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CELEBRATING NEW LIFE IN THE NEW YEAR: MAYOR HANDS OVER BABY ESSENTIALS AT OLIVER AND ADELAIDE TAMBO REGIONAL HOSPITAL

On 1st of January 2026, Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T.D. Mafumbatha, together with Cllr. Nelson M. Njomi, visited Oliver and Adelaide Tambo Regional Hospital to share love, hope, and encouragement with families welcoming their newborn babies. They were joined by hospital board members, Mr. Sphosoxolo Hadjie Smith and Mrs. Ethel Nomanesi Ntshebe.

During the visit, the Mayor handed over baby essentials to 22 newborns, including four precious babies born this morning, as a heartfelt gesture of care and

celebration of new life. The warm interaction brought comfort and joy to the families, while also uplifting healthcare workers who continue to serve the community with dedication and compassion.

The Mayor expressed her joy in celebrating new life and reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to supporting mothers, children, and families. She also commended healthcare workers for their tireless efforts in ensuring safe deliveries and quality care.



PROTECTING LIVESTOCK AND LIVELIHOODS: FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AWARENESS IN NYAKA VILLAGE, WARD 18

The Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality, conducted a Foot and Mouth Disease awareness campaign in Nyaka Village, Ward 18. The initiative aims to protect livestock, safeguard farmers' livelihoods, and strengthen the local economy of Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality through community information sessions.

Veterinary professionals, State Veterinary Services officials, and community leaders were in attendance to educate farmers and residents on early detection, biosecurity measures, and the importance of timely reporting to prevent the spread of the disease.

Addressing the community, MEC for Agriculture, Hon. N. Khontsiwe, urged farmers not to move their animals to other

areas, except for slaughter, unless the required permission has been granted. She also reiterated the importance of reporting any signs of illness in livestock. Farmers who intend to sell their animals are advised to contact the nearest veterinary official for inspection and to request permission before moving them.

The initiative aims to protect livestock, safeguard farmers' livelihoods, and strengthen the local economy of Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality through community information sessions.

The Municipality remains committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen animal health, food security, and sustainable livelihoods within local communities.

PROGRESS IN MOTION: CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF ACCESS ROADS

Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality continues to make significant progress in improving infrastructure through the construction and rehabilitation of access roads across various wards. These projects form part of the Municipality's ongoing efforts to strengthen service delivery and ensure that rural communities have reliable and safe road networks.

The construction of new access roads, together with the rehabilitation of existing routes, aims to improve mobility and connectivity for residents. Many communities rely on these roads for daily travel to schools, clinics, workplaces, and local markets. By upgrading and constructing these routes, the Municipality is helping to ensure safer and more convenient transportation for both motorists and pedestrians.

Improved road infrastructure also contributes to local economic development. Farmers, small businesses, and local entrepreneurs benefit from better transport routes that make it easier to move goods and services within and beyond their communities. In addition, the projects create temporary employment opportunities during the construction phase, providing much-needed support to local households.

Residents in the affected wards have welcomed the developments, as better road conditions help reduce travel time, minimise vehicle damage, and improve overall road safety.

Through these initiatives, the Municipality continues to prioritise infrastructure projects that respond directly to the needs of communities. The construction and rehabilitation of access roads reflect the Municipality's



commitment to building safer, more accessible infrastructure that connects communities and improves the quality of life for all residents



IPHULO LOKUPHUCULA IMFUNDO YEZIKOLO ZASEMAKHAYA

Ngomhla wamaShumi amabini (20) kweyo Mqungu kuwo lonyaka ka 2026 indlu yowiso mthetho ibambisene namasebe ohlukeneyo, ukubamba intlanganiso ezikolweni ezimbini ku Wadi 7 ukuquka iMzamba Comprehensive high school kunye ne Khaleni Primary.

Injongo yolusuku kukulandelela iingxaki ezijongene nezikolo zasekhaleni, kuqinisekiswa ukuba ooTitshala bakulungele ukuvulwa kwezikolo ingakumbi kwimicimbi ejongene nokubakho kweencwadi, ukutya kunye neScholar Transport. Eliphulo liqhuba kabini ngonyaka, liqhuba xa kuvulwa iizikolo ngoJanuary nangoJuly ukuzolandelela izigwangciso.

INkosi uThembisile Mthembu uye wano mbulelo omkhulu kwindlu yowiso mthetho ekwazileyo ukufikelela kwezi zikolo zakwa Wadi 7, wabulela kakhulu nakubantu abakwazileyo ukuphumelela kulentlanganiso.

UMOYA WOBUNTU WAKHA AMAKHAYA, UGUQULE UBOMI BENKONDEKAZI EMKHASWENI KWA WARD 16

Inkondekazi uMatshezi Ntshewula, oneminyaka eyi-100 ubudala, wase Mkhasweni Village, Ward 16, ngoku unekhaya elitsha elakhiwe kwaye lafakelwa yonke ifenitshala ngu Sinombuso Funeral Services.

