

Background



The Department of Public Works have signed a lease agreement with the Alberton Town Council, now the City of Ekurhuleni, on 11 June 1991 with a Lease term of 5 years (LR000926).



The Lease is expired and presumed to be a month-to-month tacit lease in the absence of a formally renewed Lease Agreement.



The Lease was terminated 30 June 2016 due to the non-payment of arrears



The Tenant was handed over to Legal on the 22 Nov 2018, no feedback has been received to date



The Tenant is still in arrears to the sum of R 1 434 656.61 (as of 30 June 2022)

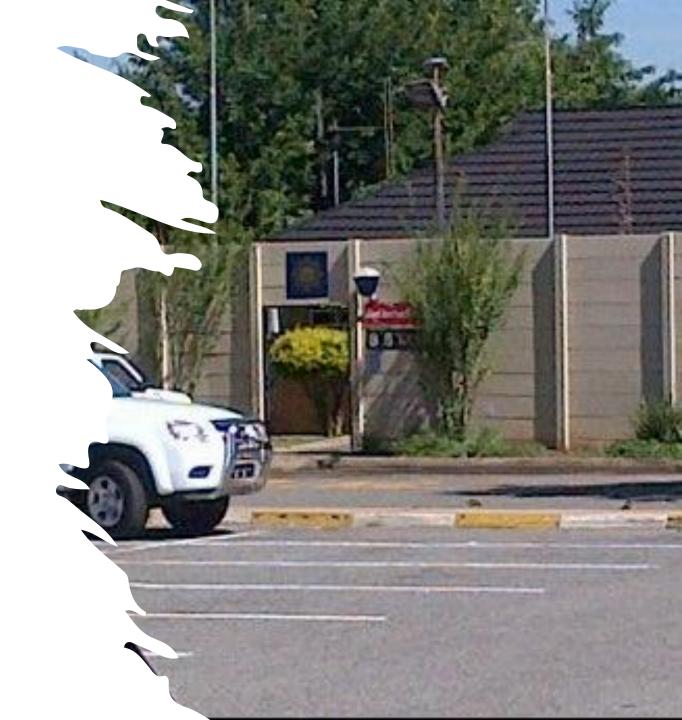
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It is reported that some payment was made into the City's main account, and the Department's Billing and Collection Section is working on remitting same. However, mention is made that the Tenant still owes monies to the CoE.

The currently Lease Policy of the Council does not permit the renewal of lease agreement where the Lessee's performance is unsatisfactorily. Furthermore, no request to renew the lease has been received by the Council.

As it stands, there is no valid lease agreement between the CoE and the Department of Public Works (SAPS).

Given the fact that the property is actively serving as the police station serving the local community at large, the CoE never made plans to take back the property.





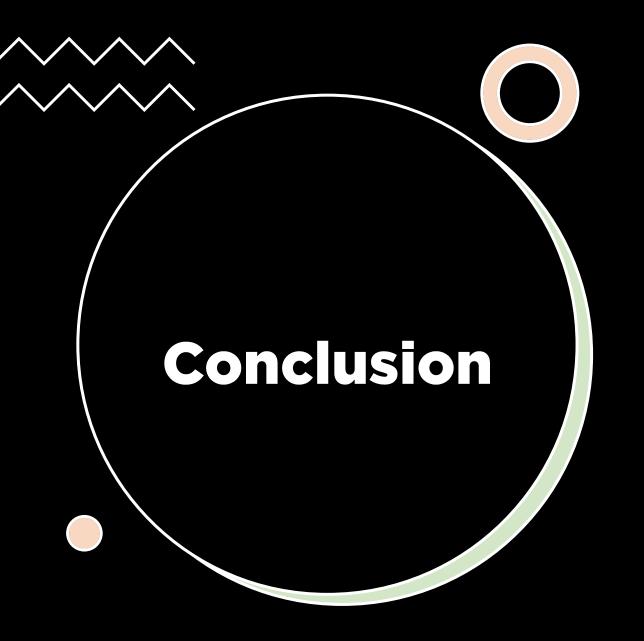
The residents of Ward 38 would like the ownership of the Department of Public Works to enable SAPS to be able to build a permanent station.

As it stands, the police station needs to upgrade its facilities to allow it to be able to have sufficient ablution facilities to cater for members as well as the public.

Office spaces as well as the charge office are believed to be inadequate in serving the community. The charge office is not spacious.

Furthermore, the current holding cells are not big enough for a police station.





Officials of the city have indicated a willingness to have negotiations with the Department of Public Works and their buy-in, an Item would have to be prepared for Council Approval as per Section 14 of MFMA and Regulation 5(1)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations.

The Department of Public Works is requested to make a formal request to acquire Erf 3231, Brackendowns Ext 5 for the purpose of building a Permanent Police Station.

Through an IDP process, the Ward Councillor of the area has requested the building of a permanent station, hence this petition seeks to achieve what has already been requested by the public representative of the area.

