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NYANDENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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Somlomo weBhunga: Obekekileyo Cllr. S. Qaqa;

Usabhokhwe weBhunga: Obekekileyo Cllr. R. Mthobela;

Candidate of the ANC for Executive Mayor of OR Tambo N. Meth;

Mayors from various sister Municipalities;

Members of the Executive Committee;

Section 79 Committee Chairpersons

Honourable Councillors;

linkokheli zomthonyama zelizwe lakowethu

linkokheli zakwalizwi

Leaders of Political Parties, particularly the ruling Party the African National Congress;

Municipal Manager: Mrs. N. Nomandela and her Team;

Chairperson of the Audit Committee and his Team;

Representatives of various sector Departments

The leadership of the Alliance (SACP, COSATU & SANCO)

Community leaders;

Ward Committee Members, Ward Administrators and CDW's;

Leaders of Religious Denominations present;

Our invited business people;

Distinguished and special guests;

Representatives from the media;

Uluntu lwase-Nyandeni Local Municipality luphelele;

Compatriots and friends

Ladies and gentlemen

Lentlanganiso uyibizileyo **Somlomo we Bhunga** ibaluleke kakhulu. Sidibana apha namhlanje ukuzoququmbela umsebenzi ka Masipala wase Nyandeni owaqala kunyaka ka May 2011. Size namhlanje sizokunika ingxelo ngokuba senze ntoni kuleminyaka imihlanu iphelileyo.

Sidibana kulenyanga yokuzalwa kwegqala lomzabalazo utatu Mandela, enye yezinto awayezimele kunye nokuzikhuthaza yayikukuba sisicaka soluntu lakuthi. Sizeka mzekweni ke nathi kwezombono. Sikwabulela bonke abathathe inxaxheba ngosuku lwe-International Mandela day ngokuthi benze umahluko ezimpilweni zabanye abantu abahlelelekiyo.

Kwezinye zezicaphulo kwintetho zika tatu Mandela wathi “Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings”.

Kwakwesisigaba solawulo lwelibhunga sisondeza phambili abanye bogxa bethu abathe basishiya bezinikezele kweliphulo lofezekiso mfuno zabantu. Abo ngoo Cllr Ngqangashe, Cllr Bhetele, Cllr Ncanywa, no Cllr Khumalo.

Kwakulonyaka sikwakhumbula ukubulawa kuka Solomon Mahlangu ngu Rhulumente wocalucalulo ngonyaka ka 1979. Ujaji (Judge) Ramon Leon (Uyise wobeyinkokheli ye DA uTony Leon), zange aqhwanyaze nakancinci wamgweba intambo uSolomon Mahlangu.

U-Ramon Leon olilungu le DA wayebagweba abalwela inkululeko ukuba mabaxhonywe. Wayebona kufanelekile ukuba makalikhuphe igama elithi mabaxhonywe abazabalazela inkululeko le siyixhamlayo abafana noSolomon Mahlangu.

Namhlanje ke, sikhumbula uSolomon Mahlangu owaxhonywa ngesindululo sikayise wowayesayakuba yinkokheli ye DA. Sifuna ke ukuthi kubantu bomhlaba wase Nyandeni bazini ababantu, nazi namakhaya abo, nenxaxheba eyadlalwa ngamakhaya abo ekugrayeni abantu abamnyama ababelwela ukukhulula eli lizwe. Abanye babo bafika sele besithi bayanithanda benibamba ngezandla ezinegazi. Mandiyeke ndingekaqhubeki. Ibuhlungu into abayenza kuthi.

It is necessary to point out that Freedom Fighter our dearest comrade Andrew Zondo would have turned 50 this year had DA member Ramon Leon who was an apartheid judge not sentenced him to death 5 times in 1986 for fighting for Freedom.

We need to remind some among us that, apartheid was not only violent, it was murderous. It dehumanized the African people. In fact, the government of the ANC has had to spend all these years cleaning up the mess created by the regime of white minority rule in our country. Now, we need to remind ourselves that those who harp on about delivery, we would not be where we are today if the system of apartheid did not decide to serve only whites.

Honorable Speaker, Ladies and gentlemen

This Open Council marks the last real act of public participation we may be engaged in as the Nyandeni Local Municipality. Therefore, it is more than necessary that we should use this moment as an opening for us to inform everyone about our actions before what we have done is either belittled or is claimed by nefarious voices who would seek to feed on the carcass of our Municipality.

