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KZN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND KWANGOMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY PUT HANDS ON DECK TO ACCELERATE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport together with KwaNongoma Local Municipality have committed to working together to accelerate service delivery, in particular, the delivery of transport infrastructure.

Today, Monday 07 August 2023, the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Siphso Hlomuka, led a team of departmental officials to engage with the municipality in a bid to identify areas of possible partnership.

The municipal delegation was led by the Mayor, Cllr. Mshangane Ndabandaba and the local Speaker, Cllr Babongile Sithole. They shared challenges facing the municipality and also pledged to work with the provincial and national government in promoting service delivery.

The Department of Transport introduced a team of fleet and personnel that is deployed to assist in improving local roads under the three various traditional councils in the area.

Cllr Ndabandaba, said with the budget of R39 billion from the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), they are unable to cover all the wards in the local municipality.

"We welcome the involvement and partnership with the Provincial Government. This marks a new era for the people of KwaNongoma and it is a start of more good things to come. This leadership of the municipality is obsessed with service delivery not cheap politicking. We invite all Government Departments to fast-track the implementation of projects in the area," said Ndabandaba.

The team deployed by the Department of Transport will be working in the area for a month and will rehabilitate roads such as D1857, D1858 and D1858 located in Mthwadhana area in KwaNongoma.

MEC Hlomuka said, his government is exploring a number of innovations to support struggling municipalities such as Nongoma. He said working with the new leadership, key projects will be prioritized.

"We are going to identify critical areas of interventions. Ours is to assist the municipality to fulfil its constitutional and political mandate to deliver services to the people. The Department of Transport has started, and we commit to reviving road infrastructure in Nongoma. The team we are introducing today will do local roads; but we will also be looking at critical capital projects," said Hlomuka.



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Hlomuka said government at a provincial level has agreed that all Departments will improve their service delivery roll-out in Nongoma. This will also culminate into the Premier-led Operation Sukuma Sakhe, which is a provincial government integrated service delivery programme. Equally, national departments have committed to accelerating services to assist the municipality.

Hlomuka also expressed concerns with the level of political intolerance and political killings in the area, saying more work will be done forcing on fight crime and fighting political violence.

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