



uMHLATHUZE EXHILARATED OVER THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE CLEAN AUDIT

THE Best Secondary City in South Africa, City of uMhlathuze has once again made its citizens proud for obtaining yet another Clean Audit for 2016/2017 Financial Year.

The clean bill of financial health given to the City by the Auditor General is the fifth in a row thus suggesting positive consistency in running clean affairs of government after the municipal audit exercise of the financial year 2016/17.

City Mayor Cllr Mduduzi Mhlongo attributed the continuous clean audit opinions to synergetic well-coordinated systems combined with dedicated team of political leadership which is critical of every service delivery project and every cent of the municipality as well highly skilled management team and staff members coupled with sound financial systems.

“We are really elated with another Clean Audit opinion which is a landmark to our City. Being awarded a fifth consecutive clean audit is key to our mission to project and market the City with confidence to international investors to come to invest into our shores, thus creating business opportunities and the highly needed job opportunities for the people we serve. We said this upfront that as political leadership, ours is to characterise this term of office as a transformation phase of many aspects in our city from implementing radical economic transformation, ensuring clean



City of uMhlathuze Mayor Mduduzi Mhlongo met with the United States of America's KwaZulu-Natal Consul General Zalika Sykes to forger investments and partnerships.

governance, luring foreign investors and changing people's lives for the better, as stipulated by the manifesto of the ruling party we represent,” says Mhlongo.

To substantiate this Mhlongo says the City strategically opted to utilise the Richards Bay Industrial Zone (RBIDZ) to champion the City's strategy to attract investors which, to date has signed investment deals amounting to more than R70 billion to the City of uMhlathuze.

“We have made substantial progress in the basic service delivery programmes. We also crafted master plans and strategies to curb the backlog inherited from the then Ntambanana Municipality

to ensure that those new communities taste freedom in their lifetime. We have also aggressively engaged in upgrading of infrastructure which is aging rapidly thus causing problems from time to time. We vowed to root out fraud and corruption in our City and went a step further to introduce the anonymous Mpimpa hotline which is managed by an independent service provider to ensure that nobody interferes with any wrongdoing that might be reported. This is a show of commitment to the cause of clean governance. Our internal audit system, structures and Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) is doing a sterling job. The dedication to this cause is also displayed by

the Municipal Administration and Management on daily basis as they ensure that they implement resolutions of the council prudently within cost effective financial measures,” Mhlongo says.

The City Mayor will continue to learn in order to master the art of running a clean government and open doors for all other municipalities to benchmark good practices. “For us as the fast growing City in the country, ours is to focus on working hard for our people and utilise the public purse with diligence, deliver quality services and stay away from complacency. There is a lot that we still need to learn especially in Capital Expenditure which seem to be a challenge.” Mhlongo concludes.



FAREWELL TO THE PEOPLES SPEAKER

ROMANS 14:7 for none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord and if we die, we die for the Lord, so, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

WITH the deepest of conviction that indeed you belonged to the Lord and that he had borrowed us his prized possession momentarily; I now take this opportunity to celebrate a life well lived. Knowing you, you are probably looking and feeling embarrassed by all the tributes being paid to you at this moment, because, throughout your life, you have never sought to arrogate glory to yourself but understood that the truest meaning of freedom is when we, who have been placed in positions of authority, see the people as their own liberators, in charge of their destiny and us as mere servant at their disposal.

It is this incisive understanding the society, to paraphrase Rudyard Kipling; that allowed you to walk with Kings but never lose your common touch. You loved the people and they too; loved you back, so like seed to the soil, you really blossomed amongst them. When we are born, our parents have great expectations about us as children, but those expectations are always taken with a pinch of salt because in life there are no guarantees. A child can lose his way and bring shame and scorn to the family; not you my brother, I assure you today, you have brought glory to your family name, you have completed the journey your father started and wherever he is in the nooks and crannies of the world, he is mighty proud of you. Your entire family should and holding their heads high even in these trying times.

Your death comes in the year, when we, of the African National Congress and the country in general are celebrating the life of Isithwalandwe Seaparankwe Tata Nelson R Mandela, whose life serves as an exemplar for all of us to seek to emulate as we prosecute the struggle for the total emancipation of our people from all forms of bondage, it is a life lived in full service of the people, sacrificing personal freedoms in order to advance the cause of the people, championing the cause those that are most vulnerable in society. these indeed were the values you stood for and so in the end I believe the words of Nelson would ring even truer in your case at this point in time* "death is something inevitable, when a man has done what he considers to be his duty to his people and his country, he can rest in peace. I believe I have made that effort and that is, therefore, why I will sleep for eternity" * close quotes.*

I can, without fear of contradiction, say, you have left big shoes as council speaker and as an activist of the movement whose commitment and dedication to the service of the people is unquestionable. We therefore deep our revolutionary banners in your honour and commit ourselves to continue the struggle for attainment of all that you stood for, a just and equitable society free from inequality, poverty and suffering.

