

The official newsletter of the Msunduzi Municipality

President Zuma impressed with housing project



A jubilant Nomkhosi Msimang beams with pride as president Jacob Zuma cuts the ribbon to her new home at Aloe Ridge while msunduzi mayor Themba Njilo looks on.



President Jacob Zuma was the guest of honour at the opening of the Aloe Ridge development. Here he is met by former KZN premier Dr Zweli Mkhize, Msunduzi Chief Whip Truman Magubane and Sihle Zikalala, Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental affairs MEC.



President Jacob Zuma says government will not rest until each and every South African citizen has a decent roof over their heads as part of its resolve to restore the dignity of people through human settlements.

He said this during the official opening of the Aloe Ridge Housing project on April 1.

“We are a government that will never rest until every South African citizen lives in a decent shelter. Our resolve is to restore the dignity of our people through human settlements,” said President Zuma.

“On completion it will deliver close to 1000 housing units accommodating close to 4000 beneficiaries.

Projects such as the Westgate Social Housing provide tangible

proof that we are a country where people and children from all racial and cultural backgrounds can live and play together.”

He also expressed satisfaction that the project has a strong local bias with Msunduzi Housing Association (MHA) as the developer.

“This is a clear expression of our stated commitment to advance radical socio-economic transformation.”

He added that government continues to prioritise housing delivery for indigents.

These include child headed households, the physically disabled and elderly citizens.

He said having decent shelter presents a number of social and economic benefits including an improved quality of life, as well as personal and private space,

among others.

The issue of people migrating from rural to urban areas in search of better economic prospects was also highlighted by the President, who said this tended to put government under immense pressure to provide housing with the requisite infrastructure at an unprecedented rate.

The spiralling costs of building a house and lack of resources to meet this rapidly rising demand compels government to relook at its housing priorities to address the demands of rapid urbanisation.

This includes establishment of integrated catalytic projects across the country that will see the delivery of not less than 10 000 houses per project, providing houses for military veterans, the indigent, elderly or senior citizens, child-headed households, and people with disabilities.

The President called on young working people to consider making use of the Financial Linked Individually Subsidy Programme (FLISP) programme to buy themselves houses. FLISP was developed to enable sustainable and affordable first time home-ownership opportunities to South African citizens earning between R3 501 and R15 000 per month.

There are different options available for younger people such as the social housing/rental programme and the FLISP.

“These options are meant for people who earn too much to qualify for a fully subsidised government house and earn little

to qualify for a bonded house.

Then there is government assisted employee housing for civil servants, which the government hopes that other big employers will follow with employer-assisted housing”, said Zuma.

He also cautioned against the habit of selling RDP

houses, saying beneficiaries of government built houses should guard against it.

Construction of Aloe Ridge began in November 2014 in an effort to provide much-needed reasonably-priced rental accommodation for the lower to middle-income earners in the area.

Call for co-operation and engagement



Economic Development MEC Sihle Zikalala, in a recent visit to the city, called for co-operation and interaction between organised business, municipalities and provincial government, pointing out that this was crucial in ensuring growth and development.

He said all the sectors needed each other, stressing that transformation and economic

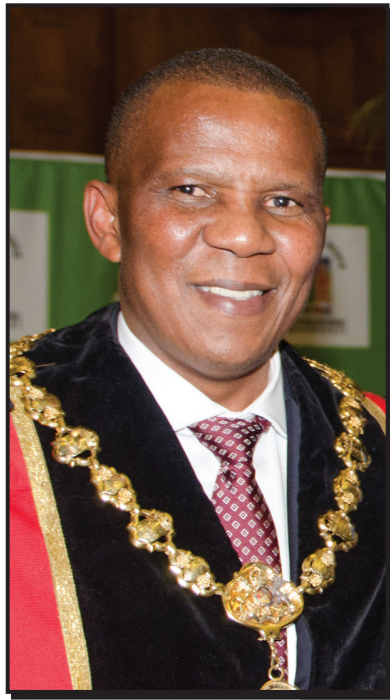
development go together.

The MEC is seen in this picture with Msunduzi Mayor Themba Njilo and Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Business President Leo Quayle at the Growth Coalition meeting held at Golden Horse Casino recently.

The coalition provides an appropriate platform in which business and government discuss plans aimed at bringing about growth and development.