Kwitheko lokunikezelwa kwale ndlu ngokusesikweni, elibanjwe ngo-mhlaka -14 kaJanuwari 2026, uSodolophu oHloniphekileyo uCllr. T.D. Mafumbatha uvule le ndlu ngokusesikweni. Lo msitho ubuzaliswe luvuyo kwaye ubuyise isidima, ukhuseleko nentuthuzelo kule nkondekazi, ephile ubomi obude bokunikela eluntwini.

UMasipala uxhase eli nyathelo ngokunikela ngeebhedi ezimbini kunye negrosari, ukuqinisekisa ukuba ikhaya likaGogo linezidingo eziyimfuneko zokuphila kakuhle. "Ndiyabulela ngobubele, le ndlu ndiyabulela kakhulu kwaye izalisile intsikelelo kubomi bam."

Itshilo Inkondekazi Matshezi Ntshewula, izele luvuyo.

USodolophu uqhwebale izandla isenzo sikaSinombuso Funeral Services, esithi sibonisa ngokucacileyo umoya woBuntu, waze wakhuthaza amashishini nabahlali ukuba baqhubeke nokusebenzisana noMasipala ekwakheni uluntu olunenkathalo nolwenzela umahluko kwiimpilo zabantu



ITHEMBA ELITSHA KWEZEMPILO: UMPHATHISWA UNTANDOKAZI CAPA WENZE UHLOLO EMEJE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Abahlali baseWard 14 kunye neendawo ezikufutshane kulindeleke ukuba baxhamle kakhulu ekuphuculweni kweenkonzo zempilo emva kotyellelo lukaMphathiswa wezeMpilo eMpuma Koloni, uNksk. Ntandokazi Capa, eMeje Community Health Centre.

Olu tyelelo lunike uluntu ithemba elitsha, lwaza lwabonisa ukuzibophelela kukarhulumente ekuqinisekiseni ukuba iinkonzo zempilo ezisemgangathweni zisondelelene noluntu, ngakumbi kwiindawo zasemaphandleni.

"Sizimisele ekuqinisekiseni ukuba esi sikhululo sisebenza ngokuzinzileyo. Ukuqeshwa kwabasebenzi bethutyana kunye nokuqeshwa ngokusisigxina kuza kuqinisa ukusebenza kweMeje Community Health Centre," utshilo uMEC uNtandokazi Capa.

IMEje CHC iya kusebenza njengeziko lokuthunyelwa leekliniki ezintathu zasemaphandleni, iphucula ukufikelela kwiinkonzo zempilo ezisemgangathweni kuluntu lwasezilalini.

USodolophu uCllr T.D. Mafumbatha uvakalise umbulelo wakhe kuMEC nakumasebe onke athe aba yinxalenye kolu tyelelo.

WMMLM HOSTS MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LEKGOTLA

The Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality successfully hosted a four-day Mid-Year Executive Committee Lekgotla from 20 to 23 January 2026 at the Wild Coast Sun.

This annual meeting provides a vital platform for the municipality's Executive Committee to review the institution's Mid-Year performance, allowing for early identification of challenges and obstacles encountered during the first six months of the financial year. The Lekgotla enabled robust discussions on key performance areas, service delivery progress, and the effectiveness of implemented programmes. Additionally, the platform offered the Committee the opportunity to examine and deliberate on budgetary considerations and potential adjustments to the

SDBIP (Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan), informed by the insights gained from the Mid-Year Performance Assessments.

By the conclusion of the Lekgotla, the Committee had evaluated performance, identified areas for improvement, and outlined strategic actions to ensure enhanced service delivery and the effective implementation of the municipality's priorities for the remainder of the financial year.

This gathering underscores WMMLM's commitment to proactive governance, accountability, and excellence in service delivery, ensuring that residents continue to benefit from efficient, transparent, and responsive municipal management.



ZAMOKUHLE SPECIAL SCHOOL LEARNERS EMPOWERED THROUGH 2026 PROVINCIAL BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME



The 2026 Provincial Back to School Programme is currently underway at Zamokuhle Special School in Ward 19, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality, marking a meaningful start to the academic year for learners at the institution.

The programme forms part of government's ongoing commitment to advancing inclusive, quality basic education and ensuring that all learners are adequately supported to reach their full potential.

The programme is led by the Minister of the Department of Land Reform and Rural Development, Hon. M. Nyhontso, supported by the Department of Agriculture,

and attended by the Executive Mayor of Alfred Nzo District Municipality, Cllr. N. Mshuqwana, and Her Worship the Mayor of Cllr. T.D. Mafumbatha. Together, the leadership officially handed over essential learning and practical resources aimed at improving the learning experience of learners.

The support provided includes school shoes and school bags for learners, as well as gardening tools, seedlings, and garden equipment. These resources are intended not only to support learners' immediate educational needs but also to promote practical learning, sustainability, and skills development.

