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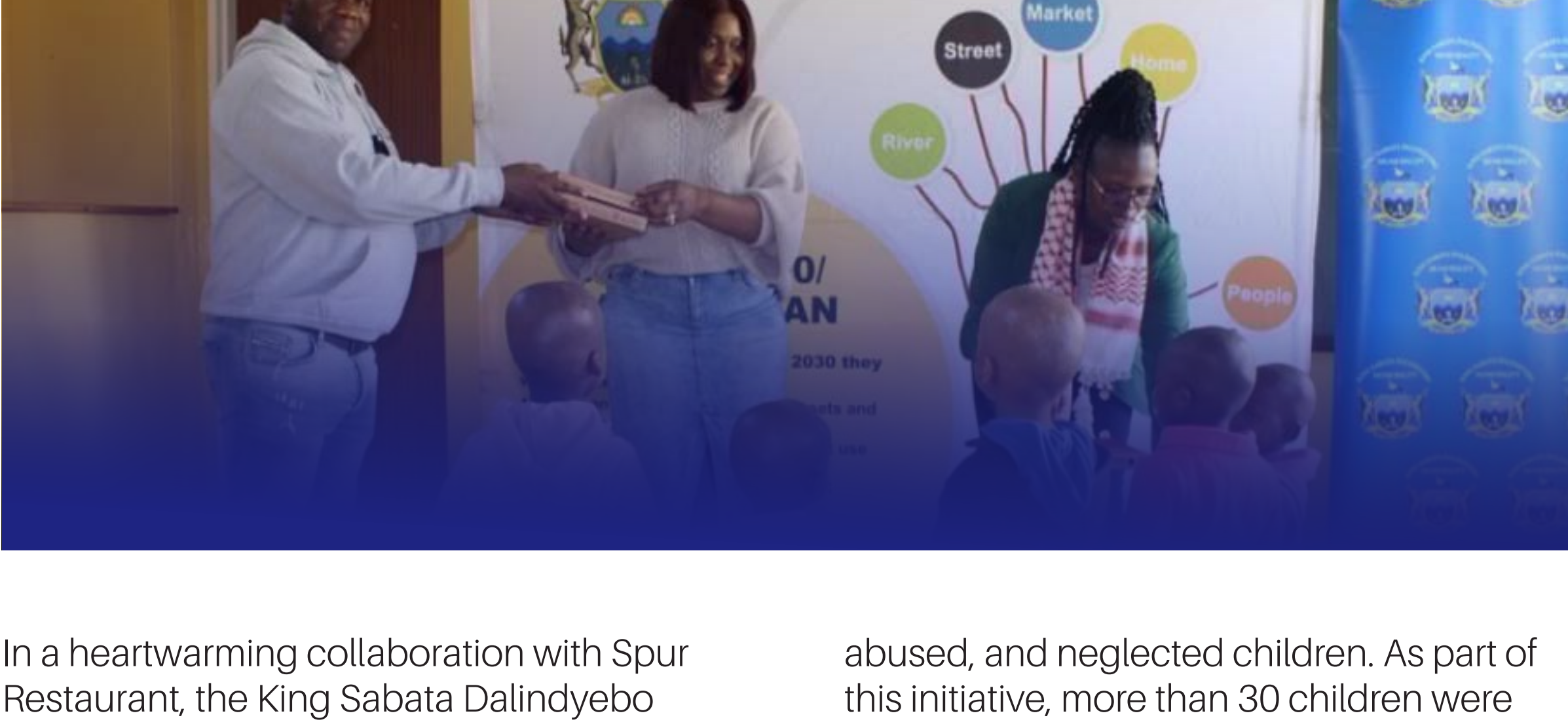
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BRINGING JOY TO BETHANY HOME CHILDREN WITH HEARTWARMING SOUP KITCHEN EVENT

Over 30 Orphaned and Abandoned Children Celebrated Mandela Day with Pizza and Kindness from the Executive Mayor's Office

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In a heartwarming collaboration with Spur Restaurant, the King Sabata Dalindyebo (KSD) Municipality recently organized a soup kitchen event for the children at Bethany Home. This act of kindness, which brought immense joy to the children, underscores the municipality's unwavering commitment to supporting vulnerable groups and ensuring the well-being of those in places of safety.

