



**STATE OF THE MUNICIPAL ADDRESS DELIVERED BY HER WORSHIP THE  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR, CLLR NONKOLISO NGQONGWA  
MTHATHA CITY HALL, 10 JUNE 2016**

Honourable Speaker

Chief Whip

Traditional Leaders

Leaders of Political parties

Members of the Mayoral Committee

Fellow Councilors

Government Departments

Municipal Manager and the entire administration

King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality Community

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Honored Guests Ladies and Gentlemen

Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of KSD Municipality I extend warm greetings to all of you who to share with us this important occasion of the State of the Municipal Address. It gives me

pleasure to speak before leaders of our communities who always support the programmes of the institution and we value your presence.

Fellow Councillors and members of the KSD Municipality, we are guided by the National Development Plan (NDP) whose main object is to accelerate economic growth and development in South Africa, we are also guided by KSD Vision 2030.

Speaker, allow me to state that, during the term 2011 up-to-date the KSD Presidential Intervention (PI) progressed very well. Delivering the State of the Nation Address in 2012 the President stated, and I quote, "the implementation of the Mthatha Revitalisation Project, which is a Presidential Special Project, is progressing very well. Work is at an advanced stage to improve water, sanitation, electricity, roads, human settlements, Airport Development and Institutional and Governance issues." Indeed most of the billions of public investment of the KSD PI is in these areas stated by the President.

Positive progress of the KSD PI was further authenticated by an independent Formative Evaluation Report that was commissioned by the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency in 2014.

On 27 March 2015 very Senior Representatives of Cogta - National, together with Cogta - Provincial, descended on the Municipality to assess progress of the KSD PI, and also undertook site visits as part of SONA verification. They compiled a report for the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

The overall current cumulative position of the Presidential Intervention is that completed projects amount to R3.7 billion, while projects currently under implementation amount to R2.2 billion and projects for which we still seek funding for amount to R3 billion. This level of public investment is unprecedented in the KSD. Municipal land space for which we are very thankful to the President.

Operationally, the success of the Presidential Intervention is made possible by the effective functioning of the KSD PI Institutional Arrangements which were set up

and effectively led by Dr. Cassius Lubisi - the Director-General of the Presidency to whom we are highly indebted as beneficiaries of the Programme.

A Lot has been done in the five years to drive the four Pillars as per the mandate of the Community of KSD Municipality. The four focus areas identified when we came to office were: KSD to focus Agriculture, Manufacturing at KSD, Logistic Hub and Coffee Bay as a New Coastal Town.

**Focus Agriculture :** We are working with the Provincial Department of Rural Development in making sure KSD Milling Plant is working well , currently there is Mealie meal production which is already in the shelves in various stores in the Country.

**Manufacturing at KSD:** We are working with the Provincial Government Department of Economic Affairs to revive Vulindlela.

**Logistic Hub:** KSD Municipality is a Pilot of SEZ , we are engaging with the affected communities in areas identified for this Project. This will culminate to an intergraded transportation with a logistic hub.

**Coffee Bay as a New Coastal Town and Economic Node:** We are progressing well working together with SALGA, All Government departments , O. R. Tambo, Traditional Leaders and the Communities of Kwa Tshezi. The Provincial and National Government is monitoring the process as one of the areas working towards establishing new Town after the democratic government has come to existence.

Hon Speaker we have also worked towards achieving the following:

### **Electricity**

We committed to provide sustainable electricity supply to KSD Communities. The following projects that are reflecting in the municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP): Emergency network upgrade Phase 1 – connecting the CBD to the Hillcrest Substation. Network upgrade Phase 2 – installing new mini-substations, cables and kiosks in the CBD so as to comply with the National Electricity Regulator of South Africa's safety regulations. Through partnership with Department of

Energy an Upgrade of Thornhil Substation to double its capacity so as to cater for growth in the Mthatha West as well Sidwadwa Substation Phase 1. The doubling of capacity in Thornhill has resulted to the electrification of 3000 households in Mthatha West and further plan to electrify 600 households in Polar Park

One of the challenges of the Electricity has been unreliable High Voltage (HV) Network and happy to announce that Refurbishing of the Bulk Overhead Line(66KV Overhead Line) from Zimbane Eskom Substation to two Municipal HV Substations (Sidwadwa and Unitra) is underway.

