



Madam Speaker

Honorable Chief whip

EXCO Members

IHLM Councilors

Traditional Leadership

Political organizations

Labour unions (SAMWU & IMATU)

Acting Municipal manager and entire management

Managers of sector departments

Municipal workers and workers from government departments

Non-Governmental organizations

Community based organizations

Business fraternity

Ward committee members

Community Development workers

Community at large

Receive warm and revolutionary greetings on behalf of the council and entire municipality in the spirit of Khawuleza meaning let us be fast in bringing service delivery.

### **Madam Speaker**

This Open Council is held after a number of significant political events which have an influence in our sphere of government.

These include amongst others the State of the Nation Address of the 6<sup>th</sup> Administration, State of the Province Address. As I continue with my report I will reflect on salient features from these events.

The Open Council is held just 2 months after the National General Elections where in the ruling party won though the voter turnout was low as 10 million people did not vote.

I wish to thank our people for yielding to the call to go to the polls on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 especially in this ward as you renewed the mandate of the ruling class to govern for the next 5 years.



Mayors report Cllr Goya to Ingquza Hill Local Municipality Open Council held at ward 25 at Thahle community Hall on Thursday 11th July 2019 at 10 am



This council is held after a successful strategic planning session which was held to draft strategies and objectives as a way and means to finalize our 10 months implementation of the IDP and budget process plan.

I am grateful that we have achieved such a milestone even though we adopted the process plan very late.

In our municipality we have witnessed some changes in both the Political and administrative leadership which were unavoidable.

We have a new Mayor Hon Cllr Goya, new Chief Whip Hon Cllr Nkungu and Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Gqada. I call upon the community, workers, Labour unions and management to work together to steer the ship so as to attain our strategic objectives as pronounced by the strategic planning session.

This council is held a month after the commemoration of the Mpondo or Kongo revolt waged by the people of Mpondoland against the repressive laws of white minority regime.

Some of you witnessed the brutality of the apartheid system in the mines, in big cities and in the rural areas especially around Ingquza Hill.

This Council is also held after the Youth Month which marked 43 years since the killing of our vigilant youth which waged relentless struggles against Apartheid laws in Education sector like Imposition of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction and non-recognition of Student Representative Councils.

We are gathered here just in the month of our International Icon, Tata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and his fellow comrades with him as the face who fought for the democracy which we have today.

We have to emulate his actions, character, behavior, beliefs and principles which led to a rainbow nation and unity of Africans in general.





We are also gathered few weeks before the Womens month which marks 63 years since the march by 20 000 women to Pretoria against the Pass laws and that paved the way for the gender struggles to reach all corners and also more struggles.

Our country South Africa is faced by serious socio political challenges which have a negative impact on the economic growth.

President of the Republic of South Africa has established investment committee which shall go around the world lobbying investors to come and invest in our country.

This has some positive spin offs as more than 10 big companies globally have pledged to invest billions in our economy and amongst them is Mercedes Benz which has invested billions in the Eastern Cape.

### **Compatriots**

As a way of showing commitment to fight corruption the ruling party through government established the Zondo Commission which is exposing some criminal financial activities which collapsed our financial sector including State owned enterprises like ESKOM.

The ruling party also established an integrity committee so as to deal with those public representatives who are implicated in the corrupt practices so as to achieve clean government.

### **Hon Speaker**

The council decided on the council to be held in ward 25 due to a number of issues which the community has to be aware of.

Firstly, it must be clear to everyone that any development within Ingquza Hill is under the coordination and supervision of the Municipality as the sphere of governance.

It is a must that the Municipality must be represented in all the development projects and programs within its jurisdiction to provide assistance to the people and also provide expertise.





N2 SANRAL toll road is a multi-billion project which covers 45 km of Ingquza Hill land and the municipality has to play a vital role to make the project leaves legacy to benefit us and generations to come.

We call for the communities and traditional authorities to work with the municipality in ensuring that service delivery is not delayed or is made to abort.

We must avail the resources like quarries or borrow pit especially when the project is meant to help and develop us not to crate bottle necks.