Surely, the fact that we are concluding 5 years as a Municipal Council, we are called to answer at the Bar of History to account for our actions in the past 5 years. We are proud of the work we have done. We have done everything in our capacity to improve the lives of the

people. We have done this because we know that the system of apartheid deliberately sought to dehumanize our people and keep them under conditions of poverty.

UMbutho ka Mandela i-ANC, wathi usakuvotelwa ebuRhulumenteni wazixelela ukuba uzozama kangangoko unako ukuphucula ubomi babantu abamnyama ababebonwa njengongantweni nguRhulumente wocalucalulo. Lo Rhulumente usuka kude nabantu abangenanto.

Where do we come from?

URhulumente we ANC akaphumlanga ukususela ngo-1994 ezama ukuphucula ubom babantu abahlupekileyo.

- Ngo-1994 indawo zangasese ezicocekileyo zaziyi-50%, ezanamhlanje yi-77%
- Kwakhelwe izigidi ezingaphezulu ku-3,3 izindlu simahla. (Kwaze kwaxhamla indawo zokuhlala izigidi eziyi-16 zabantu.)
- Ngo-2010 izigidi eziyi-15 beselezixhamla kwimali yesibonelelo sendodla.
- Kwicwangciso sethu kuye kwavuleka iingcango zemfundo. Inani labantu abamnyama abakumaziko emfundo nobuchwephetshe ii-dyunivesithi lenyuke ngokumangalisayo.

Singu-Masipala waseNyandeni asinaloyiko lokuthi:

- Ngo-1996 imizi eyiyinombane yayingu-5% kanti namhla i-95% iyaxhamla embaneni. Kusaqhutyekwa kufakelelwa umbane kwilali ezingekabinawo.
- Abantu abonelelwa ngendodla e-Libode badlulile kwi-56 711, kanti e-Ngqeleni nakhona badlulile kwi-56 253, besabelwa kwi mali engaphezulu kwizigidi eziyi-38.
- Ngo-1996 amanzi acocekileyo ayefikelela nje kwi-14% yamakhaya, kanti namhla inani linyuke laya kwi-45%. Sithi ke thina kufuneka uRhulumente akhawulezise awulungise lo mcimbi wamanzi.

Ngokuphuhlisa nokuhlaziya izinto ebesele zikho kwiminyaka edlulileyo, u-rhulumente udale amathuba emisebenzi. Ubekele bucala R800 yezigidi zemali yokwakha amadami, indlela, ibhulorho, izikolo, nezibhedlele.

Kuzakuhlaziywa kunye no-hola wendlela i-N2, edlula e-Libode iye e-PSJ idlulele ngaphetsheya. Eyonto yenze kwadaleka amathuba emisebenzi emininji.

Kuqhuza uthuli

Road Constructions

Eyona nto ibalulekileyo ekuzameni ukuba abantu bakwazi ukurhweba, baze bakwazi nokuqhakamtshelana, yindlela. Yilonto ke u-Masipala wase Nyandeni echithe imali eninji ukusukela ngonyaka ka-2011 esakha iindlela.

Kuleminyaka idlulileyo sizame kangangoko ukuba kungabikho mali iphindayo. Siqinisekisile ukuba siyisebenzisa yonke imali ebesiyinikelwe ukuzisa iinkonzo ebantwini. Lihlazo eyokuva kuthiwa kuphindiswe imali kodwa bona abantu bayasokola. Asiyiphindisi thina imali sakha ngayo. Endaweni yokuphindisa siye sicele ukuba mayongezwe imali esiyinikiweyo enzela ukuba sizofikelela kuzo zonke iindawo ezifuna u-Masipala. Kangangokuba siqhuba kakuhle side songezwa nange-mali, kusithiwa siyakhuthazwa ukuba masiqhubeke sisenza kakuhle.

Ekwakheni iindlela akukho ward singafikelelanga kuyo. Iindawo esakhe kuzo iindlela nazi zidwelisiwe.

| WARD | NAME OF ROAD | PROGRESS |
|-------------|--|-----------------|
| 01 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Siqikini Access road (Bridge) 2. Thembeni A/R (Bridge) 3. Zandukwana A/R 4. Daluxolo A/R 5. Kalandoda A/R 6. Mjobeni A/R | Complete |
| 02 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jojozi to Zibungu access road 2. Zibungu to Madwaleni A/R (3 X Low Level Crossings) 3. Jojozi to Ncithwa A/R (Bridge) 4. Gqwarhu A/R | Complete |
| 03 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mhlanganisweni to Ngavu-ngavu A/R 2. Makhotyana to Makaziwe A/R 3. Chophetyeni to Luthubeni A/R | Complete |
| 04 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dungu to Mbhobheleni A/R (Bridge) 2. Mpindweni W04 Access road 3. Mphamgane A/R | Complete |

