



AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

FRANCES BAARD REGION

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THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS IN THE FRANCES BAARD REGION IMPLORES THE SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS LEVELLED AGAINST THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER.

Amid recent developments pertaining to allegations of maladministration, improper conduct, and possible corruption brought to Sol Plaatje Council by Freedom Front Plus (FF+) and initially supported by the Democratic Alliance against Municipal Manager, Mr Thapelo Matlala, the African National Congress in the Frances Baard region implores Sol Plaatje Municipality and its political representatives to expedite the disciplinary process and shift focus to service delivery for communities.

This bold and transparent move highlights the ANC's commitment to zero tolerance on corruption, emphasising accountability and the need for thorough investigations into allegations purported.

The reaffirmation of the Municipal Manager's suspension taken during yesterday's special Council sitting isn't inconsistent with the previous resolution, which approved his immediate suspension, pending an independent investigation into the allegations and arbitration matter. The motion cited the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, and Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA, 56 of 2003, empowering Council to discipline the Municipal Manager. This should not be perceived as a political witch-hunt exercise.

Over and above, the ANC further appreciates that Council unanimously decided to appoint a neutral law firm to ensure a fair and transparent process. Therefore, all parties should allow the process to continue unhindered and let the law take its course.

On hindsight, the African National Congress notes with concern the opposition parties' tactical withdrawal on this matter. Their double standards and political twerking, pushing to sweep allegations under the carpet without investigation, is not surprising. This is evident in their reckless statements and shifting goalposts. They must be reminded that this is not a twerking contest, but about service delivery to the people!

The ANC in Frances Baard region reiterates its call for local stakeholders and community members to collaborate with the leadership of the municipality to drive effectiveness and achieve service delivery goals. Undoubtedly, uniting party lines, key sectors, and communities is imperative to drive change and improve service delivery in Sol Plaatje municipality.

We appeal to members of the public to allow the municipality to continue with its mandate of rendering services. The provocations we learned about are not in the interests of smooth service delivery. We urge for any acts of intimidation be reported to law enforcement without fear or favour!

Furthermore, the African National Congress congratulate the leadership of the municipality for the sterling work done over the festive period and urge its administration to accelerate service delivery to communities.

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The ANC in Frances Baard region reaffirms its commitment to renewal, unity, and serving communities as it marks #ANC114th Anniversary, aiming to strengthen community bonds and advance unity, renewal and service to the people.

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