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Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla joined a vaccination campaign by the Department of Health and other prominent individuals. The delegation went door-to-door in Caluza and KwaDambuza, educating residents about the importance of getting vaccinated for Covid19.





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### **CITY JOINS HANDS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR**

An engagement took place between the Municipality's senior management led by Deputy Mayor, also the Chairperson of the Infrastructure Portfolio Committee Cllr Mxolisi Mkhize, and the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Business to discuss the electricity infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, and repairs.

These discussions also included the issue of electricity theft, vandalism, corruption, and security, as well as curtailment plans for load shedding. The Municipality's Electricity Department presented a number of projects currently in progress to upgrade the infrastructure and plans in place for additional and more permanent solutions to the challenges that the City is faced with in terms of power supply.

The meeting resolved that the infrastructure challenges cannot be sufficiently addressed by the Municipality alone and it requires a collaborative effort from both the public and private sectors. A public-private partnership can be expected out of these engagements as both sectors made commitments to work together in addressing the infrastructure service delivery backlogs to enhance the City's economic growth and improve the lives of its citizens.





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#### HERE'S TO 150 YEARS OF ROYAL SHOW

Msunduzi Municipality walked away with two awards at the Royal Show, which was a remarkable achievement in its return after it was halted amidst the Covid19 outbreak.

The municipality was awarded The Gold Medallion Award for the best exhibition stand and a floating Trophy for The Best Exhibition Stand in an exhibition hall.

The Council House afforded the municipality these awards. This stand which is singlehandedly coordinated by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) department puts together different units within the municipality to showcase their operations.

"The fact that the Municipality won these two prestigious awards, goes to show that the City of Choice is a city on the move. Well done to the team for working together in making sure that the city of choice stands out from the rest", said Mayor Thebolla.







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### INTER-SCHOOLS DEBATE AT GEORGE TOWN LIBRARY





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Above: Miss SA Top 30 finalist, Luyanda Zuma



MISS SA FINALIST LEADS Clean-up campaign

She hails from Pietermaritzburg, the capital city of KwaZulu-Natal. Luyanda Zuma who has made it to the Miss SA Top 30 finalists, has captured the hearts of Msunduzi residents by modeling what they can expect from her if she takes the reigns.

Zuma successfully led a clean-up campaign in Oribi, Ward 24, on the 4th April 2022. Joined by Msunduzi's waste department employees and other community members , Zuma rolled up her sleeves and got her hands dirty during a clean-up at an illegal dump site.

The clean-up campaign was Zuma's brainchild, as she exemplified the true definition of charity begins at home.

"A safe, vibrant city in which to live, learn, raise a family, work, play and do business"



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#### MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY (LED), ILLOVO FORM 'SWEET' RELATIONSHIP

Deputy Mayor Mxolisi Mkhize accompanied by Municipal officials visited the Illovo Sugar Warehouse on the 7th of June 2022. The visit was to demonstrate the Municipality's appreciation for the business' contribution to local economic growth and job creation in the city.

This is part of the Business Retention and Expansion program carried out by the Local Economic Development (LED) unit. The Municipality has a Business Retention and Expansion strategy in place to ensure the sustainability of local businesses by engaging with them and assisting in addressing challenges that businesses experience.

The Municipality through its LED unit is committed to building relationships with all businesses, promoting and encouraging more investments in the city.





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### LEARNERS BATTLE IT OUT IN LITERACY SQUARE RING



The Elandskop Primary Schools Cluster Competition 2022 saw four primary schools competing against each other in reading, poetry, drama, and story-telling. This is Msunduzi Municipality's Bessie Head Library's initiative which seeks to engage schools in programmes that promote literacy. Cllr B Zuma of Ward 7 motivated learners to realize their potential and excel in their studies.





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#### MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY TO WORK WITH SUPERSAVE

Deputy Mayor Mxolisi Mkhize led a delegation from the Municipality which engaged with SuperSave to discuss a project proposed by SuperSave to adopt-a-spot with an intention to revamp and beautify the area around the business.

SuperSave aims to beautify the street, upgrade the parking area, unclog the drains and modernise the pavement.

The municipality welcomes the initiative and further engagements are on the cards with all the relevant stakeholders for the successful implementation of this project.