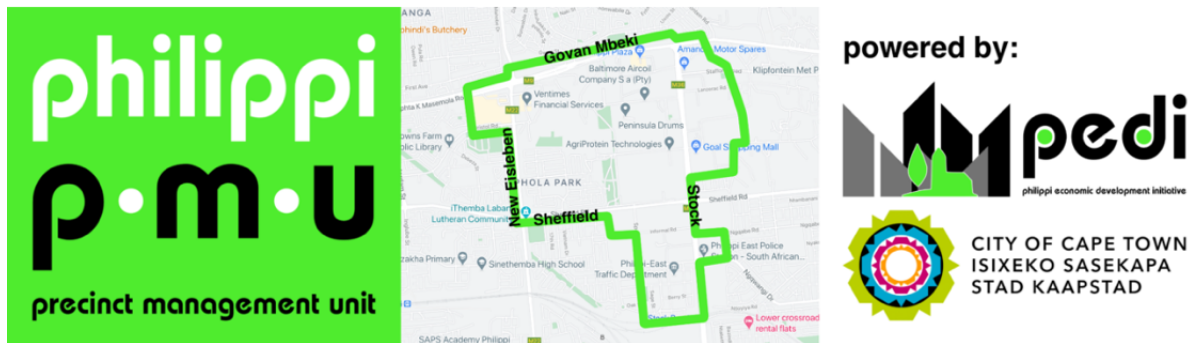


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Dear Reader

I'm happy to send you the latest news from the PMU Team and Philippi Precinct.

As 2021 draws to a close, we have good reason to be excited about the many positive developments in Philippi and its expected impact in the new year.

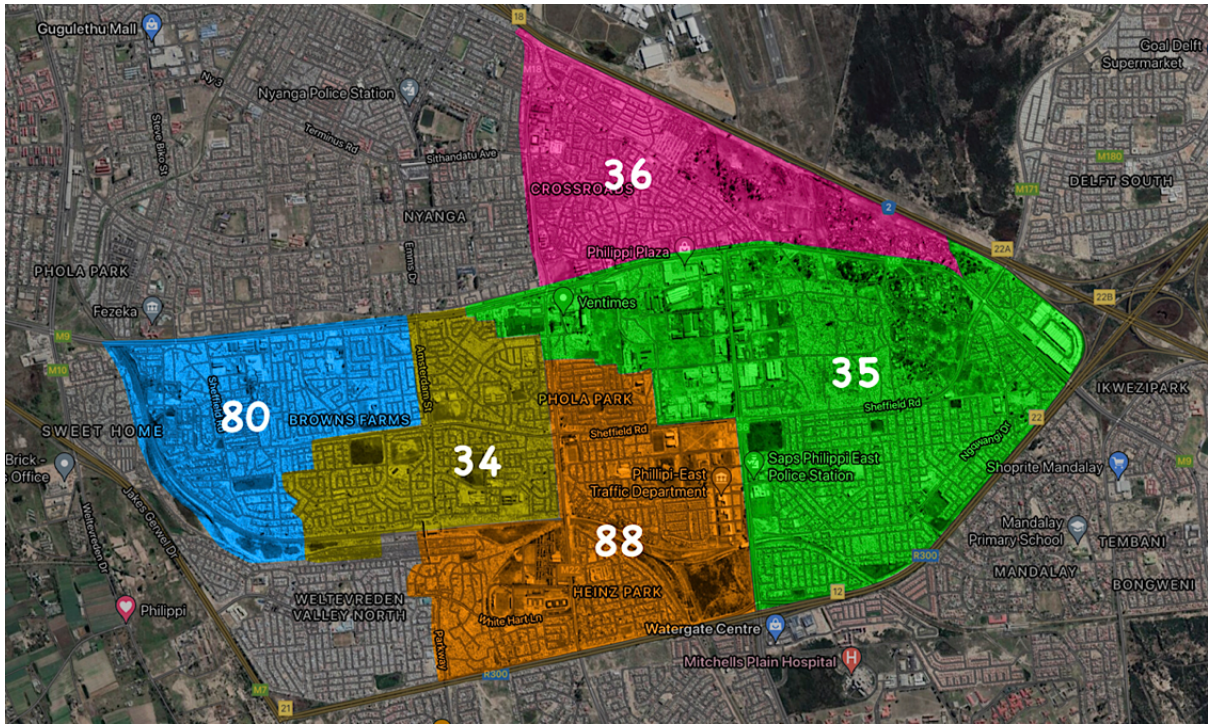
Our optimism is founded on the improved communication and easier relationships we see among our Philippi stakeholders, and a better understanding of our shared vision for Philippi.