EASTERN CAPE LEGISLATURE CONCLUDES SCHOOL READINESS OVERSIGHT IN WINNIE MADIKIZELA MANDELA MUNICIPALITY

On the 22nd January 2026, the Eastern Cape Legislature wrapped up its school readiness oversight visits in the Winnie Madikizela Mandela Local Municipality, with stops at Eborweni Primary School in Ward 31 and Majavu Secondary School to assess preparations for the 2026 academic year.

Over the course of the oversight, the Legislature inspected eight schools across the municipality, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring equitable access to quality education despite local constraints. Officials indicated that they plan to return in July to assess progress on the identified issues.

Members of the Legislature met with school principals and School Governing Bodies (SGBs) to address key factors affecting learner outcomes. Discussions covered learner enrolment, post provisioning compliance, and the supply of teacher and learner support materials such as stationery, textbooks, and workbooks. These discussions also included infrastructure, school nutrition programmes, finances, scholar transport, psychosocial support, governance, and community engagement, alongside curriculum performance, notable achievements, and ongoing challenges such as reading and writing barriers, absenteeism, and staff shortages.

Cllr. Giyama praised the timely distribution of school finances by the department, noting that this has positively supported school operations. She further emphasized the role of parents in monitoring learners' use of tablets issued to Grade 12 learners, highlighting that responsible use has contributed to improved school pass rates.

In closing remarks, Hon. K. Vimbayo urged high schools not to focus only on Grade 12, but to give equal attention to all grades in order to reduce pressure on learners when they reach their final year.



MAYOR MOTIVATES LEARNERS AT PHAKAMA UKHANYE KINGDOM SECONDARY SCHOOL

As part of the Back to School Campaign, Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr TD Mafumbatha, together with Cllr. NM Njomi, Cllr. RF Madikizela, and Acting District Director Mr Zameko, conducted a random oversight visit to Phakama uKhanye Kingdom Secondary School.

During the visit, the Mayor addressed learners to motivate and inspire them for the 2026 school year, celebrating the school's incredible improvement in matric results from 57.8% to 93.3%. In support of learners' studies, the Mayor donated calculators to assist with mathematics and science learning. She also congratulated educators, learners, and parents for their dedication, encouraging learners to stay disciplined, focused, and committed to achieving excellence.

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The Local Communicators' Forum Meeting Drives Collaboration to Enhance Service Delivery



and Mouth Disease Awareness Presentation by Dr. Pillay from the Department of Agriculture, followed by an interactive engagement session. The Forum also discussed messaging around government services and initiatives is aligned and responsive to community needs. By coordinating government programmes and promoting collaboration, the LCF helps communities stay informed, make better decisions, and benefit from improved service delivery.

The WMMLM Local Communicators' Forum (LCF) held on the 29 January 2026, at the Executive Boardroom, bringing together government departments, Community Development Workers, Alfred Nzo District Municipality, and Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality. The LCF serves as a platform to coordinate government programmes and strengthen intergovernmental communication.

The focus of the meeting included a Foot

UMASIPALA WASE WINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA UNIKEZELA NGOKUSESIKWENI IIPROJEKTHI ZOLUNGISO LWEMIGAQO NEZAKHIWO.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE: PARTNERS HONOURED FOR EMPOWERING CANGCI YOUTH



The Muzi Nduku Youth Development NPO, in partnership with Cangci Comprehensive Technical High School, hosted an Appreciation Ceremony at the Winnie Madikizela Mandela Local Municipality Council Chamber, Mbizana Civic Centre, to honor individuals and organizations that contributed to the success of the 1st Annual Cangci Talent Show and Career Expo held last year.

together with Cllr Cengimbo representing Her Worship the Mayor. Awards were presented to key stakeholders, including Her Worship the Mayor Cllr T.D. Mafumbatha, Alfred Nzo District Municipality (Mayoral Affairs), Dunns, Bizana Walk, and community partners, in recognition of their support towards youth development.

The event was honored by the Honorable Speaker of Council, Cllr Z. Mhlwazi,

Together, we continue to build opportunities that empower and inspire our youth.

DID YOU KNOW?
about Foot and Mouth Disease?

What is FMD
FMD is a highly communicable, viral disease almost exclusive to cloven-hoofed animals, including cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and buffalo. It is characterised by the formation and rupture of blisters or vesicles inside the mouth, on the tongue, on the muzzle, nostrils and feet.

How is FMD transmitted
By contact with infected animals, through infected animal products (e.g. clothing, tools, vehicles, hay, etc) Passive transmission through humans and various pets Aerial spread is supported by weather conditions with high humidity and wind

Report Suspicious Immediately
to your local veterinarian/Agriculture Offices

Biosecurity & Farm Management

- Secure Boundaries
- Disinfection
- Animal Control
- Visitor Control

Livestock Movement Control

- Healthy Declarations
- Isolation
- Reporting

What to Avoid:

- Uncontrolled movement of cloven-hoofed animals.
- Contact with contaminated feed, water, or environments.
- Ignoring Disinfection protocols.