Bethany Home, located in Mthatha, serves as a sanctuary for orphaned, abandoned,

abused, and neglected children. As part of this initiative, more than 30 children were treated to delicious pizza, a special gesture led by the Office of the Executive Mayor in conjunction with the Social Services and Special Programmes Unit.

This heartening program also served to commemorate Mandela Day, reminding us all of Madiba's enduring values and the importance of lending a hand to others, preserving the spirit of Ubuntu.

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LOCAL LEADERS AND BUSINESSES UNITE FOR DOWNTOWN CLEANING CAMPAIGN ON MANDELA DAY

Led by MMC S. Nyengane, the initiative emphasized environmental cleanliness and the enduring values of Nelson Mandela

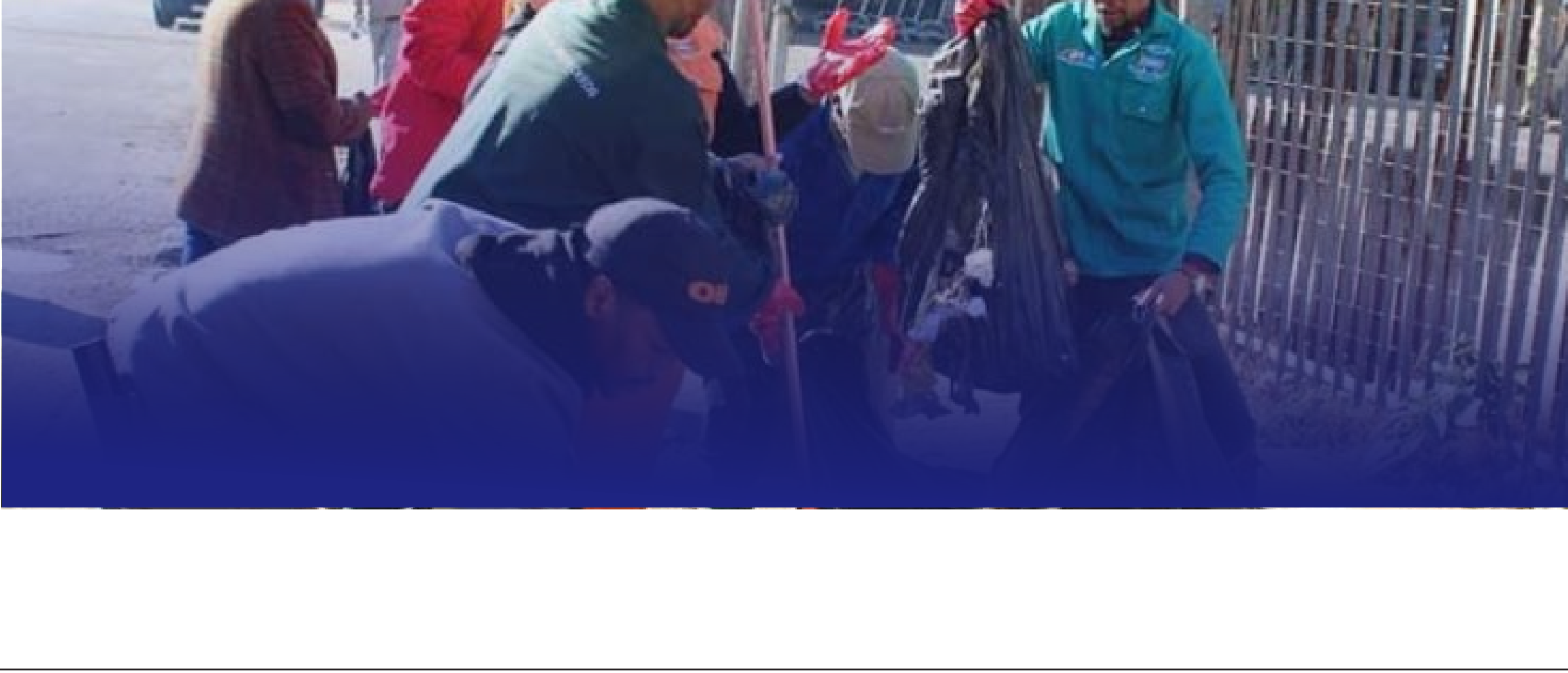
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The King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality embarked on a cleaning campaign to commemorate Nelson Mandela International Day. The cleaning was conducted in the downtown area in partnership with local businesses such as OBC Supermarkets, Link Pharmacy, and Mr. Bread Bakery.