In this light, we extend a warm welcome to the newly-elected Ward Councillors. We asked Buziwe Nocuze to interview them about their challenges and solutions, which we are pleased to share with you below.

Kind regards,

Egbert Wessels
PMU Manager

A Warm Welcome to Philippi's New Ward Councillors



5 Wards of Subcouncil 13 in Philippi

Ward 34 – Councillor Melikhaya Gadeni

Cllr. Gadeni says they are faced with a range of challenges that include joblessness, crime, inferior housing and infrastructure problems such as inadequate sewerage and electricity connections, and dilapidated roads.



“We plan to deal with these issues and will advocate for the upgrading of sewer pipes and pothole repairs. We will also try to get people employed on projects initiated by private and government partnerships.”

Ward 35 – Councillor Mboniswa Chitha

Cllr. Chitha aims to address crime prevention and infrastructure challenges in his ward. *“The crime rate is too high, people think twice before visiting my ward, and that needs to stop. I want community members to work with me – firstly by not buying stolen goods, because by doing so we are*



empowering these kids or criminals to continue terrorizing our people.”

He wants to see the Neighborhood Watch restarted. *“There used to be patrols, but its members got targeted and they left. My wish is to have the patrols again and for our entire community to participate.”*

Cllr. Chitha is concerned about juvenile crime. *“The lives of people committing crime don't end well, and parents need to stop protecting their kids and report them. Children tend to get wrong ideas when they have too much free time on their hands, so we should have our own sports fields instead of using Vuyiseka's.”*

Ward 36 — Councillor Nceba Ntshweza

Cllr. Ntshweza is ready to bring change to his ward by focusing on youth and skills development, and he believes that introducing various codes of sport will help decrease crime. *“As a leader, I aim to bring service delivery to the community.”*



He wants to see a safe ward where everyone is free to live their lives without fear. *“We have a big problem of people getting robbed when going to work or returning home, and we need to come up with a solution to end this.”*

Ward 80 — Councillor Lindikhaya Payiya

Cllr. Payiya says Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is the main issue in his ward and he will be doing everything in his power to fight it. *“In my ward, women or children get killed almost every week and I will be working closely with the community to end it.”*



He believes that dealing with this problem requires educational talks with both young people and their parents. *“I'll firstly talk to young people, because most GBV*

deaths happen among them. One solution is that they need to stop going to drinking places when they don't have any money."

Crime is another challenge, since his ward is known for its high rate of car hijackings. *"When you ask people to visit Ward 80, they're immediately concerned about getting hijacked and robbed. There's a lot to be done to win the fight against this trend. For example, our residents need to stop buying stolen goods because if these criminals don't have buyers, then maybe they'll stop robbing people."*

Ward 88 – Councillor Zukisani Sophazi

Cllr. Sophazi says unemployment is the major challenge in his ward. *"The rate of unemployment is too high and young people have nothing to do – I think this is what I need to focus on. Infrastructure is another issue that needs our attention."*



Ward 88 does not have a Neighborhood Watch to patrol the streets and ensure that residents are safe. *"We need structures that will help us fight crime, such as a sector forum and Neighborhood Watch, and we need the community's participation."*

Philippi Community Kraal



On a recent Saturday, representatives from various Philippi community organizations gathered at Browns Farm Community Hall to discuss the issues that prevent development in Philippi.

Akhona Siswana of the [Development Action Group](#) hosted the discussion and he focused on leaders' responsibilities — which include leading by example, owning mistakes, and being accountable.

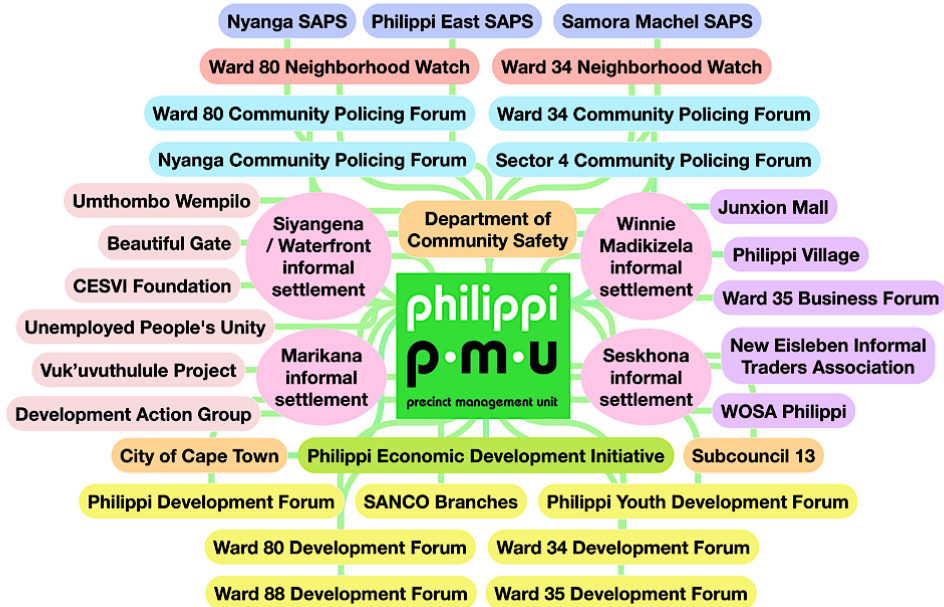
Siswana said that development in Philippi can only happen when community leaders put aside their differences and work towards one goal: To make Philippi a better place for everyone.

