



MKHONDO NEWS

IZINDABA
ZASEMKHONDO

Edition 17

31 March 2026



NEWLY REFURBISHED eMKHONDO WATER TREATMENT PLANT

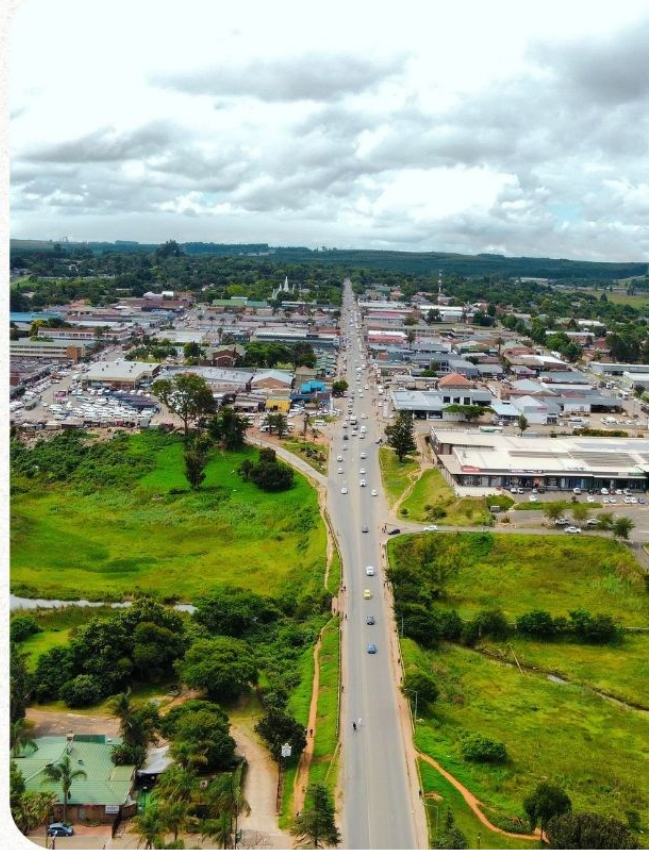


TABLE OF CONTENTS

P.3 STRENGTHING SCHOOL SUPPORT IN EMKHONDO

P.4 MLM MANAGEMENT LEKGOTLA

P.5 USODOLOBHA
UMUKELE IZINGANE . ESBHEDLELA

P.6 MLM STORM RECOVERY

P.7 A NEW CHAPTER IN LEADERSHIP BEGINS

P.8 EMPOWERING MINDS ,TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES

P.10 LUBE YIMPUMELELO USUKU LOKUQALA
LOKUVULWA KWEZIKOLE

P.11 REFURBISHMENT OF EMKHONDO WATER
TREATMENT PLANT

P.12 UKUQOKWA KWE KOMIDI ELIZOKWELEKELA
UKUVUSELELA KWEZIMILO

P.13 SWEARING IN OF EFF PR COUNCILLOR

P.14 INDIGENT REGISTRATION PROGRAMME IN WARD 17

P.15 WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION DAY

P.16 TRANSPORT AND PROMOTION OF SAFETY
RULES

P.17 UMHLANGANO KAMASIPALA
WOKUHLELA, NOKUQHAMUKA NAMASU
OKUSEBENZA (STRATEGIC PLANNING)

P.19 ANTI-CORRUPTION AND FRAUD
PREVENTION WORKSHOP

P.20 eMKHONDO YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

“Improving service delivery is not about doing more—it’s about doing what matters better, faster, and with people at the center of every decision.”



Front Left : Executive Mayor Cllr. N Ndhlovu , MEC Hon. L Masina and Deputy Minister Dr R Mhaule .

The Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Dr. Makgabo Reginah Mhaule, together with the Mpumalanga MEC for Education, Ms Lindi Masina, and the Executive Mayor of Mkhondo Local Municipality, Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu, led a district engagement with education stakeholders from the Mkhondo East and Mkhondo West Circuits in the Gert Sibande District on 31 January 2026.