Mayor's Message

Themba Njilo
Msunduzi Mayor



Balancing human rights and responsibilities

It is amazing how time has gone by so swiftly.

It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating the beginning of the new year, and here we are now getting ready for the Easter holidays.

And that also brings the first quarter of 2017 to closure – done and dusted.

It is important for each one of us to pause momentarily and reflect on whether goals and targets that were set at the start of the new year are still being followed.

We conclude March as a very significant month in the history of our country where we celebrate human rights.

There is a general agreement

that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and having a proper shelter is but one of such rights.

That is why, as the city, we are proud to be playing a role in ensuring that people have adequate houses.

A house provides shelter, helps in raising and protecting families and contributes to the general well-being of our communities.

That is the reason why we will continue with our efforts in ensuring that people and families have proper houses that can be turned into homes.

Residents of Woodlands will soon enjoy such a right following the launch of the project which was led by Human Settlements

MEC Ravi Pillay on March 24. This is in line with the commitment that we made on August 19 last year where we undertook to be a caring and visible government.

We applaud individuals who excel in their respective fields whether in education, business, the arts and other areas for their success is not just theirs, but ours as well.

As schools are closed for the Easter holidays, I want to appeal to young people to use the time at hand by engaging in positive deeds.

School closure does not mean that one should not take time to study and revise some of the work that has been done in the year

already.

With the Bessie Head Library at our disposal I encourage learners and young people to make use of this institution in order to expand their horizons.

Lastly let us remember that as we bid farewell to human rights month, let us remember that each has a corresponding responsibility that goes with it.

In this regard while provision of water is one such right, there is an equal responsibility to preserve such a resource at all costs because by doing we ensure that there is more for each one of us.

I would like to urge all Msunduzi residents to #savewater, #stoplandinvasion, #stopillegalelec

tricityconnection.

Together we can do more. Let us take care of our beautiful City of Choice that is second to none.

ABOUT US

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Know your city Manaye Hall



Manaye Hall in Imbali Township is one of the most important in history as it is the venue of Nelson Mandela's last speech at the All in African Conference on March 1961 before he was arrested in Howick

Manaye Hall, formerly known as the Plessislaer Arya Samaj Hall in FJ Sithole Road, Imbali Township in Pietermaritzburg, is the venue where Mandela gave his last public speech at the All in African Conference on March 25-26, 1961, before he was arrested the following year at what is now known as the Capture Site near Howick.

The venue was secured as an alternative after the original venue, the Local Health Commission, was found to have been bugged by the Special Branch

The All in African Conference followed a Consultative Conference of African Leaders that was convened by Chief Albert Luthuli in Orlando Johannesburg in 1960 to consider an action plan

against a Whites only referendum declaring a Republic.

The Conference took place a few days after the Sharpeville Massacre and Mandela made a surprise appearance there as he was already on the run from the apartheid police.

Although the government had arrested a majority of organising members of the Conference and took other measures to hinder it,

about 1400 delegates attended from all over representing 145 political, religious, social, sporting and cultural associations.

It was in this conference where participants demanded a "one man one vote" and a National Convention no later than May 31, 1961, the day when the apartheid regime planned to declare South Africa as a republic.

The slogan 'Amandla Awethu' was coined at this Conference.

The Conference's demand for a representative national convention to prepare a non-racial democratic constitution was rejected by the apartheid government which instead used massive force to suppress civil protests resulting in prolonged conflict. The venue of the All in African Conference is part of the KZN Freedom Route and Westgate Tourism Experience that includes many key tourism attractions in Greater Edendale.

The venue has also become a focal point for the start of the annual Mandela Day Marathon.

For details and to Book Tours: call Msunduzi Pietermaritzburg Tourism Association on 0333451348/9. info@pmbtourism.co.za

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A clean city is good for us all – deputy mayor



Msunduzi Deputy Mayor Thobani Zuma assisting a municipal employee to clean Timber Street

The cleanliness of Pietermaritzburg rests on the shoulders of each one of the city's residents.

This was the message from Msunduzi Mayor Themba Njilo and Deputy Mayor Thobani Zuma after they led efforts of a clean-up in Timber Street in March.

"If all of us develop a habit of making sure that rubbish is put in a dust bin and do this frequently our city will not be an unpleasant sight," said Zuma.