Pam Nobumba of [Philippi Development Forum](#) agreed with Siswana. She was happy to attend the meeting and said, *“We are missing a lot of important things that would benefit Philippi, because we're too focused on negative things.”*

Sonwabile Dwangu (PMU Community Relationship Officer) who organized the Kraal, said it was like an Imbizo in talking about issues that affect the community and it encourages the spirit of *Ubuntu* that help bring the people of Philippi together.

PMU Stakeholder Engagement

Our stakeholders map illustrates the groups and organizations that we collaborate with in making Philippi a safe and attractive place to live and work in.



PMU Cleaning and Waste Services

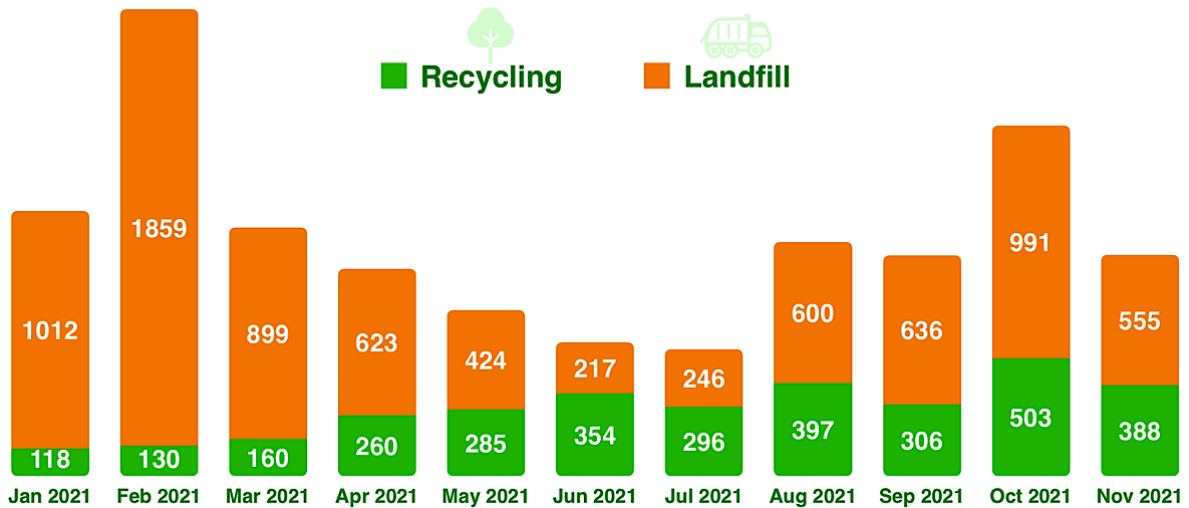
Waste Collection: November

Last month 943 waste bags were sorted and filled, of which 388 bags (41%) were sent to recycling.



Since January, our Waste Ambassadors sent over 5 tons of waste for recycling — which amounts to about 28% of all waste collected on the precinct’s main roads.

Waste Bags



PMU Safety and Security Services

PMU Precinct Security Patrols

- Ironclad Security and Ingomso Security Services patrol the Precinct's main roads 10 times every day with 2 vehicles, from 07:00 to 19:00.
- Their work compliments and supports the policing by Philippi East SAPS and City Law Enforcement, to whom they report when incidents occur that require further action.

Philippi East SAPS Patrols

- Patrols occur 24/7 with 3 vehicles and 10 members per shift;
- Crime Prevention comprises 3 vehicles and 12 members per shift in response to emergency calls, crime-in-progress, etc; and
- 3 mobile Sector Commanders are deployed during the day to liaise with the community.

Crime contact info

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