I have pondered a great deal on what made us believe that you



City Mayor Mduuzi Mhlongo steering the programme during the funeral of the Council Speaker Mfundo Mthenjana.

would not die, and I came to a conclusion that it is because you oozed invincibility, you had this larger than life character which did not understand the word defeat, with you victory was always a certain and so we too fell into this trap; we sincerely believed you would pull through, only this time we were wrong. At this point, I wish to pay a special tribute to your family, your grandmother, mother, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, the staff in your office in particular Cde Skhumbuzo Mabaso but especially your fiancé. We knew she was brave but not to this extent, we wish her God's protection as she deals with this excruciating pain.



Council Speakers Cllr Mfundo Mthenjana

None of us will ever understand how this will affect them going forward and how they will cope with such a loss in particular your children, we can only offer our prayers.

In conclusion, we know too, that you were not an angel. the revolution you joined required you to be old at a young age, to take decision that older and wiser man would fear taking because of the conviction you had about transformation of the state (in this case local government). In the overall, you understood that the kind of state that the National Liberation Movement must build, is one in which the democratic forces have the capacity decisively to use state instruments for purposes of social transformation. You understood the need continually to shift the balance of forces within the state and in broader society in favour of the movement for transformation; and secondly to use the power that the democratic movement currently commands to implement thoroughgoing changes. You also understood that, these tasks are not sequential but mutually reinforce one another in the same time and space. Indeed the people of uMhlathuze, KZN and South Africa have lost great son of the soil and they are poorer for your loss.

And so, as we, with mournful hearts bid you farewell, in this earth, we find solace in the book of romans that indeed you have died unto the lord who is your maker.

Farewell my brother, for our part, we promise to continue the struggle
Hastala Victoria Simpiere!!!
Mduuzi Mhlongo Deputy
Chairperson: ANC Musa Dladla
Region
Mayor of the City of uMhlathuze



ANC leaders standing with family members in honour of Cllr MW Mthenjana



CITY OF UMHLATHUZE MEETS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO FORGE BUSINESS RELATIONS

“MY function is to bring together all what the Unites States people and the US Government wants to bring to KwaZulu-Natal, what is possible, their ideas, opportunities and resources of government and the business community. We have a department of Commerce’s offices in this province which is constantly looking for opportunities of imports and exports, development opportunities and strives to create business here in KwaZulu-Natal.”

These were preambuling words of the United States of America’s Consul General based in KwaZulu-Natal Sherry Zalika Sykes, when she recently met with the City of uMhlathuze Mayor Cllr Mduduzi Mhlongo and the Executive Committee to create and synergise working relationship between US and the city.

She said she wants to strengthen business ties and to also get

input from the leadership of the city on what the city has to offer to investors and what the community needs so that she mobilises support in US business community. “We have worked with KZN and South African government in many areas including fighting the HIV/Aids pandemic, research on new infections, etc. as well as injecting millions of Dollars into the HIV/Aids projects. This pandemic touches me personally as my grandparents died of aids in 1984 back then when the Aids was still a death sentence. Now we do not see that since we began to work together to fight the virus and the taboo associated with it,” said Sykes.

She said she wants to know the City of uMhlathuze better so that they invest wisely. She also said that the US Government is open to personal development programmes such as leadership training, learners exchange programmes which at times

takes weeks and months but also at times at very short notices.

In receiving the US Consul General, city Mayor Cllr Mduduzi Mhlongo was upfront to say his city has a business case study to present in wowing US investors. “We have infrastructure required by the investors. We are now improving our supply of the electricity. We can now assure our investors of water security since we now have a back-up through the 10 mega litres of desalination plant, the first one in the country. We are also improving our accessibility through relocating our airport and making it a regional airport city. This will make us more accessible by air, road, rail and water which then makes an interesting proposition. We are struggling a bit with infrastructure funding of which we would like your investors to closely look at,” Mhlongo said.

He also alluded to the fact that the City of uMhlathuze is fast

growing to become the second contributor to the GDP of the province through efforts done to grow the economy of the city. “We are doing everything on our power to retain companies and investors back to our city as we have successfully done with Richard Bay Alloys former known as Tata Steel. If there is any doubt about this, it should be erased now. We are ready and open for business and we are also looking for more twinning arrangements especially with like cities as we are a port city,” Mhlongo emphasised.