He added that while the municipality has staff in the refuse department who make sure that refuse is picked regularly, this should not be a burden of the municipality only.

According to the deputy mayor, taking ownership of neighbourhoods should include making sure that the environment is clean as that will help in giving the city a good image in line with its provincial capital status.

City businesses score in provincial awards



Thokozane Masikane owner of Tiba T Trading who won in the Micro-Business of the Year category at the Ithala Business Achiever Awards on 29 March

City businessman Themba Ndlovu was among the big winners at the Ithala Business Achiever Awards held in Durban on March 29, scooping the top prize in the Franchise Business of the Year category.

Ndlovu, a former teacher and top education department official, owns the Cubana restaurant in the city and was delighted at being recognised for his efforts.

Another local entrepreneur Thokozane Masikane, owner of

Tiba T Trading won the Micro-Business of the Year category.

The awards by the Ithala Development Finance Corporation recognise and celebrate business achievements and excellence at a time when economic inclusivity is high on government's development agenda.

The Business Achiever nominees were evaluated against numerous criteria –entrepreneurial spirit, financial performance, strategic direction, community impact, innovation and personal integrity. Awardees were celebrated across various industry sectors including hospitality, manufacturing, agriculture, transport and logistics.

Ithala, KZN's provincial development agency, is a state owned entity that falls under the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs under the leadership of MEC Sihle Zikalala.

Ithala Group Chief Executive Yvonne Zwane said they were proud to be one of the drivers of economic transformation.

"As a development finance

institution, we take our role to help government accelerate radical transformation to alleviate the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality through programmes that promote economic inclusion seriously," said Zwane.

She urged entrepreneurs to be resilient as they have a big role to play in fostering development and job creation, insisting that Ithala remains willing to provide assistance.

"In your enterprise development journey, you will not be left alone to fend for yourself after a successful loan application. While strict business requirements for lending will always apply, we are a lender with a heart.

"We will stand by you and help develop your business to ensure it remains relevant, profitable and sustainable," added Zwane.

Over the past five years, 12 425 jobs have been created through lending activities, 873 enterprises have been assisted and loans totalling R1, 45 billion have been advanced.

Four category award winners each received R30 000.

City leaders impressed with IRPTN

Msunduzi Mayor Themba Njilo has expressed satisfaction with the progress on the Intergrated Rapid Public Transport Network(IRPTN), saying he believes that once completed it will breathe new life on public transport.

The mayor, accompanied by various councillors and delegates from the Msunduzi Municipality, visited the IRPTN site at Imbali together with engineers, environmental specialists and contractors.

The purpose of the visit was for an update on the progress of the development of the IRPTN that refers to five modes of transportation, namely: rail, bus, minibus taxi, metered taxi and non-motorised transport.

The IRPTN incorporates a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system,



Msunduzi councillors inspecting progress along Edendale Road where construction for the Intergrated Rapid Public Transport Network is taking place

which is a high frequency road based bus system that consists of well graded facilities and stop stations, complimentary and feeder services to provide a modern, well-maintained, comfortable and efficient system.

The BRT system, as a major

feature of the IRPTN will integrate with existing transport modes to improve and simplify commuter's trips.

The IRPTN is the most significant initiative that has recently been undertaken in Msunduzi.

Businesses applauded for assisting learners

Learners from Ashdown Primary School have a better chance in life thanks to the intervention of the local businesses who donated books and shoes at the school.

The intervention of Greater Edendale Mall (GEM), Scelo Creation, Builders PMB, Capital 104 fm, Denmark and Afrotainment ensured that 192 learners from disadvantaged backgrounds get new pairs of shoes.

School principal Nonhlanhla Shezi expressed the school's gratitude for the contribution by local businesses, saying this would make learning a better experience for the recipients of the school shoes.

"Any intervention that makes a difference in learners' lives is always welcomed.

We convey our sincerest gratitude to everyone who has assisted in this regard," said the principal.

GEM Marketing Manager Sonya Caldecott said the handover was the end result of a campaign "Drop-A-Box" where businesses were urged to contribute a box of new school shoes.

"We were lucky in that we got a very positive response from many business and it is heart-warming to see businesses making a positive contribution to local communities," said Caldecott.

