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BENEFICIARIES MOVED TO NEW JIKA JOE CRU

Mayor Cllr Thebolla welcomed the MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Mr. Sipho Nkosi to the official opening of the Jika Joe Community Residential Units.

The project which started in 2018 had faced many challenges that the Mayor outlined, however Thebolla expressed his gratitude for the state of readiness indicated by the municipality's human settlements unit who were hands on in the development of the housing project.

"We are honoured to announce that today we will see our people being moved to decent homes. We are going to restore their dignity. I would also like to acknowledge all those that were involved in overseeing its completion", said Mayor Thebolla.



MEC Human Settlements and Public Works Mr Nkosi thanked the Municipality's leadership for handling such a huge responsibility of forging ahead with the project beyond challenges that were encountered, making sure that beneficiaries are handed their houses in due time.

"This leadership demonstrated bravery from the beginning of the preparations of this day, where beneficiaries will be given what belongs to them and I would to congratulate them for what they have done thus far", said MEC Nkosi.

Cllr Reddy of Ward 33 is also part of the housing handover. Addressing the leadership and residents of Jika Joe she said "Providing a shelter is providing empowerment, I welcome and support this development. I am also delighted that now our people have a decent place to live." Over 1000 people will be moved to the newly built flats upon completion. "We have identified low income earners who qualify to be moved to the flats, we expect them to commit themselves in paying rent", Cllr Reddy said.



OFFICIALS, INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ASSESS HOMELESS SHELTER

Mayor Cllr Thebolla, Deputy Mayor Mxolisi Mkhize, Speaker Cllr Majola and Municipal Manager Mr. Lulamile Mapholoba joined by Senior Officials conducted an assessment of a homeless shelter situated in 30 Doull Road.

A representative from the Homeless Network gave officials a detailed report on the latest development of the project, while explaining that a number of people in and outside the city have shown interest in the project and others wanting to know how they can contribute in speeding up the process of officially opening the shelter so that vagrants can be moved off the streets.

The shelter will house 70 males and 50 females in separate buildings, there is a section where vagrants will be kept for 28 days while they are enrolled in a program that will determine if they are committed to start the rehabilitation process.

Currently the Homeless Shelter has secured 45 beds that were donated by the correctional services department, and other organisations have pledged to offer medical services, skills training, and other programs that will assist in rehabilitating vagrants before the Municipality reunites them with their families.

Deputy Mayor Mkhize said all these efforts are being done following the uproar over the growing number of vagrants in the city that are also causing damage to the municipal infrastructure in the CBD.

"We have witnessed impressive developments in this shelter, in the coming days the municipality will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Homeless Network, in that way we expect more organisations and people to offer donations or any other assistance that will keep the shelter going."

Deputy Mayor Mkhize explained that a lot of people have their eyes on the Municipality to see if the project will succeed as it is the first of its kind in Pietermaritzburg. The officials are optimistic that around September the first group of vagrants will be moved into the shelter.





MUNICIPALITY UNVEILS NEW FLEET

The Municipality unveiled new 3x TLB, 4x NP200, 4x Isuzu crew cab tippers, and Suzuki Ertiga 7 seater as an addition to the city's fleet.

The purchasing of these vehicles was included in the 2022/23 budget plan, where the Mayor made a commitment to purchase vehicles to improve waste collection and service delivery in Msunduzi Municipality. The Mayor believes that this will further contribute in generating much needed revenue.

These vehicles will assist various departments including waste, water and sanitation, the library services including the Tatham Art Gallery. One vehicle will be used by the Tatham Gallery for outreach programs and collecting art, another by the mobile library which will help in assisting children to learn to read, the four NP 200 bakkies were handed over to different sections within waste management unit, and the three TLB's will assist with the infrastructure.

The Mayor stated that "the issue of a filthy city will be a thing of the past now with these new vehicles to aid in the improvement of service delivery. We will also be able to reach new areas and assist our children to learn to read as we have also added a new bus to aid in providing mobile library services. I believe Msunduzi Municipality is on the right path to creating better communities."



LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON THE HORIZON



The Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla joined by Senior Municipal Officials conducted a site visit in Ashdown on Msimang Road next to Juicy's.