SANRAL and ECPTA are the government contracted agencies in the specific areas like road infra structure and biodiversity so they have to report to the municipality who shall convene all stakeholders.

The coastal wards which include ward 22,23,24,25 and 32 have more opportunities of economic development than all other wards as SANRAL N2 move in these areas.

These opportunities have to be explored carefully by the joint cooperation of all stakeholders led by the Municipality as they have a potential to divide us and also to unite us.

These opportunities include:

- Oceans economy (Harbour development and Fishing)
- Agriculture and Agro processing
- Biodiversity

**Fellow councilors** allow me to reflect on the key strategic objectives which we resolved on in our strategic planning session held at Margate on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. We resolved on the following priorities:

- Informal trading support
- Support and regulate SMME's
- Annual Mpondoland Marathon
- Investment packaging
- Diversification of agro processing
- Formalization of Informal settlements





- Youth, Women Development and all vulnerable groups development
- Land Summit
- Strengthening Local labour forum
- Stakeholder mainstreaming and reregistration
- Increase Revenue collection
- Cleaning and greening of our towns
- Reliable ICT and Financial Systems
- Improve Good Governance, Communication and Public Participation

These strategies need vibrant, vigilant, dedicated decisive men and women in both political and administrative arm who shall from time to time able to purge themselves in tandem with IDP and SDBIP.

We need a well-educated, skilled, capable, motivated and zealous workforce to assist in achieving our mission and vision which we have set for our institution.

As we implement our plans we also need to integrate the seven priorities of the National government and of the Eastern Cape provincial government.

The national priorities are:

- Economic transformation and job creation
- Education, skills and health
- Consolidating the social wage through reliable and quality basic services
- Spatial Integration, human settlements and local government
- Social cohesion and safe communities
- A capable, ethical and developmental state
- A better Africa and World

The provincial 5 year plan contains the 7 provincial priorities:

- Economic transformation and job creation
- Consolidating the social wage through reliable and quality basic services
- Spatial integration, human settlements and local government
- Social cohesion and safe communities
- A better Africa and a better world
- A capable, ethical and developmental state





**Honourable Chief Whip**, it is important that we reflect on the achievements which we have made as an institution since 2017 as we could not give a report either in a form of open council or State of the Municipality.

As I present my report, I will focus on our key performance areas which shall make a clear reflection of our performance over time.

**Fellow councilors allow me to dwell much on our key performance areas as they determine our existence especially number 1 which is basic service delivery.**

### **1. Basic service delivery**

Basic service delivery is the core function of the local municipality and the most important key performance area which municipality are measured with in terms of their performance.

In 2017/18 financial year we completed 68, 8 km of new roads in the following wards: 05, 08,9,10,13, 18,20, 26, 27,29, 31& 32.

In the current financial year we are constructing 12 new roads to a tune of 65, 3 km in the following wards: 3, 6, 12, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 27,30,2 and sport field.

For 2019/20 financial we have committed thirty four million rand (R34 Million) to construct new 12 access roads in the following wards: ward 6, 12, 16, 19, 21, 22, 25,26, 29 and 32

To accelerate road networks we have purchased a new plant, grader, Low bed, 4 new trucks with an amount of Fourteen million rand (R14 million) which shall be used in the maintenance of roads and also assist in new roads when the need arise.

### **Community member and business fraternity allow me to talk to Small town revitalization**

In 2017/18 financial year the Office of the Premier of the Eastern Cape Province committed thirty eight million rand towards Flagstaff revitalization project which shall be utilized in the manner below.





Through small town revitalization we shall embark on the surfacing of Flagstaff R61 streets with a tune of Fourteen million rand (14 Million), install 12 high mast lights in high schools with eight Million rand(R8 million)using municipal infrastructure grant and four high mast lights in Flagstaff streets.