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| | 4. Mdina A/R (Bridge) | |
| 05 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gqweza Access Road 2. Ndayini access road Phase 1 3. Ndayini Phase 2 A/R (Bridge) 4. Ngolo to Dalibunga A/R | Complete |
| 06 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nduna to Ngojini A/R (Bridge) 2. Cibeni to Ngojini Bridge 3. Ntsonyini to Jonguxolo A/R 4. Mputshane A/R | Complete |
| 07 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Libode internal roads 2. Church of God to Belmont 3. Callaway A/R | Complete |
| 08 | 1. Mdlankomo to Mamfengwini A/R (Bridge) | Complete |
| 09 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mdlankomo internal roads 2. Gxulu A/R (Bridge and Low Level Crossing) 3. Dininkosi A/R 4. Misty Mount A/R | Complete |
| 10 | 1. Zikhoveni to Ntilini A/R | Complete |
| 11 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ziphunzana access road 2. Moyeni to Ngqwangi (Lukhanyisweni A/R) | Complete |
| 12 | 1. Mdeni to Ngobozi A/R | Complete |
| 13 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ntsaka to Mantanjani A/R 2. Dumase to Mangwaneni A/R | Complete |

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|----|--|-----------------|
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Buntingville A/R 4. Thakatha to Magozeni A/R 5. New Buntingville A/R | |
| 14 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mqwangqweni to Siqikini A/R (Low Level Crossing) 2. Ncambedlana to Manzamahle A/R (Bridge) | At design stage |
| 15 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dokodela A/R 2. Mafini A/R | Complete |
| 16 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dalagubha A/R 2. Mkhankatho A/R | Complete |
| 17 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noxova to Mandileni access Road (Bridge) 2. Mdumazulu Access Road (Bridge) 3. Mthonjana A/R (Low Level Crossing) 4. Magozeni to Guqa A/R (2 X Bridges) | Complete |
| 18 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maqanyeni to Mgungundlovu A/R 2. Bukwini A/R 3. Mlengana A/R (Bridge) | Complete |
| 19 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zinduneni to Bandla A/R (Low Level Crossing) | Complete |
| 20 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nothintsila to Mvilo Access road (Bridge) 2. Mdzwina A/R (Low Level Crossing) 3. Mdzwina Internal Roads (Bridge) 4. Jange Storm water and A/R | Complete |
| 21 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ngqeleni Street Surfacing 2. Alternative Surfacing Pilot at | Complete |

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| | <p>Extension 4 Ngqeleni</p> <p>3. Polini A/R</p> <p>4. Bantini A/R</p> | |
| 22 | <p>1. Bomvana A/R (Bridge)</p> <p>2. Lower Malahle to Mlatha Access Road (Mgonondi Access Road)</p> <p>3. Mabomvini to Nkunzimbini A/R</p> <p>4. Mgojweni A/R</p> <p>5. Mathayi A/R</p> | |
| 23 | <p>1. Phalo to Sizani A/R (Low Level Crossing)</p> <p>2. Thekwini A/R</p> | Complete |
| 24 | <p>1. Malungeni A/R</p> <p>2. Buthongweni A/R</p> <p>3. Malungeni Bridge</p> | Complete |
| 25 | <p>1. Lwandile access road</p> <p>2. Mzonyane A/R</p> <p>3. Mngcibe A/R</p> | Complete |
| 26 | <p>1. Mafusini to Zincukuthwini access road (Bridge)</p> <p>2. Mafusini to Zincukutwini A/R</p> <p>3. Luqolo A/R (Construction)</p> | Complete |
| 27 | <p>1. Mseleni to Ludeke A/R</p> <p>2. Ntshela A/R</p> <p>3. Makwalweni to Mzimvubu A/R</p> <p>4. Langakazi Low Volume A/R</p> <p>5. Gqweza A/R (Construction)</p> | Complete |

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| 28 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qhokama Access Road 2. Sidanda A/R (Bridge) 3. Sidabadabeni A/R | Complete |
| 29 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bolotwa to Mdeni to access road (Bridge) 2. Sezela to Njezweni A/R (Bridge) 3. Mpendle to Nkawukazi A/R | Complete |
| 30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zanokhanyo to Lutsheko A/R 2. Lower Mngamnye A/R | Complete |
| 31 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Luthubeni A/R (Bridge) | Complete |

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

In our drive to continue to improve the quality of our roads, we are not alone. This is because not all roads in our rural areas fall under the jurisdiction of the Municipality. Some are with the Department of Roads and Public Works, which also has a responsibility to play its part in ensuring that it revamps our roads.

