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**PRESS RELEASE**

**TO ALL NEWS EDITORS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

**KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY ELECTS THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

KwaDukuza Municipality held its Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The Special Council meeting was convened to consider three items.

- a) Filling of EXCO seat for the African National Congress.
- b) Filling of EXCO seat for the Democratic Alliance.
- c) Filling of vacant position for KwaDukuza Mayor.
- d) Filling of vacant position for KwaDukuza Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Muzikayise Ngidi was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Municipality on behalf of the African National Congress, replacing the late Councillor Thulani Ntuli who passed on last year. Councillor Privi Makhan was elected to serve on the Executive Committee on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, replacing former Councillor Tammy Colley who joined the legislature after the May 29 General Elections.

For the position of the Mayor, Councillor Ngidi (ANC) received 47 votes against Councillor Makhan (DA) who was voted by 10 Councillors. In the contest for the position of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sicelinjabulo Cele (ANC) received 47 votes, with Councillor Makhan getting 09 votes. There was 01 abstention.

Addressing Council after his election, the newly elected Mayor urged parties to focus on the task that lies ahead. He said “We have to turn the tide. It can be done. Only if we fix our sights on the task at hand. It is important and probably unavoidable, that if we want to be equal to the task, as we should, we need to pause and reflect on our performance record. We need to identify the challenges that face us and set time-bound, measurable and realizable objectives.”

“We need to transcend our political differences. When we reach the end of the term, we should be able to look back with pride and point at the things we achieved, working together to change the lives of the people of KwaDukuza for the better.

Together, we carry on our shoulders the hopes and aspirations of the people of KwaDukuza. We dare not fail them”, concluded His Worship the Mayor, as he implored parties to work in unity and cooperation.

Deputy Mayor Cele reiterated the call for unity and cooperation as he stressed the fact that “the task at hand calls upon all of us, from our diverse political backgrounds, to be united in our resolve to tackle the multiple challenges. Our political identities will not diminish as a result of fostering cooperation. Instead, our prestige can be raised as we seek to use the strengths that each one of us brings to the table, to address the concerns of our people.”

The Municipality now has a full complement of its Council, EXCO and office bearers.

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