This effort was led by MMC S. Nyengane, who is the Portfolio Head for Community Services. Cllr. Nyengane emphasized the significance of maintaining a clean environment and embodying the values of Nelson Mandela. "We have chosen to dedicate our 67 minutes to cleaning to ensure that people live in a healthy environment."

He also urged the community to refrain from illegal dumping, highlighting that the municipality is doing everything in its power to beautify the city and plant trees to keep it green. The day's theme, "It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity," underscored the ongoing struggle against social injustices.

Nelson Mandela International Day, which is celebrated annually on the 18th of July, honors South Africa's first black president, Dr. Nelson Mandela. The day encourages citizens to perform acts of kindness and humanity, contributing to a better world.



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR UNVEILS CONTRACTOR FOR MANDELA PARK PAVING PROJECT

Community Gathering Highlights 1.38 km Road Construction Initiative, Creating 45 Jobs and Training Opportunities in Ward 11

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KSD Executive Mayor, Cllr. Nyaniso Nelani, alongside MMC for Infrastructure, Cllr. Ziyanda Nokayi, officially introduced the contractor responsible for the Mandela Park Paved Block Surfacing project at a community gathering in Mandela Komkhulu, Ward 11.

The project entails the construction of a 1.38 km road, 6 months in width, over a period of 10 months. The comprehensive work scope includes clearing and grubbing, roadbed preparation and stabilization of the G7 layer, installation of the G5 layer, block paving, construction of speed humps, kerbing channels, stormwater drainage, and the erection of road signs.

This initiative will create employment opportunities for 45 individuals, with 20 people receiving specialized training. Additionally, two SMMEs will benefit from this project.

The appointed service providers include Ntusi Consulting as engineers, Cyle Civils and Projects as the contractor, Lithalomzi as ISD consultants, and Tizta Projects for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).



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WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY CELEBRATED AT MDENI COMMUNITY HALL

MEC Nonkqubela Pieters and Local Leaders Advocate for Sustainable Practices and Cleanliness, Highlighting Theme of Land Restoration and Drought Resilience

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On July 23, 2024, the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs, and Tourism (DEDEAT) MEC, Honourable Nonkqubela Pieters, in collaboration with the O.R. Tambo District Municipality, King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality, DRDAR, Department of Health, SAPS, Hans Merensky, ECPTA, and WSU, observed World Environmental Day at Mdeni Community Hall, Ward 34.

This year's theme, "Our Land, Our Future: Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience," underscored the importance of environmental stewardship.

MEC Pieters urged the community to adopt sustainable practices to protect the environment for current and future generations. "We must make changes to better our lives and those of future generations," she emphasized.

KSD Executive Mayor, Cllr. Nyaniso Nelani, addressed the gathering, stressing the need to eliminate the culture of illegal dumping. He highlighted the harmful effects of unmanaged waste on both human health and the environment.

Maintaining a clean environment is essential for health and well-being. Individuals and communities were encouraged to prioritize cleanliness in their surroundings, as both our health and the environment depend on it.

The event also featured a tree-planting ceremony led by MEC Pieters, symbolizing a commitment to environmental restoration. Additionally, various services were provided on-site for attendees as part of the "services on wheels" initiative.