The engagement, held at Inqubeko Secondary School, followed an oversight visit conducted on 16 January 2026 during the Back-to-School Programme, which identified critical challenges requiring urgent and coordinated intervention across the two circuits.

Mkhondo Local Municipality recorded an overall pass rate of 84.9% in the 2025 National Senior Certificate examinations, with Mkhondo East achieving 81.9% and Mkhondo West 88.0%. In response, the Department of Basic Education consolidated a comprehensive support programme aimed at strengthening teaching and learning, improving learner performance, and reinforcing accountability.

The programme included engagements with Principals, Circuit Managers, Educators, School Management Teams, School Governing Bodies, and community stakeholders. Discussions covered all schools in both circuits, with focused sessions for underperforming schools and a targeted dialogue with Piet Retief Combined School.



From the Left : MEC Hon. L Masina and Deputy Minister Hon. Dr Mhaule addressing the School Management during the visit.

In her keynote address, Deputy Minister Dr. Mhaule commended educators and school leadership for their commitment during the 2025 academic year and urged continued collaboration to improve results in 2026.

MEC Masina expressed appreciation to all stakeholders for their participation and commended Dr. Makgabo Reginah Mhaule for decisive leadership. “Our view is that the Mkhondo Local Municipality will never be the same following these progressive engagements. The Department has set a target of achieving a 91% pass rate for the 2026 academic year, and we are confident that this goal will be achieved as a result of these engagements,” she said.

MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MANAGEMENT LEKGOTLA

By Thando Mngomezulu

On 13 January 2025, the Mkhondo Local Municipality held a Municipal Management Lekgotla at the One Stop Agriculture Offices.

The aim of convening the lekgotla was to review ongoing operations, assess service delivery, and strengthen coordination across departments. The meeting brought together the Municipal Manager, General Managers, Senior Managers, Managers and other officials to discuss strategic priorities, operational challenges, and solutions aimed at improving efficiency and accountability within the municipality.

The Municipal Manager, Mr M.J Mkhonza opened the session by emphasising the accountability and collaboration. Mr M.J Mkhonza reminded everyone that the presentations were not meant to assign blame but to create a shared understanding of where the municipality stood and how departments

Each department was given an opportunity to present and submit its reports, and outline their challenges that they are facing as a unit. Some of the challenges that were outlined was the low revenue collection and high levels of non-payment, frequent breakdowns and service delivery interruptions as well as shortage of tools of trade.

As each department presented, questions were asked and constructive feedback was given. The presentations had not only highlighted challenges but also demonstrated the collective effort of the Municipality to serve the people of Mkhondo with dedication and transparency.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to reflect on recent achievements, identify areas requiring improvement, and outline actionable steps for the coming period.



Municipal Manager Mthabisi Mkhonza addressing the attendees at the Management Lekgotla .



USODOLOBHA UKHANSELA NGELOSI NDHLOVU WAMUKELA IZINGANE EZIZALWE NGOSUKU LUKAKHISIMUSI ESIBHEDLELA SIKAHULUMENI MKHONDO

"Ithemba ngekusasa kanye ne Sthembiso samathuba amasha"

By Hlengiwe Mthimkhulu



USodolobha uKhansela Ndhlovu emukela izingane ezizalwe ngoKhisimusi ngeziphho.

Mhla zingama 25 kuZibandlela 2025, uSodolobha kaMasipala waseMkhondo, uKhansela uNgelosi Ndhlovu ehambisana namalungu eKomidi lakhe bavakashele esibhedlela sika Hulumeni sase eMkhondo ngenhloso yokwamukela izingane ezizalwe ngosuku lukaKhisimusi.

Ngesikhathi bevakashele lesiBhedlela uSodolobha kanye nethimba lakhe banikezela izingane ezazalwa ngalolusuku iziphho okubalwa kuzo amanabukeni, izinto zokugeza nokunye okuningi njen-gophawu lokunakekela nokubeseka okuvela-kuMasipala.

Zintathu izingane ezazalwa ngalolusuku okubalwa kuzo amantombazane amabili kanye nomfana oyedwa kanti ezinye izingane ezimbili ezazalwa mhla zingama-24 kuZibandlela 2025, nazo zahlomula kuleziziphho.