Mhlongo also share some light with Consul General Sykes that the city is interested in education and trainings. “We can be happy to partner with US in education and training exchange programmes on a continuous basis. With projects such as the Liquefied Natural Gas project knocking on our shores, we have engaged University of Zululand on coming up with industry related programmes and we are glad to announce that they are now working on establishing an Engineering Campus,” Mhlongo said.

The event was also attended by the Chief Executive Officer of the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone (RBIDZ) Mr Phumi Motsoahae, who made a presentation on what has his entity succeeded on achieving on foreign direct investments and further opportunities present that’s the US investors can seize. The meeting was facilitated by the Office of the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal Willies Mchunu.



USA Consul General Zalika Sykes with the City Mayor Exco Councillors, King Cetshwayo Mayor, RBIDZ CEO and the Office of the Premier.

City not out of Drought yet

CITIZENS industries, businesses and all water users are still urged to use water sparingly and adhere to all precautions, since the region is still on drought. Department of Water and Sanitation has still placed the City of uMhlathuze on level 3 restrictions since early

last year until the water levels stabilises. With the sea water desalination project running on needy days, this came in handy and during “rainy” days when the city desperately needed to fill up its reservoirs, especially in the mid-year.



CITY'S DRIVE TO CHANGE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES

In a move to change lives of commuters, the City of uMhlathuze has committed millions of Rands in improving public transport facilities.

The move is not only aimed at changing the face and the landscape of the City Ranks but also plays a critical role in creating conducive environment for peace, cleanliness and economic development, especially for informal traders as well as easing traffic congestions.

The LOT 63 eMpingeni Taxi Rank next to Spar on Maxwell street has officially been opened to three major taxi associations, eSikhaleni, Ngwelezana and eNseleni. These are major townships with high volumes of commuters who gather at eMpingeni for public transports. This state of the art facility features the new shape of the canopy roof, 15 new locked-up stalls for informal traders, ablution facilities with running water and a disabled persons ramp, tar paving and demarcation, gated entrance and exit points, management office as well as a pedestrian bridge linking the rank with the shopping centre.

The City of uMhlathuze invested more than R6 million on this project which also empowered a young women entrepreneur with enormous construction expertise and experience, as part of the implementation of the Council's decision to empower women, youth and disabled persons with capital projects dubbed 40-40-20 policy. The Council amended its Supply Chain Management Policy to grant 40% of capital projects to women, 40% to youth and 20% to people with disabilities, in quest to curb inequalities and to reverse past economical injustices. A then 32-year-old Nano Mbuyazi of Mkhadi Trading was amongst the first recipients of this set-aside and produced a sterling project, adding yet another accolade in her construction portfolio.

City of uMhlathuze is currently constructing the Richards Bay Taxi Rank with an investment tune of R24 million. The sum will see the development of



Deputy Mayor Cllr Slondile Mkhize officially opening the Lot 63 eMpingeni Taxi Rank.

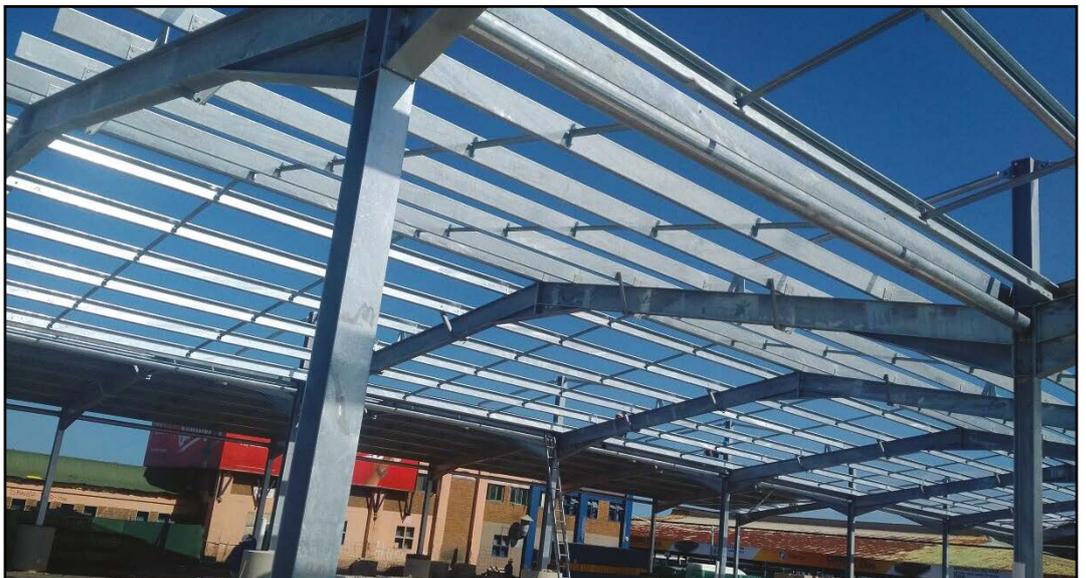
the steel canopy, new ablution facility, fencing, entrance-exit gates, stalls and many other amenities aimed at making a good experience of operators, commuters and traders. The Richards Bay facility will house about 8 taxi associations.