With the partnership between Provincial Government an amount of R170m has been set aside to increase capacity in Sidwadwa Substation as well as refurbishment of Medium Voltage Electricity Network which covers the entire Mthatha Town and the refurbishment is currently taking place, such intervention will go a long way in stabilizing the electricity network of the Mthatha Town. It is worth mentioning that despite all the big steps taken in revamping the Electricity Infrastructure a lot still need to be done as the Electricity Master Plan had estimated in 2013 that in order for the more than 40 year infrastructure to be in the world class an amount of more than R500m is still required.

A lot has been done to reduce the electricity backlogs in KSD to such an extent that in the Mthatha area the challenge is now the electrification of extensions as well as green fields. A lot still need to be done in Mqanduli areas as backlogs accumulated due to the fact that there was no infrastructure to electrify the communities as such initiatives are still challenging the electrification program. It must be mentioned though that two major substations were built to cater for the area which are Willow and Gatyana Substations. The current challenge that is hampering the fastracking of the Electrification is the access as well as funding constraints. The Municipality has now explored the possibility of non-grid electrification and such a program is starting beginning of July 2016 for initially 600 households.

## **Roads**

**To provide reliable & efficient transport mobility infrastructure for communities. Kilometre of roads constructed to life-sustaining.**

KSD's road network is very extensive and grossly dilapidated as reflected in the study that was done in 2012 wherein it was said 92% of the Mthatha Roads have lived longer than their life span. What is unfortunate is that there is no grant dedicated to a higher level of service like Surfaced roads and Municipality must therefore use the limited own revenue to both maintain and rehabilitate these roads. Partnership with the likes of the SANRAL has though helped to a limited extent in that the following roads have been upgraded and others currently being upgraded (Madeira, Sprigg, Nelson Mandela Drive and Sutherland streets. Such partnership had culminated to the conversion of the Madeira and Sprigg Streets into one way system as well as widening of Mthatha Bridge.

Construction of R61 Ring Road (By Pass) is currently underway to alleviate traffic congestion in Town in partnership with Provincial Treasury which we hope to maintain for better things to come. KSD Local Municipality is among the first Municipalities in to have transport interchange which is in Viedgesville to improve mobility on our roads. Widening of R61 from Baziya to Mthatha Town to join the widening of R61 in the Eastern part of Mthatha. Such project is however faced with a challenge of road encroachment especially in Mthatha West which may delay the completion of the project unless cooperation is received from the affected households. Such a project would enhanced the newly built Mthatha Airport as well enable developments such as Wild Coast Special Economic Zone (SEZ) around the Airport which could be major economic drivers for the KSD economy.

In order to respond to the challenge of the dilapidated roads infrastructure, the Municipality has made some inroads on rehabilitating some surfaced roads with the support from the District and Department of Public Works on some roads and the following worth mentioning:

- Hillcrest Road
- Dikweni Street

- Gobodo Street
- Matolweni Street
- Errol Spring Road
- Cement Road
- Craister Road
- Zanemali
- Bedford Road
- Mthatha Dam Road
- Zimbane Abattoir Road

Gerald Hawkes Road Project which include construction of strategic Streets in Hillcrest and Ncambedlana is under construction as well as Eskom to Bhongweni Road. Funding agreement with the Department of Trade and Industry are being finalised for the rehabilitation of the road infrastructure in Vulindlela Industrial Park as Phase two of the R21m received for the securing of the Park and the Municipality is leading by example by constructing Momelezi road to attract more investors in the Park

The Municipality has taken a conscious decision to invest on operation and maintenance. As a result yellow plant is incrementally being procured to ensure that lifespan of the gravel roads is prolonged through frequent maintenance. In the urban roads all 10 urban Wards have now maintenance teams to attend to stormwater maintenance and potholes.

Through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), the municipality has been receiving allocation for each financial year and on average a total of 80km has been built to provide access to economic opportunities and such programmes are biased towards the poor in line with the objective of the ruling party of providing the basic services to those communities that were previously marginalised.