KZN IS IN DROUGHT EMERGENCY

Tighten the taps

- Check and repair all leaking plumbing.
- Report leaks & areas of standing water to 0800 011 888
- Household usage is prohibited during this period. Wash your car using buckets.
- Wash dishes in basins without continuous flow.
- Turn off the water while washing hands, shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Reycle bath water to water the garden.
- Shower instead of bathing. Showers should be no longer than 5 minutes.
- Prohibit rain water harvesting.

blue drop
water saving
reducing water usage by 25-50%

The Msunduzi Municipality urges you to Conserve Water. Change your life style and help save the Water Crisis. Water Restriction in KZN has started! Every Drop Counts!

Phokophelani pham

“Siyabonga kothisha ngomsebenzi omuhle, makwenziwa into enhle kumele inconywe -uMnu Dlungwane.”



Ukusebenza ngokuzimisela noma ngabe izimo zibucayi kangakanani kugcina kunomthelela omuhle.

Lawa kube amazwi okukhuthaza ashiwo imeya kaMasipala woMsunduzi ukhansela Themba Njilo kumphakathi kanye nabafundi basesikoleni samabanga aphakeme eMzamweni High kamuva nje.

Enkulumweni yakhe uthe banguhulumeni okhona onamehlo okuzobona zonke izidingo zabo kanye nokukhombisa uthando nozwelo ngesikhathi ethula -iDevelopment Outreach Programme. Lomcimbi wokwethulwa kuzozuza abafundi abangu- 700 ngemifaniswano kanti kuphinde kwaklonyeliswa othisha ngezitifiketi.

“Bazali zithandeni izingane zenu ungayisusi ekhaya uthi uthisha uyoziwonela asisebenzeni ngokubambisana. Njengoba silapha singumasipala noMnyango wezeMfundo sizothi asibambaneni ukuze kuthuthukiswe abafundi babe ngabantu ebantwini bakwazi ukwenza ushintsho ekhaya. Sikhetho izikole ezingu- 23 esizithathe kumawadi ahlukene sabona ukuthi loluhlelo lungasiza silethele izingane imifaniswano siphinde sihlale nazo iminyaka emibili sizihambele sibone kuthi ikhona yini iqubekela phambili,” kuchaza ukhansela Njilo.

Uqhube wathi uma kudingeka ingqalasizinda bazoyithinta iminyango ethile engase isize ukuze izingane zikwazi ukuphila impilo okuyiyona yona. Uthe

ukhethe lesikole ngoba senza kahle wathi mawungena kuso uyabona ukuthi impilo ikhona kuso.

“Imfundo ibalulekile kumele sigxile kakhulu kwizifundo zeMaths kanye neScience ngiyacela bothisha kuthi asibuyeleni esikoleni senze imfundo siyibambe iyephambili. Bafundi ninenhlanhla ngicela nilisebenzise lelithuba ngendlela okuyiyona. Uhulumeni ukhona izandla uzivulile uma singasebenzi ngokubambisana akusoze kwalunga lutho,” kubeka uNjilo.

UMnuz Nhlanhla Ngubane onguthishanhlolo walesikole utshele imeya ukuthi bakhetho kahle uma kukhulunywa ngomhlabathi ovundile ongatshala kuwona kuqhume izithelo zangempela

kumele uze eMzamweni High.

“Lesikole sinephupho elicacile siyazi ukuthi siyaphi asifuniseli asiphumputhi, manisithatha asilona ibhala siyimoto ehambayo eyi-4x4.

Isikole lesi uJehova asibusisile ngothisha abasezingeni bayanakwa, bayakhuliswa ngokomoya, ngokomqondo kanye nangokomzimba. Siyanibonga bazali konke lokhu kuvela kunina. Sithi kubafundi abaphaze isifundo ngasinye ngo- 100%,” kubeka uMnuz Ngubane.

UNGqongqoshe wezeMfundo esifundazweni uMnu Mthandeni Dlungwane naye obeyingxeny yalomcimbi ubonge abahleli bawo ngokuba nesiqiniseko sokudonsa izinhlaka ezahlukeno zikwazi ukuzotshala esezikuzuzile. “Ngibona kufanele kufakwe

igxalaba ukuze loluhlelo olufana nalolu luqhubekela phambili. Siyabonga kothisha ngomsebenzi omuhle, makwenziwa into enhle kumele inconywe,” kubeka uMnu Dlungwane.