The purpose of this site visit was to create a sustainable community development plan, to create a small corridor which will be effective in terms of enhancing the land uses and empower the people, draw tourists and improve the infrastructure.

The delegation had a walk about around the area and saw much potential in the area for economic development opportunities and as well as problems that need to be resolved prior to implementation.

"We hope local businesses see this as an opportunity to work together to improve the economic state of our city and work with the Municipality to come up with strategies and roles they can play in the economic development" said Mayor Cllr. Thebolla.





Above: The #MsunduziLFAPromotionalPlayoffs came to a close with Nqabeni United taking the win, receiving a R15 000 prize money and will be moving on to the SAB Regional League.

Coming in second place, Maritzburg Panthers received an R8 000 prize money and will be playing against other municipalities in the near future. The Mayor congratulated the winning team and all other participating teams on their achievements thus far.

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LIBRARY SERVICES HOSTS RISE HIGH AND FLY HIGH PROGRAMME

The Municipality's Library Services (Southern branches) hosted the Rise High and Fly High programme mainly focused in embracing people living with disabilities at the Georgetown Library in Edendale.

Cllr Nkosinathi Masoeu of Ward 12, warmly welcomed attendants and thanked everyone who played a part in organizing the event.

The purpose of this programme was also to educate community members on how to treat and accommodate people living with disabilities so that they do not feel isolated in communities they live in. "It is very important to treat everyone with equality, there's nothing that can stop you from becoming what you want, it all starts with a dream", said Cllr Masoeu.

Community members were encouraged to visit their nearest library to find out more about the free services available to everyone.



CAREER EXPO EXHIBITION HELD AT KWAMPUMUZA



The Municipality's Local Economic Development Unit together with multiple stakeholders hosted a Career Expo exhibition in the KwaMpumuza area.

Ward 1 Cllr Khulekani Msomi welcomed learners and other stakeholders that attended the career expo exhibition at KwaMpumuza today. The event was aimed at providing tertiary and career-related information to learners in Grade 12 this year.

Advising the learners, Youth Centre Coordinator Thobani Mtshali encouraged them to focus on their studies and aim to score high grades in each subject to meet university entry requirements. He further advised them to refrain from using drug substances that would derail them from working hard to achieve their goals. "2023 is the year of success. We expect positive results for the Class of 2023. Remember that you are the future and through the skills that you will acquire at your desired tertiary institution you will gain new skills and be able to contribute to the country's economy through those skills and also uplift your communities."

He also spoke about how youth need to change their mentality and start to picture themselves as employers and not employees, adding that by starting their own businesses they will become respected entrepreneurs in society.



SPEAKER COUNCILLOR MAJOLA ATTENDS LAUNCH OF SECURITY SERVICES SCHOOL IN THE CITY



Speaker Cllr Majola attended the launch of MKP Security Services school.

She congratulated Mr. Khawula for such a huge initiative, that she said will open doors for locals especially the youth. "This school will give young people training and certificates that will qualify them to be security officers in order for them to be employable". Khawula thanked everyone who supported him, especially when the school was still a vision, adding that on this day he wants everyone to join him in celebration of what had long been a dream adding that he expects to see growth in the business until he is able to open more branches in other locations.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ASSESSMENT

Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize was joined by councillors and members of the Infrastructure Portfolio Committee on an assessment of a road construction currently underway at Gezibuso.

The project commenced in September the previous year, due to the challenges including the changing weather conditions, the work has been interrupted a several times. However, the consultant explained that besides other technical problems experienced they were able to identify ways in which they can at least continue with the project to meet the completion deadline.

DM Mkhize was able to ask further questions for clarity, and he was informed that the P702 road will be officially opened mid September. "80% of the work has been done, and we can see progress. Residents can rest assured that the progress is very satisfying."



MUNICIPALITY CONSTRUCTS BOREHOLES TO ADDRESS WATER OUTAGES



Above & Below: Mayor Cllr Thebolla, Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize joined by Speaker Cllr Majola and other ward councillors conducted a site visit to Vulindlela, to launch the start of a borehole project.