Opening the eMpingeni Rank facility, Deputy Mayor Cllr Silondile Mkhize urged

taxi association directors to ensure hygiene, peace and maintenance of the facility. "This is our contribution towards changing the shape of our towns. Through building such facilities, we are empowering a variety of sectors which benefits through public transport, be it the taxi operators, drivers, informal traders, etc. Their lives are sure to change for the better.

We want to see peace inside these beautiful premises and we want you to make sure that it is clean and erase the negative perceptions about taxi ranks," said Mkhize.

The two facilities follow more than 50 new stalls built at Nseleni Taxi Rank. The plan for the new eNseleni Taxi Rank is also on the pipeline.



Richards Bay Taxi Rank is also nearing completion.



UMPHAKATHI MAWUSUKUMELE UKUHLUKUNYEZWA KWEZINGANE

KUVELE izibalo ezishaqisayo zokuhlukunyezwa kwezingane ngokocansi ikakhulukazi elokishini eMandlanzini. Lezi zibalo zivele obala njengoba uNkosikazi kaMeya uThandeka Mhlongo kanye nePhini leMeya uKhansela Silondile Mkhize behambele umphakathi waseMandlanzini beqhuba umkhankaso wokukhaza umhlola wokuhlukunyezwa kwezingane.

UMhlongo noMkhize kanjalo nenhlango engekho kuhulumeni iMpilonhle nemiNyango eyehlukeno kahulumeni okunguDepartment of Social Development owezeMfundo, amaphoyisa, abezokushushisa, ahaboli bomdabu kanye nabelaphi bendabuko, bahambele izikole ezimbili okuyiSitholinhlhla kanye neKati Primary ngaphambi kokudlulela esithangamini ebesinomphakathi waseMandlanzini.

UNkk Busisiwe Phungula woMnyango wezeMpilo esifundeni iKing Cetshwayo uthi zidlondlobale kakhulu izibalo zokuhlukunyezwa kwezingane ngokocansi eMhlathuze kulesi sigaba sonyaka. "Kusukela kuqale unyaka sesithole izigameko ezingu-302 zokuhlukunyezwa kwezingane

zahlolwa kwaqinisekisa odokotela ukuthi ngempela zihlukumezekile ngokocansi. Lezi zingane zingaphansi kweminyaka engu-12 yobudala nokuyinto eshaqisa kakhulu futhi edinga ukusukunyelwa phezulu kuqwashiswe umphakathi nezikole ngalesi sikhava," kusho uNkk Phungula.

Ushaqake wavukwa wuzwela wahleengezela izinyembezi uNkk Mhlongo emuva kokuzwa ukuthi izingane eziningi ezithintekile ezaseKati Primary kuzona kukhona nezabafana. "Kufikisela izinyembezi ukuthi ukuthi kunengane yomfana ehlukeyezwe ngokocansi kwaze kwaphoqeka ukuba ifake inabukeni uma iza esikoleni noma ihlezi ekhaya. Yingakho sithathe lo mkhankaso sawuletha emphakathini waseMandlanzini ngethemba lokuthi uzoqwashiseka ngezindlela ongavikela ngazo izingane nongathola ngayo usizo ngokushesha uma kukhona okusolwayo enganeni," kusho uMamuMhlongo.

Okuphinde kwagqama kulezi zikole zombili wokuthi abafundi bakhona sebenolwazi olusemqoka ngezindlela zokuvikela nokushesha babone uma kukhona ukuhlukumezeka okubhekiswe kubona. Lokhu



Mayoress Mrs Thandeka Mhlongo addressing Sitholinhlhla primary school on child abuse.