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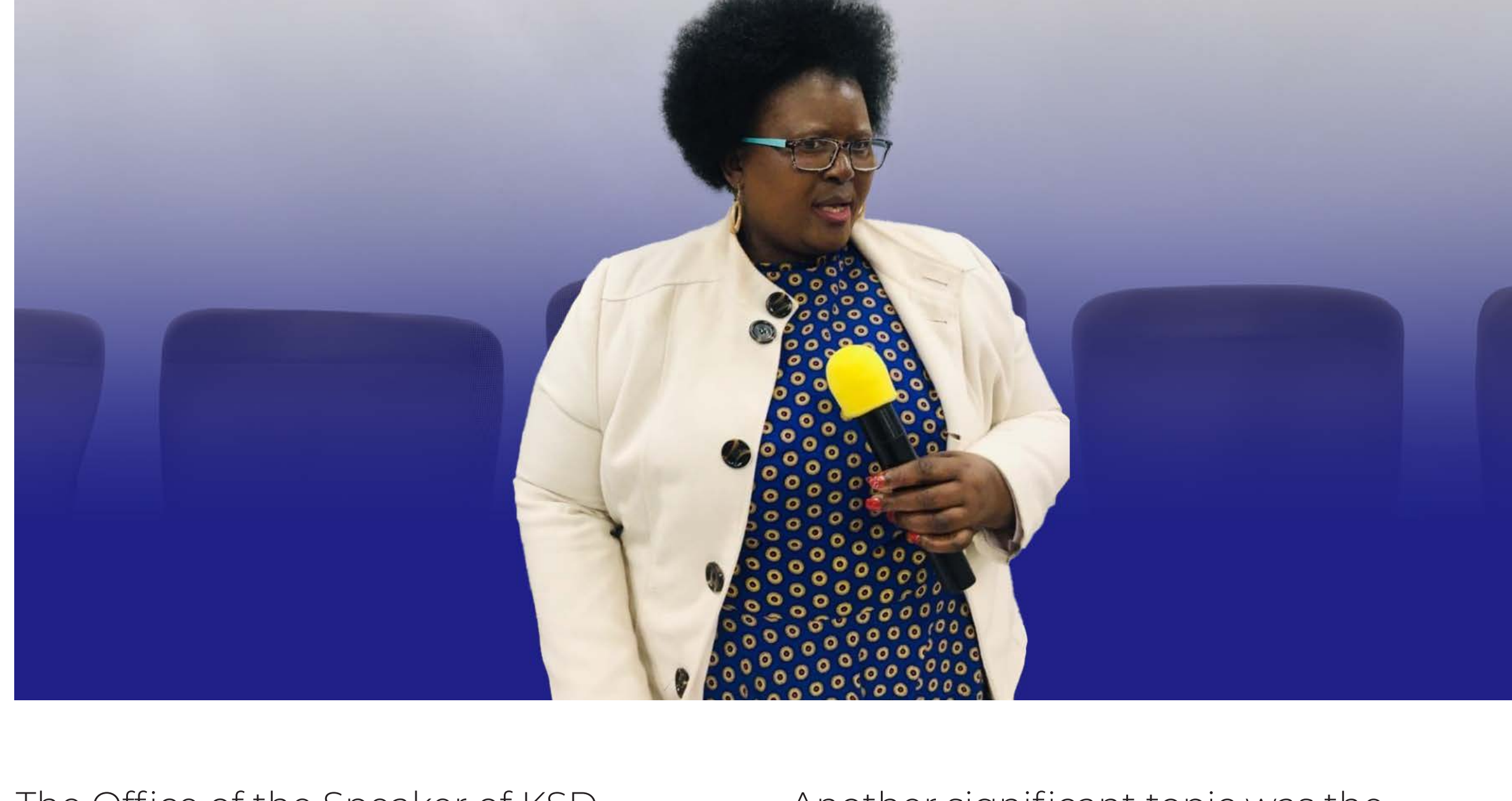
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Traditional Leaders and Council Speaker Hold Vital Consultation at Mthatha Stadium

Discussion Covers Ward Demarcation, Traditional Leader Involvement, and Updates on Prepaid Meter TID Rollover Project

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The Office of the Speaker of KSD Municipality held a vital consultation session with KSD traditional leaders at Mthatha Stadium.

The Speaker of Council, Cllr. N. Siyo-Sokutu, outlined the purpose of the session. She emphasised the importance of strengthening working relationships and addressing any gaps between traditional leaders and the municipality to better serve the KSD community.

Key issues discussed included the processes of the Municipal Demarcation Board, which is currently embarking on a ward delimitation program. The involvement of traditional leaders in this process was highlighted as crucial, given that ward demarcation directly affects the villages governed by traditional councils.

Another significant topic was the progress on implementing resolutions from the OR Tambo District Municipality Summit for Traditional Leaders.

Additionally, the municipality provided an update on the Token Identifier (TID) Rollover project, which began on Monday, July 22. This project aims to update all KSD prepaid meters. Customers must reset their meters before November 24, 2024, using a set of tokens called the TID Key Change Token, which will be printed on the token receipt when purchasing electricity. Any tokens generated after November 24, 2024, will be rejected if the meter has not been reset.

This session marks a step forward in fostering collaboration and ensuring that both traditional leaders and the municipality work hand in hand for the benefit of the community.