Mayor Thebolla said that this project indicates the Municipality's dedication to delivering services to Msunduzi residents.

"During the Imbizo we made a promise that we will build 18 boreholes, and this is one of them. This will deal with the water shortage in this area, more wards will benefit from the upcoming projects so that our people have access to clean water."



MUNICIPALITY ENGAGES WITH SHRA



Municipality was part of the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) workshop, hosted at the Athletics Park Stadium today.

The workshop which was attended by officials from the Msunduzi Human Settlements Unit shed light on the role of municipalities in providing social housing. A presentation was done by SHRA which provided guidelines pertaining to the development of social housing.



MAYOR VISITS COFFEE CART



Above : In-between chats and laughter, Mayor Thebolla enjoyed interacting with owners of a coffee cart opposite The Oval cricket ground.

LED CONDUCTS LOCAL BUSINESS VISITATION

Municipality's Local Economic Development (LED) unit, which supports businesses, attracts and promotes investment in the city, and promotes business retention and expansion, conducted a business visitation at New World Outsourcing: communications in Mkondeni.

NWO is a telecommunications company servicing the communication needs of Durban and Pietermaritzburg business since 2002. The telecommunications company assists with the following: Telephone systems, Cloud phone systems, Fibre, Wireless phone lines, Call management, Computer cabling and Website and Email hosting.

Being a company whose products are primarily electric, their main challenge is electricity supply. Other challenges that were raised included water reduction and potholes in the surrounding area.

The purpose of the business visitation is to ensure that there is a healthy environment for the local economy and an improved business climate in the long-term goal of the Municipal Local Economic Development Strategy.

The LED unit is committed to building relationships with all businesses and promoting and encouraging investment in the city.



MUNICIPALITY WELCOMES BLANKETS DONATION



Municipality welcomed a donation of 30 blankets from Enermous Foam Tapes And Pressure Sensitive Adhesive which was done to commemorate Nelson Mandela Day.

"Thank you for taking into account the needs of other people in honour of the late beloved former president Nelson Mandela and we hope this captures the attention of thousands of South Africans" said Mayor Cllr Thebolla



NELSON MANDELA DAY ACTIVITIES



Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla welcomed EDTEA MEC Mr. Siboniso Duma in a brief event at Sukuma Comprehensive School. The Mayor acknowledged MEC Duma for adopting the school. A number of activities were rolled out by the Municipality in honour of the Nelson Mandela Day, which is celebrated every year on the 18 July. Mayor Thebolla said, "Today we wanted to spend 67 min in the clean-up, as we believe that it is everyone of us' responsibility to take a moment and dedicate the 67 minutes in honour of Nelson Mandela Day."

Below: It was pleasing to witness Msunduzi residents including ward committee members engaging in good deeds in their chosen wards. The Municipality's Area Based Management team also joined in on activities that symbolized giving back to Based Management team also joined in on activities that symbolized giving back to communities for the Nelson Mandela Day. Food parcel donations, clean-ups, blankets donations, gardening, were some of the activities that were organized by dedicated members in commemorating the Nelson Mandela Day.





DARVILL WWTW SITE & VULINDLELA BULK WATER SUPPLY SCHEME SITE VISIT



President Cyril Ramaphosa along with Minister Senzo Mchunu, MEC Siboniso Duma, Mayor Cllr Mzi Zuma arrived in Pietermaritzburg to conduct an oversight visit to inspect water projects aimed at improving the provision of bulk water and the maintenance of bulk water infrastructure in the province. Mayor Cllr Thebolla welcomed the President and his delegates.



President Ramaphosa expressed his gratitude for the completion of the Darvill Water Project. He said the project was headed by young people. "Our government wants to deliver services to the people, and a young woman was taking us through the project earlier on. This shows that this government is also inclusive of the youth most importantly, women." The President continued to say that water scarcity remains one of the biggest challenges in the country, but the government continues to identify solutions in order to ensure that people have access to clean water.

"We gave you a platform to ask questions and also tell us the issues that this community of Vulindlela is facing, and lack of water was one of them including job shortages and poor infrastructure. The government is gradually attending to those issues. The completion of the water treatment plant project indicates that the government working alongside all municipalities seeks to address solutions to water and sanitation challenges facing our communities", said President Ramaphosa.