Over and above that, the Municipality is using the MIG grant to provide other amenities like Sports field, Community Halls and Electricity High Mast lightening in a number of Urban Wards to a total of 25. The following are some of the community halls that have been built in this term:

- Nothintwa Community Hall in Ward 25( R2.7m)
- Manelisi Community Hall in Wards 27( R2.7m)
- Krakra Community Hall in Ward 20(R2.7m)
- Manyisane Community Hall in Ward 23(R2.7m)
- Menga Community Hall in Ward 24(R2.7m)

Two more community halls have been awarded for construction in addition to the above.

Through the Vision 2030 Plan more stakeholders are partnering with the Municipality which has resulted from a commitment made by National Lottery to ensure that the Mthatha Multi-Purpose Stadium is completed to provide facilities to the sport loving public of KSD and the Region. An amount of R10m has been sourced from Department of Sport and Recreation for the Renovation of the Rotary Stadium.

The Municipality's Masterplan (Vision 2030) promulgates holistic infrastructure development as it requires one to measure development in all 5 focus systems areas of River, Street, Market, Home and People to achieve a desired outcome with any new development. Our Intergovernmental structures have contributed towards achieving most of infrastructural plans through Presidential and other initiatives.

I wish to thank the OR Tambo district Municipality for constructing major roads in the Mthatha area which are the portion of Zanemali street, portion of Errol Spring and portion of Progress street.

We are very grateful of the support from our District Municipality.

## **Housing**

The Housing Development Plan reported backlogs, estimated to be 16 385 for urban areas and 44 677 for rural areas. The number of households living in inadequate shelter is 16 385 in Mthatha and 3 830 in Mqanduli urban area. The total demand is estimated to be in the order of 22 000 taking into account an estimate of 10 %.

It is estimated that a total number of 13442 households resides in the 14 informal settlements around Mthatha. Demand for housing in the middle and high income is estimated to be in the region of 7000 and 1500 respectively.

The rapid flow of people into the urban area in search of better economic opportunities has been most evident. The movement of people from rural areas to the towns and outskirts of the town puts enormous pressure on the municipality to be more proactive in the development of Integrated Human Settlements and Integrated Urban Development. There is substantial pressure for access to land for development.

It is against this background that the municipality has committed to formalization of 6600 stands and upgrading services in Mthatha West. The areas that were targeted are:

Mandela Park, Chris Hani & Joe Slovo - 3350 sites

Phola Park - 1400 sites

Ngangelizwe - 1850 sites.

This programme also provided interim services in the form of roads and storm-water construction, water standpipes and sewer system.

**To address housing backlogs through provision of 6500 services sites and low cost houses the municipality has embarked on a Greenfields Settlement Programme which covers the following areas:**

Projects A (Maydene Farm) – 2063 sites

Project B (Transkei United Dairies) - 1795 sites

Project C (Zimbane Valley) - 2642 sites

Furthermore the municipality has built two multi-purpose community (MPCC) facilities in Ngangelizwe, Mqanduli.

### **Formulation of planning frameworks**

Spatial Planning Programme

Planning and Survey projects

Review of KSD SDF

LSDFs Viedgesville, KwaTshezi and Mqanduli

Geographic Information System-

Development Applications Management System

The municipality is in a process of concluding the Local Spatial Development Frameworks (LSDFs) for the areas of Mqanduli, Viedgesville and Mthatha. These are areas that have been pronounced as development nodes in the Spatial Development Framework of the municipality. The Local Spatial Development Framework for Coffee Bay has been finalised and translated into Xhosa to ensure maximum understanding of the framework.