UKhansela uNdhlovu wahalalisela abazali ngoku-zalwa okuphephile kwezingane zabo futhi wabon-ga abasebenzi basesiBhedlela ngomsebenzi wabo wokuzinikela, ubuqotho kanye

nobungcweti ekuqinisekiseni ukuzalwa kwezingane okuphephile nokunempilo ikakhulukazi ngesikhathi samaholide.

USodolobha uNdhlovu waphinde wancoma Le-sibhedlela ngokuzibophezela kwaso ekuqinisekiseni ukuthi ukuhlinzekwa kwezinsiza zezempilo ikakhulukazi eyabesifazane nezingane, emiphakathini kuyaqhubeka futhi kuba seqophel-weni eliphezulu.



MMC Thwala kanye noKhansela Motha bandlulisela iziphho komama bezingane ezizalwe ngoKhisimusi.

MKHONDO COORDINATES RECOVERY AND RELIEF FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE STORM

" WORKING TOGETHER TO REBUILD, RESTORE, AND BRING RELIEF TO IMPACTED HOUSEHOLDS "

By Manqoba Mazibuko



Left to right :MMC Cllr. JM Nkosi , uNdlunkulu wakwaMthethwa ,MMC TE Khumalo and General Manager Z Mthethwa during the visit at Madubukela and CDW Phumla Mavuso.

Following the severe storm that struck parts of Mkhondo on the night of 27 December 2025, swift action was taken to assess the damage and support affected residents.

On 28 December 2025, the MMC for Planning and Economic Development Cllr. TE Khumalo, together with the General Manager for Planning and Economic Development, Ntando Bhembe, conducted an on-site assessment of houses destroyed during the disaster.

The visit formed part of an urgent damage assessment and recovery planning process aimed at determining the full extent of the destruction and coordinating immediate support for affected households. During the evaluation, MMC Khumalo and General Manager Bhembe visited affected communities, engaged directly with displaced families, and documented structural damage to both formal and informal dwellings.

Preliminary estimates from municipal disaster management teams indicate that approximately 50 houses across Wards 03, 06, 10, 11, 12, and 17 were affected by the storm.

The Gert Sibande District Municipality also intervened, through its Disaster Management Unit, donated roof covers and blankets to provide immediate relief to affected community members.

Further support was extended on the 3rd February 2026, when Mkhondo Local Municipality, in partnership with Gift of the Givers, distributed disaster relief packs to the Madabukela and Ethandukhanya communities. These relief packs were aimed at ensuring that affected households continue to have access to basic necessities such as food and water following the December disasters.



GM Manager Community Services and CDW Z Hlophe during the assessments in ward 11.



Relief Packs donated by Gift of the Givers.

NEW LIGHT SHINES IN WARD 14

“A New chapter in leadership begins “

By Mikayla Jade

On 8 January 2026, Mkhondo Local Municipality officially welcomed the newly elected Ward 14 Councillor, Cllr. N.N.S Motha, following the by-elections held on 17 December 2025. The councillor was formally sworn in during a ceremony at the Municipal Council Chambers, where the oath of office was administered by magistrate Mr. DR Nxumalo in the presence of the Speaker of Council, Cllr. M.Z Ngwenya, the MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr. M.T Mkhabela, and other municipal officials. By taking the oath, Cllr. N.N.S Motha reaffirmed a commitment to serving the community of Ward 14 with integrity and dedication.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, the Speaker of Council, Cllr. M.Z Ngwenya led a structured programme to formally introduce the ward councillor to the ward 14 community.

Accompanied by the Speaker, Cllr. N.N.S Motha visited Thembalabasha and Harmony Park, where he was introduced to residents and engaged directly with community members.

This engagement created an opportunity for residents to meet their councillor, gain insight into his role and responsibilities, and share their expectations regarding service delivery and local development. The introduction aimed to strengthen cooperation between Council and the community, promote transparency, and encourage active citizen participation in municipal affairs.



Swearing of Councillor N.N.S Motha.



Cllr. N.N.S Motha addressing the community .