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EASTERN CAPE LEGISLATURE CONTINUES INCLUSIVE OVERSIGHT TO STRENGTHEN SCHOOL READINESS

Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature, led by Hon. K. Vimbayo, conducted school readiness oversight visits at Mpunzi Primary School (Ward 18), Greenville Senior Secondary School (Ward 21), Gumzana Senior Secondary School, and Sidanga Primary School (Ward 28) within the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality.

around declining pass rates. These issues were noted by the Legislature for further engagement and intervention.

Local leadership welcomed the delegation, with Cllr. Diya expressing appreciation for the oversight initiative and the collaborative approach taken to address challenges faced by schools in the area.

The oversight visits formed part of the Legislature's ongoing commitment to monitoring service delivery and ensuring that public schools are adequately prepared for the 2026 academic year. The delegation assessed key areas such as learner enrolment, availability of learning and teaching support materials, school infrastructure, sanitation, safety, and overall readiness to receive learners. During the visits, school management teams highlighted various challenges affecting effective teaching and learning, including infrastructure backlogs,

The Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature emphasized the importance of early intervention and accountability in improving educational outcomes. The delegation committed to compiling recommendations aimed at addressing the identified challenges in partnership with relevant departments and stakeholders.

The Legislature is expected to return in June 2026 to assess progress on the implementation of the recommendations made during the oversight visits, particularly in relation to infrastructure improvements and learner performance.



UPHUCULO LWENDLELA LUZISE UVUYO KULUNTU



Ngomhla wethoba kweyo Mdumba kuwo lonyaka ka 2026, iSebe lezothutho libambisene noMasipala wasekuhlaleni iWinnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality, libambe intlanganiso yokunikezela ngoonokotraki abazakwakha imigwaqo eWadi 6, 16 kunye no Wadi 25. KuWadi 06, kuzokwakhiwa kabutsha umgaqo uDR8115 ongumgama ongu3km kuze kulungiswe (heavy maintenance) umgama ongu12km. KuWadi 16 kulindeleke ukuba kwakhiwe kabutsha umgaqo uDR08438 ongumgama ongu5km kuze kulungiswe umgama ongu10km. KuWadi 25 kulindeleke ukuba kwakhiwe kabutsha umgaqo uDR04812 ongumgama ongu5km kuze kulungiswe

umgama ongu8km. Zonke eziProjekthi kulindeleke ukuba zithathe ixesha elingange nyanga enye emveni kokuba sekuqalisiwe ukusebenza. Lomsebenzi kulindeleke ukuba iphucule ukuhamba koluntu, ikhuthaze ukhuseleko ezindleleni, kwaye ivule amathuba emisebenzi ethutyana kuluntu lwezizingqi, UClr Cengimbo obemele uSodolophu uye wanombulelo omkhulu kubahlali ngokuphumelela ngobunzi babo kulintlanganiso kunye neSebe lezothutho ngokuncedisana noMasipala ukuphucula impilo zoluntu lwethu.



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A SESSION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR ECONOMY

On the 10th February 2026, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality (WMMLM) Mayor, Cllr TD Mafumbatha together with her Executive Committee engaged the Interim Structure of the Mbizana Business Chamber at the Mbizana Civic Centre, in Ward 01.

The purpose for this session was to discuss pressing matters on the ground including the high rate of unemployment, educational matters, business opportunities and the overall betterment of our town and its surrounding areas to unlock its economically potential.

The Mayor emphasized the importance of having a stable Business Chamber and the importance of working together as government and community forums in making sure that these relations change the lives of our people for the better. "Chambers/Forums like these need to come up with ideas to assist where they see a gap because the challenges that are currently faced in the country is everyone's responsibility." More engagements are expected to sit where the Business Chamber will do proposals to the municipalities on how working together can make a difference in our communities.



RESTORING DIGNITY THROUGH COLLABORATION: WARD 32 INTERVENTION

The Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality has welcomed and supported a collaborative community intervention that has restored dignity, hope and a renewed sense of belonging to Mr. Mthetheleli Yigwana (40), affectionately known by community members as Msamariya, from KwaNikhwe in Mbenya Village, Ward 32.

For many years, Mr. Yigwana lived under extremely difficult circumstances without proper shelter and without an identity document, which limited his ability to access basic government services and opportunities. His situation

drew the attention and compassion of community members and various stakeholders who came together with a shared commitment to change his circumstances and restore his dignity.

Through coordinated efforts led by Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality in partnership with the Alfred Nzo District Municipality, several government departments, local leadership structures and committed community stakeholders, Mr. Yigwana has now been provided with a fully furnished temporary shelter. The intervention has not only provided him with a safe and

dignified place to stay, but has also renewed hope for a better and more stable future.

