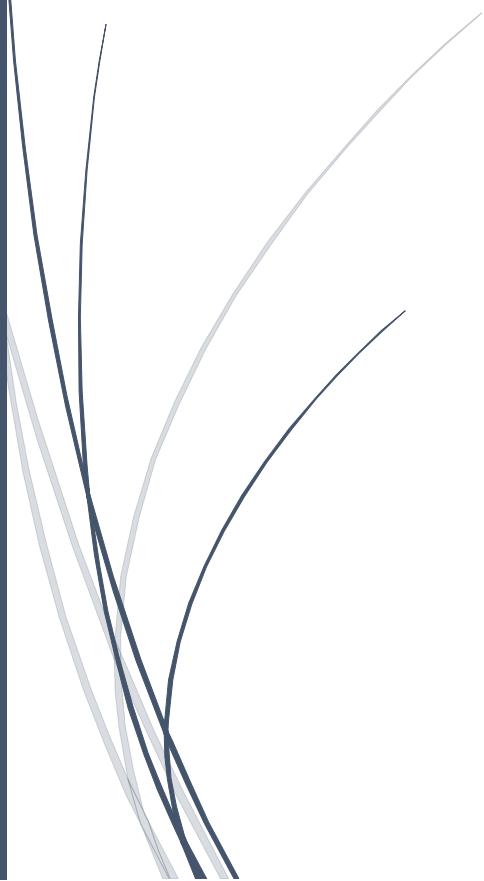


Message of support by Her Worship Mayor of Musina, Cllr Mihloti Muhlope during the launch of Musina-Johannesburg passenger train service on Sunday 04 March 2018



Thank you programme director

Warm greetings to PRASA delegation, fellow councillors and all invited guests.

Today's launch fits well into our municipality's vision of being the gateway city to the rest of Africa.

Imagine any major city without a public transport network! That city will automatically come to a halt.

We can now all agree that one of the characteristics of a successful city is the availability of affordable, reliable and safe public transport network.

The benefits and importance of reinstating this passenger service after it was withdrawn in 2014 will impact everyone, even those who may never board this train because of the following reasons:

It will help foster a sense of unity. This is because people travelling together are more likely to feel a community connection than those travelling in isolation.

We strongly believe that this passenger rail service will help to reduce injuries and fatalities caused by car accidents while at the same time providing accessible transport regardless of people's demographics such as income or age.

On the other hand, the use of this long distance train will reduce air pollution and road congestion because it will reduce the number of cars in our roads.

As Musina Municipality, we whole-heartedly welcome and pledge our full support to the launch of this passenger train service.

Thank you