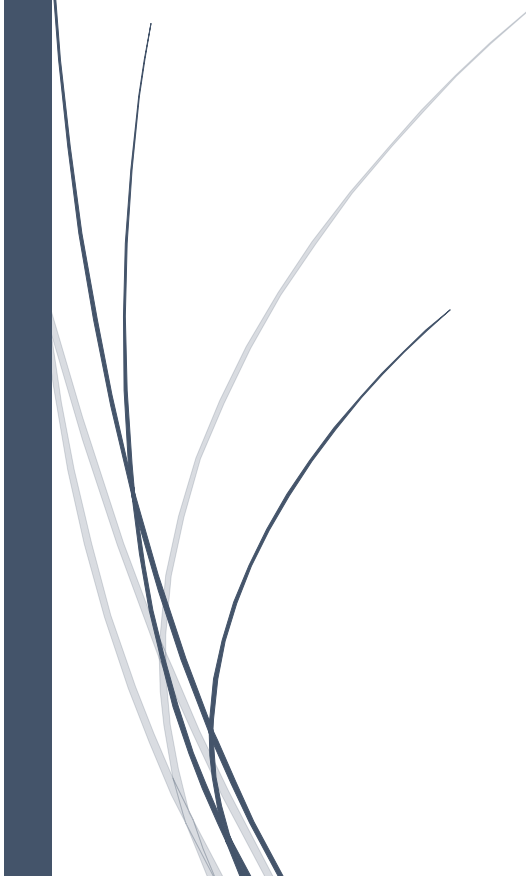


Congratulatory remarks by Her Worship Mayor of Musina, Cllr Mihloti Muhlope during the Beitbridge Municipal Status celebration at Rainbow Hotel, Beitbridge, on Thursday 10 May 2018



Thank you Programme Director

Her Worship Mayor of Beitbridge Municipality Cllr Showa Moyo

Deputy Mayor Cllr Gift Nyoni

All councillors who have joined us here tonight

The District Administrator, Mrs Kelibone Ndou-Mbedzi

Beitbridge Municipality Town Clerk, Mr Loud Ramakgapola

Representatives from the Urban Council Association of Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwe Local Government Association

All invited guests

And everyone present here this evening

Receive warm greetings from the people of South Africa, particularly your loving and special neighbours from Musina Municipality.

It is indeed a great honour for Musina Municipality to be part of this historic celebration. Let me start my short remarks by familiarizing you with the vision statement of Musina Municipality. It reads: ***“To be the vibrant, viable and sustainable gateway city to the rest of Africa.”***

The elevation of Beitbridge Town Council into a municipality status fits well into our vision. It is important to be surrounded by institutions that share the same vision with us so that we can together move the dreams of a sustainable African local government forward. The current developments also serve as a catalyst to strengthen the twinning agreement that we signed with the Beitbridge Rural District Council in October 2004.

As Musina Municipality, we welcome you to the world of the municipality status because you deserve it. Indeed, success is delivered only to the deserving! Actually, achievement is a great feeling which surely multiplies our happiness.

As a proud Christian, I can testify without fear that your elevation to the municipality status is the power and plans of God at work.

This can easily be confirmed by the book of Jeremiah Chapter 29, Verse 11 which reads as follows: ***“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*** I close quote.

Finally, let me remind you that the best way to predict your future is to create it. It is clear that you have created a great one. On behalf of all the people of Musina, we congratulate you on your achievement and wish you the best as you continue serve the people with love, dedication and respect.

Congratulations once more!

Thank you