The government program with SANRAL has invested R3,17 BILLION on R61 and R2,4 billion on N2. We need to remember that the bulk of R61 passes through our towns and villages. These projects have resulted in the investment of the following projects:

- Libode upgrade for about R260 million
- Mthatha to Ngqeleni intersection R340 million
- St Barnabas to Ntlaza at approximately R200 million

These projects have hugely benefitted our communities with a number of SMME's directly benefiting and thus employing a number of our people, giving economic relief to a number of our households.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

At present, 95% of households have electricity. Ngendlela esiwufake ngayo umbane ezilalini zalapha eNyandeni sisebenzisana no-Eskom, abantu abaninji abasanyanzelekanga bangene emahlathini befuna iinkuni ukuze bapheke. Abantu abasahambi imigama emide bekhangelana namalongwe. Basekhona abo bambalwa abangekabinawo umbane, nabo siyeza kubo.

The Municipality has lobbied for additional funding through front-loading with DBSA. Sizama kangoko sinako, siboleka nemali kwabakwaziyo ukuze sikwazi ukufakela abantu umbane. Siyenziswa lento kukuba siyayazi ukuba kusekho umceli mngeni apha kulento yombane, kukho ilali ezingekabinawo umbane. Kodwa kwezinye ilali ezifana naseMamolweni, eNtibane, eMpoza, Mzonyane, Lwandile neNgojini kuyaqhutywa ukusetyenzwa njengoba sithetha. Kunye No-Eskom uyaqhuba ukusebenza koo maBomvana, Mthatha Mouth, Sidabadabeni, Meveni, Ngongo, Cibeni, Mhlatyana, Ziphondo nase Ncithwa.

Lisekhona iqaqobana leendawo ezingekabinawo umbane. Nalapho siyazazi, uRhulumente uyeza, abantu mabalinde, kungekudala nakubo kuzoba sele kufikiwe. Ezinye zezindawo zifumaneka kweziwards 20, 25, 26, 2. Ezinye zendawo ekusenzima kuzo zezindawo zinamanxiwa amatsha. For these new extensions we have sought funding for alternative energy which has been approved.

Nje ngo-Masipala wasezilalini kule minyaka mihlanu sinikeze iinkonzo abantu abangathathi ntweni (abanengeniso engaphantsi kwe nkam-nkam ezimbini) sabanika izitovu zerhasi, negqongo le-rhasi. Abanye side sabathengela umbane ongamatshumi amabini anesihlanu ee-mponi. Kulento ke, singuMasipala sibonelele umyinge wabantu abalitshumi elenisehlanu lamawaka.

Ukuhlangabezana nezindawo zingenambane ibhunga lathatha isigqibo sokubonelela abo bangathathintweni ngenkonzo zamahala.

ISISHWANKATHELO SENXASO MAHALA

In the Financial Year 2012/2013 Nyandeni Supplied Indigent with 20ltrs of Paraffin.

- Ward 20 = 1800 Households
- Ward 25 = 1567 Households
- Ward 26 = 2296 Households
- Ward 28 = 477 Households
- For Free Basic Electricity = 6033

In the Financial Year 2015/2016 Nyandeni Supplied Indigent with Two banner Gas Stove and 9kg gas per Cluster.

- Cluster 1 - 1448 Households (Wards 7,8,17,19,20 and 30)
- Cluster 2 - 184 Households (Ward 23)
- Cluster 3 - 1194 Households (Ward 26)
- Cluster 4 - 839 Households (Ward 24,28,9 and 18)

- Cluster 5 – 2152 Households (Ward 25)
- Cluster 6 - 1424 Households (Ward 2,3,5,4,27 and 31)

Honourable Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

When it comes to the provision of water, we, not just the people of Nyandeni, continue to suffer the indignity of a large number sharing water with animals. We continue to find ourselves in situations where our people drink water in dehumanizing conditions. It is in this context that we think that other spheres of government must do all in their capacity to improve the quality of water provision. We are aware that there is some work in this regard.

We have confidence that the OR Tambo District Municipality will not fail us in this regard. And as we speak, work is being done with the Ngqeleni 27 Villages Regional Water Scheme, to the value of R100 million which is aimed at supplying a population of 33 000 in the villages of Libode and Ngqeleni and there is the Ntsonyini-Ngqongweni Water Scheme.