Hon. Speaker

The municipality has, during each financial year enhanced capacity of staff and Councillors through various capacity building programs to enhance service delivery. We also have a number of learnership and internship programs for experimental training preparing trainees for the corporate world

**To develop, maintain, review and ensure effective implementation of policies and HR Systems**

Each year the municipality reviewed policies that were in existence

**To develop and implement an institutional Performance Management System**

There is currently a performance management framework which was approved. The development of PMS is at planning stage to cover the whole institution. Currently, the current PMS applies to section 57 Managers and fixed contract employees

**Staff Wellness**

**To ensure that the welfare of KSD employees is looked after to enhance productivity, improve organizational effectiveness and service delivery.**

“A healthy workforce is a more productive workforce”, therefore KSD Municipality so it fit to introduce and implement an effective wellness strategy and / or

programmes so as to optimize workplace performance through the creation of a supportive environment that facilitates behavioral change solutions for employees. The four (4) pillars of Employee Health & Wellness 1. HIV & Aids & TB Management, 2. Health & Productive Management, 3. SHERQ (Safety, Health, Environment Risk Quality Management, 4. Wellness Management

The Wellness improvement system model is to address Spiritual Wellness, Social Wellness, Emotional Wellness, Occupational Wellness, Financial Wellness and Physical Wellness. Employee Health and Wellness programmes help employees and Council to identify and resolve workplace challenges through creation of preventative philosophy of wellness.

KSD Municipal Council through Corporate Services poses an intervention strategy as an employer, for hosting awareness campaigns for employees to see the value of adopting healthier behavior so they can live healthier lives.

Each year Employee Health & Wellness unit host Wellness week, inclusive of Candle light memorial, financial wellness, physical wellness and or Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) in general, followed by Cancer awareness and World Aids Day. The municipality is participating to SADEC Region Games (SAIMSA) each year in September.

## **LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Promote Tourism product Development and Events**

Promoting tourism, which currently is one of the biggest growth industries in South Africa. This includes developing local tourist sites and facilities, improving security and ensuring that all residents are welcoming of tourists. The municipality has managed to establish a Visitor's Information Centre in Shell Ultra City which is responsible for tourism activities around Mthatha and we also have the Manqondo Tourism Centre in Mqanduli which is also a centre that tourists can access for information and other relevant activities. These service centres also provide assistance and information to businesses that wants to start operations in the municipality.

## **Horseback ride Racing**

This is an annual event that started small but currently attracts horses around Transkei and as far as Umzimkulu in KZN. It has a cultural element. Its success has led to OR Tambo DM and ECPTA making a commitment to co-fund forthcoming events. Further, the Eastern Gambling Board is providing policy guidance to ensure that its cultural nature is not diluted.

## **Special Programme and Youth**

The delivery of the Section, Special Programmes unit policy Speech today is an indication of our municipality's commitment in pursuit of lofty ideals that our nation holds for socio-economic growth that benefits all, for a society that cares and for the realization of what the constitution enjoins all of us to do.

As a Special Programmes Unit, it is our firm belief that in order to live up to our mission of improving the quality of life and social wellbeing of the vulnerable groups with a special focus on Youth, Children, older persons, Women/Gender, People with Disabilities and HIV/AIDS

## **Youth**

The Special Programmes Unit in responding to the un-employment as a challenge facing young people is embarking in a program through National Youth Service in accordance to the National Youth policy 2009-2014 skills development programme, grade 12 learner support programmes.

2011-2012 financial year through interventions, activities, planning, organizing, communication and control the following are dealt with:

- Partnerships with department of Public Works through National Youth Service program, the KSD local youth office embarked in recruitment drive of 34 young people from KSD wards through the data base of un-employed youth for the Expanded Public Works program for a period of 18 months.

- The National Youth Development Agent forge partnerships with A1 Chemical Project for the purpose of youth empowerment, 36 young people trained and provided with a cleaning material amounting R3500 per person.
- Four small business applicants approved for the development of promotional material and business plan for the business franchise of 'debonairness' (which means to state of readiness for financial institution).
- Partnerships with the high learning institution on career advise especial Walter Sisulu University and KSD FET College (Chief NZ Mtirara, Zwelodumo, Zimele, Ngalizwe S.S.S).
- Reverse the imbalances of the past and introduce women creativity and build confidence of black African females and prepare them to become the successful leaders, mothers and business women of tomorrow and encourage education commitment through MIS KSD programme.
- Memorandum of understanding starting 2012-2019 between KSD Municipality and National Youth Development Agent signed for the purposes of establishing local youth offices Mqanduli and Mthatha, both of them are in operation. Mqanduli office is attached to Mqanduli Library and the Mthatha office is based at Munitata building ground floor.
- 105 young people trained for a period six week and were certificated under programme run by Anglo Gold Ashanti skills Development Programme through partnership with O. R. Tambo District Municipality. The training programme were as follows: the entrepreneurship skills, Carpentry and bricklaying.
- 30 young people were engaged for a period of 18 months from the following ward 12, 10, 11, 16 surrounding Mthatha Airport, with a stipend of R1300, through partnership with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.
- Grooming for second layer leadership, partnership between KSD Municipality and Nelson Mandela Museum for the purposes of workshoping SGBS and Educators on leadership skills in the school surrounding Qunu Museum.
- Partnership with Khanyisa S.S.S. on awareness campaign on drug abuse and teenage pregnancy.