OPERATION SUKUMA SAKHE CABINET DAY ACTIVITIES



Mayor Thebolla led delegates from Department of Social Development on a visit to the New England Road Landfill Site. This was part of the Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) Cabinet Day activities.

This site visits comes after the Municipality was this week celebrating 3 years since the occurrence of the section 30 incident (large flames that engulfed the New England Road Landfill Site). Officials from the Municipality's Waste Management department gave a detailed presentation on how the city has progressed in its management of the landfill site and addressing its challenges. The section 30 incident attracted media attention and that of human rights organisations, the government including other parties that were as concerned about the health and safety of residents and the protection of the environment.

The Municipality received various calls to act on the issues facing the landfill site and the waste management department officials used this opportunity to address the delegates on the progress and latest developments in the proper management of the New England Road Landfill Site. Amongst other issues that faced the landfill site were the lack of supervision of the dump site, lack of security, waste pickers and the in-adherence with the waste management license regulations. The Municipality had entered into a contract with a service provider who has been assisting the Municipality providing guidance in managing the landfill site. As a result today the Msunduzi Municipality is over 70 percent compliant with the waste management license which has received a positive reaction from the DSD and the Municipality's top officials including Mayor Thebolla. Mayor Thebolla. The Mayor and the DSD officials joined by other municipal officials further embarked on the actual walkabout at the landfill site, where the officials were able to witness the current state of the City's dump site.

The Mayor acknowledged the waste management team and their work well done and the visible improvement that the officials witnessed at the landfill site. Mayor Thebolla during the walkabout mentioned that a lot of efforts were put in ensuring that the Municipality recovers from all the negative reaction it received from residents, stakeholders and the country as well. "As the City we did not feel attacked, we considered all the reports as positive criticism. The Municipality realised that the section 30 incident did not only affect residents on the ground but vehicles that carry products from all over the country could not move easily due to the smoke." The Mayor added that the Municipality was aware of all the threat posed by the section 30 incident that would have went as far as having an impact on the economy. Msunduzi Municipality has seen an improvement in revenue generation from the landfill and more work is currently being done to maintain the condition of the New England Road Landfill Site and its management.



OPERATION SUKUMA SAKHE CABINET DAY ACTIVITIES



The Mayor, municipal leadership and government officials proceeded to Sobantu to assess an ongoing housing rehabilitation project. 444 houses were identified to receive a 'face-lift', which is part of the uMgungundlovu Sukuma Sakhe Housing Rehabilitation Programme. The Municipality also prioritized that these houses receive new roof installation after the removal of asbestos. One of the beneficiaries of the project also received a grocery donation from both the contractors of the project and the department.



Premier Nomsa Dube Ncube acknowledged the Msunduzi Municipality in the housing rehabilitation project that is currently being enrolled in Sobantu. Premier Dube Ncube also assured residents of Sobantu that the challenges facing the Mountain Rise Police Station are receiving attention. She highlighted that there will be a workshop where police officers will be trained on how to handle sensitive case especially those of GBV.

OPERATION SUKUMA SAKHE CABINET DAY ACTIVITIES

Mayor Cllr Thebolla and Municipality leadership visited the Mountain Rise Police Station taking into account that it is one of the police stations that has recorded a high number of crime cases. The officials were taken through the challenges that the police station has encountered in addressing cases, the lack of resources to deliver services to the community and other issues that were highlighted during the presentation.

Mayor Thebolla said it is important that raised issues are addressed and treated with urgency. He urged officials of the police station to work with DSD to identify resolutions that can be applied to ensure that the Mountain Rise Police Station is able to minimize crime in the area.



OPERATION SUKUMA SAKHE CABINET DAY ACTIVITIES



uKhanhela uNkosinathi Masoeu wamukele uMphathiswa wezeMpilo KwaZulu-Natal uNomagugu Simelane ohambele u-Ward 12 ngokohlelo lwe-Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS).