### **Electrification projects and progress**

We shall continue with the electrification of rural areas with a tune of Three Million, one Hundred and eighty two thousand rand (R3,182 000) in the following wards and villages:

- Ward 30 – Debese, Khathazweni, Nonkonyana,
- Ward 31 – Cumngce,
- Ward 8 – Mkhumeni, Zadungeni

In 2018/19 financial year we have installed electricity in one thousand six hundred and forty four households (1,644) the following wards:

- Ward 4 in Mbilikati,
- Ward 8 at Luthulini,Mkhumbi, Mtshekeleni, Ngcungeni & Gcinilifu,
- Ward 9 at Sgubudwini & Ngqayimbana,
- Ward 15 at Mdikana,
- Ward 18 at Fama, Ntongwana and Vabetsho,
- Ward 30 at Jaca, Lupandlasi & Mhlanjeni
- Ward 31 at Bala,Ntlakweskolo,Gqina extension, Kumathene

10 high mast lights have been installed in the following high crime areas or wards: Ward 5, 7, 9,14,17,21,27,30 & 31.

We are currently installing 10 more high mast lights in the following high schools in these wards :Mayibenye-ward 5, ben mali-19, Siwali ward 21, Palmerton S.S. ward 17, Botha Sgcau ward 18, Flagstaff Comprehensive ward 7, Vulindlela Ward 2, Mdutshane ward 8, Sangoni ward 13, Zwelibongile ward 32.

This will impact positive in both improving matric results and low crime rate as these are the 2 apex priorities which are education and fighting crime.

**Madam speaker**





### **Community Halls, Town Halls and Municipal Offices**

In the 2016/17 Soma and strategic session we committed to build 2 new community halls in ward 10 and 27 which were affected by the new demarcation process. We are proud to say we have completely constructed them.

In 2018/19 we pledged the Construction of 2 new town Halls in wards 6 and 19 which is currently underway and are about to be completed.

In 2019/20 financial year we are constructing 1 new community hall in Gabajana in ward 6

In a move to address infra structure backlogs, facelifting, licensing & testing of cars and addressing office space we are finalising Municipal Offices and DLTC & VTC.

We are proud to say that we have started with the designs for the Municipal offices in Lusikisiki

### **2. Institutional and Organizational development**

All directors' posts have been filled by September 2017 which were a cause for concern but Chief Finance Office position later became vacant in March 2018 when the incumbent left for greener pastures however we are finalising recruitment processes.

We have appointed 19 interns in different departments as a way of experiential training and we are proud to say that most of interns which we normally appoint are capable and are employable anywhere.

As part of job creation and alleviation of poverty, the municipality has appointed 93 Expanded Public Works programme employees drawn from the 32 wards of Ingquza Hill Local Municipality

We are continuing with the population of the organogram as we issue quarterly bulletins but of course guided by Job evaluation unit and budget and treasury department.

In the current financial year and going forward we are providing bursaries to first year students and we shall increase this bursary.





We have secured a Skills development grant to a tune of one hundred and thirty seven thousand rand, three hundred and fifty one rand forty nine cents (R137,351.49) for the skilling of both councillors and workers.

We are concerned with labour peace as a result we have Local Labour forums which have been resuscitated after there was a stand-off between unions and management and are expected to be held quarterly to deal with labour relations matters

For the institution not to have placement challenges and organogram which is bloated we have Job evaluation for all the posts is currently underway and is yielding positive results

As a way of capacitating workers we conduct CCMA Labour law workshops which are held to deal with code of conduct and disciplinary procedures to minimise or to eliminate whatever form of misconduct as knowledge is power.

Study assistance is in place to skill our workers so as to meet the standards of the day

We have a functional Presidential Hot line where people report challenges and we encouraged our people to report the challenges through this initiative.

### **Honourable Chief Whip**

#### **3. Local economic development**

As a way of developing Local economy we have embarked on trainings of farmers, Cooperatives and SMME's on tourism marketing, agro processes and cooperative registration.

Ingquza Hill Local Municipality has been part and will always be part of Tourism Indaba and Mangaung Cultural Festival where our craftsmen display and sell their products

We are consulting communities on the naming of places, streets and towns so our people should use this opportunity.

We have a prepared supplementary valuation which addressed the query of the market value of houses against the rates charged.





As a Municipality we have a Spatial Development framework and Land use management system which will address the issues of development and land use zones.

