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MAYOR WISHES CRICKET TEAM THE BEST IN FINAL GAME



Mayor Cllr Thebolla attended a meet and greet with The ACDC Express Tuskers cricket team, who were going to go head to head with the Eastern Cape Inyathi in the CSA One Day Cup Final at the Cricket Oval Stadium. The Mayor expressed his support for the team and wished the boys the best for the final.

DEPUTY MAYOR SPEAKS USING EDUCATION TO BRING CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES



Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize attended the academic graduation ceremony at the Immaculate Parish Church in Kwa- Madlala, Elandskop.

In his address, he highlighted the Elandskop Innovation Centre's goal to bring technology closer to the community by providing essential resources and educational opportunities that will empower the youth and foster community development.

The deputy mayor expressed his pride in giving back to the community that raised him. He stressed the importance of making education accessible to everyone and taking initiative in all endeavors. "Your background does not define your future," said the deputy mayor.



MSUNDUZI ATTENDS MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT TRADE-SHOW

The Msunduzi Municipality's participation in the inaugural Municipal Investment and Development Trade-show in Durban, hosted by SALGA, is a significant step in positioning the City as a prime investment destination. This engagement allows the Municipality to directly interact with investors, developers, and key stakeholders, strengthening partnerships that drive economic growth.

By showcasing its economic potential, strategic projects, and development opportunities, the Municipality is actively promoting Msunduzi as a hub for investment. The Municipal Investment Directory, developed for this event, serves as a critical tool to guide potential investors on available opportunities, streamlining investment decision-making and improving investor confidence.

Furthermore, the event supports Msunduzi's ongoing efforts to reduce bureaucratic red tape, enhance investment facilitation processes, and highlight key sectors such as tourism, infrastructure development, and industrial growth. Engaging in these discussions reinforces the City's commitment to economic transformation, job creation, and long-term development, ensuring a more business-friendly environment that benefits both local entrepreneurs and international investors.

By being part of this high-profile trade show, Msunduzi is not only expanding its economic network but also reinforcing its position as a dynamic and progressive municipality open to investment and growth.



SA LIBRARY WEEK RECOGNISED



The Municipality's Bessie Head Library hosted a SA Library Week Program at Msilinga Primary School. Learners competed in reading, storytelling and poetry performances.

The Municipality's Library Services hosted a series of programs in local schools in recognition of the SA Library Week 2025, under the theme "Libraries for sustainable communities".

The Library and Information Association of South Africa is involved in this initiative to promote the celebration of the country's intellectual literacy heritage. The Bessie Head Library uses this program to market its services to learners and to encourage them to utilise this facility for their academic growth.

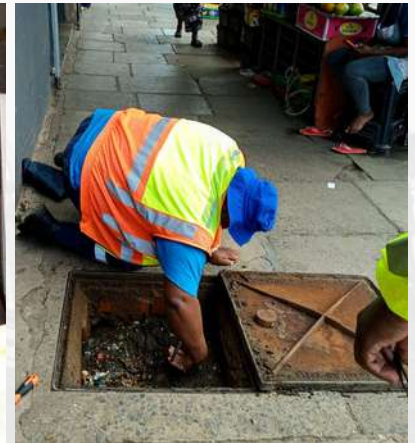
LOCAL WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS TO BENEFIT FROM FUNDING



The Kwa-Zulu Natal Office of The Premier in collaboration with the Msunduzi Municipality hosted a session at the City Hall, to provide information on the Women Advancement Fund. This program is the national government's brainchild, spear headed by the KZN Premier's Office with the aim of financially uplifting emerging women entrepreneurs and existing businesses.

To qualify for funding, the middle Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMME) have to meet a certain criteria. The business must be 80% female owned, operate in agriculture and agro-processing manufacturing, retail, technology, healthcare, tourism, energy, renewable energy and maritime. Business owners must also include in their business plan how the business will create job opportunities and demonstrate contribution to the provincial economic growth.

MUNICIPALITY ON THE MOVE TO RETURN CITY TO FORMER GLORY



The Ilima Operation took over Church Street in the downtown area, carried out by teams from water, business licensing, electricity, and environmental health. This operation aims to restore order in the city by eliminating illegal water and electricity connections, addressing unlicensed trading, and ensuring proper business practices. The Msunduzi Municipality is committed to continuing this initiative with the goal of restoring law and order to the city.