In addition, the Department of Home Affairs will assist Mr. Yigwana in obtaining a Temporary Identity Document. This important step will enable him to begin accessing essential services and opportunities that require official identification, including social support programmes and other government services.

The Municipality has expressed sincere appreciation to all community members,

donors and individuals who mobilised support through social media platforms to bring attention to Mr. Yigwana's situation. Their generosity made a meaningful impact through donations of clothing, groceries, furniture and other essential household items that have helped restore comfort and dignity to his daily life.

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This intervention demonstrates the power of unity, compassion and collective action. When government institutions, community leaders and residents work together, meaningful change can be achieved and lives can be transformed. The Municipality remains committed to working with communities and partners to support vulnerable residents and build caring, inclusive communities where no one is left behind.

Together, through collaboration and compassion, dignity can be restored and hope can be rebuilt.



WHERE TALENT MEETS RECOGNITION: EASTERN CAPE DSRAC AWARDS HOSTED IN WMMLM



On 13 February 2026, the Eastern Cape Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture hosted the prestigious Arts, Culture and Heritage Awards, an event dedicated to recognising excellence, creativity and outstanding contributions within the arts and cultural sector across the Eastern Cape.

who continue to make a significant impact within communities. She emphasised that the arts industry plays a vital role not only in preserving culture and heritage but also in providing meaningful platforms for creativity, storytelling and youth empowerment.



The awards ceremony was proudly hosted within the jurisdiction of the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality, under the leadership and coordination of the Alfred Nzo District Municipality. The event was led by the Acting Executive Mayor of the Day, Cllr N. Mshuqwana, who expressed appreciation for the opportunity to host such an important provincial platform that celebrates talent and cultural heritage.

Mayor Mafumbatha further highlighted the importance of supporting the arts sector, noting that artists and creatives contribute greatly to the social and economic fabric of society. Through their talent and dedication, they continue to inspire communities, provide entertainment and create opportunities for young people who aspire to pursue careers within the creative industries.



oment. She invited everyone present to experience the municipality's heritage, hospitality and unique attractions while contributing to the growth of the local tourism economy.



In her welcoming remarks, the Mayor of Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality, Cllr TD Mafumbatha, commended the Department for organising an initiative that honours artists, cultural practitioners and heritage ambassadors

She concluded her address by encouraging visitors, guests and stakeholders attending the awards to explore the beauty and cultural richness of the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality area, adding that local tourism remains an important driver of economic growth and community devel-

The celebrations were set to continue the following day, with the Eastern Cape Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture hosting the next segment of the awards programme, focusing on excellence and achievements within the sporting sector.

Events such as these not only celebrate talent and dedication but also strengthen the province's commitment to nurturing arts, culture, heritage and sport as pillars of community development and identity.

IBRIDGE YOKWAKHA IZISA UFIKELELO OLUNGCONO NAMATHUBA EMISEBENZI ETHUTYANA EMATSHEZINI KWAWARD 25

Umaspala wasekuhlaleni iWinnie Madikizela-Mandela unikezele ngokuse-sikweni ngeprojekthi ebalulekileyo yokwakha ibridge eMatshezini, ngomhla we 16 KweYomdumba 2026 kwa ward 25 okuphawula inyathelo elibalulekileyo ekuphuculeni ufikelelo, ukhuseleko, nophuhliso loqoqosho lwengingqi kuluntu.

Ukunikezelwa kweprojekthi kukhokelwe lilungu leKomiti kaSodolophu uCllr. Lusapho Mcambalala kunye noCebaweWadi u uM. Ndovela. Leprojekthi

yophuhliso yenye yeenzame zikamasipala ekunikezeleni ngezibonelelo ezijoliswe ebantwini nezisabela kwiimfuno zoluntu.

Le projekthi izakwenziwa yinkampani ne Athindura Trading kwaye kulindeleke ukuba lomsebenzi ugqitywe kwisithuba seenyanga ezisibhozo (8 months).

Ngaphandle kokuphucula ufikelelo, le projekthi iza kudala amathuba emisebenzi ethutyana kuluntu lwengingqi. Kuza

kuqeshwa abasebenzi abaqhelekileyo (General workers (10). Ukongezelela, kuza kuqeshwa oonogada besiza ababini, iGosa loNxibelelwano loLuntu (CLO) . Kusungulwe namalungu ePSC ukuqinisekisa ukuthatha inxaxheba koluntu, ukucaca, nokhuseleko ngexesha lonke lokuphunyezwa.

Umsebenzi uza kubandakanya ukwakhiwa kwe Bridge, ukwakhiwa nokuphucula kweendlela zokungena nezokuphuma ezingange khilomitha eziyi-1.5. Xa igqityiwe, uKwakhiwa le Bridge kuzak-

uphucula unxibelelwano, ingakumbi ngexesha lemozulu embi, kwaye yandise ufikelelo kwiinkonzo ezibalulekileyo ezifana nezikolo, iikliniki, kunye namathuba oqoqosho.

