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*Above: The inspection was also done on Moses Mabhida Road*



## TRANSPORT PROJECT ASSESSMENT

On the 23rd of April 2022, the Transport Portfolio Committee visited Msunduzi Municipality to gather insight into the progress made in the implementation of the Integrated Public Transport Network in the Municipality.

The Committee will support the municipality in its efforts to obtain readmission by the National Department of Transport and Treasury for the funding in order to ensure that the Municipality rolls out a dedicated bus service for the benefit of the community of Msunduzi.





*Above: Deputy Mayor Mxolisi Mkhize, MEC Kwazi Mshengu and Mayor Cllr Mzi Thebolla*

## OFFICIALS ASSESS THE AFTERMATH OF RECENT STORMS

Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla led a delegation from Msunduzi that joined the MEC for Education Kwazi Mshengu on a mop up operation to intensify efforts in response to disaster stricken areas in Msunduzi.

MEC Mshengu said that the government will strengthen town planning to ensure that people do not settle in areas that will put them at higher risk when disasters take place.







*Above: Discussion before the mop-up operation*





*Above: Eight teams participated in the Msunduzi Easter Tournament which took place at AB Jackson sports ground*







## FREEDOM DAY PROGRAMME

The Office of The Mayor and the Msunduzi Museum hosted a Freedom Day Programme at the museum on the 21st of April 2022. Local schools participated, where learners were given topics of discussion around issues of depression, drug abuse, gender-based violence, racism, and bullying. This was also aimed at equipping learners with public speaking skills.

Engaging on these topics; learners described their own understanding of Freedom Day and democracy. They were able to ask questions and debate issues that affect them.

These youngsters expressed how they long to be given more platforms where dialogues of this nature can take place regularly.

The ultimate goal was to promote public participation which will lead to the identification of learners to serve in the Msunduzi Junior Council.





## DISASTER MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENTS

The Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma joined by MEC Siphon Hlomuka, uMgungundlovu District Mayor Mzi Zuma, Msunduzi leadership Mayor Mzi Thebolla, Speaker Eunice Majola, and Chief Whip Sandile Dlamini embarked on a walkabout to the Disaster Management Centre for the assessment of the Relief packs sponsored by various stakeholders.

Cogta Minister, MEC, District Mayor, Msunduzi Leadership, and the entourage arrived at the Henley Dam Bridge where a vehicle was swept away claiming three lives and a police officer drowned during a rescue mission.



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The Minister outlined the government's plans that are in place to provide adequate bridges to allow locals to safely cross the river in the future as well as temporary housing arrangements for those who suffered losses during the floods.







Above: To celebrate Freedom Day Msunduzi Municipality collaborated with SuperSave in a clean-up campaign.



Above: Mayor Thebolla encouraged residents to work together in maintaining cleanliness of the city





## **MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY SENDS A STERN WARNING TO ILLEGAL TRADERS**

The municipality conducted a blitz on the Pietermaritzburg CBD. The Rapid Response Unit took over Berg and Church Street, where goods were confiscated and businesses were forced to shut down following failure to produce trading licenses.

The law enforcement officers instructed business owners to remove goods displayed on the pavements, and other selling stations that limited people's movement and caused traffic obstruction. Furthermore, the Rapid Response Unit was able to collect stolen trolleys from vagrants and other street vendors. The municipality promotes and supports informal and small businesses. It encourages residents to follow the right procedures for conducting business in the city.

The municipality will continue with the blitz around the city and issue fines for illegal trading as means of law enforcement.