Due to water resource challenges affecting the Ngqeleni and Libode Town water will be taken from Mthatha Dam, treated through the Rosedale Treatment Works and pumped to serve the towns of Libode, Ngqeleni and surrounding villages. The total approved budget for this project is R146m. We can confirm that OR Tambo working with Amatola has already appointed contractors and they have already been introduced to the Nyandeni Local Municipality. We continue to grapple with the crisis of water tap leakages and this is a matter that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

This work is such that it has benefitted SMME'S from within the Nyandeni Local Municipality, therefore boosting our local economy. Ukubonakalisa lento, omnye wosomashishini balapha ekuhlaleni ukhona naye usebenza kulento yokufakwa kwamanzi.

Isizathu sokuba urhulumente achithe imali enkule ekwakheni amadami, kukuba, uRhulumente wamaBhulu, wawungazange wayibona ibalulekile ukuba abantu abamnyama mabafumane amanzi acocekileyo. Yilento nakwezondawo zibalwa wayethe wazincama wafaka oompompi, wayebafaka kodwa kungekho madami kuzotsalwa kuwo amanzi ngonaphakade. Yilento, awomanzi ayephuma kancinci, aphinde aphele. Ngoku, sakha amadami akufaneleyo ukusetyenziswa ngumntu wonke nenzala ezizayo.

URhulumente walombutho ka Mandela, awuhlalanga phantsi uyasebenza. Abantu bakuthi, abasanyanzelekanga ukuba mabangene emahlathini nasezindongeni balandelwe ngamahangu xa besiya ngasese, beyozithuma. Lento ke, ibuyisela nesidima somntu omnyama esasingabonelwanto yimibutho yabantu abamhlophe, kodwa ethi iyanithanda ngoku. Lento, iphinde ilwe nokunwenwa kwezifo.

If the matter of water provision is not resolved as an urgent necessity, we might, almost certainly, find ourselves faced with social upheaval. The sociological crisis of lack of access to water will certainly give rise to social responses which might prove a challenge to the Democratic State; who knows, it could even be the undoing of our social edifice. It is in this context that we think more needs to be done and that has to be done urgently. We have all the confidence in the OR Tambo District Municipality that it will not fail in this regard of water provision.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

The crisis of poverty that bedevils our country has led to massive backlogs in terms of housing infrastructure with the majority of the rural poor, located in dilapidated housing structures teetering on the brink of collapse at any moment. It is realizing this that has caused the setting aside of an amount to the tune of R345m to benefit rural wards in the construction of houses.

In order to grow the Nyandeni Economy, it is necessary to ensure that we provide adequate housing closer to economic zones. It is this that has led us to slice a particle of ERF 90 and rezone it as Extension 2 Libode with 66 sites which we have disposed and we are in the process of completing title deeds for individual buyers who have already acquired the land. We also sliced another portion of ERF 90 and ensured there is development of a Township establishment of 82 units.

We are also in the process of rezoning land for 1 328 low cost houses at Libode. To ensure that we stem the tide of urban influx, we have ensured that we have plans to develop rural areas. To achieve this aim we have built houses in the following wards: Ward 03, Ward 04, Ward 05, Ward 06, Ward 10, Ward 14, Ward 17, Ward 20, and Ward 30. Housing projects that are at a stage of procurement are for wards 07, 08, 09, 29, 12 and 13. Projects that are planned for the future involve wards: 01, 06, 07, 26, and 28. Other projects in the housing sector plan include wards, 02, 07, 16, 23 and 25.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

The municipality continues to be a reservoir that supplies cheap African labour for the mining industry. This is how the apartheid system designed it and this is how the apartheid economy continues to define things. Thus as a result of the migrant labour system, we are at the bottom-end of the South African economy. We are the dumping site for overused labour.

Our local economy is limping, and given the fact that we operate on a shoestring budget, we are unable, using our resources alone to extricate ourselves from this predicament. It is in

this context that we are doing our best to recharge the local economy using various ventures such as developing Shopping Malls in both towns (Libode and Ngqeleni).

Although we had run into some challenges in the beginning, the Transport Hub is steadily progressing in Ward 7(Libode Town). It is a pleasure to announce that the designs for the Ngqeleni Transport Hub have been completed. We must also report that there have been challenges that we have had to deal with in respect of the Transport Hub. Despite some of these challenges that we have faced, we are unfazed.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

We continue to try to find alternative ways for economic growth so that we can contribute to the fight against the triple crisis of poverty, unemployment and inequality that continues to bedevil our young democracy. We continue to intensify our efforts to attract investors through ensuring that we develop the potential of our towns and areas that have economic potential within the borders of the Municipality. We are also busy trying to improve the state of our oceans economy.