Speaker of Council Cllr. MZ Ngwenya introducing the new Cllr to Thembalabasha .



Speaker of Council Cllr. MZ Ngwenya introducing the new Cllr.to Harmony Park.

GRADE 12 EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME AT MLILO COMBINED SCHOOL

“EMPOWERING MINDS, TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES”

By Mikayla Jade



Speaker of Council Cllr. Mduduzi Ngwenya addressing learners at Mlilo Comprehensive High School.

The Mkhondo Local Municipality Speaker of Council, Cllr. M.Z Ngwenya led a meaningful and impactful Education Empowerment Programme at Mlilo Combined School, reaffirming the Municipality's commitment to strengthening education and supporting learner development within local communities.

The programme was aimed at inspiring and motivating Grade 12 learners as they embark on one of the most important academic years of their lives. Addressing the learners, Cllr. Ngwenya emphasised the importance of discipline, dedication, self-belief, and consistent hard work, encouraging them to approach the 2026 academic year with focus, responsibility, and determination.

Learners were reminded that success in their matric year requires not only academic efforts, but

also strong values, positive attitudes, and a commitment to personal growth.

The programme further highlighted the importance of education as a foundation for long-term development, empowerment, and transformation. Special emphasis was placed on the importance of progressing to tertiary education and skills development opportunities, as pathway to building sustainable livelihoods and contributing meaningfully to their communities and the broader society.

As part of the Municipality's practical support to the school, Cllr. Ngwenya donated classroom doors, printing paper, and school shoes to Mlilo Combined School. These donations were aimed at improving the learning environment, enhancing school infrastructure, and supporting learners from

disadvantaged backgrounds.

The programme was attended by Ward 6 councillor, Cllr. M.S Ngwenya, together with other municipal officials, who collectively shown their support for education as a key pillar of community development. The Principal of Mlilo Combined School, Mr Nhlabathi, conveyed his heartfelt appreciation and profound gratitude to the municipality. He further emphasized on how such collaborations are very key to the educational sector .



UHLELO LOKUBUYISA ABAFUNDI EZIKOLENI NGONYAKA KA 2026

"INKUNZI ISEMATHOLENI"

By Trudy Mbatha

Ngo Mhlaka 14 kuMasingana 2026, uMasipala wase Mkhondo kanye nethimba lomnyango wezemfundo wase Mpumalanga bavakashele izikole ezahlukene eMkhondo njengengxenywe yohlelo lokubuyisa abafundi ezikoleni.

Inhloso yalolu hlelo bekuwukwamukela kahle abafundi kanye nothisha ezikoleni onyakeni omusha nokubagquguzela ekufakeni umfutho ezifundweni zabo nasemsebenzini wesikole.

Ngenkathi kuqhubeka lolu hlelo, izihambeli zomnyango wezemfundo kanye nabakwa Masipala eMkhondo bahlolisise izinto ezimqoka ezikoleni okubalwa kuzo ezokuphepha kanye nokugcinwa kwezakhiwo zezikole zihlobile. Impahla yezikole nayo ihloliwe okufaka kuyo Izitulo namatafula okubhalela abafundi ukuba iphelele futhi izokwanelisa bonke abafundi abakhona ezikoleni, kwahlolwa nokubhaliswa kwabafundi kunyaka ka 2026, kwakhulunywa nangohlelo lokusiza abafundi abangenazo izincwadi zikamazisi ukuthi ingabe bangasizakala kanjani ukuze bafike kumatikuletsheni konke lokhu sekume ngomumo. Konke lokhu kushicilelwe phansi kwahlelwa indlela izikole nabakwa Masipala kanye nabase mnyangweni wezemfundo abazosebenzisana ngayo ukwenza konke lokhu kube yimpumelelo.



Abakwa Masipala wase Mkhondo kanye nabasemnyangweni wezemfundo eMpumalanga bazibophezele ekutheni basebenzisane nabaholi bezikole ukuze kuqinisekise impumelelo yabafundi ezoholela emphakathini onekusasa eliqhakazile.