Ethetha ngexesha lokunikezelwa, uCebawMcambalala ugxininise ukuba le projekthi ihambelana nesicwangciso sikaMasipala sophuhliso lwezibonelelo esibeka phambili nokufikelela kwiindawo zasemaphandleni, ukudalwa kwemisebenzi, kunye nokukhula okubandakanyayo.



QUALITY OVER QUANTITY: MPAC STRENGTHENS OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality successfully hosted a three-day Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) session from 16 to 18 February 2026, reaffirming the municipality's commitment to strengthening accountability, transparency and sound governance.

The session was convened to enable the Committee to discharge its oversight responsibilities as delegated by the Municipal Council. During the session, the Committee reviewed and assessed a range of periodic municipal reports covering the 2024/25 to 2025/26 financial years. These deliberations were conducted in accordance with the regulatory framework and guiding circulars of the Municipal Finance Management Act, which governs financial management and accountability within municipalities across South Africa.

As part of its oversight mandate, the Committee also received detailed summaries of municipal audit reports, including updates on corrective actions implemented to address previously identified matters. This process



enabled the Committee to evaluate progress made and to provide informed guidance aimed at ensuring the responsible and effective use of public funds.

The work undertaken during the MPAC session played an important role in safeguarding taxpayers' resources by strengthening oversight mechanisms and promoting improved financial management within the municipality.



Following the completion of the session, the Committee resolved to develop a comprehensive activity plan to guide its future oversight work. The plan will also ensure that public participation is encouraged and strengthened before the Committee presents its findings and recommendations to the Municipal Council.

Through initiatives such as these, the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality continues to demonstrate its dedication to accountable governance and responsible stewardship of public resources for the benefit of all residents.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECTS HANDED OVER TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROAD SAFETY

The Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality, in partnership with the Eastern Cape Department of Transport, successfully handed over road maintenance projects to appointed contractors in Wards 2, 10 and 11 as part of ongoing efforts to improve local road infrastructure and enhance road safety within the municipality.

In Ward 2, the contractor Mabona Civils has been tasked with re-gravelling 5 kilometers of the T112 Road, along with carrying out 13 kilometers of heavy road maintenance scheduled for March. These improvements are expected to significantly enhance accessibility and travel conditions for residents and road users in the area.

In Ward 10, IPM Plant Hire Construction will undertake maintenance work on 5 kilometers of road, ensuring improved mobility and safer transportation for the surrounding communities.

Meanwhile, in Ward 11, Kwalos Construction has been appointed to carry out 22 kilometers of heavy road maintenance, contributing to the broader effort of strengthening the municipality's transport infrastructure and improving service delivery.

Members of the Mayoral Executive Committee, Cllr. Mcambalala and Cllr. Njomi, officially handed over the contractors to commence work on the projects. During the handover, they emphasized that beyond improving infrastructure, the initiatives are also aimed at stimulating local economic activity by creating employment opportunities for community members and supporting community development.

These projects form part of the municipality's ongoing commitment to improving service delivery, maintaining critical infrastructure and ensuring that communities benefit from safer and more reliable road networks.



UKUXHOBISA ISISONKE PRE-SCHOOL: INKXASO IVELI E-FIRST NATIONAL BANK KUNYE NOMASIPALA



Ngomhla we-27 kweyoMdumba ka-2026, iFirst National Bank ibambisene neWinnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality banikezele ngezixhobo eziyimfuneko kwiSisonke Pre-School, ekujongeni ukuphucula imfundo kunye nokuxhobisa ulutsha lwengingqi.

Izinto ezinikelweyo ziquka iiperi ezin-gama-48 zezihlangu zesikolo, igesi kunye nesitovu segesi, kunye nefriji. Le mihlaba yenkxaso iza kunceda kakhulu abafundi abancinane ekufundeni nasekukhuliseni izakhono zabo zemihla ngemihla. Inqununu yesikolo, uNontembiso

Mavana, ibulelwe kakhulu kuFirst National Bank nakwiWinnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality ngokunikezela izipho eziya kuba luncedo olukhulu kubantwana, zikhuthaza imfundo esezingeni eliphezulu kwaye ziphucula umgangatho wokufunda. Intsebenziswano efana nale ibonisa

ukuzimisela okukhulu kokuphucula imfundo, ukukhulisa amathuba okuphumelela kwabafundi, kunye nokuphuhlisa uluntu olunomonde nolunenkathalo. Masiphumelele kunye ekuxhobiseni ulutsha lwethu ukuze lube nekamva eliaqambileyo!

UMASIPALA UZISE INKQUBO YOLWAZI NOLUNTU KWA WADI 22

Ngomhla ka-25 kweyoMdumba 2026, uWinnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality ububambe intlanganiso ebalulekileyo yoLwazi kuluntu lwase-Nonja, Ward 22. Le ntlanganiso ijolise ekwabelaneni ngolwazi olubalulekileyo oluchaphazela impilo, ukhuseleko kunye nophuhliso lwabahlali, iqinisekisa ukuba uluntu luyakwazi ukufumana iinkonzo zikarhulumente ngokulula nangokucacileyo.

