

**Mayor: His Worship Councillor Chris Ndlela**

**Date: July 2014**

**Venue: Tourism Hub**

**Welcome Message –Business breakfast**

- Honourable MEC Mike Mabuyakhulu
- Honourable CEO of PCB
- Chairperson of SANTACO
- All Business man and women
- Members of the Executive Committee
- Honourable Councillors
- Management of Msunduzi Municipality
- All Protol Observed

A warm welcome to all of you. First am delighted to meet so many business people who are taking interest in the City. The fact that you were willing to get up so early and live your businesses show a great commitment you have for this city. I am inspired by the diversity of backgrounds, expertise and interest in the room this morning, And I look forward to seeing how we can take advantage of our shared commitment to our community in new and innovative ways in the coming months and years.

I realise this business breakfast was originally thought as a debriefing session from the State of the city address. The organisers have succeeded in getting some excellent speakers who know all about the subject, I shall however take somewhat a different approach by pleading with all of us to take a participative role in this meeting.

Pietermaritzburg like any other city faces a host of challenges such as unemployment, fraud and corruption, SMME Enterprise development aging infrastructure .The list goes on, addressing these challenges is a daunting task, but am certain most of the solution lie in all of us as a collective.

The business community has a very critical role in the economic development of this city. We as the municipality want to form lasting relationship with you that could be beneficiary to all of us.

Today we would like to hear more from you about the role you want to play in the City and criticise us where you feel we have short comings. The city belongs to all of us therefore we need to have a collective approach on how we are going to improve our economy. These partnerships are the ones who will create platforms of communication between all of us.

Thank you