USimelane wemukele umbiko kuKhanhela Nkosinathi Masawu eGeorgetown Library ngaphambi kokuyohlola izinhlelo ezehlukahlukene zentuthuko okubalwa kuzo uhlelo lokufakwa kwamapayipi amakhulu amanzi eKhalanyoni ngaphambi kokuba kwakhiwe izindlu ezingaphezulu kuka-700 okuyisigaba sokuqala. Lolu hlelo luzoba nezindlu ezingaphezudlwana kuka-2000 uma seluphelile. Amalungu omphakathi waseWard 12 waseMsunduzi Municipality ezwakalisa ilaka lawo, izikhalazo ngentuthuko nezincomo kokunye okuhle osekwenziwe wuhulumeni.



UMunicipal Manager Lulamile Mapholoba alongside various departments led a delegation to conduct site visits to assess the progress of projects in Ashdown, namely, Thusi Road, Ashdown Sports Arena, the fencing project at the Msunduzi Heroes Arch Memorial Park, vandalized community hall in Ashdown and Edendale Plessislaer, and the SOD turning for the housing project in Ward 23.

The main event led by Municipal Manager Mapholoba, took place at Ashdown Community Hall. The goal was to engage with the community members of Ashdown and to open a platform for discussion of the service delivery issues the community is facing. These issues included vandalized infrastructure, sewage issues, and others.

Cllr Dumisani Phungula of Ward 23 elaborated further on other challenges the community is currently faced with. "Let us work together as a community to improve the quality of life for everyone. It is critical that all of the issues raised are resolved."

Cllr Phungula, expressed gratitude to all of the officials and departments for taking the time to engage with the community. He further expressed hope that these problems will be addressed quickly.





MUNICIPAL MANAGER WELCOMES SPORT EQUIPMENT DONATION



Left: Equipment was handed over yesterday to the Msunduzi Senior Citizen Club which will compete in the Local Selections on the 10th of August 2023 at the Athletics Stadium. Among the Elderly persons present were club chairpersons and Mr. Gabela, who is the Interim convener for Msunduzi Local Municipality.

In his vote of thanks Municipal Manager Mapholoba said "We appreciate this donation, we believe in the promotion of sport as it is part of living a healthy lifestyle which is important for the elderly."



MUNICIPALITY RUNS AN INDUCTION PROGRAM

Municipal Manager Mapholoba welcomed new hires for the traffic department at a two days induction program. The program aims to assist the new employees with their transition, and ensure that they have the necessary information and support they need to carry out their duties.

Several departments provided a strategic overview, reviewing the municipality's operating environment, their services, and defining the municipality's goals and objectives. They underlined the importance of service delivery, emphasizing that as a municipal employee, one should be able to meet customer expectations, contribute to the improvement of service delivery, and significantly enhance people's lives.

The Batho Pele Principles were highlighted as a Government Employees guide in order to ensure that the employees understand that they have been hired for service delivery. They are preserving the image of the municipality by being workers and contractually agreeing to be employed by the municipality. Training and skills development provided guidance, training, opportunities, promotions, career progression, professional development, and self-improvement information to the municipal employees.

The Municipality plans to achieve Metropolis and Smartcity status by 2040. This can only be done if the workers band together.





Above: Different speakers took to the podium at the two days induction programme that took place at the Bessie Head Library. This was followed by a question and answer session

The Municipality alongside the Imvelo Boxing Promotion and various stakeholders hosted a weigh-in for the boxers competing in the Boxing Tournament Which will take place at the City Hall, 28 July 2023, 18h00.

Prince Dlomo and Marcus Lebogo will be competing for the SA title, Njabulo Buthelezi and Nkosingiphile will be competing for the KZN title.

