

Gone, but not forgotten

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THE recent passing of renowned businesswoman Margreth Aloyse Shayo was a painful loss for the community of Kokstad. She left behind her legacies of innovation and community upliftment.

She passed on after a short illness in the South Coast area.

At the funeral service last Saturday, January 31, in Kokstad, speakers described her as a trailblazer who acted as a pillar for social and economic development. Others said she was a leader of hope to many young and upcoming business people. She owned a number of properties for business purposes, especially accommodation.

Greater Kokstad Municipality mayor Lwanda Madikizela said Shayo's sudden death was a huge blow to the community. "We have worked together with Shayo for a very long time and with a number of departments that have been utilising her facilities, as she was one of the most remarkable and outstanding business people," stated Madikizela, adding that despite being a businesswoman, Shayo gave guidance and support to upcoming businesses without fearing that they would grow and become her competition.

Madikizela further said that Shayo was a woman who had love for the people,

especially those who were striving for a better life.

"It was for this reason that we regarded her as one of our patriotic women who wanted to see people grow," Madikizela added as he conveyed condolences to the family.

A ceremony to celebrate Shayo's life and legacy will be held in Tanzania where she comes from. Her ashes will be scattered in Arusha and then proceed to Singida, home of the Mbulu tribe.

The Shayo family conveyed words of gratitude to members of the community that gave them support during this difficult time.



Margreth Aloyse Shayo recently succumbed to a short illness. /Andile Moshoeshoe



Mourners gather in memory of Margreth Aloyse Shayo. /Andile Moshoeshoe

Scammers target households

REPORTER

JOHANNES Phumani Phungula Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal has issued a stern warning to members of the public about an individual who identifies himself as Bongani Mashaba, falsely claiming to be an official from the municipality.

The individual approaches households in and around Ixopo and tells people that their properties are scheduled for immediate service disconnection due to outstanding municipal account arrears.

He puts pressure on victims to make on-the-spot cash payments, with amounts reportedly as high as R7 000.

The municipality has clarified that it does not conduct door-to-door cash collections and does not even demand immediate payments from locals.

Communities were urged not to make any payments to individuals claiming to represent the municipality. The municipality said residents must verify all account-related matters through official municipal offices or utilise authorised channels.

The municipality further advised residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to SAPS and the municipality.



A Better Place for All

NOTICE FOR COMMENTS ON THE MUNICIPAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR THE DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI ZUMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF) for the Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Local Municipality (Dr. NDZLM) is available for public comment and input. The public notice is in line with the provisions of Section 20 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013), read in conjunction with the Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Local Municipality Planning and Land Use Management By-Law and Section 28(3) of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000).

The MSDF document can be electronically accessed from the municipal website at www.ndz.gov.za or can be requested via email from Mr. S. Gwala to the email address gwalas@ndz.gov.za. A hard copy of the MSDF report is also available for review at the offices of the Department of Town Planning Services, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Local Municipality, Main Street, Creighton, 3263 and 32 Arbuckle Street, Himeville, 3526 from 06 February 2026 to 08 April 2026 during offices hours (08h00 to 16h30) Mondays to Fridays.

Comments can be submitted in writing to Mr. S. Gwala (039 833 1038) at Department of Town Planning Services at the addresses mentioned above or directed via email to the email of the contact person indicated above. The inputs received will be assessed and incorporated into the Final Spatial Development Framework Report for approval by the Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Local Municipal Council.

ISAZISO NGOHLAKA LOKUTHUTHUKISWA KWENDAWO KAMASIPALA WASE-DR. NKOSAZANA DLAMINI ZUMA

Isaziso somphakathi ngohlaka lokuthuthukiswa kwendawo kamasipala (Municipal Spatial Development Framework – MSDF) oluqhubekayo (Draft) olwenziwa masipala wase Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma (Dr. NDZLM) seluyatholakala ukuze umphakathi uphawule futhi unikeze imibono yawo. Lesi saziso sikahulumeni sikhishwa ngokuhambisana nezinhlinzeko zeSigaba 20 soMthetho Wokuhlelwa Kwendawo Nokuphathwa Kokusetshenziswa Komhlaba, 2013 (SPLUMA 16 ka-2013), sifundwa kanye noMthetho ka Masipala (Planning and Land Use Management By-Law) Wokuhlelwa Nokusetshenziswa Komhlaba woMasipala wase Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, kanye neSigaba 28(3) soMthetho Wezinhlalo Zomasipala, 2000 (MSA 32 ka-2000).