2016-2017 the focus will be on the following programmes:

- Grade 12 born-free dialogues.
- Skills development training
- Job readiness workshops
- Grade 12 life skills camps
- Youth Day celebration
- Revive KSD youth Council
- Mayors Cup
- Assist in the establishment of youth co-operatives'
- Extend Ms KSD program to be the program starting at ward level
- Two co-operative will be assisted

## **Children**

With regards to children the Special Programmes unit has a mandate to lobby and advocacy, mobilization, monitoring of the implementation of policies in order to ensure that the so called previously disadvantaged sector groups in our communities became and remain part of mainstream development and planning.

In 2012/13 financial the department adopted two Early childhood development centres that is Qunu and Keti Pre-school both of are assisted by Early childhood material their child care/educator are undergo training with a leg mate institution, we are also working towards assisting educators by stipend through the OR Tambo District Municipality. Visible upgraded infrastructure at ward 19 Khanyanawe Pre-school is being upgraded.

Efforts has been done in assisting the most vulnerable children by providing school uniform through the program called back to school, 3 children adopted by ward a councillor for this programme and were provided by school uniform.

A programme of removing the so called street children has be launch with the purpose of identifying their parents and identification of their potential places of safety and establishing of partnership for the purposes of developing a drop in centre.

2016-17 financial our targets are as follows:

- Social relief intervention focusing on Child headed households
- Poverty Relief support for Children in Foster Care
- Successful implementation of interventions that contribute to sustainable livelihoods in poverty pockets
- Sustainable families
- Improve access of vulnerable families and children to wellness and recreational opportunities
- Development of a Children's plan
- Establish partnerships for the purpose of removing the vulnerable children from the street
- Assist and encourage the establishment of early childhood development centres.

### **People with Disabilities**

The Special Programmes Unit is mandated to provide developmental coordination services of the people with disabilities and ensure access to a comprehensive, well organized service delivery systems that will enhance their independence and advance their integration into the mainstream society. The major challenge remains the multi-skilling of people with disabilities so that they can be able to compete in the open labour market.

The developmental structure is in place called KSD Disability Forum and the KSD developmental strategy is in place the challenge is the dis-functioning of the structure.

Two co-operative for people with disabilities are empowered with industrial overlock industrial sewing machines and designed branding writer industrial machine.

Painting of Sakhingomso Training centre for the people for the blind.

2016-17 the department has to focus in the following:

- Data collection and updating on disability information
- Establish KSD disability Forum/ Council
- Encourage educational program/Skills development
- To mainstream disability developmental programmes
- To create a friendly environment for people with disabilities
- Four co-operative will be also assisted

## **Gender**

The aim is to promote sustainable livelihood opportunities that are women bias from disadvantaged backgrounds towards sustainability and self-reliance. We embarked on poverty alleviation programme for the purposes of encourage food gardening by providing people with seeds and agricultural equipment.

In 2011/12 financial year the municipality established a consultative development structure called gender forum which is not functioning, and the gender development strategy is in place.

During 2016-17 the unit will focus on the following initiatives:

- Data collection and update on Gender formation within KSD jurisdiction.