NEW PARKING METER SYSTEM LAUNCHED IN MTHATHA CBD

Initiative Aims to Improve Traffic Management, Enhance Vehicle Security, and Create Employment Opportunities for Local Youth

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KSD Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. G.N. Nelani, Speaker of the Council, Cllr. N. Siyo-Sokutu, and members of the Mayoral Committee proudly launched the new parking meter system in Mthatha CBD.

The parking meter system is designed to monitor parking spaces, reduce and manage traffic congestion, and enhance vehicle security. Identifiable marshals will be present to assist motorists, ensuring a smooth and efficient parking experience.

This initiative not only aims to improve urban mobility but also creates employment opportunities, particularly benefiting the unemployed youth within the KSD municipal area. The parking charges are as follows:

- R5 for 15 minutes
- R10 for 30 minutes
- R15 for 60 minutes

This new system marks a significant step toward better traffic management and community development in Mthatha.



PHASE-2 REHABILITATION OF MTHATHA SIDEWALKS UNDERWAY

Project to Upgrade and Beautify City Streets, Employing 80 Locals and Training 30, with Completion Expected in Six Months

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The King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality has handed over phase-2 of the rehabilitation of Mthatha sidewalks to Amampondomise and Mathew Group to provide safe movements within the City of Mthatha. The streets earmarked for rehabilitation are both sides of Madeira Street, York Road, Sutherland Street, and Leeds Road.

According to the municipality, the purpose is to upgrade, beautify, and make all streets of Mthatha accessible to all. As a municipality, we believe that every citizen within our jurisdiction deserves clean and beautiful streets, and we are making strides in achieving that.

Eighty (80) people will be recruited within the KSD municipal area to assist in this project, while thirty (30) people will be trained and awarded certificates that will assist in their future endeavours. A total of 11,743 square metres has been awarded and is scheduled for completion within six months. Two local SMMEs will also be appointed to provide security services and supply VIP toilets.

The project scope of work includes the following: clearing, earthworks, roadbed preparation, cleaning of blocked pipes, kerbs, sewers, dustbins, and irrigation (trees, pavement, and beautification), and road signs. The municipality would like to apologise for any inconvenience during this project.

MAYOR NELANI LAUNCHES PILOT PROJECT FOR PREPAID METER ROLLOVER

TID Rollover in Sidwadwa View and Southridge Park to Address Upcoming STS Technology Expiry, Preventing Service Disruptions and Ensuring Smooth Transition

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Executive Mayor, Councillor Nyaniso Nelani, held a project kick-off community meeting in Ward 5, introducing the programme on 22 July 2024. This date marked the official start for the pilot project focusing on Sidwadwa View and Southridge Park areas, where prepaid meters were scheduled for Token Identifier Rollover.

The project commenced against the backdrop of the fact that all pre-payment meters based on STS technology will stop dispensing electricity on 24 November 2024. This presents a significant risk to the service levels, sales, and revenue collection of all municipalities serving end-user customers in the electricity utilities business.

The TID is referenced to a base date of 1993 and will run out of range in 2024 (known as the TID Rollover event),

causing the prepayment meter to stop accepting new tokens. Therefore, the prepayment meters will stop accepting new credit tokens and will then stop dispensing electricity after the existing credits are used up.

The TID rollover seeks to mitigate potential service interruptions to all customers and residents.

Lessons from the pilot project in Sidwadwa View and Southridge Park areas will be utilised to improve and accelerate project execution ahead of the 24 November 2024 deadline.

Customers are requested to embrace this change and prepare themselves by listening to the various municipal updates that will inform them when their respective areas will be pre-scheduled for the TID Rollover project.

TRAINING OF THE SECOND MUNICIPAL PLANNING TRIBUNAL (MPT)

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On Friday, 26 July 2024, the second Municipal Planning Tribunal was executed with the support of the South African Local Government Association, together with the Department of Land Affairs and Rural Development. Enabled by the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA), section 35 thereof, the Council had on 23 May 2023 appointed the second MPT with nine (9) members. The term of the first MPT lapsed in October 2023. The legislated appointment process was overseen by the Department of Cooperative Governance and confirmed as compliant with the relevant statutes.

The now trained MPT will commence its role of processing land development applications, approving or denying applications, and imposing conditions of approval. Such land development applications include rezoning, subdivisions, and removal of restrictive title deed conditions.

Developers are welcome to submit their land development applications and contact the Human Settlements and Planning Department for further enquiries.