Umbhalo we-MSDF uyatholakala kuwebhusayithi kamasipala ethi www.ndz.gov.za, noma ucelwe nge-imeyili ku Mnu. S. Gwala ekhelini le-imeyili elithi gwalas@ndz.gov.za. Umqingo (hard copy) yombiko we-MSDF nawo uyatholakala ukuze ibuyekezwe emahhovisi oMnyango Wezinsizakalo Zokuhlelwa Kwamadolobha (Department of Town Planning Services) woMasipala wase Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Main Street, Creighton, 3263, kanye no-32 Arbuckle Street, Himeville, 3526, kusukela mhla zingama-06 kuNhlolanja 2026 kuya mhla zingama-8 kuMbaso 2026, ngezikhathi zokusebenza (08h00 kuya ku-16h30), kusukela ngoMsombuluko kuya kuLwesihlanu.

Imibono noma iziphakamiso zingathunyelwa ngokubhala ku Mnu. S. Gwala (039 833 1038) eMnyangweni Wezinsizakalo Zokuhlelwa Kwamadolobha emakhelini ashiwo ngenhla, noma zithunyelwe nge-imeyili ekhelini le-imeyili lomuntu oxhumana naye elishiwo ngenhla. Imibono etholakele izohlolwa bese ifakwa ku Mbiko Wokugcina WoHlaka Lokuthuthukiswa Kwendawo (Final Spatial Development Framework Report) ukuze wamukelwe nguMkhandlu woMasipala wase Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Local Municipality.

MR. N.C. VEZI
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER KOKSTAD BUSINESS FORUM

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with its constitutional mandate to advance socio-economic development, the Greater Kokstad Municipality is facilitating the establishment of the Greater Kokstad Business Forum to:

- Create a formal and all-inclusive platform to enhance Government and Private Sector engagements (the intention is for the Forum to be the umbrella body through which sub-fora (e.g. Associations / Forums in different economic sectors) communicate with the Municipality.
- Raise awareness of the needs of local businesses and the factors affecting local economic growth and prosperity; and
- Provide a focus for discussion and joint working on issues of mutual relevance including unemployment, promotion of and strengthening of small business development, investment, industry expansion and retention, etc.

Membership of the Greater Kokstad Business Forum shall be open to any person or enterprise involved in legal economic activities within the Greater Kokstad Municipal jurisdiction. Municipal Councillors and delegated officials of the Municipality will hold seats as ex-officio members with non-voting rights.

An invitation is extended to all interested persons / enterprises to attend the establishment of the Business Forum scheduled for **THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 09:00 AT THE SUPPER ROOM.**

Please note: No walk-ins will be permitted. All interested parties are required to RSVP in advance to Vuyokazi.Ndzimande@kokstad.gov.za / Kaneesha.deKock@kokstad.gov.za and submit the full name and surname of the company owner or authorized representative, as well as the CK document and CSD registration. Only one representative per organization will be permitted to enter.

Proposed deliberations at the establishment:

1. Purpose of the Greater Kokstad Business Forum
2. Consideration of Draft Constitution
3. Process to be undertaken prior to hosting of Annual General Meeting (activities include registration of members, public participation on draft Constitution, identification of existing Associations / Fora, etc.)
4. Proposed incorporation of existing / proposed sub-fora as functional sub-structures of the Business Forum
5. Election for the Executive Committee representing different sectors.

The Municipality will preside over proceedings until the election of a chairperson.

NB: Please bring the following documents for entry – CSD (must not be older than 3 months) / Informal traders permit, Certified Id/ Driver's License. Registrations will start from 08:00 to 09:00. Only businesses within the Greater Kokstad Jurisdiction will be permitted to participate.

Enquiries herein are to be directed to the Manager: Local Economic Development (Mthokozisi Zulu on 039 797 6748 / 072 549 6275 or mthokozisi.zulu@kokstad.gov.za)

MR S R ZWANE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER
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