

WEBSITE LAUNCH BY MAYOR CLLR NOMVELISO NYUKWANA

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It is my privilege to share this historic moment with you in the life of Emalahleni Municipality.

We as the leadership of Emalahleni, mandated to change the lives of our people for the better, are present to see the long awaited project reach fruition and experience our municipality entering the cyber world where anyone throughout the world can now visit and view our municipality through our website.

We have now taken a further step in building public participation by ensuring access to our municipality and ensuring that the critical and relevant information is available to all through this our website thus addressing another area where we were non-compliant.

The website will be another platform where our community and service providers are able to access information and be informed of our plans, projects and achievements as they occur. Where opportunities to invest in our area can be identified and explored and where we can showcase our municipality.

The webpage will allow our community not only to see but to understand what we are doing as a council and to allow them another forum through which they can interact with us as their elected leaders.

This platform will assist us to bring our news to and get the views of our sons and daughters spread throughout the global village – as we have many influential people born and raised in our municipal area working and serving throughout the world - all still with a keen interest in what is happening in their home towns and villages. All of whom are potential investors and partners in the future growth and expansion of our municipality.

Emalahleni is rich in tourism and heritage and the website is a vehicle through which we are able to market our beautiful area and invite tourists to come and visit our municipality to the benefit of our local economy. Having been said that i am mindful of the fact that this website will need cadres that are ready to show the hospitality we are renowned for.

To our community we say - this webpage is yours to use so as to be able to interact and communicate with us. Please use it!

The driving force towards this initiative, partnership and dedication shown by the team in developing this webpage is remarkable and it indicate that as government we can do things using our resources a government and not by spending money on others to employ outsiders to do it for us.

The Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Emalahleni Local Municipality Information Technology Section, IT Officer, Communications Section and Legal and Compliance Unit must be commended for a job well done. The support and input of the Municipal Manager and his Management teams is acknowledged to ensure that the website was developed and launched.

The challenge now is that we as a collective ensure that we utilise this website and that we ensure that the information placed on it remains relevant and updated on a daily basis.

Let us be proactive as Councillors in using this tool to check on the council business posted so that we may keep abreast of Council affairs and share the information with our communities.

In this way we have been given another tool to capacitate us to account to our electorate about the business of the council.

It is indeed a pleasure to officially launch the Emalahleni Municipal Website

I wish you many happy hours of browsing at <http://emalahleni.local.gov.za/> - I Thank You