In 2017/18 we have provided production inputs to the following projects in the following wards

- ✓ Mangquzu Vegetable and Poultry at ward 11 with a borehole,
- ✓ Vusisisizwe Vegetable project in ward 8 with irrigation scheme
- ✓ Siyalima Maize production in ward 10
- ✓ Mkhambela Maize Production in ward 25
- ✓ Ndukudeni Maize production in ward 9
- ✓ Masakhwe Agri Cooperative in ward 7 with borehole, fencing and irrigation scheme.

For 2018/19 financial we implemented the following projects:

- Preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment studies; Coastal and Landfill site
- Supply delivery and installation of land invasion sign boards
- Training of SMME's and contractors
- Preparation of feasibility study for IHLM waste recycling
- Provision of Grant funding support for IHLM enterprises
- Implementation of informal trading licencing; Development of Licencing cards
- Implementation of IHLM Hiking trail and Marathon event
- Marketing of IHLM; Tourism trade shows
- Development of Tourism marketing Video
- Preparation of the Heritage Study Phase 3
- **Land Audit** – Ingquza Hill has a number of land ownership discrepancies. This originated from the poor records management from prior years. In trying to resolve this, a land audit project is implemented for to verify ownership per plot, land that is not surveyed; land that is surveyed but not registered; land that is registered but not billed and incorrect billing amongst others.

**Following the National Developnmet Plan which encourages long term planning we are busy with the municipal 2035 vision with the assistance of Eastern Cape Socio Economic Consultative Council (ECSECC).**

#### **4. Financial viability and management**





We are proud to pronounce that the Annual Financial Statements are prepared and submitted within the stipulated time.

We have managed to prepare IDP, cash backed budget and service delivery and budget implementation plan and budget related policies which were adopted by the council in May and June respectively.

We continue with the Payments of creditors within 30 days so as to be a reliable and credible institution without unnecessary backlogs.

We are owed millions of rands by the following entities:

Government departments owe us fourteen million, one hundred and forty eight thousand rand, thirty rand fifty six cents (R14, 148,030.56)

Business sector owe twenty eight million rand, two hundred and twenty six thousand rand, eight hundred and eighty eight rand ninety five cents ( R28,226,888.95)

Residential owe seventeen million rand, eight hundred and seventeen thousand rand, three hundred and fifty two rand eight cents (R17, 817, 352, 08)

Agricultural activities owe us Five hundred and seventy two thousand rand, eight hundred and ninety thousand rand sixty six cents.

We are calling to those affected by this debt to come forward and negotiate with the municipality as this amount of money can drastically change the lives of our people and also address some service delivery backlogs.

Below are the municipality sources of income are as follows:

- ✓ Grant funding like Integrated National Electrification Programme, EPWP, Municipal Infrastructure grant, Budget and treasury management grant.
- ✓ Own income/ revenue which is from rates, licencing, traffic fines
- ✓ Equitable share

Challenges





- Low revenue collection due to unsound relations with the rate payers which we are working on through engagement and a task team to look at terms of reference.
- Non sitting of bid committees which results in slow pace or late appointment of service providers
- Poor workmanship by service provider as a result of lack of monitoring but soon that will be history
- Non-payment of debts by government departments.
- Regression from clean audit to qualified audit opinion.

## 5. Good Governance

**On Performance Management:** there is a constant review of quarterly reports and present them to council for noting and further review by the MPAC.

**On IDP review:** IDP representative foras are held to present a concrete and collated report on deliberations made by both committees with regards to the situational analysis.

**Internal Audit** – Documented System description for records management are submitted to Internal Audit and continue with the review of the Quarterly report

Risk Management: risk management committee meetings are held quarterly to review the quarterly risks and the risk management charter.

We have a functioning Legal Services unit which review all Contracts and provide the legal assistance to the legal battles and litigations.

The Council and its committees seat as per the adopted council calendar except for extra ordinary circumstances to review the draft quarterly reports and the MPAC oversight reports.

We have a well-established, resourced communications unit which is constantly disseminating information to our communities using WhatsApp, Facebook page, website, newsletter, Radio and Television services where necessary.

