

BATTLE

Simelane steps in as land dispute leaves Dunoon residents living in fear

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A 72-HECTARE TRACT of land near Dunoon, bought by the City of Cape Town to address housing needs, has become the centre of a growing dispute, with Human Settlements Minister Thembu Simelane seeking to engage with the City over its proposed release for development.

The GOOD party said the land, known as Annandale Farm in the Milnerton area, was purchased for R184.7 million in 2017 using funds redirected from the planned extension of the Wolwerivier Temporary Relocation Area to help ease severe overcrowding in Dunoon.

For residents who have spent years waiting for homes, the proposed development has reopened painful questions about whether public land acquired amid a housing crisis will ultimately benefit the people who need it most.

The City, however, said the development was intended to include affordable housing and that a partnership with private developers could help deliver homes amid severe national funding constraints. Dunoon councillor Bulelwa Mayende said residents believed the land had been acquired to address overcrowding in the community and that the City should have consulted them about its plans.

"Instead of benefiting the community, the City has decided to sell the land. It was promised to us, but now it is being treated as an investment," Mayende said. Former Dunoon councillor



SHACKS built near Dunoon were flooded after heavy rainfall at the weekend. | HENK KRUGER ANA Studio

and ANC activist Lubabalo Makaleni said he was surprised by reports of the proposed sale, recalling that residents were told the land was bought for their benefit following housing protests in 2023.

"We were told the land was bought for Dunoon residents after the housing protests. Now the City wants to sell it to private companies for upmarket housing. This has destroyed our hope that we will ever get houses in Dunoon," he said.

Makaleni questioned how unemployed residents would afford rent in a development that includes privately developed housing, warning that the plans risked deepening their sense of exclusion.

"If the City doesn't reverse this decision, we will meet them on the street,"

he said.

GOOD secretary-general and Cape Town mayoral candidate Brett Herron questioned whether the proposed development guaranteed meaningful housing opportunities for poor households.

He said affordable housing accounted for only 10 of the tender's 100 evaluation points, adding that a bidder could score no points for affordable housing and still win.

"Serious questions remain about whether the funds diverted to acquire Annandale Farm were wholly or partially derived from Urban Settlements Development Grants (USDGs). These grants are intended to house the poor, not to fund real estate speculation by the City," he said.

Herron added that the party had

lodged an application under the Promotion of Access to Information Act to compel the City to disclose the origin of the funding and any conditions attached to it.

"If USDG funds were used, the City must show how Annandale's disposal complies with USDG conditions," he said. He also criticised the City's approach to addressing the housing shortage, which he said had climbed above 680 000 families.

"As Cape Town's housing shortage has climbed above 680 000 families, the City of Cape Town has made an art form of big announcements about land releases, land acquisitions, and alleged future housing plans – while building fewer and fewer houses," he said.

Herron's concerns centre on the use of Urban Settlements Development Grant funding, which supports human settlements and access to well-located land for poorer households.

The City, however, disputed claims that the development was intended to generate a profit at the expense of Dunoon residents.

Mayco member for Human Settlements Carl Pophaim said the land was acquired for affordable housing as part of a broader citywide strategy, rather than exclusively for Dunoon residents.

He said the proposed public-private partnership would help cross-subsidise affordable housing at a time when national grant funding was severely constrained.

"It must be noted that the national subsidy for fully-subsidised so-called

'free' housing has changed completely, and is now focused on the following beneficiaries exclusively: qualifying beneficiaries over 60; military veterans and child-headed households.

"Therefore, Dunoon residents under 60 and not within the national categories would not qualify for fully-subsidised housing because the national programme does not allow for this anymore," he said.

Pophaim added that residents from Dunoon, or elsewhere, earning more than R3 500 and less than R34 800 would be able to apply.

"For those residents who do not qualify as they earn too little, or do not qualify in terms of the national requirements for fully-subsidised housing, the City has plans for Doornbach and other land parcels in the area," he said. Meanwhile, the Department of Human Settlements spokesperson, Tse-kiso Machike confirmed that Simelane had requested an engagement with the City over the proposed sale.

"The City welcomed the proposal and is pleased to meet with the Ministry, the Department of Human Settlements, the Housing Development Agency, and the Western Cape Government to discuss the property and the City's development approach as requested," he said.

Machike added that, according to the City, it was not close to making an award in relation to the disposal of the property.

The meeting date is still to be determined.