Izikole ebezivakashelwe kubalwa kuzo Ezakheni Boarding School, Sinethemba Combined School, Ezimbali Boarding School, Ndlela Secondary School kanye ne Qedela Secondary School.

Ababehambele lolu hlelo kubalwa kubo USodolobha wase Mkhondo ukhansela uN.C. Ndhlovu, USomlomo ka Masipala wase Mkhondo ukhansela uM.Z. Ngwenya, uSotswebhu ka Masipala wase Mkhondo ukhansela uS.D. Thwala, uMhlonishwa T.R. Nkonyane ovela esishaya mthetho sesiFundazwe sase Mpumalanga, uMhlonishwa D.P Nkosi ovela esishaya mthetho sesiFundazwe sase Mpumalanga, amakhansela kanye nabaholi basemphakathini.



USolobha uKhansela Ndhlovu wamukela abafundi eSphokuhle Secondary School onyakeni omusha ka 2026.

It is not beyond our power to create a world in which all children have education .

- Executive Mayor Cbr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu



“Water is life , without it nothing grows ,nothing thrives and nothing survives ” By Manqoba Mazibuko



The Official Handover of the eMkhondo Water Treatments Plant .

A significant milestone in strengthening water infrastructure and service delivery was reached when the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) officially handed over the refurbished Piet Retief Water Treatment Works to the Mkhondo Local Municipality, under the Gert Sibande District Municipality. The handover forms part of the ongoing National Water Month celebrations, which highlight the importance of sustainable water management and access across South Africa.

The refurbishment of the Piet Retief Water Treatment Works marks a critical intervention in addressing long-standing water challenges in the region. The upgraded facility is expected to improve the reliability, safety, and overall quality of drinking water supplied to communities within Mkhondo, ensuring that residents receive consistent access to this essential resource.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, key stakeholders emphasized the importance of collaboration between government institutions in delivering essential services. The project stands as a testament to the Department's commitment to investing in infrastructure that directly improves the lives of citizens, while also supporting local municipalities in fulfilling their service delivery mandates.

The event was attended by several dignitaries and stakeholders, including the DWS Provincial Head, Ms D. Sifunda; Executive Mayor of Gert Sibande District Municipality, Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu; Executive Mayor of Mkhondo Local Municipality, Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu; Speaker of Council, Cllr. M.Z. Ngwenya; and the Whip of Council, Cllr. Daniel Thwala. Members of the mayoral committee, councillors, and various stakeholders were also present.



Newly Refurbished eMkhondo Water Treatment Plant.

Key institutions that played a role in the project and attended the handover included the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent (MISA), the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA), and the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land and Environmental Affairs.

The successful completion and handover of the project underscores government's ongoing efforts to respond to infrastructure backlogs while promoting sustainable water use. It also reinforces the broader objectives of National Water Month, which aims to raise awareness about water conservation and the need to protect this vital resource for future generations.

Watch video Here



UKUQOKWA KWE KOMITI ELIZOKWELEKELELA UKUVUSELELWA KWEZIMILO

"Injobo enhle ithungelwa ebandla"

By Thando Mngomezulu



USomlomo kamasipala kanye nekomiti eliqokelwe ukwelekelela ukuvuselelwa kwezimilo.

Mhla Zingama 20 ku Masingana 2026, Ihhovisi lika Somlomo woMasipala waseMkhondo lihlele uhlelo lokuqokwa kwamalunga ekomiti azobhekelelela ukuvuselelwa kwezimilo eMkhondo.

Umhlangano ubuholwa uSomlomo woMasipala wase Mkhondo, uKhansela Mduduzi Ngwenya ebambisene nongusihlalo wekomiti elibhekele ukuvuselelwa kwezimilo kuMasipala wesifunda iGert Sibande. u Archbishop S.M Nkosi.