Uphinde wazibophezela ngokuthi uzofaka isandla ukuze loluhlelo luqhubekela phambili waphinde washayela ihlombe umasbeniz wenhlangano iShintshimpilo wokufundisa abafundi izifundo zokushayela abanye abakade benikezwa izincwadi zabo ngalolusuku.

Eminyakeni emibili ezayo abafundi basezikoleni e-Edendale, Elandskop, eMbali, edolobheni naseSweetwaters bazonikwa imifaniswano, amanzi ahlanzekile kubuye kube nezinhlelo zokuqinisekisa ukuthi bathola ukwelulekwa ngemikhakha abangayilandela kwezemfundo.

ibili nemfundo- Njilo



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THE MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY

TENDER NOTICES



THE MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY

WARD 28 COMMUNITY MEETING - 06 APRIL 2017

Residents of ward 28 , please note that there will be a community meeting taking place as follows :

Date : 06 April 2017

Time : 18:00 pm

Venue : Truro hall

The meeting will be for ward 28 residents only to discuss service delivery issues.

Further information please contact the ward 28 office on 033 392 3752 / 084 699 8832.



THE MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO SERVE ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE MSUNDUZI OF MUNICIPAL ENTITIES

Msunduzi Local Municipality invites applications from experienced individuals with high expertise to serve on the Boards of Directors of Municipal owned entities and are the following activities:

• **Tourism Authority**

The entity is responsible for the promotion of tourism

• **Airport**

The entity is responsible for the management and development of the municipal aviation infrastructure

• **Msunduzi Forestry Company**

The entity is responsible for the management of Municipal Forestry Estate

To ensure these strategic assets are optimally utilised to promote the developmental mandate of the municipality and the country.

These entities are mandated to leverage both private and public investments. Develop and implement strategies that will enhance revenue their streams and sustainability. Unlock avenues for diversification and economic down streaming activities for the socio-economic benefit of the people of Msunduzi Municipality. The Boards of Directors will therefore be expected to give leadership and strategic direction to the management and staff of these Entities.

The Boards of Directors of these Msunduzi Entities are expected to consist of experienced business and professional persons who are well connected with provincial, national and international role players and investors. The Boards will consist of esteemed individuals of high social standing with a passion for making use of their knowledge and expertise as a tool for the betterment and development of the local community.

Persons with a passion to see the successful eradication of poverty and the creation of sustainable employment opportunities within Msunduzi are called upon to express their interest in participating in this exciting and rewarding initiative.

The appointment of the Boards of Directors shall ensure a balanced range of expertise dealing with Tourism, aviation economy, industrial, commercial, agricultural and forestry development and management as well as special expertise in development and management of infrastructure relating to strategic projects.

Individuals with qualifications and experience in investment attraction and facilitation, legal matters, tourism, forestry science and management, aviation, accounting practice, project management and strategic business planning and management are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should be individuals who wish to utilise their expertise to contribute meaningfully to local community and economic development within the Msunduzi Local Municipality.

Applications must be submitted to the office of the General Manager: Sustainable Development and City Entities:

I. Indication using unique sequential code from (1-3) as to which board the applicant aspire to be considered for as indicated below:

1. Tourism Authority Board;
2. Forestry Management Company;
3. Airport Management Company.

II. A detailed CV of the applicant indicating qualifications and experience

III. A motivational letter or report indicating why the applicant or nominee should be considered as a suitable Board member

IV. A Declaration of Intent of Commitment and no conflict of interest in working with the Local Municipality.

The attention of prospective applicants are drawn to the stipulations of the Municipal Systems Act with special reference to Sections 93E and 93F that precludes certain persons from servicing on the Board of a Municipal Entity. All applicants will need to apply by submitting the required documentation to: The General Manager: Sustainable Development and City Entities:

Attention: Sipho Zimu

E-mail: Sipho.Zimu@msunduzi.gov.za Tel No: 0333922465/2146

Closing date: 20 April 2017

The final appointment of the Boards of Directors will be sanctioned by the Msunduzi Municipal Council.