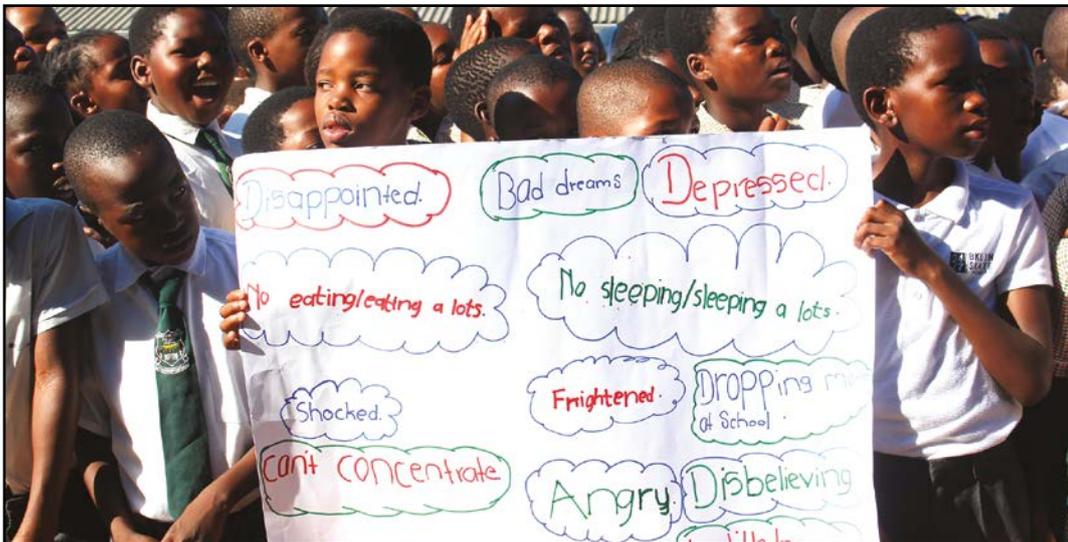
Drama at Sitholinhlhla Primary

bakukhombise ngemidlalo yeshashalazi, umculo kanye nemiyalezo ebhalwe phansi ngesikhathi kuqhubeka lo mkhankaso.

UKhansela Mkhize usebenzise lo mkhankaso ukuphinde asize ngokupha izicathulo kubafundi

abeswele kakhulu. "Sifisa abafundi bacabange isikole nokufunda kuphela noma ngabe baqhamuka emakhaya anjani. Asifisi bahlukumezeke, sifisa bazi ukuthi yini ukuhlukumezeka futhi bangasizakala kanjani ngokushesha uma sekukhona obe neshwa wahlukumezeka. Sifisa nokuthi bangazenyazi ngoba bengenazo izicathulo bese kwehla izinga lomfundi lokufunda azithole esedikibala ngenxa yokungabi nazo izicathulo, yingakho sihleze sicela kosomabhezini ukuba balekelele ngayo yonke indlela ezidingweni zabafundi," kusho uMkhize.

Abelaphi bendabuko nabo bezwakalise ilaka labo ngokutshela umphakathi ukuthi ayikho inkoleloze yokuthi kunendlela yokwelapha ngokuthi uye ocansini nengane. Nabholi bomdabu bahlabe ikhwelo lokuthi umphakathi awubike izigameko zokuhlukumezeka kwezingane nabesifazane emaphoyiseni ungalinge ufune ukuhlawulisa umenzi wokubi ekubeni ingane ihlukumezekile.



Learners displaying different messages on the effect of child abuse.



CITY OF UMHLATHUZE MAKES A FOOTPRINT IN AFRICA

The City of uMhlathuze eye-catching stand in the annual Meetings Africa Exhibitions was a buzz and attracted many visitors, passer-by's and media attention. Meetings Africa is an annual tourism trade held in Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg. It attracts exhibitors from all over the continent to showcase different tourism products offerings and open platforms to mingle, interact and formally meet with interested parties to take your product forward.

Councillor Thami Phahla and Ntombela, has a busy two-days supported by tourism support stuff, strongly marketing services and products offered by the City of uMhlathuze. Potential tourists, visitors, tour guides, business people and media visited the

stand to get more information on what to see and what to do when you visit the city.

"Most people who visited our giant stand were attracted by the name City of uMhlathuze and all of them were asking, where is the City of uMhlathuze and what can we see and do there. We then had to sell them the Escape Winter Campaign, citing the ever-warm climate. We also introduced our potential tourists with the Safari experience through Thula Thula Private Game Reserve, Birding experience, water sports and activities such as sundowner cruises, township tours, etc. We also highlighted some attractions within the District of King Cetshwayo," said Phahla.