We continue to revamp the structure of our towns so as to properly align our Spatial planning with our economic goals. This is in such a way that we ensure integrated development for our communities. Through this we are trying to ensure that we encourage and target first-time home owners to access Municipal Land.

In the development of our LED programs we continue to ensure not only food sovereignty but food security so that our local communities can find a way to insulate themselves from the vicissitudes of a market economy that tends to allow speculation in food markets, thereby shooting prices of food to unreachable levels.

On the other hand we are doing our best to encourage local production and farming for various interrelated reasons. Among those reasons is ensuring that we preserve the dignity of the African people which was taken when they were forced to be entirely dependent on the market for reproduction. We have budgeted R1.5m for purposes of assisting with the ploughing of rural fields encompassing a number of interrelated fields.

It is in this context that we intervene in livestock quality through supplying Merinho rams, Nguni and Brahman cattle. We also delve deep and ensure farmer support totalling 3750 hectares in the past five years. We have had trials with high value crops as well such as the Hemp at Dininkosi and Essential Oils at Malungeni.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

Through our Traffic Department residents of Nyandeni are now able to acquire learners and drivers licenses without having to leave the Municipality in order to acquire them. As a

result of the establishment of our licensing centre, many residents of Nyandeni are now able to acquire driving skills and improve their opportunities for finding employment.

As promised at the Open Council held at Zibungu we have launched our Driver's License and Testing Centre (DLTC). Through the DLTC almost 10 000 people have registered and acquired their Learners Licenses. While another 5 816 have registered for their Drivers Licenses. To say this is an improvement for our communities would be an understatement. Many of our people have saved thousands of money they would have used in registering for Learners and Drivers Licences in towns outside Nyandeni Local Municipality.

The Motor Registering Authority at Ngqeleni is already in operation and we are already making great strides through it. Already, we have registered more than 1 000 vehicles since April 2015. We expect that the number of beneficiaries of this institution and service provided by our Municipality will steadily increase with more time.

Our Traffic Officers have also played an important role in reducing accidents on the roads and the prevalence of cars that are not in good condition to be on the roads. Siyaqhubeka sisithi abantu mabohlukane nokuqhuba imoto bephantsi kwempembelelo zotyala, kuba eyonto yenza intlekele emgaqweni.

Nangona sinalo oluncomo, kodwa kusekho umcelimngeni wabantu abasebenzisa undlela mnyama wokufumana ezi Layisenisi . Abomthetho bayaqhuba nophando ukuphelisa nya lomkhwa. Nobecinga ukulandela ekhondweni lalomkhwa umbi makabuye umva. Sikhuthaza nonolwazi lobububhilibhili ukuba makeze ngaphambili nenkcukacha.

Somlomo obekekileyo, manene nani manenekazi

URhulumente wombutho kaMandela waqala ukuphatha ngo-1994 abantu abaninji befundela phantsi kwemithi nasemizini yabantu, izakhiwo zezikolo zinqabile. Kodwa ngoku abantwana bezikolo bafundela kumaziko ambejembeje awakhiwa nguRhulumente ilali nelali. Nabantwana abafundayo bayeka ukugxamesa, bathuthwa nguRhulumente simahla.

Izikolo ezakhiwe nguRhulumente kulonyaka zezi: Dalibhunga SSS, Mfundweni JPS, Pondolwendlevu SSS, Zanolhanyo SSS, Waban SSS, Bhekizulu SSS, Langeni SPS, CHB SSS, Mangala SSS, Dokodela JSS, Victor Poto SS, Zibungu SSS, Smuts Ndamase SSS, Bungu JSS, Lower Godini JSS, Qithi JSS, Nomcamba JSS, Cibeni SSS, Poni JSS, Mzamo JSS, Xhentse SSS, Nontswabu JSS, Ntaphane JSS, Dokodela SPS, Mhlanganisweni.

Although we have done a lot of work on school infrastructure, however, education is not just about the building of structures for education but is about diversifying the methods through which education can be acquired. It is in this context that the Municipal Library continues to play a pivotal role in knowledge production and reducing the costs of research for those that require the use of libraries for research processes. We have assisted 7 School/Community Libraries and have built 3 modular libraries. We call on young people to make use of our libraries whenever they can.

Kangangokokuba imfundo ibalulekile umaspala uyayikhuthaza imfundo yabantwana abancinane, kungoko nathi siyesazibophelela ukuba sakhe ii-pre-schools. Singakhankanya ezi zilandelayo, esizakhileyo sisebenza ne-ECATU. We've constructed Early Childhood Centres at:

- Ward 2 at Likhuni,
- Ward 5 at Mthombe village,
- Ward 7 at Thabo Mbeki Township,
- Ward 10 at Sibangweni,
- Ward 11 at Nkanini,
- Ward 18 at Bukwini
- Ward 31 at Luthubeni,
- Ward 21 at Ngeleni Town,
- Ward 22 at Nkantsini,
- Ward 25 at Mzonyani village,
- Ward 26 at Mankosi village and
- Ward 28 at Qokama village.

