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Media Statement: Sewer spillage at the Wharf Street

Occasional sewer spillages have occurred at the Wharf Street Sewer Pump Station recently. This was due to alternative pump elements that had to be removed and refurbished as part of a Sewer Infrastructure Refurbishment Contract that is underway in Ndlambe. Urgent repairs were carried out and the pumps have been restored to normal operating condition. The unfortunate sewer spillages at this pump station were an isolated case that occurred at peak flow times for three days only.

The current load shedding from ESKOM has affected the normal pumping procedures of not only the sewer, but the water supply as well. This has contributed to the sewer spillages at sewer pump stations. The Municipality is currently investigating the purchase of standby generators to assist at critical pump stations.