The stand also attracted business people and investors

who wanted to enquire about business opportunities within the City of uMhlathuze. "We held a number of meetings, some of them were planned and some were impromptu where more information was requested after the presentation of our stand. We jumped into the opportunity to highlight that we are home to the deepest water port in Africa, the Richards Bay Harbour, we also highlighted our hunger to attract foreign direct investments driven mainly by the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone (RBIDZ). Accessibility by road, rail, water and by air to our city was also cited as our advantage. One area that got our city a plus is the geographical proximity to Durban, Mozambique and Swaziland as well as road network linking the City of uMhlathuze with inland provinces, which enables ease of



Chairperson of City Development portfolio committee Cllr Thami Phahla engaging with eNCA's HashTagAfrica during the Meetings Africa Tourism trade show in Sandton.

making business with our city," Phahla explained.

City stand was also visited by different media houses whom some of them interviewed Cllr Phala. Amongst them were SABC's Morning Live, HashTag Africa from ENCA, Soweto TV, CNN and others.

SITHUNYWE UKWENZA UMEHLUKO EMPHAKATHINI ESIWAKHELE

IPHINI leMeya yaseMhlathuze uKhansela Silondile Mkhize, unikele ngezicathulo kubafundi bamabanga aphantsi abacela ekhulwini ngenhloso yokwelekelela labo bazali abadla imbuya ngothi. Izikole iNsizwa Primary, iZicabangele Primary, oNgoye Primary kanye nePhembokuhle Primary zonke zase-Wadi 11, zihlomule ngalo mnikelo kaKhansela Mkhize njengoba kuzibula unyaka nje.



IPHINI leMeya uKhansela Silondile Mkhize epha abafundi izicathulo.

UMkhize uhambele lezi zikole nyakenye ehambisa zona izicathulo kubafundi abahlwempu waphinda wahlonza nabanye was ethembisa ukuthi uzobuya nezinye izicathulo.

"Ngigcina isethembiso engasenza ngonyaka owedlule emuva kokuba ngihambe lezi zikole ngisahambisa zona izicathulo. Ngafike ngabona ukuthi usemningi umsebenzi okumele siwenze wokutholela

abafundi izicathulo. Ngibe sengiphindela emuva ngayozama ezinye ngenhlanhla kaNkulunkulu kwaba khona osomabizini abalekelelayo njengoba sesizojabulisa laba bafundi unyaka uqala nje," kusho uMkhize.

Uthe lokhu ukwenziswa isazela sokuthi kunabazali okulala ikati eziko emizini yabo. "Okokuqala nje sifisa ngayo

yonke indlela ukuba abafundi bakhohlwe wusizi ababhekana nalo emakhaya ngenxa yezimo ezehlukene. Sifisa baphokophele phambili bafunde futhi bafane nazo zonke ezinye izingane ngoba ukungabi nanyumfoma ephelele uphinde uhambe ngezicathulo ezihlephukile noma ngezinyawo ngoba ungenazo kwenza umntwana azenyeze kwehlise nezinga

lakhe lokufunda. Siyazi ukuthi kunabazali abangenalutho okuthi uma bethola lokho abakutholayo bacabange okuya ngasesiswini kwezingane zabo. Njengoba sithunye wumphakathi nje ukuba sibe ngamaKhansela eMhlathuze, kumele sibe ngamehlo nezindlebe zayo, siphinde siwuxhumanise nezindlela ezehlukene zokuthola usizo ukuze impilo yabo ishintshe ibe ngcono kubakuqala. Sinethemba ke lokuthi ukunikela kwethu ngalezi zicathulo kuyohamba ibanga elide kulaba baholi bakusasa abasaqeqeshwa ezikoleni," kwenaba uMkhize.

Umasipala uMhlathuze uzibophezele ekulekeleni abafundi ngeminikelo engaba wusizo kubona. Awugcini nje ngezicathulo kepha nemifaniswano yezikole enhlobonhlobo kusukela emabulukweni, amashunikhhi, amahembe ezikole, amajezi nama-track suits. Kulolu hlelo olwenziwa unyaka wonke, abafundi bathathwa imininingwane kusukela eminyakeni yabo kuya kusayizi wesicathulo ukuze kusizwe yena ngqo.

