

Mayor Cllr Nomveliso Nyukwana 22 January 2012

Distinguished guests from the City of Dordrecht Netherlands

Cllr Brook and his entourage (From our sister city)

Honourable Executive Mayor

Speaker of the Council of Emalahleni

Chief Whip of the ruling party

Members of the Executive Committee

Councillors

Members of the public

Members of the media

Emalahleni Local Municipality employees

Organizers of this occasion

I greet you all this afternoon

We are here to welcome from afar our fellow sisters in this Dordrecht of ours from our own City of Dordrecht as a result we have twinning relations.

It is regrettable though to welcome you while we are still in tears as one of our councillors passed on during the course of the week last week.

May her soul rest in peace. She must rest as one of the soldiers caught by death while the battle is still rife. This year we will need to make strides in service delivery so that her soul may indeed rest assured as those that are left behind are carrying the baton forward in emancipating our people.

As we have gathered here our hopes are high envisaging that our deliberations will bare good fruits. On the 08th of this month we were celebrating 100 years of struggle for freedom. While we were doing so we had time to indicate on the work done and the work ahead as the African National congress. The tone and the pace had been set by President Jacob Zuma for us all to serve our people with delight and humility.

The work has begun for us to show our people that at heart we have got their interests. The only time that that imagination can be made clear is when we successfully implement our plans. We need to visualise things first but our vision need to be seen and beneficiaries to enjoy benefits of our collective efforts.

As South Africa, Eastern Cape and in particular Emalahleni we have a challenge with proper Human Settlement in such a way that areas nearby our area are benefitting from the monies that were supposed to be spent to boost our local economic. Many of our employees are residing in areas like Queenstown and Cala due to lack of proper accommodation within our area to cater for them all.

While we will be hard at work in the next days we need to remember those who have passed on while waiting to benefit to this initiative hence put some pace so that we may reach the finishing line very soon. Our people have their hopes high as we initially approached them using public participation programmes to get their views on the housing model they dream of and as such they have registered them.

With those few words ladies and gentlemen let me conclude by saying take off your jackets and as members of the family even if you can forget them here you will get them. That will as well serve as your reason to come back again.

Enjoy the time you will spend with us

Thank you