IMVELO BOXING PROMOTION WEIGH-IN EVENT



SA TITLE FIGHT BOXING TOURNAMENT



The South African Title Fight boxing Tournament was held at the City Hall, hosted by Mvelo Promotions in partnership with Msunduzi Municipality, Department Of Sports, Arts & Culture, MI7. The main fight was the SA JUNIOR WELTER WEIGHT TITLE which saw current champion Sibusiso "Prince" Dloomo retaining his title by defeating the challenger Marcus Lebogo. Mayor Cllr. Thebolla was in attendance along with Deputy Mayor Cllr. Mxolisi Mkhize. Thebolla, welcomed the tournament being hosted in the Capital City and wished the fighters the best of luck



GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPALITY, ABAHLALI BASEMJONDOLO SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT



Government reiterates the commitment to work with Abahlali basemijondolo to eradicate informal settlements towards a better life for all

Leading Councillors and Senior officials of Msunduzi Municipality, the Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla joined the MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Honourable Mr. S.C Nkosi and his strategic management team at the City Hall earlier today, to engage with the Leadership from Abahlali Basemjondolo discussing Jika Joe Informal Settlement and providing solutions.

"We are a caring government of the people, it remains our priority to ensure that dignity is restored for all of our people. We are serious about providing our people with sustainable housing, give them their dignity, undo apartheid spatial development, ensure equal access to housing and eradicate informal settlements. Mayor Thebolla.

Among the resolutions of the meeting is continued engagements and cooperation between government and the residents to ensure a better life for all.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT VISITATION

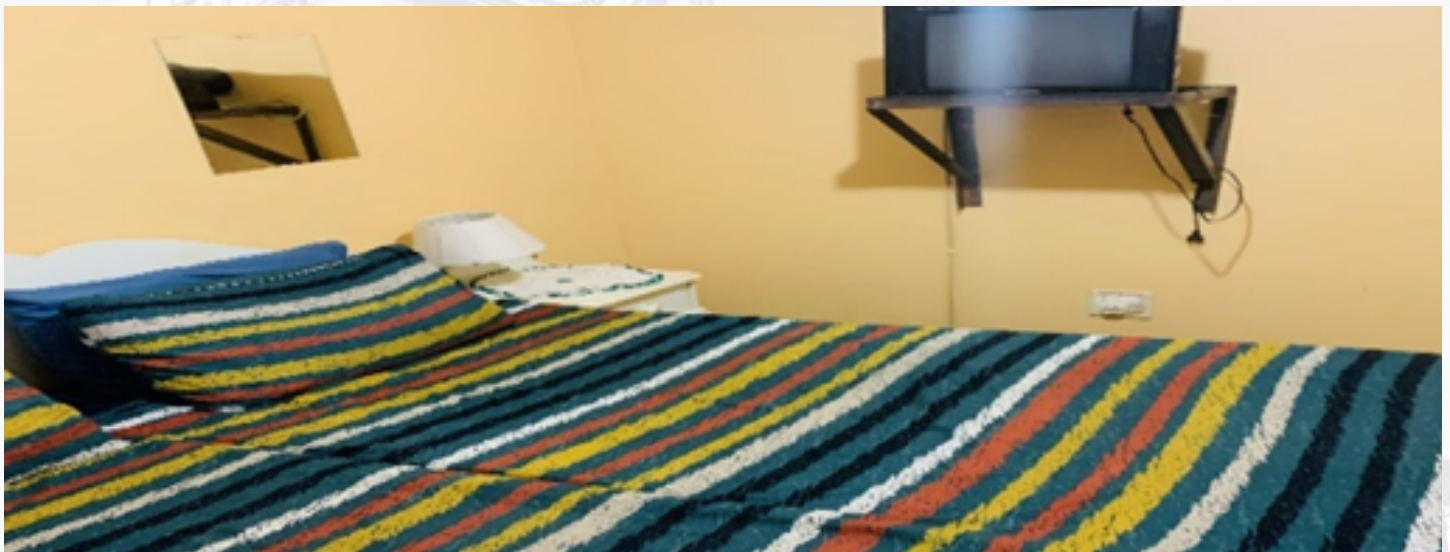
On 14th of JULY 2023 Business Development unit visited THE-PSALMS as part of the New Investment Strategy. The business is owned and managed by a young woman, Anitta Mncwabe from Westgate. She started her business as an online distributor, from all that hard work she was able to open her own clothing store in March 2023. During the discussions, Business Development unit discovered that the Psalms is not yet registered and is operating in a hidden small area and has financial constraints. After the meeting Business Development came to the resolution that Anitta needs to register her business so that she can have access to financial support.