MSUNDUZI JOINS MEC IN COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FORUMS LAUNCH



Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla joined KZN Transport MEC Sboniso Duma, councillors, traditional leadership, religious leaders, SANTACO, driving school transport owners and different media houses at the Community Transport Forums Launch at the PMB Showgrounds, Olympia Hall.

These forums will be the eyes and ears of the national department of transport. Issues of public transportation and road infrastructure in communities will be taken into consideration by the members of the community transport forums to be escalated to the provincial department of transport.

The mayor congratulated members of community transport forums for being selected to be the mouth piece of residents and to be the connection between the public and government.

"Your role will require you to be dedicated in serving your communities. The people chose you to be members of these forums, this shows their belief in your capabilities. I expect you to serve them with honesty", said the mayor.

MEC Duma alluded that the community transport forums made up of 900 members have a huge task ahead to face government, report transport challenges and express dissatisfaction with the work of the KZN transport department leadership, if challenges are not properly addressed.

"This marks the beginning of your journey as ambassadors, to succeed in your role will require you to have tolerance for each other, to prioritise the needs of the people and expect to be critiqued in your work by members of the community", added MEC Duma.

Communication channels will be provided, where members of this forum will discuss transport matters, report challenges and have direct interaction with MEC Duma.

AMAQHAWE MOTORCYCLE CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL CHARITY RUN IN CITY



The Amaqhawe Motorcycle Club (MCC) hosted its highly anticipated 3rd Annual Charity Run at the Msunduzi Athletics Stadium, bringing together motorcycle enthusiasts, community members, and local supporters for a day filled with excitement, unity, and giving back. Msunduzi Deputy Mayor Cllr. Mxolisi Mkhize along with Sustainable Development Portfolio Chairperson Cllr. Zethu Sokhela and Community Services Portfolio Chairperson Cllr. Nokuthula Msimang were in attendance.

This annual event not only raises awareness about road safety but also generates funds for charitable donations to selected NPOs, while addressing the urgent issue of street children in Msunduzi.

The day kicked off with a Mass Ride, as the streets roared to life with a sea of motorcycles making their way through the city. The ride made a special stop at City Hall, highlighting the significance of community involvement in social causes. From there, the riders continued their journey to the Association for the Physically Challenged, where they delivered much-needed food items and household necessities. The Deputy Mayor thanked the Amaqhawe Motorcycle Club (MCC) for choosing Msunduzi to host this prestigious charitable event, emphasizing that this event should be made one of the signature events in Msunduzi. The Association expressed their heartfelt gratitude to both the Amaqhawe Motorcycle Club (MCC) and the Msunduzi Municipality, stating that the donations were truly a gift and that they were incredibly grateful for the support.

More than just a ride, this event symbolized solidarity and compassion, uniting people from all walks of life under a common goal—giving back to those in need. Seeing so many riders and supporters come together was a powerful reminder of the impact that can be made when a community stands as one.

MSUNDUZI JOINS HANDS WITH OTHER PARTIES IN FIGHT AGAINST TB



To help fight tuberculosis (TB) in the community, the Municipality together with various stakeholders held an awareness program at Imbali Unit 14 Hall in Ward 41. Led by Cllr. B.E. Zuma, the event brought together the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), uMgungundlovu District, Youth for Christ (YFC), and the Msunduzi Area-Based Management team.

The program aimed to educate people about preventing, finding, and treating TB early. Nurses, community health workers, and local leaders spoke to the community about the importance of visiting clinics for regular check-ups. They shared important information about how TB spreads, its symptoms, and why it is necessary to complete the full treatment to stop the disease from getting worse.

A well-informed society leads to a healthier future. Let's work together, share knowledge, and contribute to a TB-free community.