- Revival of KSD Gender forum.
- Engagement of KSD community on National Days of importance
- Mainstreaming Gender issues throughout the organisation
- Prepare terms of reference for and consult on gender strategy

### **Older Persons**

In 2011/2012 the municipality embarked in number of programmes that empower older persons through the improvement on access to wellness and recreation opportunities, civil rights campaigns and capacity building initiatives especial in the programmes of the Nelson Mandela Birthday.

Xmas party for elderly people in a form Gala dinner and about 64 families assisted with food parcel as party of Xmas. Assisted Empilweni home with a fundraising Gala dinner after they were faced by financial challenges.

However 2016-2017 the unit will focus in the following initiatives:

- Data collection and updating on older persons formations within KSD jurisdiction
- Establish, maintain and strengthen co-operation between older persons, older associations and KSD.
- Engage on projects that will help improve lives of older persons.
- Sustain older persons forum
- Convening semester older persons forum meeting
- Embark on awareness raising campaign
- Adopt two elderly centres

## **HIV/AIDS**

The unit has been involved in many programmes such as benchmarking municipal responses to HIV/AIDS through South African Local Government Association; establish partnership with Faith and Hope Non-profit organisation for the purpose of hosting an income generating concert in order to assist infected people that are not qualified on government grants. 30 families had managed to get food parcels that include agricultural equipment.

Training of 100 members of support groups, non-profit organisation both Mqanduli and Mthatha for new diagnosed of HIV/AIDS infection.

Provide seeds and conduct candle light memorial at ward 35

HIV/AIDS strategy is in place and the Local AIDS Council is in Place

For 2016-17 the unit is prioritising the following:

- Establish and train wards AIDS Forums;
- Observe government calendar programmes,
- Establishment of partnership with the social cluster department and NGO`s
- Provide Nutritional food security packs
- 16 Days Campaign
- World AIDS Day focusing on HCT
- Mainstream HIV/AIDS programme with the developmental agenda of the municipality
- Revival of the HIV/AIDS Strategy

With regard to Waste and Environmental Management we are reviewing our policies in line with the National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008).

KSD Municipality has increased access to refuse removal services in peri-urban areas (Mthatha West) through communal skips and use of co-operatives with the support of the Department of Environmental Affairs.

In summary, the following projects received direct support from the Department of Environmental Affairs:

- Establishment of new landfill site in ward 33
- Land rehabilitation project in ward 31, 17, 16 and 13
- Mthatha river remediation
- Establishment of a tourism conference facility in Mthatha dam
- Establishment of two waste transfer stations in ward 24 and ward 3
- Development of parks in Mthatha and Mqanduli
- Youth jobs in waste program
- Working for the coast program

### **Increase number of households with access to refuse collection services**

No of additional households with access to refuse collection services

Establishment of a new landfill site

### **Increase job creation through Community Based Waste Management projects**

#### **Waste Management**

A 56 Hectare piece of land has been acquired in Qweqwe, Ward 33 for the development of the new landfill site to be funded with a tune of R33m received from Department of Environmental Affairs. The municipality has strived to increase number of households with access to refuse collection services. Skips have been erected in strategic points of Mthatha West Areas. These areas form part of indigent household, therefore the municipality is not generating revenue but providing service to the community as required by legislation.

#### **Environmental Management**

A number of parks have been rehabilitated like Savoy Park. A new Park has been developed in Mqanduli. Street Cleaning & Greening programmes are implemented continuously to ensure that the town is clean and attractive. Most of these projects are implemented under Expanded Public Works Program (EPWP) with on objective of creating massive job opportunities. To date more than 2200 jobs have been created through the EPWP.

## **Crime prevention and Community Safety**

We successfully hosted a Crime Summit in February 2015 in partnership with the Province. Among the stakeholders who attended were various government departments, SAPS, Community based organizations, National Prosecuting Authority, Businesses, to mention some. The summit was held over two days at Walter Sisulu University and was a resounding success. We have since interrogated the detailed report of the summit and tabled it in the Community Safety Forum. We continue to reflect on its recommendations and it is our bible for now to enhance safety of our communities.

We have also completed a substantive research on the establishment of the municipal court and engaged partners including the NPA and SAPS. We are now in the process of engaging the lead department in this regard, the department of Justice. The report has served before the Standing Committee.

