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King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality Launches City Pulse: Your Weekly Connection to Our Community

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It is with great pleasure that we introduce the inaugural edition of our weekly newsletter, the King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality City Pulse.

The concept for City Pulse originated from the feedback of our customers, ratepayers, and community members. Beyond our regular communication channels, there was a clear need for concise weekly updates.

City Pulse aims to provide our customers, community, visitors, and friends with quick updates on the activities of the municipality. Our goal is for everyone to truly feel "the pulse" of King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality.

The newsletter will cover all thirty-seven KSD wards, offering summarized updates to keep you well-informed.

Please join me in welcoming this first edition. Let's use it as a foundation for future editions. All comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

Please send your feedback to the Municipal Manager at pakaden@ksd.gov.za

Municipality Celebrates Environmental Excellence with Urban/ Peri-urban Ward Competitions

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Ward 8 Takes Top Honors in 2023/24 Greenest Ward Competition, Receives R2 Million in Environmental Initiatives

King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality held an Inaugural Greenest Ward Competition function to honour ward 8, 4 and 3 as winners.

The momentous occasion saw Ward 8 claim the top spot and was awarded R2 million worth of Waste and Environmental incentives followed by Wards 4 and 3 in second and third place receiving incentives worth R700 000.00 and R 300 000.00 respectively.

The competition drive is amongst the basket of initiatives bringing life to the King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality Vision 2030, under the theme of "the River". This theme, is one of the five Vision 2030 thematic areas. It seeks to ensure that KSD achieves sustainable development by keeping prestine, clean, green and balanced ecosystems.

Accordingly, the competition encourages community-driven environmental initiatives.

Unique within the environmental competitions in the municipal industry in South African, the Greenest Ward Competition focused on Urban and Peri-Urban Wards. It assessed waste and environmental managemental practises of the Wards.

The winners have set the bar for all the other wards and are conveying a message that the community CAN keep their environment GREEN.

Municipality Supports Wilo Community in Ward 27 with Fencing Material

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Rural Economic Development Department Provides Essential Materials to Secure Wilo Wood Lot

The KSD Municipality recently stepped in to assist the Wilo community by providing much-needed fencing material to secure the Wilo Wood Lot. The initiative, led by the Rural Economic Development (RED) Department, aimed to address the gap in the plantation's fence caused by theft.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) had initially fenced the plantation, but the stolen fence left the area vulnerable to trespassers and stray animals.

In response, the Municipality handed over 18 treated timber poles, 30 droppers, barbed wire, round wire nails, galvanized wire, and shade cloth to help secure the area.

During the handover, MMC for Rural Economic Development, Cllr. Mkhanyiseli Dudumayo, emphasized the importance of community unity in protecting local assets and condemned the vandalism of government infrastructure meant to support emerging businesses in the area.

The Wilo community expressed their gratitude for the support from the Municipality and pledged to work together to safeguard their resources for the benefit of all.

Municipality Inaugural Retail Support Programme - Community Spaza Shops Supported

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New Program Aims to Boost Small Businesses and Foster Economic Growth Across 12 Wards

Speaking at the launch of the Inaugural Retail Support Initiative at Vidgesville Wholesale on 28 June 2024, the Executive Mayor of KSD Municipality, Cllr Nyaniso Nelani, emphasised that "this initiative aims to support small businesses, promote job creation, and contribute to the growth of the KSD economy."

Economic growth aligns with the third pillar of the King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality Vision 2030, focusing on "the market." This pillar recognizes the critical importance of marketplace growth.

The Council of King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality approved this program as one of its main thrusts and took a bold step to intervene and support the retail sector, especially at a time when the retail industry in villages and throughout South Africa faces significant competitive pressures, particularly in the rural spaza shop space. This initiative seeks to reinforce and support these enterprises as they continue to serve the community.

Beneficiaries from 12 different wards have been selected to participate in this program. Each beneficiary will receive start-up stock for their spaza shop and will also receive assistance and support in financial management to help make their business self-sustainable.

The program also aims to formalize the retail sector, particularly spaza shops. All businesses are further encouraged to formalize themselves across all sectors in order to influence Gross Value Add (GVA) for all economic sectors. Unregistered and informal businesses contribute to skewed statistics, which undervalue KSD from an investment perspective.

This support program will contribute significantly to the retail sector statistics and thereby the Gross Value Add (GVA) of KSD in the long run.

Guided by our vision as a people-centered municipality, we are dedicated to spearheading radical economic transformation in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner.