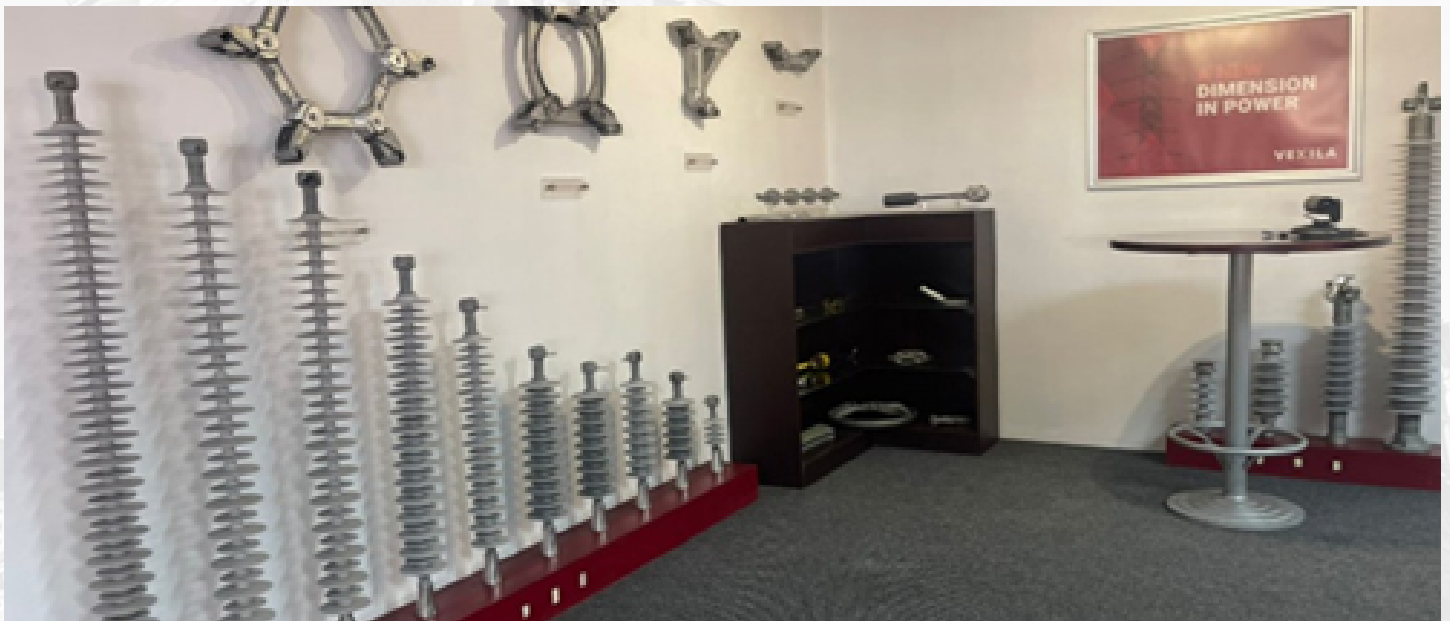
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT VISITATION

On the 20th of JULY 2023 Business Development conducted a business visitation to SHELEMBE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT as part of the new investment strategy, which is a small local business located in the township of Imbali. The business is running a BnB and is looking forward to expand in having a carwash.

This accommodation which is in Buthelezi Road 1248 at Imbali unit 3, has 10 rooms. It has employed 4 people. The owners looks to use social media to market the business and create a website to advertise services offered.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT VISITATION



On the 21st of July 2023, the Business Development team visited one of the company, Vexila in Willowton. The company was established 52 years ago as Hardware Assemblies. The company manufactures electrical infrastructure products which they test it themselves after manufacturing. These products are exported to different international countries, like Australia and in Europe. Their biggest supplier is Eskom. The biggest challenges they encountered was during Covid-19, where international exporting was banned however, they have recovered. Vexila has 262 employees and anticipates to work with other people and companies. They sometimes cater for neighboring schools as part of their Corporate Social Investment (CSI).

SERVICE DELIVERY IN PICTURES



JIKA JOE CLEAN-UP