WEXWAYISE ABASHAYELI NGEZINGOZI ZEPHASIKA UMEYA WASEMHLATHUZE

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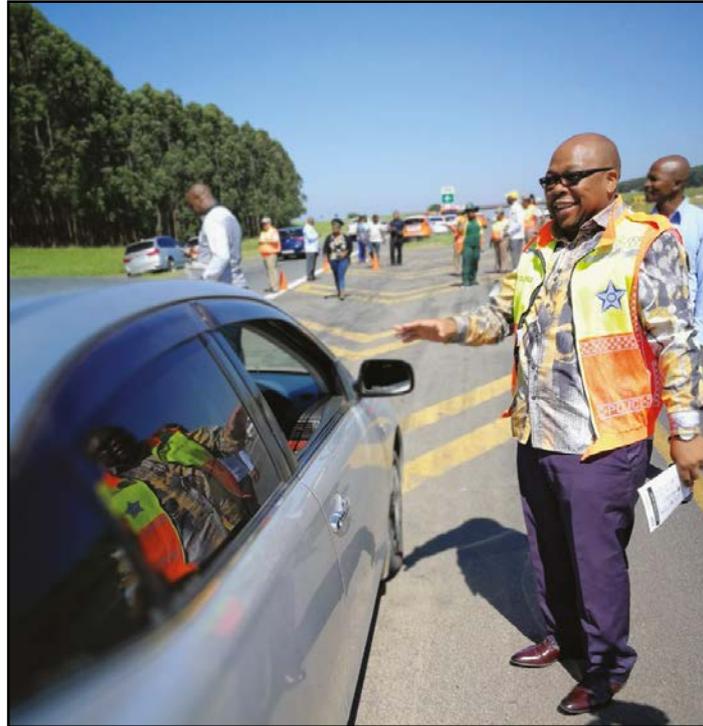
ebelivutha amalangabi abaholi baseMhlathuze bagcwala imigwaqo namaphoyisa bezoqwashisa abahamba ngezimoto ukuba baphephe emgwaqeni ngosuku olwendlalele impelasonto yePhasika.

UMeya uKhansela Mduduzi Mhlongo noKhansela Silondile Mkhize oyiPhini leMeya bahole amaphoyisa omgwaqo aseMhlathuze, awakwa-SAPS kanjalo nawesifundazwe omgwaqo uRoad Traffic Inspectorate (RTI), ekuhloleni ukuthi abashayeli bakulungele yini ukushayela, izimoto ukuba zikulungele yini ukuhamba emgwaqeni, izimvume ezifanele zokushayela nezokuthutha umphakathi nempahla, nokuxwayisa ngokuqaphela zonke izimpawu zomgwaqo nokubheka ezinye izimoto uma ushayela.

Ezinye izimoto azizange ziphunyuke njengoba zizithole sezimiswa isikhathi eside ngenxa yokuba nogcobho. Ezinye kuthathwe abashayeli bazo bayiswa esiteshini samaphoyisa eSikheleni ngenxa yokusolalaka ukuthi bahamba ngezimoto ezisolisayo kanti oyedwa utholakale eshayela edakiwe, imoto ingathelile naye engenalayisense, wakhalawa amasongo kaSigonyela.

“Sisabalalisa amaphepha lapha anemibhalo ngezinto ezibalulekile kubashayeli nabagibeli. Sifisa abagibeli bawazi amalungelo abo uma besemotweni ikakhulukazi lezi ezithutha umphakathi. Sibambisane no-SAPS ukuze futhi sikwazi ukubamba lezi zigilamkhuba ezicuthela isikhathi sezinkonzo bese zishushumbisa izidakamizwa nokunye okungekho emthethweni,” kuchaza uMhlongo.

Uqhube wathi, “umyalezo osemqoka wukuthi ukuphepha emgwaqeni kuwumsebenzi wethu sonke. Akungathi uma kwesweswe ekhaya kuphuzwe bese ebukwa nje umuntu



UMEYA waseMhlathuze uKhansela Mduduzi Mhlongo uhole ithimba lamaphoyisa ahlola izimoto nokudlulisa umyalezo wokuphepha

eyoshayela edakiwe akuqale emndenini ukufakwa umongo wokuphepha emgwaqeni kwedlulele nakumalungu ophakathi ngaphambi kokuba kufinyelele kubagibeli. Asingakubeki kuphela ezandleni

zabomthetho ukuphepha kwethu ngoba abantu abafayo kusuke kuyithi thina esisuke sishayela kumbe sigibele noma abahamba ngezinyawo. Okunye wukuthi abantu abangaphuzi bese beyodaphuzela emgwaqeni

sebedakiwe ngoba enye inkinga leyo okumele sibhekane nayo ngokubambisana nabanikazi bezindawo zokuphuza ukuba sikhuthaze abantu bakithi bonke ngothi lwabo ukuba akudakelwa emgwaqeni,” kusho uMhlongo.