CITY OFFICIALS EMBRACE PORTRAIT DRAWING MACHINE

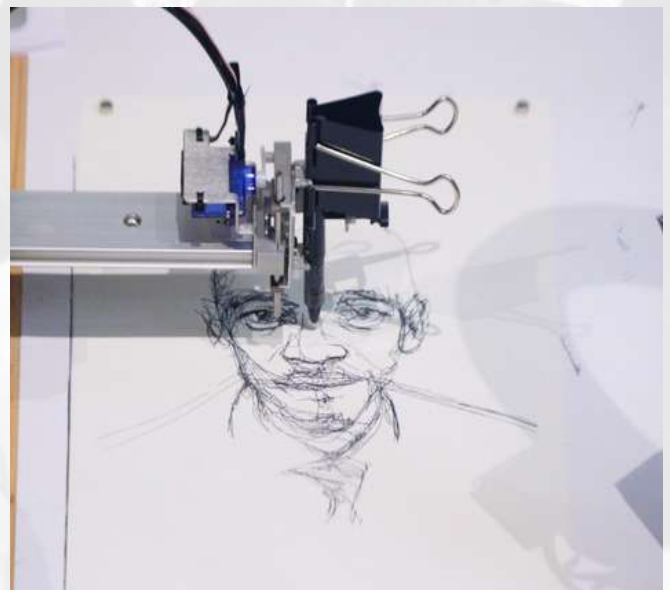
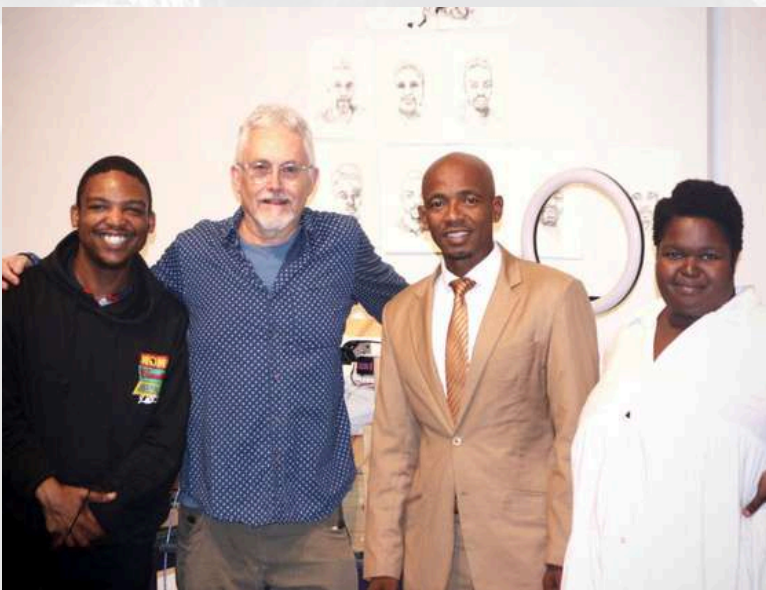


While pictures freeze moments in time to create memories that last for a lifetime, Mayor Cllr. Thebolla and the Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize had the privilege of experiencing the magic created by the portrait drawing machine. The Msunduzi Municipality's Tatham Art Gallery is currently running an exhibition of a drawing machine which is an invention by Stephen Millborrow, a Pietermaritzburg born artist, now based in the United State of America.

A good posture, an automatically moving camera with other technological features involved, this machine produced a portrait of the Mayor within minutes.

"As the City we are thankful for bringing us such a treasure, this is the first of its kind in this art gallery and I am certain that our residents will be encouraged to visit this facility to draw their own portraits", said Mayor Thebolla.

The exhibition ended on Sunday,30 March 2025. Msunduzi Municipality alongside the Tatham Art Gallery invited residents to come to the exhibition and have their portraits drawn at a minimum fee.



MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL WELCOMES THE AWARD AND COMMENDS PARTNERSHIP WITH TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Msunduzi Council has welcomed the recognition received at the 2025 Municipal Excellence Awards, where the Municipality was honoured with the Best Traditional Council in Coordinating Service Delivery at the Traditional Authority Centre (TAC) award. The Council commended the Municipality's strong partnership with traditional leadership, which has been instrumental in ensuring effective governance and improved service delivery in traditional areas.

This collaboration aligns with the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act of 2003, which mandates traditional councils to work closely with municipalities in identifying community needs, supporting the development of Integrated Development Plans (IDPs), and ensuring effective participation in service delivery initiatives. Msunduzi Municipality has actively engaged with traditional authorities to fulfill these objectives, fostering development that is inclusive and responsive to the needs of all communities within its jurisdiction.

Furthermore, the significance of cooperative governance between municipalities and traditional councils is a means to address service delivery challenges, particularly in rural areas.

Msunduzi Municipality has demonstrated this commitment through its structured engagement with traditional councils, facilitating access to basic services and promoting sustainable local economic development.

Today, the Council reaffirmed its dedication to strengthening these partnerships, recognizing traditional leadership as an integral stakeholder in achieving the Municipality's development objectives. This award stands as a testament to the positive outcomes that arise from inclusive governance and shared responsibility towards efficient service delivery.