Ukuqinisekisa ukuba abahlali bafumana ulwazi oluphangaleleyo nolupheleleyo, amasebe ahlukeneyo awabandakanyiweyo anikezela ngeenkukacha ngeenkondo abazinikezelayo. Phakathi kwabo kwakukho iDepartment of Health, iDepartment of Social Development, iDepartment of Human Settlements, iThuthuzela Care Center, iIndependent Electoral Commission (IEC) kunye neSouth African Police Service (SAPS), nabanye abangakhanywanga apha.

Abahlali bafumene ithuba lokubuza imibuzo, ukufumana izikhokelo, kunye nokuqonda ngakumbi malunga nenkqubo kunye neenkondo zikarhulumente ezinokunceda ekuphuculeni impilo yabo kunye nolonwabo loluntu.

Le ntlanganiso ibonisa ukuzibophelela kweWinnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality ekukhuthazeni ulwazi, ukuphucula ukuphathwa kweenkonzo zikarhulumente, kunye nokuqinisekisa ukuba abahlali bayakwazi ukufikelela kwiinkonzo abazidingayo. Uluntu olunolwazi luhlala luphumelelayo — masiqhubeka sixhobisa abahlali bethu ngolwazi!

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WMMLM CELEBRATES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT MAYORAL SCHOOLS ACHIEVED AWARDS

On 24 February 2026, the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality proudly hosted the Mayoral Schools Achieved Awards at the Mbizana Civic Centre, celebrating the remarkable achievements of learners and educators from across the municipality.

tion, hard work, and perseverance were recognized and applauded, serving as inspiration for the new Class of 2026 to strive for excellence and aim high in their studies.

The ceremony highlighted outstanding academic results, honouring schools and teachers who achieved exceptional performance in the matric examinations. Top-performing learners were rewarded with tablets and certificates, providing them with tools to

further their studies and continue building on their successes.

Approximately 100 attendees gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the learners, creating a vibrant atmosphere of encouragement, pride, and motivation. By the end of the event, learners



The ceremony highlighted outstanding academic results

returned to their schools inspired, ready to build on their achievements, and prepared to shape a brighter and successful future.

ICROP SERVICES ON WHEELS OUTREACH PROGRAMME EWADI 14

Ngomhla weshumi elinesithathu kwinyanga yoKwindla ka-2026, uMasipala wasekuhlaleni iWinnie Madikizela-Mandela ubambisene noMasipala weSithili iAlfred Nzo kwakunye namasebe karhulumente, babambe intlanganiso ye-ICROP eMeje Community Hall, kwiWadi ye-14.

dela, baququzelele le nkqubo yokufikelela kwiinkonzo kuluntu. Ngexesha lalomhlangano kunikezelwe ebantwini iziphokuba kubantu abadala abayi 15 banikwe iingubo zokulala (blankets). Abafundi abayi 276 kwizikolo ezi-6 bafumene ii-sanitary towels. Kwakhona iSebe lezeMpilo linikele wheelchairs ezi-4 kubahlali beWadi ye-14.

Injongo yale ntlanganiso ibikukwazisa nokuzisa iinkonzo ezibalulekileyo kuluntu ngenkqubo ye Services on Wheels Outreach Programme

UNksk. Msengane, osuka kwiOfisi kaSodolophu olawulayo kuMasipala weSithili iAlfred Nzo, ubulele uluntu ngokuphuma ngobuninzi balo kwakunye namasebe karhulumente athe athatha inxaxheba kule nkqubo.



MAYOR MAFUMBATHA SHARES PROGRESS ON SERVICE DELIVERY WMMLM: LOCAL GOVERNMENT THURSDAYS PROGRAMME



The Mayor also spoke about employment and youth development through EPWP, infrastructure projects, internships, and skills training. Major initiatives include the Ntshamate Title Deed handover by the Minister of Land, which will enable mall development, manufacturing hubs, sports fields, and support for MSMEs, farmers, and tourism businesses.

Residents are encouraged to stay engaged, report concerns, and participate in community programmes.

WMMLM extends appreciation to Eastern Cape GCIS and all stakeholders who continue to support platforms that keep communities informed and connected.

On the 5th March 2026, Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr. TD Mafumbatha, joined Keith Ngesi Radio during the Local Government Thursdays programme to update residents on municipal service delivery and development initiatives.

She highlighted progress on roads and bridges, with rehabilitation projects improving connectivity across villages; electrification, including upgraded mini-substations and LV lines; community facilities, including maintenance and new developments such as Wards 16 & 32 halls and Phase 4 Mphuthumi Mafumbatha Multi-Purpose Centre; and water and waste management, in partnership with Alfred Nzo District Municipality.