POLITICS

EFF walkout sparks row over AfriForum links at mayoral dialogue

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THE EFF in the Western Cape has defended its decision to walk out of a Cape Town mayoral and civic dialogue, saying that the event was used as a platform to advance what it described as AfriForum and Cape Forums' "racist, white supremacist and pro-apartheid agenda" in the province.

The dispute followed the Beyond the Ballot: Mayoral Civic and Dialogue, hosted by Cape Flats Stories and The

Bridge SA Movement at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) on Sunday. The dialogue was intended to address housing, land restitution, gender-based violence, gang violence and spatial inequality.

EFF provincial chairperson Unathi Ntame said the party's provincial treasurer, Aishah Cassiem, and other members walked out because they refused to legitimise what the party described as a platform advancing a racist, white supremacist and pro-apartheid agenda.

"The organisers concealed AfriForum/Cape Forum's involvement. When confronted, they claimed a distinction that does not exist," he said.

Ntame also took issue with the presence of Cape Forum material promoting "growing federalism" on notepads distributed at the event.

"Cape Forum's materials promote 'growing federalism,' and the slogan 'plaas die Kaap se toekoms in Kaapse hande': [place the Cape's future in Cape hands], also appeared on notepads dis-

tributed at the UWC meeting," he said.

Ntame accused the DA of main-

taining an association with the entities. "The DA's role must be stated plainly. While DA leaders have publicly said they 'do not believe' in full Western Cape independence and 'will not go that route', the party has maintained a documented pattern of association with these entities," he said.

"Cape independence organisations themselves note that a majority of their supporters historically vote DA and continue to lobby the DA to call a referendum on independence, precisely because of the DA's federalist and devolution agenda," he said.

Tarryn-Lee Bell, founder and director of The Bridge SA Movement, said she had acknowledged and apologised for an oversight involving Cape

Forum-brsiphokazi. The organisers said they had offered to address the EFF's concerns, including removing a Cape Forum banner from the foyer. Bell rejected allegations of a racist agenda, questioning why EFF representatives returned to the auditorium before staging their walkout.

Cape Forum executive chairperson Heindrich Wyngaard defended the organisation's involvement, saying its association with AfriForum had been transparent since its establishment in 2022. He said the dialogue aimed to promote free speech and give communities access to politicians ahead of the 4 November elections. The EFF, however, maintained its objections, with Cassiem demanding a public apology and accusing organisers of deception and participants of profanity.

INVITATION TO BID

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THE CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE INVITES TENDERS FOR TENDER NO. CTICC 017/2027: SPECIALIST ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FOR SOLAR PV INSTALLATION ON CTICC 1 ROOF & STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FOR THE CTICC 1 HALLS ROOF SHEET REPLACEMENT AND SOLAR PV INSTALLATION

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Little Mowbray and Rosebank Improvement District NPC (LMRID) will be hosting an AGM. All stakeholders are invited to a review of the past financial year's activities and planning for 2027/2028

Date: Thursday 19th November, 2026

Time: 18h30 (registration for meeting), 19h00 (meeting commence)

Venue: Mossop Hall, cnr Cheltenham and Roseberry Roads, Little Mowbray.

Resolutions presented at the meeting can only be voted on by bona fide members of the LMRID. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of property within the LMRID footprint who are liable for the additional rate (additional rate payers), but they must be registered before 12th November 2026.

To register as a member or access further information and documentation go to: www.lmrid.capetown.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Groote Schuur Community Improvement District NPC (GSCID) will be hosting an AGM. All stakeholders are invited to a review of the past financial year's activities and planning for 2027/28.

Date: 19 November 2026

Time: 16:30 pm

Venue: Belmont Square Conference Centre, Rondebosch

Resolutions presented at the meeting can only be voted on by bona fide members of the GSCID. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of property within the GSCID footprint who are liable for the additional rate (additional rate payers), but they must be registered before 10 November 2026.

To register as a member or access further information and documentation go to www.gscid.co.za or call 021 685 8185

LKID

Lower Kenilworth Improvement District

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Lower Kenilworth Improvement District NPC will be hosting an AGM. All stakeholders are invited to a review of the past financial year's activities and planning for 2027/28.

Date: Wednesday 18 November 2026

Time: 18h00

Venue: Kenilworth Racecourse (2nd floor, Main Building)

Resolutions presented at the meeting can only be voted on by bona fide members of the LKID. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of property within the LKID footprint who are liable for the additional rate (additional rate payers), but they must be registered before 11 November 2026.

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