More than 400 children are benefiting particularly from low income households. Kuyaqhutyekwa nokwakhiwa pre-school kwilali yase-Gongo e-Ward 5.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

The Municipality has embarked on massive cleaning campaigns and beautification of towns. Through this, we have built a state of the art ECO-PARK at Libode which we hope to use to raise funds but also to allow access to the people of Nyandeni to enjoy themselves when they are in our Municipal areas. We are also in the process of constructing an ECO PARK at Ngqeleni.

Through this we have been able to involve the unemployed through the SIYACOCA program vastly improving the cleanliness of towns extending to peri-urban areas such as Corana, Zipunzana and Ntlaza. The Municipality in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs has gone further and accessed R12 million towards the development of Parks and Open Spaces in both towns. This will not only result in recreational facilities being developed but will also result in massive job opportunities for our people.

We have also acquired a whopping 1.8 million from DEDEA to build a waste transfer station at Ngqeleni which will feed to the permitted landfill site at Libode. Thus, through this work, we expect to ensure that our Municipal Towns are at the same level as other advanced towns in relation to the treatment of solid waste.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

To reverse apartheid and its social crimes, we continue to promote the interests of women, the youth and the disabled. As a result of this, we have bought a machine that prints T-shirts for young people as part of assisting them with business opportunities. Thus, for the printing of T-shirts we will not have to approach companies located in urban zones, we will use our own home-grown youth companies. We have also bought wheelchairs for the differently abled and we have also bought a sewing machine.

Kuleminyaka mihlanu idluleyo, besibamba i-Mayor's Cup sinika i-team ewinileyo i-Kit ezintsha, sizinike nebholo. We also held a marathon to encourage lifestyle. We did all this with the express intention of developing participation in sports by soccer teams. However, we need to remind sports teams that sports is the responsibility of the Department of Sports and not with the Municipality.

In trying to make sure that we address the interest of all the vulnerable groups the municipality has also formed a women's caucus which will be responsible for all issues concerning women in the municipality. Through the women's caucus the municipality will be able to keep track and be able to support all the projects for women. Working with the Caucus the municipality is supporting three projects that are run by women. It has also been made possible to host a women's day through working with the caucus.

In addition to the above mentioned associations which deal with the interests of youth and women the municipality has also co-ordinated the formation of Nyandeni Disabled Person's Association which caters for the needs and interests of disabled people of Nyandeni. Working with this association the municipality is supporting three projects that are run by disabled people.

URhulumente wamaBhulu wakha iindawo zokudlala ezidolophini esakhela abantu abamhlophe. Kuyo yonke indawo ehlala abantu abamhlophe uRhulumente wamaBhulu wabakhela indawo zokudlala. Ngoku lo Rhulumente wombutho kaMandela nawo uyazama ukwakha indawo zemidlalo apha kuloMasipala waseNyandeni.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

We have also supported graduates and students through internships and experiential trainings, providing financial relief to a number of graduates that would have otherwise been sitting at home unemployed. In the past 5 years 50 interns were taken by the Municipality and provided with training and work experience. The Municipality has also provided training to the unemployed people of Nyandeni for example trained in Paving, Traffic, Crop Production, Business Skills, Brick laying and Plastering, etc.

Through our skills development strategy, communities are going to benefit from vocational training which will enable them to participate in the formal and informal sectors of the economy. We will also again create opportunities for unemployed graduates to gain workplace experience through internships and integrated learning.

In responding to the three challenges being unemployment, inequality and poverty we have created 2660 work opportunities through EPWP and infrastructure projects in the past 5 years.

In our efforts to ensure further job creation, the Municipality has signed SLA with Department of Roads and Public Works amounting to R4m which will further create more jobs. We also pride ourselves that we have received a paving block machine which we applied for from the office of the Premier which will also create more jobs. This is such that in the financial year 2011/12 we created jobs for 433, while continuing to create 472 jobs 2012/13. This continued to expand to 636 jobs in 2013/14 and created 869 jobs in 2014/15. In the last financial year we created 256 jobs. Thus although short-term, EPWP jobs have been helpful to our people.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

Through the provision of better healthcare for all, we are committed to develop a healthy population as Nyandeni Municipality. Our National Government has introduced the National Health Insurance program to ensure that all citizens have access to quality and affordable healthcare regardless of their social and economic circumstances.