MR S. HADEBE (ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER)



THE MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY

ISAZISO SOKUTHENGA INGXEYEN A (YESITHATHU) YEPULAZI I-LAMONTS VALE UNOMBOLO 1210 NGENHLOSO YOSUNGULA ISIZA SENDAWO YAMATHUNA

Lesi yisaziso esinikezwa ngenhloso yokuthi uMasipala waseMsunduzi uhlose ukuthenga iNgxenywe A (yesithathu) yePulazi iLamonts Vale, uNombolo 1210 eliku Ward 18, ubukhulu balo obulinganiselwa kumakhathre angama-96.1 ukuthi kusungulwe isiza sendawo yamathuna njengoba kukhonzisiwe epulanini MS/80B/2016, ngenani lokuthenga elingu-R23 000 000,00 kubalwa intela yentengo. Ngenxa yoku-phuthuma nokubaluleka kwesidingo sendawo yokungcwaba kwiDolobha nokuthi umkhandlu usuphelelwe indawo yamathuna e-Thembeni nase Mountainrise, uMasipala awubonanga isidingo sokuvula i-bid kwabanye abantu. Esinye isizathu ukuthi ukuhlala ukuthuthuka kwe-Dolobha (Municipal Spatial Development Framework) ne South Eastern District Local Area Plan (SEDAP) kutshengisa ukukhula nokwanda kwedingo kwidolobha kwingxenywe engase South East ne West, ngase R56 eduze no-Thornville, lapho kubonakale umhlaba wamathuna ofanele.

Ipulani MS/80D/2016 kanye nemibhalo ehambisana nayo iyatholakala kwabafisa ukuyihlola ehhovisi lokweNganyelwa koMhlaba (Land Management Office), Room 203, 2nd Floor, eHholo leDolobha (City Hall) ekhoneni lika-Church Street no-Chief Albert Luthuli Street, ePietermaritzburg ngezikhathi ezijwayelekile zomsebenzi. Izinhlobo ezinentshisekelo ezifisa ukuphawula mayelana neziphakamiso zingenza lokho zingakapheli izinsuku ezingama-30 kusukela ngosuku ekukhishwe ngaso lesi saziso. Iziphakamiso zingabhekiswa kuMenenja kaMasipala noma zithunyelwe eHholo leDolobha ekhoneni lika-Church Street no-Chief Albert Luthuli Street, ePietermaritzburg noma nithumele i-imeyili ku Mthobisi.Khumalo@msunduzi.gov.za.

Mnu. S. Hadebe

IBamba leMenenja yeDolobha

eHholo leDolobha

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MSUNDUZI FORESTRY COMPANY (PTY) LTD

(100% MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY OWNED COMPANY)

The Msunduzi Forestry Company PTY LTD 2017/003841/07 invites applications from competent, innovative and committed individuals for the following Vacancies:

The Msunduzi Forestry Company PTY LTD invites applications from competent, innovative and committed individuals for the following vacancies:

Post: General Manager: Forestry Entity (Post No. 01)

Term: Five (5) year fixed term contract with an option to renew

Basic Salary: Market Related Salary (Negotiable)

Qualification Requirement:

Appropriate degree in Forestry Science or equivalent

Current drivers **licence** Code 08

5 Year experience in forestry management

Key Performance areas

Leadership and Management

• Design and establish an enterprise wide sustainable forestry management system covering all aspect of sustainable forestry management from strategic planning, operational planning through to operational management and control, monitoring and evaluation, research and development of the Msunduzi Forestry Company. • Provide authoritative advice to the MFC Board of Directors and Stakeholders including Msunduzi Municipality executive and MFC management team regarding long and medium term planning and operational management issues in particular regulatory and sustainable forestry management. • Accountable for the compilation of medium term and annual timber compartment release plans to agreed programme management plans and timetable. Oversight field and office resource assessment, comprehensive operation plan development and stakeholder communication planning and management. • Lead the development of a comprehensive sustainable management plan as well as ensure the maintenance of the current FSC certification. The sustainable management plan will include but not limited to the following sub-programmes: Urban and peri urban forests; Gender in forestry; Health benefits of forestry; Land use planning; Forest Management and monitoring; Forest certification; Development of forest based enterprises; Forest and Water; Indigenous peoples rights and land uses. • Lead engagement with Provincial and National Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, National Government responsible for forestry and other relevant government structures regarding regulatory developmental and transformation issues. • Lead MFC input into transformation consolidation and reinvigoration of state forestry assets within the Municipality. • Lead MFC management of compliance issues, investigations and associated legal processes. • Accountable for the delivery of Value chain development and sustainable forestry management research programmes • Lead the development and maintenance of systems, standards, policies, procedures and training to support the business operations. • Accountable for implementation of BBEE transformation and staff welfare and development programmes. • Provide leadership and strategic direction to the team to optimise individual and team performance through effective leadership, training, development and performance management. • Identify and manage key risk and issues within the MFC forestry management unit and ensure risk management is embedded as part of all work processes • Produce and manage work group budget to ensure that objectives are met in a cost effective manner