Municipality Hosts Mayoral Imbizo in Msana Village, Ward 18

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Executive Mayor Leads Dialogue on Service Delivery and Economic Initiatives, Promotes Community-Government Collaboration

KSD Municipality conducted a Mayoral Imbizo at Msana

Village under Ward 18, led by Executive Mayor, Cllr Nyaniso Nelani. The primary goal of the Imbizo was to engage with the Msana community and address their concerns regarding service delivery challenges.

During the event, the Executive Mayor highlighted various municipal initiatives aimed at creating jobs and improving the lives of KSD communities. These initiatives included the WildCoast Special Economic Zone (SEZ), the DICLA agricultural youth program, and the Spaza Shop Support Program. Additionally, the Municipality's upgrade to a secondary city status was discussed, which would enable it to apply for more grants to drive service delivery programs.

Community members had the opportunity to voice their service delivery concerns, with departments on hand to provide responses and solutions. A follow-up will be conducted to address the issues raised by the residents of Msana.

Sector departments, including Home Affairs, Social Development, SAPS, Correctional Services, Health, Education, Human Settlements, Justice, Rural Development Land and Reform, Eskom, and OR Tambo District Municipality, were present at the Imbizo to offer services on wheels to the community needs of residents and strengthen community-government relations.

Cllr. Goodman Nyaniso Nelani
KSD Executive Mayor

Municipality's Internal Audit Unit Receives General Conformance in Full External Quality Assurance Review

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First in OR Tambo Region: Achievement Marks Significant Milestone in Municipal Oversight

The KSD Municipality Internal Audit Unit (IAU) has gone through the Full External Quality Assurance Review (EQAR) that was conducted in the 4th quarter of 2024 by the qualified independent assessment team from outside the organisation, the review has been completed and the final report has been issued and presented to MM & APAC. The overall assessment is that the Internal Audit Activity Generally Conforms (GC) to the Definition of Internal Audit, Standards, Core Principles and Code of Ethics.

The KSDM is the first municipality in the OR Tambo Region that has gone through the Full EQAR and received General Conformance.

It is also worth mentioning that it is also the first time ever since Internal Audit Unit was established at KSDM that it has gone through the Full EQAR under the leadership of Municipal Manger Mr Ngamela Pakade and Mrs Lindela Maliti the Chief Audit Executive and received this GC.

What does GC mean?

Generally, Conforms means the assessors has concluded the following:

- For individual standards, that the Internal Audit Activity conforms to the requirements of the standard or elements of the Code of Ethics (both Principles and Rules of Conduct) or Core Principles in all material respects.
- For the sections (Attribute and Performance) and major categories, the Internal Audit Activity achieves general conformity to a majority of the individual standards and/ or elements of the Code of Ethics, or Core Principles and at least partial conformity to others, within the section/category.
- For the Internal Audit Activity overall, there may be opportunities for improvement, but these should not represent situations where the internal audit activity has not implemented the Standards or the Code of Ethics or Core Principles, has not applied them effectively, or has not achieved their stated objectives.

Other Opinions would be: Partial Conforms (PC) and Do Not Conform (DC)

What mandates the review that was conducted

International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards) 1312 - External Assessments

External assessments must be conducted at least once every five years by a qualified, independent assessor or assessment team from outside the organization.

Mr Ngamela Pakade
KSD Municipal Manger

Municipal Public Accounts Committee - Oversight On 2022/23 UIFW Expenditure

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Committee Reviews UIFW Expenditure for 2022/23 Fiscal Year, Prepares Recommendations for Council

In the bid to foster a culture of accountability and contribute to Good Governance in King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality, the Municpal Public Accounts Committee regularly oversees the municipal expenditure reports particularly focussing on Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful (UIFW) expenditure.

In the month of June 2024, the Committee had consultations with respective Municipal Departments to account on the 2022/23 FY UIFW Expenditure.This is part of the indepth investigations conducted by MPAC and reported to Council from time to time.

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee's mandate is to conduct Oversight over the Executive on behalf of the Council to ensure good and accountable government.

Municipal Council Speaker

Commends Stability and Functionality in Last Sitting of Fiscal Year

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Councillor Nomamfengu Siyo-Sokutu Highlights Progress in Governance and Audit Performance

King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality's Speaker, Councillor Nomamfengu Siyo-Sokutu, on the 27 June 2024 presided over the last council sitting of the financial year 2023/2024 ending on 30 June 2024.

In her welcome speech, Madam Speaker Cllr. N. Siyo-Sokutu commended members of the council for working together in ensuring that King Sabata Dalindyebo municipal council is stable, functional, and discharges it's responsibility in serving the community. The two successive years (2021/2022; 2022/2023 financial years) of improved audit outcomes bear testimony to that functionality.

Cllr. Nomamfengu Siyo-Sokutu
KSD Council Speaker

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