## **Transport Forum**

As the Municipality, we view ourselves as being at the centre of good governance and public participation as our services largely impact on the customers we serve and also dealing with multi-faceted stakeholders. We have resuscitated a fully functional transport forum. The purpose of this forum is to ensure that stakeholders in the transportation industry, passengers, community based organizations, busses and taxi associations, and various levels of governance participate in the regulation, strategic direction and enforcement of road traffic ordinances. We have had at least six such meetings over the year.

Through these engagements, we have managed to sanitize challenges that have plagued the transport industry. We have succeeded in creating a meaningful platform of engagement between differing associations as well as differing industries.

## **Community Safety Forum**

We have succeeded in resuscitating the Community Safety Forum which is functional. This past year, we had at least six meetings. The purpose of this meeting is for stakeholders in law enforcement to engage around challenges of law enforcement, share with communities and ensure that there are workable programmes of enhancing safety of our communities. Our slogan is that community safety is every body's responsibility. Various police stations, police forums representatives, organs of civil society, National Prosecuting Authority, Business, various government departments are represented in this forum, including traditional leaders. In this forum, we do trend analysis in crime occurrence, identify hot spots and advise law enforcement agencies.

### **Licensing:**

Licensing section is doing relatively well and we are generating revenue there, meeting our targets. We are also introducing now a capability of testing motor bikes licenses.

### **Wondering livestock in the Central Business District and around the city:**

We have succeeding in substantially reducing the number of livestock that wonders in our streets, risking the lives of motorists as well as damage to motor vehicles. KSD has also managed to impound at least 500 head of cattle. We have done this despite lack of personnel. To achieve this objective, we had to get volunteers and reward them with minimal stipend. We must mention that this also proceeded in the midst of mixed signals and indecision from various sections of society.

### **Planned Developments for the upcoming years**

#### **Revitalisation of Vulindlela Industrial Park**

The municipality has entered into a Tripartite agreement with Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) and Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) to revitalise

the Vulindlela industrial park so that the industrial park can serve as catalysts for broader economic and industrial development and thus contribute to economic growth, diversification of economic activity, attracting investments, job creation and addressing inequality of the past.

The approved budget for phase 1 is R22, 5million .Phase 2 budget will be determined by the detailed assessment that is still to be done.

### **Special Economic Zone (SEZ)**

This is a government initiative with a cash where municipalities receive incentives in a form of cash injection. The project is earmarked to be implemented in a piece of land around Mthatha Airport and Ncise. The process of acquiring land is underway. The municipality has done application to operate the SEZ to the Department of Trade and Industry.

### **KSD's VISION 2030 WINS GLOBAL AWARD**

In November 2011, I received a surprise notification that our Vision 2030 Sustainable Development Plan came in at No. 4 position of the announced top six of a global " pro-poor competition" run by the United States based Institute of Alternative Futures. Ours was part of numerous submissions from all over the World which were evaluated by an international panel of experts from the fields of foresight and international development. The winning top six submissions were lined up as follows:

No. 1 from Peru

No. 2 from Pakistan

No. 3 from Hawaii

No. 4 from South Africa (KSD's Vision 2030)

No. 5 from Pakistan

No. 6 from New York.

**KSD's PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVINCIAL INTERGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.**

In 2014 the National Government introduced the Draft Integrated Urban Development Framework (IUDF) based on lessons learnt on the success of the Urban Renewal Nodes throughout the country, equally impacting on Municipality which was an Urban Renewal Node.

The IUDF is co-ordinated at Provincial level by COGTA - EC and KSD participates and contributes very effectively in the process.

Fellow Councillors and communities of KSD Municipality, I am glad to state that through collaboration of government departments, KSD municipality has delivered very decent services to its communities, I must admit that as we build new Infrastructure, we are also having a challenge of decaying infrastructure which impacts negatively on our budget to even provide better services.

In conclusion, the political term from 2011-2016 has witnessed significant service delivery improvement in the area and I am very proud of the progress that has been made in this term.

I thank the OR Tambo District Municipality, Presidential Office, GOGTA and the other support departments for the support in this good work I have just presented.

I thank you.