Post: Executive Manager: Financial Management (Post No. 02)

Basic Salary: Market Related Salary (Negotiable)

Term: Five (5) year fixed term contract with an option to renew

Qualification Requirement:

Qualified accountant with at least 7 years' experience

Current drivers **licence** Code

Key Performance areas

• Maintain a documented system of accounting policies and procedures in compliance with the Public Finance Management Act.
• Manage outsourced functions such as forestry contracting services
• Oversea treasury operations
• Forecast cash-flow positions, related borrowing needs, and available funds for investment
• Ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet ongoing operational and capital investment requirements
• Maintain banking relationships
• Assist in determining the company's proper capital structure
• Arrange for equity and debt financing
• Invest surplus funds
• Recommend appropriate dividend issuance, based on historical dividend patterns and expected cash flows
• Manage the preparation of the company's budget
• Review the established budget, and the reasons for the variance.
• Assist management in the formulation of its overall strategic direction
• Engage in ongoing cost reduction analysis in all areas of the company
• Review the performance of competitors and report on key issues to management and the board of Directors
• Engage in benchmarking studies to establish areas of potential operational improvement
• Interpret the company's financial results to management and the Board of Directors and recommending improvement in activities
• Review company bottlenecks and recommend changes to improve the overall level of company throughput.
• Participate in target costing activities to create products that meet predetermine price and performance goals
• Assist in the determination of product pricing in relation to competitor pricing
• Compile key business metrics and report on them to the management and the board of directors
• Manage the capital budgeting and sustainable forestry management process, based on Mean annual increments sustainable harvest thresholds constraint analysis and discounted cash flow analysis
• Create additional analysis and reports as requested by management
• Oversea extension of credit to customers and credit control
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• Use financial modeling to simulate financial scenarios
• Present potential scenarios and outcomes to management team and board of directors
• Manage the preparation and publication of departmental and organization financial documents
• Collaborate with management on development and execution of funding strategies
• Examine financial and legal documents to verify accuracy and adherence to financial regulation and acceptable financial principles
• Develop or recommend solutions for problems or situations

OTHER INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

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Written applications with attachments of CVs that have two referees with current contact information (including certified copies of qualifications/ certificates, ID and Driver's License) to be addressed to the General Manager: Sustainable Development and City Entities Ground Floor next to Security in Professor Nyembezi Centre, Church Street, Pietermaritzburg or posted to Private Bag X321, Pietermaritzburg, 3200.

Enquiries to Senior Manager: City Entities Sipho Zimu 033 392 2146 or email sipho.zimu@msunduzi.gov.za

Closing Date: 21 April 2017 at no later than 12 h00.

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All interviews will be done in English.

Should there be no correspondence from the Company within sixteen weeks after the closing date, kindly consider your Application to be unsuccessful.

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Mayor continues with ward visits



Msunduzi Mayor Themba Njilo with Msunduzi Speaker Jabu Ngubo at a meeting in ward 1

In line with his promise to visit all wards in a bid to determine the challenges, Msunduzi Mayor Themba Njilo visited ward 1 and 2, with speaker Jabu Joy Ngubo and councillor Sibusiso Mtshali.

Councillors highlighted the activities within the wards and raised issues regarding ward service deliveries that will be referred to the relevant departments. Problems regarding

potholes, burst water pipes, overgrown trees and vegetation were brought to the attention of the mayor. In addition to this, councillors noted illegal dumping and illegal electricity connection as issues that needed to be attended to. On a positive note it was observed that road upgrades of the road with proper drainage system were taking place in ward 2 including an upgrade of the local clinic.