Inhlonso ngqangi yomhlangano bekuwukuqoka ikomiti elizomela imiphakathi, likwazi ukwenza izinhlelo zokubuyisa isimilo nokulungisa ukuziphatha emiphakathini yase Mkhondo kanye naku Masipala wesifunda I Gert Sibande. UKhansela Ngwenya uveze ukuthi "ukubaluleka kokubakhona kwe komidi elifana naleli ngoba isikhathi esiphila kuso abantu sebakohlwa imvelaphi yabo kanye nokuziphatha, yingakho kubalulekile ukuthi kube khona abazoba khumbuza ngokubaluleka kokuba nesimilo nokukwazi ukuphilisana nabanye abantu".

Leli komiti eliqokiwe ilona elizokwenza isiqiniseko ukuthi abantu bayabhekana nemiphumela yezenzo zabo ukuze kuzofundiseka nabanye ngokubaluleka kokuziphatha kahle.

Loluhlelo luzosiza kakhulu ngokufundisa ngenzinkinga imiphakathi ebhekane nazo ezifana nobugebengu, inkohlakalo, udlame, izidakamizwa kanye nokungezwani kwemindeni.



USotswebhu woMkhandlu uKhansela Daniel Thwala ehambele uhlelo lokuqokwa kwekomiti elizolekelela ukuvuselela isimilo eMkhondo.

SWEARING-IN OF WARD 05 PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILLOR

"A NEW CHAPTER TO SERVICE AND COMMITMENT IN WARD 05"

By Mikalya Jade



Newly Sworn in PR Councillor G.V Radebe.

The Mkhondo Local Municipality marked an important moment in its governance on 25 March 2026 with the official swearing-in of Cllr. G.V. Radebe as the new Proportional Representative Councillor for EFF. The ceremony, held at the Municipal Boardroom, signified the beginning of a new chapter in local leadership and public service.

The formal proceedings were presided over by Piet Retief Magistrate, Mr D.R. Nxumalo, who administered the oath of office. In taking the oath, Cllr. Radebe committed to upholding the Constitution and serving the community with integrity and dedication.

Welcoming the newly sworn-in Councillor, the Speaker of Council, Cllr. Mduduzi Ngwenya, highlighted the significance of the role and the responsibility that comes with serving in local government.

He provided guidance on council procedures and expectations, while also offering words of encouragement as Cllr. Radebe embarks on this journey of public service.

The ceremony was attended by key municipal officials, including the General Manager for Corporate Services, Ms Wendy Mahlangu, and the General Manager for Planning and Economic Development, Mr Ntando Bembe, along with other stakeholders. Their presence underscored the municipality's commitment to strong leadership and collaborative governance.

The swearing-in of Cllr. Radebe reflects the municipality's ongoing efforts to ensure effective representation and service delivery to the community of Ward 05.



Speaker of Council Cllr. MZ Ngwenya inducts Cllr.



Magistrate DR Nxumalo along side new PR Councillor .

INDIGENT PROGRAMME REGISTRATION AT WARD 17

"Let's restore the dignity, empower communities, and ensuring that no one is left behind" By Mikalya Jade

Mkhondo Local Municipality facilitated the registration of the Indigent Programme at Ward 17, taking municipal services directly to the community and strengthening access to essential support initiatives.

The programme focuses on enrolling qualifying residents to benefit from subsidies on municipal services, including rates and taxes, offering financial relief to vulnerable and low-income households.

This initiative forms part of the municipality's ongoing efforts to promote inclusive service delivery, social equity, and equal access to basic services for all community members.

Residents turned out in large numbers and were supported by municipal officials throughout the registration process. Officials guided community members through the completion of application forms, assisted with documentation, and ensured that registrations were handled in an organised and efficient manner.



Municipal Officials during the indigent registrations.

The strong community participation highlights the importance of accessible local programmes and reflects the municipality's commitment to responsive governance. The municipality continues to prioritise community-centred service delivery, sustainable development, and programmes that enhance the wellbeing and quality of life of all residents.



Ward 17 Cllr. M.A Simelane assisting with the indigent registration programme.

COMMEMORATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION DAY

“Learning Today, Protecting Tomorrow”



Officials from the Environment Unit at Bhekulwazi Day Care Center .

In commemoration of World Environmental Education Day, Mkhondo Local Municipality, through its Environmental Management Unit and Social Services, visited Bhekulwazi Day Care Centre on 26 January 2025.