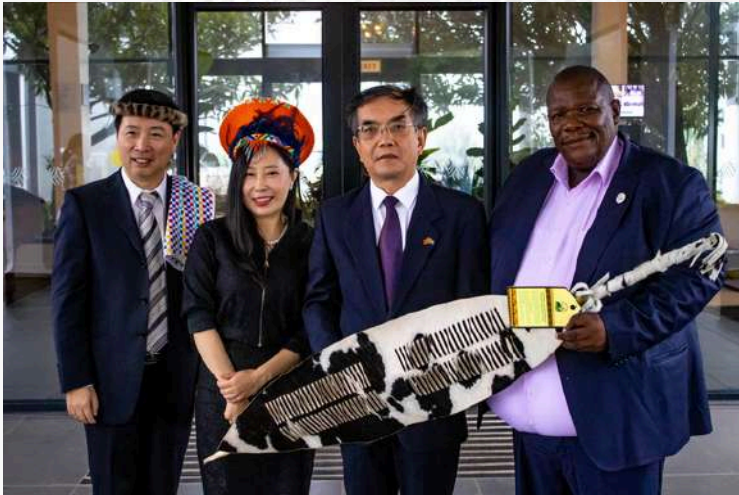


MAYOR MEETS WITH THE CHINESE CONSULATE

Msunduzi Mayor Cllr. Mzimkhulu Thebolla accompanied by officials from the mayor's office as well as the office of the municipal manager, honoured an invite to a meeting at ANEW Hotel in Hilton with the Chinese Consulate led by the Consul General of China's honourable Mr. Li Zhigong.

The Chinese Consulate is currently invested in various projects in Kwa-Zulu Natal, primarily in Durban, and is looking to invest in the Capital City through the manufacturing industry which will grow the economy and create job opportunities as well.

Mayor Cllr. M. Thebolla was pleased to have been invited by the Chinese Consulate to discuss these opportunities of growth for the city and emphasized his wish that "whatever shape or form of growth this relationship will yield that the people of Msunduzi should be involved and be the ones to benefit the most".



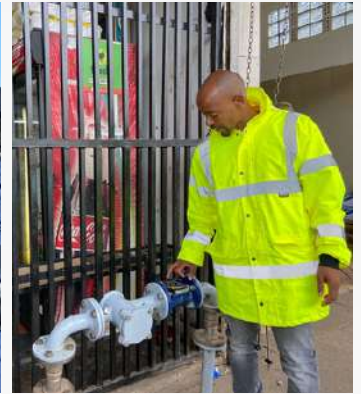


MAYOR ATTENDS OPENING OF THE KZN LEGISLATURE

Our His Worship, the Mayor Cllr Thebolla, joined the opening of the KZN Legislature and address by His Majesty King Misuzulu kaZwelithini at the Woodburn Rugby Stadium.



CITY OFFICIALS ROLL UP SLEEVES AS ILIMA KHUCULULA OPERATION GETS UNDERWAY



Ilima Khukulula Operation targeted certain areas within the city to disconnect electricity and water services for businesses that have defaulted on their payment plans and demolishing illegal structure to reclaim public space. This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts to recover outstanding municipal debts and ensure compliance with agreed-upon payment arrangements. Businesses that have failed to honor their commitments, despite being given ample opportunities to settle their accounts, faced disconnection as a necessary measure to enforce accountability.

Undocumented immigrants were apprehended in Pietermaritz Street. The deputy mayor and officials from internal municipal department who are hands on in this operation expressed satisfaction with the results of this initiative, as it continues to bring desired outcome of restoring law and order in the capital city.

OPERATION ILIMA KHUCULULA CONTINUES

The Msunduzi Municipality, through the Ilima Operation under the Khukulula Campaign, is intensifying efforts to combat electricity and water tempering, dismantle illegal structures, and restore order in downtown Pietermaritzburg. This collaborative initiative aims to protect law-abiding residents and businesses while promoting accountability and transparency.



CLEANUP CAMPAIGN AT SLANGSPRUIT RIVER

Msunduzi Municipality Ward Councillors for Ward 19 and 13, Cllr. PV Ngwenya and Cllr. SG Mncwango respectively, welcomed officials from various stakeholders including TCTA and DUCT, to the cleanup campaign for the Slangspruit River.

The main purpose of the river cleaning initiative is to maintain a clean community, especially after experiencing heavy rainfall in recent days. The initiative also aimed to combat illegal dumping and to educate the local community on the negative impact of illegal dumping. Cllr. PV Ngwenya expressed his gratitude to both the ward 19 and 13 community and the officials for taking the initiative to join this important campaign.





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