LIQHUBE NGEMPUMELELO IPHULO LOKWAZISA NGOMBANE

Ngomhla we-16 kuMatshi 2026, uMasipala wase Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality ubambe intlangano yephulo lokwazisa ngombane kunye nabahlali base Wadi 1 e Council Chamber, Civic Centre.

Injongo yale ntlanganiso ibikukwazisa nokuxoxa nabahlali malunga nokunyuswa okucetywayo kweentlawulo zombane kunyaka-mali ka-2026/2027, kwakunye nokubonelela ngolwazi olucacileyo malunga nendlela amatyala ombane abalwa ngayo, kunye neendlela zokunciphisa ukusetyenziswa kombane. Le ntlanganiso ikwabonelele ngolwazi malunga nendawo yoMbane waSimahla (Free Basic Electricity – FBE) kunye nendlela abahlali abanokubhalisa ngayo ukuze baxhamle kule nkqubo.



Abahlali bachazelwe ukuba ukuze bafaneleke kule nkqubo kufuneka babe ngabemi baseMzantsi Afrika



kwaye ingeniso yekhaya ingagqithi kumlinganiselo wezibonelelo zikarhulumente zabantu abadala (Old Age Grant) ngexesha lentlangano, abahlali bakhuthaziwe ukuba basebenzise umbane ngendlela ekhuselekileyo, efanelekileyo nesemthethweni, kwaye baphephe ukudibanisa umbane ngokungekho mthethweni, kuba oko kunokuba yingozi kwaye kuphazamise unikezelo lombane kuluntu.

USodolophu, TD Mafumba, ubulele bonke abahlali abathe bazimasa le ntlanganiso, waze wabakhuthaza ukuba baqhubeke basebenzisana noMasipala ukuqinisekisa ukusetyenziswa kombane ngendlela enoxanduva nolukhuselekileyo kuluntu.

UKUPHUHLISA ULUTSHA: UMASIPALA WASEWINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA WAMKELE II-INTERNS EZIYI-20 KWI-ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



Namhlanje kube lusuku oluvuse ithemba novuyo kubantwana abatsha balengingqi njengoko bamkelwe ngokusesikweni kwinkqubo yeqhelaniso lomsebenzi (induction) kwicandelo lezeNdalo kuMasipala waseWinnie Madikizela-Mandela.

Abafundi abayi-20 bafumana ithuba lokuqeqeshwa njenge ii-interns ngokuxhaswa yi-Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Environmental Management Internship Programme. Lo msitho uphawule ukuqala kohambo olubalulekileyo kubo njengoko beza kufumana amava omsebenzi ngelixa benegalelo ekukhuseleni nasekulondolozeni indalo kwiindawo zomasipala.

Abafundi abaqeqeshwayo baxebele ukuba bayavuya kakhulu ngeli thuba, kwaye bayabulela kuMasipala naseDFFE ngokubanika ithuba lokufunda, ukuphuhlisa izakhono zabo, nokuba negalelo elibonakalayo ekukhu-

seleni indalo nasekugcineni ucoceko kwiindawo zoluntu.

Ohloniphekileyo uSodolophu uCllr T.D. Mafumbatha wamkele ii-interns ezintsha ngovuyo olukhulu, kwaye ukhuthaze ukuba basebenzise kakuhle eli thuba leenyanga ezintlanu ukuphuhlisa izakhono zabo.

Usuku lokungenisa luquke iintetho (presentations) ezahlukeneyo ezijolise ekunikeni isikhokelo nasekwabelaneni ngolwazi malunga nemisebenzi yeSebe lezeNdalo. Iimanejala kunye namagosa ajongene ngqo nomsebenzi bebeyinxalenye yolusuku ukuxhasa nokwamkelela ii-interns.

UMasipala unethemba lokuba aba interns baza kudlala indima ebalulekileyo ekukhuthazeni ukhathalelo lwendalo, ukugcina ucoceko kwiindawo zoluntu, kunye nokuxhasa uphuhliso oluzinzileyo kwiindawo zomasipala.

UMASIPALA UQHUBE IPHULO NGOLWAZI MALUNGA NOKUGCINA INDALO ICOCEKILE.

Abahlali baseWard 4, 7 kunye ne-26 badibene eMzamba Community Hall kwi Nkqubo yeWaste Education ejolise ekwabelaneni ngolwazi malunga nokugcina indalo icocekile. I-Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality ngecandelo le Environmental Services yenze iphulo lokufundisa malunga neemeko zangoku zolawulo lwenkunkuma kunye nezicwangciso zeenkonzo zolawulo lwenkunkuma ze-2026/27.



ngolwazi kunye nokukhuthaza ukubandakanyeka koluntu ekukhuseleni indalo. I-Alfred Nzo District Municipality yabelane icocekile kwaye ikhuselekile. ngenkcazo-ntetho egxininise ukubaluleka kokugcina indalo. icocekile kunye



Injongo yeliphulo kukuxhobisa uluntu, ukwabelana



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