The purpose of the programme was to raise environmental awareness among learners and educators, emphasising the importance of caring for the environment from an early age.

The Environmental Management Unit engaged learners in interactive lessons on proper environmental practices, highlighting the importance of protecting the environment from an early age. Through storytelling, educational activities, and interactive discussions, learners were taught and encouraged to develop environmentally friendly habits such as recycling, keeping their surroundings clean, and protecting natural resources.



This initiative also demonstrated the important role that libraries and environmental practitioners play in equipping communities with knowledge that promotes sustainability and responsible environmental care.

The librarian also explained the importance of libraries in the community, including providing educational support where learners can go to do their homework, teachers can access learning materials, and community members can gain access to information and development opportunities.



TRANSPORT AND PROMOTION OF SAFER ROADS

“Mkhondo Local Municipality together with Transport Stakeholders take a Stand against Road Accidents”

By Trudy Mbatha



General Manager Community Services Zamanyambose Mthethwa addressing stakeholders during the meeting .

Mkhondo local Municipality’s Department of Community Services convened a meeting with transport stakeholders at the Municipal Council Chambers on the 28th of January 2026. The meeting brought together taxi operators, scholar transport drivers, and other key stakeholders with the intention to promote public safety by reducing road accidents.

The meeting was chaired by General Manager of Community Services Ms. Zamanyambose Mthethwa together with MMC for Community Services Cllr. J.M. Nkosi, Ms. Mthethwa proposed a collaborative approach that will see drivers working closely with traffic officers to ensure safer roads for all road users including pedestrians.

Ms. Mthethwa further emphasised that safety of children on the roads needs to be prioritized ; she also raised a proposal of how the scholar transport can make adjustments to deal with the traffic congestion when transporting school children. The traffic department stated that taxi patrols are not al-

lowed to stop vehicles and search them as it is a responsibility of the law enforcement officials to do so. Chief Traffic Officer Lucky Ngozo highlighted the dangers such act poses as criminals may impose as taxi patrols.

Mr Ngozo spoke about the importance of cooperation between transport operators and traffic officers in minimizing road accidents. He also conducted an informative session on road safety precautions, providing practical tips to drivers on how to avoid accidents that often results in loss of lives he further shared his expert insights in support of the collective goal of achieving safer roads.

The meeting concluded by a proposed Working Committee to be formed among the transport operators, traffic officers and the municipality in order to work together to achieve the goal of public safety and promotion of safer roads.



Law Enforcement officials during the meeting.

By Trudy Mbatha

UBE YIMPUMELELO UMHLANGANO KAMASIPALA WOKUHLELA KANYE NOKUQHAMUKA NAMASU OKULETHA IZIDINGO EMPHAKATHINI

By Trudy Mbatha



Amakhomishini ngenkathi eqhamuka namasu

Ube yimpumelelo enkulu umhlangano wokuhlela kanye nokuqhamuka namasu okuletha izidingo emphakathini kaMasipala waseMkhondo othathe izinsuku ezimbili umhlaka 11-12 kuNdasas 2026, eHholweni e Amsterdam.

Kuningi okuthe kwaxoxwa kulomhlangano okubalwa kukho izindlela ezingcono zokusebenza eziziqinisekisa ukuba ingqalasizinda yamanzi kanye nomgwaqo ibe sezingeni eligculisayo kanye nokuphakelwa kwagesi okungaphazamiseki.

Ezinye zezinto ezishicilelwe kwezimqoka kubalwa kuzo ukuphuthulwa komsebenzi obuphazamisekile wenkontileka exhuma amaphayiphi okuqinisekisa indlela yendaweni efanelekile, uKhansela Lukhele wase ward 19. Ukubalule kakhulu lokhu enkulumweni yakhe uqhube wathi ukuphuthulwa kwalomsebenzi kungababeka ezingeni elihle kubatshali bezimali kulendawo yase Amsterdam.