The OR District Municipality is one of the beneficiaries of this program and Nyandeni Local Municipality is one of the pilot sites directly benefitting. The following sites have been identified: St Barnabas and Canzibe Hospitals, Buntingville Clinic, Lwandile Clinic, Libode Clinic, Mampondomiseni Clinic, Mthakatye Clinic, Mangcwanguleni Clinic. We need to improve our capacity to monitor the progress of the NHI and whether or not it is being skilfully implanted to the benefit of our communities or it is being turned into a dead-end.

We are committed to fighting corruption. We are sincerely committed to eradicating corruption in all its forms. Corruption is cancerous and is dangerous. Corruption steals from

the poor. It is must be condemned and dealt with all the time. We are moving swiftly not only in exposing those that are corrupt, but we are moving swiftly to prevent corruption.

Thina sizimisele ukukhusela u-Masipala kwelinyala lokukhwabanisa nokunyoba. Sifuna ukuthintela esi sifo sokunyoba. Asifuni siqhubeke singcolise u-Masipala siphinde sebe nemali enikwe u-Masipala uba makajongane neemfuno zeempula zikalujaca. Nakuzibonela ke nani ukuba iinzame zethu zezokuthintela ubusela kunokothuka sekonakele.

We have set up a process to fight corruption through the development of strategies for lifestyle audits, the revamping of the declaration of interests process which will deal with the tendency of people using their positions to open space for their relatives. We are also in the process of auditing the authenticity of proofs of residence that are submitted to the Municipality so as to ensure that no one has access to the institution when policies insist on giving preferential treatment to Nyandeni Residents.

In the year 2011/12 we received a qualified audit opinion. Kwaze kwiminyaka ka 2012/13, 2013/14, naku 2014/15 umphicothi zincwadi ka Zwelonke wathi siyiphethe kakuhle yonke imali esiyinikiweyo. Lo nto ke ibonokalisa ukuba siyisebenzisa imali ngononophelo nangentlonipho. Sisasokoliswa kukuqokelela imali ukuze sandise imali ka Masipala. Abo bafanele babhatalele iinkonzo zikaMasipala baye balahleke xa kufuneka kubhatelele.

We have improved vastly in our contract-management. We are able to deal decisively with lazy and incompetent contractors who come to the Municipality with a desire to gain contracts, but fail to do their work and snarl when we cancel their contracts and run to courts.

Somlomo weBhunga, Manene nani manenekazi

Consistent with our theme: “Deciding with the people and not for the people”, not a single Municipal Program continues without the full participation of the communities, and thus their tacit approval. This we do and have done through various Mayoral imbizo, IDP rep forums, Ward Committee Meetings and Ward Mass Meetings.

To improve on the quality of Public Participation, through BACK TO BASICS APPROACH we have developed a well-oiled Community Education program that will ensure that members of communities are well educated on the nature of municipalities and their programs. This will, most certainly, honourable Speaker, improve on the quality of our public engagements so that Public Participation does not become a one way street.

Without the participation of our communities, our Municipality would just be a shell with no mandate or direction. It is in this context Honourable Speaker that we call on members of the public to insist on participating in the decision making process of the Institution. We call on members of the public to attend, in their numbers, Ward Meetings. It is only through

this, that the community can ensure that it has a say in how its life is governed. It is also in this context that we have Traditional Leaders in our Municipal Council.

Honourable Speaker, ladies and gentlemen

At a personal level. Ndaqala ukuba ngu-Mayor kuloMasipala wase Nyandeni ndithunywe yi-ANC kunyaka ka 2006. Ndizame kangangoko ukwenza umsebenzi wam ngokuzinikela. Ndibulela kwintsebenziswano endibenayo nooCeba, neeNkosi, namaGosa ka Masipala, kunye nabahlali baseNyandeni. Ndinitshiya njengesicaka senu uMasipala eqhubeka ukwenza kangangoko ukutshintsha ubomi babantu. Sizokwenza ngcono kuleminyaka imihlanu izayo sisakufumana inkxaso yenu ethe kratya ukubuyisela umbutho ophetheyo eberhulumenteni.

Sibambisene singurhulumente okhokhelwe ngulombutho ka Mandela i-ANC nabahlali singayithatha iNyandeni, noMzantsi Afrika, siyise phambili, njengoba sisenza.

Sikwazo kunikhumbuza ukuba ningalibali ukuvota ngomhla ka 3 August 2016.

I thank you.