Khonamanjalo akukho zingozi ezinyantisa igazi nazigameko ezihlasimulisa umzimba ezibikiwe emingceleni engaphakathi eMhlathuze ngempelasonto yamaholidi.

“Sibonga kakhulu kubashayeli nakubavakashi abebesihambele ukuthi baziphathe kahle balandela imithetho yomgwaqo njengoba besinxusile. Nalabo abebhambela idili lomculo wokholo waminyaka yonke uKufeziwe nabo baziphathe kahle siyethemba bazosivakashela nangokuzayo. Lokhu asikwenze njalo uma sisemgwaqeni ukuthi uhambo lwethu luhleze luyimpumelelo lungashiyi kukhalwa emakhaya. Sibonga nakumaphoyisa ethu omgwaqo, awakwa-SAPS nawomgwaqo esifundazwe ngokusebenza ngokuzikhandla ukuqinisekisa ukuphepha. Sibonga nabakwa-Amasondo Motors abasebenzisane nathi emkhankasweni wokusabalalisa umyalezo wokuphepha emgwaqeni,” kusho uMhlongo.



INGXENYE yethimba lamaphoyisa aseMhlathuze likhuthazekile ngokusebenza noMeya nePhini leMeya uKhansela Silondile Mkhize nabakwa-Amasondo Motors.



MAYOR URGES BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS UNIFORM PROGRAMME

MORE than 300 school learners benefited from the City of uMhlathuze Mayoral School Uniform campaign aimed at assisting high and primary school's needy and most vulnerable. The learners came from schools around the City of uMhlathuze and were identified by ward councillors in all 34 wards.

The roll-out of the school uniform and shoes programme

was recently held at eMpangeni Civic Centre in the presence of the Department of Education's District Director Mr David Chonco, all companies who managed to contribute, parents and teachers as well as all Councillors.

"I am encouraged by the contribution by our sponsors. We believe that a contribution to towards education is a contribution towards a bright future of our country. The

success of the project nation building will be determined by such contribution towards a good course. We want to applauded you for your donations and taking time out of your busy schedules to come and witness the betterment of our people practically. We, as Councillors are leading the society where the school uniform issue is a serious matter in such a way that some parents prioritise punting for food to

be put on the table and opt to compromise school shoes or uniform and expose some learners to some degree of humiliation by others, dangers of being injured while barefooted and many other forms of disgrace," Mhlongo said.

He called on more business people to donate with whatever they make out of their profits to the needy learners. "This is not a once-off programme as we do it throughout the year. We also roll out sanitary towels to cater for natural circles of girl children. We can only succeed on these programme through contributions from the business community that we as the city of uMhlathuze work with as well as those who are willing to contribute towards a good course," Mhlongo emphasised.

Chonco appreciated the assistance on behalf of schools. He thanked sponsors for their generous support and the Mayor for driving the campaign. "It is through such support that we are able to boost the morale and confidence of our mostly needy learners. These learners aspire to be professionals and leaders in the society in the near future and they do not come from the same background, hence we thank you for filling the gap where other parents cannot reach," Said Chonco.



City Mayor Cllr Mduduzi Mhlongo and the Education District Director David Chonco clothing one of the learners during the Mayoral School Uniform campaign.

Richards Bay Sports Clubs to Pay Commercial Rates

THE Council's move to get back land occupied by some sports clubs in Richards Bay Waterfront will pave way for new basic services development which will benefit the whole City of uMhlathuze.

The Council resolved to also charge some clubs commercial rental rates after discovering that they are making enormous profits and have had long lease agreements with little to nothing to pay back to the city for substantial years. The audit by the City of uMhlathuze uncovered business activities which generates millions of Rands. The agreements lapsed in 2015 and the city wants

to utilise some portions of this land for the benefit of all citizens not the elite few.

The audit also revealed that these clubs do not only survive with club membership fees but profit on their investments and businesses they are engaged in. Some of them previously had long leases which were invalid according to the Municipal Finance Management Act.

The sports clubs have been paying close to nothing compared to their profit turnover and basically profiting for free at the expense of money that could have gone to some basic services over the years.

The Council also decided that according to Section 14 of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, on reasonable grounds that the assets listed below are needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services for proposed developments at the Waterfront area: Meerensee Boat Club, Richards Bay Skiboat Club, Zululand Yatch Club, Zululand Undersea Club, Richards Bay Sea Scouts and Zululand Multi Sports Club.

The City began the process with the Richards Bay sports clubs and now continues to audit the eMpangeni