

The MEC of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Ms.
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Mayors
Deputy Mayors
Municipal Managers, Directors
Officials
Members of the Media
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies & Gentlemen

It is indeed a great privilege to address you on the occasion of this first council meeting.

Today, I am deeply honoured and humbled that I have been sworn in as the mayor for Okhahlamba Local Municipality.

To the current members of Council, congratulations. I look forward to working with you for the people of Okhahlamba.

To the former members of council, thank you for your service, and all the best for your new endeavors. To the outgoing leadership, thank you for your leadership, and for being here today.

We must recognise this fact: To move Okhahlamba forward will require all of us pulling together. That means building and strengthening relationships with all our stakeholders, particularly with the public.

It also means strengthening relationships across political boundary lines . The principles that I bring with me into the mayor's office are grounded in faith, family values and a fundamental passion for serving the community of Okhahlamba with the overall ambition of transforming the area and people's lives .

Through this administration, we must give the hopeless reason to hope again, particularly the children . Each child is important to us because they are our future . We must care for our elderly and cultivate a culture of entrepreneurship to curb the high rates of unemployment . We must do so with love and vigour and with a spirit of friendship and family where we embody the essence of Ubuntu .

I look forward to working progressively with this new council and the municipal administration . I am certain that together, we will all move forward to make a difference in the lives of the people we're elected to serve .

To the ANC, I would like to simply say Thank You . You have placed your trust in me, and I value that trust . I am honored – deeply honored – to be selected as mayor .

God bless us all! Thank you very much .