Msunduzi Briefs

Vacant posts to be filled

The Msunduzi Municipality has started advertising for vacant posts which is a sign that it is serious about improving service delivery. Briefing a recent meeting of the Executive Committee (Exco) Chief Financial Officer Nelly Ngcobo assured senior councillors that business units would soon be beefed up. Posts have already been advertised internally and in the coming weeks they will be advertised in the local press.

Fuel abuse ends

Stricter control measures have ensured that the Msunduzi Municipality saves over R2 million on petrol. This was revealed at a recent Exco meeting where senior councillors were told that the once-runaway expenditure on petrol has now been attended to enabling the municipality to save R2,3 million

in the past year.

Advice for municipalities

Municipalities have the duty of looking after local industries, as this would ensure local economic growth and job creation. This was the advice from Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas who was speaking at a post budget breakfast gathering in the city recently. He said when local industries are taken care of through incentives such as a proper infrastructure, stable water and power supply it makes it easy for new businesses to want to invest in the local economy which guarantees jobs for locals.

Boost for local libraries

Msunduzi municipality is set to boost local libraries with a R1,3 million injection that will result in the purchase 5 000 library books which will service readers in Sobantu, Georgetown and Woodlands communities. This is part of a plan to ease congestion at the Bessie Head Library by ensuring other libraries are properly capacitated. In addition to this R1,9 million has been set aside to purchase back-up generators for all libraries as power supply is crucial to the functioning of libraries, especially when using computers.

Municipality keen on helping streetkids

The Msunduzi Municipality is keen on helping street children reunite with their families.

This was expressed in a recent meeting between street kids and the delegation from the municipality recently.

The meeting in lower Hoosen Haffajee (Berg) Street was prompted by concerns over the proliferation of street kids since the demolition of the Ematsheni Beer Hall recently.

Msunduzi Mayor Themba Njilo who was accompanied by a number of councillors including Exco member Sphamandla Khumalo and top officials from the municipality said they were serious in the commitment for street children to regain control of their lives.

"We are here because we care and we want to discuss a way forward regarding your situation," said Njilo.

He added that those who were keen on returning to their homes would also be assisted. "We will assist in every way possible to those who want to return to their homes.

You must know that we care about your wellbeing and we want to assist so that you stop taking substances that are not good for your health, the mayor added. The municipality is likely to seek the assistance from Department of Social Development in order to help those who have a drug addiction problem.




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MSUNDUZI SPORTS

Health MEC praises City exercise programme

KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has heaped praise at the exercise programme spearheaded by Msunduzi Mayor Themba Njilo.

Earlier in March, the MEC participated in the hour-long exercise programme that is held at the Carbineers Garden saying it was important for locals to be part of the healthy lifestyle.

He praised the mayor for coming up with such a healthy initiative. "This is the first time that we witnessed a mayor taking an interest in the physical wellbeing of the people, and we applaud him for that," said Dhlomo. He added that the programme would go a long way in fighting social ills. "When these young people are done exercising, chances are they are going to go home and not be party to harmful activities

such drug taking or engaging in relations with older men," said the MEC.

He added that the video taken at Carbineers Gardens would be shown in many parts of the province to encourage them to start such an exercise programme.

The mayor said he was encouraged by Dhlomo's words and was equally impressed at the interest that the exercise programme had generated throughout the city.

"We started this in order to ensure that we have a healthy workforce at the municipality, but now we have more people because we have said anyone can join and it is free," said Njilo.

The mayor told Msunduzi News that he would like for the programme to spread across all the municipality's 39 wards as this would ensure healthy residents in the KZN capital.



Health MEC Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo who took part in the exercise programme at Carbineers Garden

A day of fun for soccer and netball enthusiasts

The Msunduzi Municipality Special Projects hosted netball and football tournaments for people living with disabilities on April 1.

A number of teams from many parts of KZN including Durban, Port Shepstone, Ladysmith participated in the tournament held at the AB Jackson Sports

field and the Westmore Park Netball courts.

Maritzburg Deaf United took the honours in soccer followed by the Pinetown City Deaf Club

while the South Coast Deaf Soccer club finished third.

Winners were given trophies and medals.

The games were aimed at

showcasing the talent from people with disabilities who enjoyed displaying wonderful skills on the sports field.

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