

Dear Reader,

This newsletter presents progress up to end of **November 2005**, and is primarily intended for people involved in the project and might not give a complete picture of the project. The Newsletter is also found on the Buffalo City Intranet. Please also note that the Newsletter has an informal character and that the content does not imply official endorsement by the Local Authority of Buffalo City (BCM).

If you have ideas or questions about the project, please contact christer.kjorneberg@swedesurvey.se



We welcome Mr. Kevin Wanckel to the project team. Kevin will be working with the project for 12 months and assist the Phase III GIS Applications 'owners'. He has already become a trusted team member, is a fast learner and has smoothly adjusted himself to the jolly working environment you always find in the BCM GIS Unit.

Annual GIS Day

GIS day for the Eastern Cape was planned and coordinated through the Provincial Spatial Information Management Unit (SIMU) and celebrated on 18th November 2005 in the Health Resource Centre in East London.

As Buffalo City Municipality is seen as a GIS champion within the province, the GIS Unit was requested to showcase the development of an effective GIS in a local municipality at this event. Although several of the presentations focused extensively on the technical aspects of the projects, the underlying message was that GIS is being used in the province as an effective strategic management tool. The Buffalo City Municipality presentation by Mr. Farrant gave an inspiring resume of the commitment of the municipality to the development of GIS. In response to the presentation, Councillor Masana from the BCM emphasised the need to efficiently coordinate

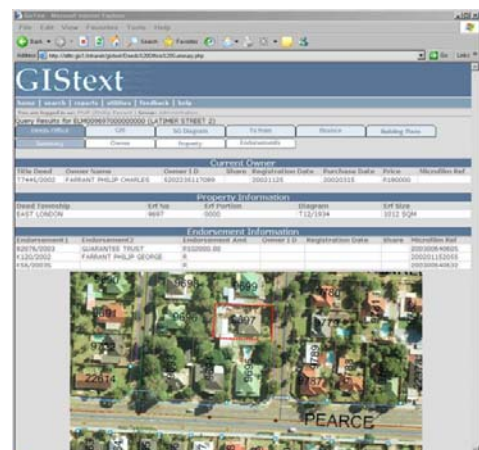
information between the Provincial Government and Local Government.



Representing Buffalo City at the GIS Day were: Councillor Msana; Mr. Phil Farrant, the BCM GIS Manager; Mr. Johan Gauche, General Manager; Mrs. Suzi Crossley, BCM GIS Specialist and Mr. Christer Kjörneberg, Project Consultant.

The GIS text Tool

In GIS text, the popular 'Search for' tool on the BCM Intranet, a new interactive tab has been added. This allows the viewer to see information as gleaned from the Venus financial application and has the ability to keep monthly accounts in order as to view them consecutively.



BACKGROUND

The Governments of South Africa and Sweden have signed an agreement concerning co-operation in the field of urban development. The overall objective of the agreement is to establish the framework for co-operation in order to reduce the physical and social effects of segregation and create a more integrated environment to benefit the urban poor. Swedesurvey has been given the responsibility to assist Buffalo City, South Africa, in building a comprehensive GIS that will support the objectives of the Integrated Development Planning.