UMasipala ugxile kakhulu ekutheni kufanele wenze indlela elula yesimanjemanje lapho izakhamuzi zizosebenzisa ama mitha amanzi esimanjemanje azokwenza kube lula ukuthi umuzi nomuzi ubone uma amanzi esebenziseka ngokweqile futhi -

uMasipala uzokwenza izinhlelo emphakathini zokuqwashisa nokuqeqesha abantu ukuthi bangawonga kanjani amanzi kanye nogesi ukuze bangazitholi sebekhokha imali eningi kakhulu kulezizinsiza. Lomhlangano udlala indima ebalulekile ekuqinisekiseni ukuba uMasipala uya- phendula kuzidingo zomphakathi futhi usebenza kahle ngokushicilelwe phansi.



USodolobha uKhansela Ndhlovu ethula inkulamo kulomhlangano eAmsterdam.

Lomhlangano ubuhanjelwe, umtwana uMthokozisi kanye no’Ndlunkulu bakaw Ndwalaza amakhansela izimenenja zikaMasipala, iminyango kaHulumeni, izinkampani ezizimele, kanye nabanye.

UMasipala waseMkhondo uyazibophezela ekusebenzeni ngokubambisana ekwakheni uMasipala ogxile ekuthuthukisweni koMkhondo



ADVANCING ETHICAL GOVERNANCE IN MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

"Collaborative workshop to promote integrity, transparency, and responsible governance"

By Mikalya Jade



Cllr. M Khumalo and Mrs Ntsiki Hayward Co-chairing the Anti-Corruption Session .

On 23rd and 24th March 2026, the Mkhondo Local Municipality hosted an Anti-Corruption and Fraud Prevention Workshop for its employees at the Council Chambers, reaffirming its commitment to ethical governance and accountability.

The workshop was facilitated by the municipality's Risk Management Unit in collaboration with the Office of the Premier, Gert Sibande District Municipality, SIU and the South African Police Service's Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks). This collaborative effort aimed to equip employees and Councillors with the knowledge and tools necessary to uphold integrity within the public sector.



Risk Manager Comfort Mango addressing officials during the session.

The primary objective of the session was to promote ethical conduct in public office while strengthening accountability, transparency, and good governance across all municipal operations. Participants engaged with key anti-corruption frameworks and principles, gaining insight into the critical role that integrity plays in effective service delivery.



The workshop emphasised the importance of risk and ethics management in enhancing governance efficiency, particularly within the municipality's support functions. By fostering a culture of ethical awareness and responsibility, the municipality continues to reinforce its dedication to clean governance and improved public trust.

EMKHONDO YOUTH EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP IGNITES PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

‘Providing the youth of Mkhondo with the confidence, skills and resources needed to step into the world of work’

By Mikalya Jade



Stakeholders doing the presentations during the Empowerment Workshop.

The atmosphere at the Ethandukhanya Public Library was filled with energy and hope on 25 March 2026, as young people from across Mkhondo came together for a Youth Empowerment Workshop designed to shape their future.

Eager to gain knowledge and improve their chances in the competitive job market, the youth actively participated in various sessions aimed at building practical skills. From crafting professional CVs to mastering interview techniques, attendees were guided step-by-step on how to present themselves confidently to potential employers.

The workshop also provided crucial assistance with ESSA registration, cover letter writing, and completing Z83 application forms, tools that are essential for accessing employment opportunities within both the public and private sectors.

This impactful initiative, driven by the Mkhondo Local Municipality in partnership with the Department of Employment & Labour, reflects a continued commitment to uplifting young people. By equipping them with the right skills and knowledge, the programme not only opens doors to employment but also restores a sense of dignity and purpose among the youth.

As the session concluded, many participants left feeling inspired, motivated, and better prepared to take on the challenges of the job market.



@MkhondoMunicip1



Mkhondo Local Municipality



@Mkhondo_Mun



www.mkhondo.gov.za

33 Cnr Market & De Wet Street

PO Box 23 eMkhondo 2380

E-mail: info@mkhondo.gov.za

el. 017 004 0172

ALL STORIES, PICTURES AND DESIGN BY COMMUNICATIONS UNIT: MLM

EDITOR : TR KUBHEKA

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: MJ MKHONZA