The municipality has purchased a bakkie which was purchased through a donation by O.R Tambo District Municipality which is allocated to Communications department.





Our Public participation is fully functional as it continues to engage communities through stakeholder engagement forums, sectoral meetings, voter education and capacity building on petitions.

We have launched ward committees who are assisted with monthly transport stipend who are reporting to the office of the Speaker every month.

We have launched war rooms which are the launching pad for the acceleration of service delivery and integrated service delivery model.

We have since employed a youth coordinator to deal specifically with youth development issues working with the Youth Council structure.

We are always represented in Miss O.R Tambo beauty pageant as we always look for those talented young girls but our endeavours are thwarted by academic commitments.

We always organise a very successful Mayoral week which is comprised of career exhibition and ward based sports tournament.

We shall continue with the mayoral week however we need to focus on youth below 19 years as the district and province allow that age to compete at those levels.

## **6. Social Services**

We have launched a functional Local Aids Council at the level of the municipality and we are on the verge of launching ward councils.

We are embarking on crime awareness and HIV/AIDS awareness campaign as our area has been reported by Statistics South Africa as one engulfed by these challenges.

On Free Basic Services –we are having an updated indigent register which is the source of supply of free basic electricity by Eskom and also a service provider giving out paraffin to those without electricity.



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We have procured and delivered skip bins to townships close to town and litter bins along R61 in villages closer to towns.

We have also procured and delivered protective clothing for workers in both Flagstaff and Lusikisiki units.

We have purchased two trucks to deal with waste removal and collection

We are continuing with the provision of the protective clothing though it is not enough.

As a caring municipality in line with the National Development plan we have prioritised the provision of educational material to Early Childhood centres every year.

Our youth is being encouraged to sharpen their skills through sport, arts festivals which are meant to identify talent and nature it.

We host maskandi, gospel and sport development programmes like referees courses and under 13 youth development in soccer and Netball.

We are proud to say that we continue doing patrols in the beaches and towns during pay days and festive season respectively.

We have a working circumcision committee which has saved the lives of the youth from circumcision related deaths.

As the municipality we wish to discourage the forced marriages in a form of ukuthwala.

Hon Speaker

Before I conclude I wish to reflect on an unfortunate situation which happened in few months which affected ward 32 villages of Scambeni and Zitha where about 30 households were burnt down and women and children were left homeless.

Education system and other social services were deeply affected as the institutions had to close down as workers had to run away.





The municipal leadership had sleepless nights trying all what was in their power to calm the situation and bring about a lasting solution.

With the assistance of the Provincial government led by the former MEC Hon F.D.Xhasa the matter was resolved and people are back in their homes with provision of houses and amenities in process.

Thanks to all who assisted by providing assistance of whatever form especially religious sector which provided shelter to the affected people.

In the spirit of social cohesion and safe communities we call to all our people to refuse to be drawn to any form of violence against one another.

### **Conclusion**

Let me say unequivocally without fear or favour that this is a very good story to tell and Ingquza Hill is a place to live and invest as is filthy rich with both human and material resources but we just need a coherent strategy to exploit the riches so as to grow the economy to improve unemployment, poverty, inequality and crime which is a cancer.

We need to remember that we have an obligation to defend the hard fought earned democracy over more than 300 years.

In Eastern Cape alone we fought more than nine wars which were called frontier wars defending our land and cattle from the voortrekkers.

Many people especially chiefs, Heroes and Heroines of our struggle lost their lives inside and outside the country like Maqoma, Sarili, Makana, Bambata Ka Manciza, Hintsza, Robert Sobukwe, Chris Hani, Lillian Ngoyi, Ruth First, Bertha Gxowa, Dorothy Nyembe and many unsung heroes.

Remember the brutality and covert operations by the apartheid Government which led to the Stroke which attacked the long serving president of the ANC, Tata Oliver Reginald Tambo from Mbizana.



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Today we are reaping the fruits which were planted by those gallant fighters who never sold out the revolution for the total emancipation of our people.

I thank you

