



**GREATER TZANEEN MUNICIPALITY**

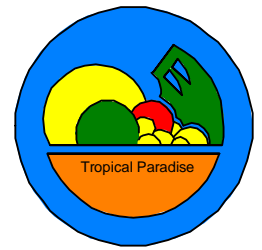
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

The Council of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality has resolved to appoint Ms. Norah Lion as the Acting Municipal Manager during a special council sitting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2014. Norah's appointment comes after the labour court gave an order rendering the appointment of Obby Mkhombo as the Acting Municipality null and void as well as the appointment of Mgama Mathye, who was appointed Acting Director for Planning and Economic Development.

Council took a decision not to contest the court interdict in a bid to avoid a prolonged legal battle which council view as unnecessary and a waste of tax payer's money. The interdict which was obtained by labour union SAMWU was granted on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2014.

Contrary to media reports and rumours Council did not violate or disregard the court order. GTM respects the court as the custodian of the rule of law.

Ms. Norah Lion is the current Chief Financial Officer of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, a position of which she was appointed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2012. Norah Lion's appointment as Acting Municipal Manager is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and will not exceed three (3) months, which is in line with the Municipal Systems Act as amended.

Norah Lion has obtained the following qualifications:

- Secretarial and Commercial diploma (St Anthony's College - 1992)
- Bachelor of Accountancy Science (UNISA – 2001)
- Honours B Compt (UNISA)
- Masters of Commerce (University of North West – 2007)
- Masters of Business Administration (UNISA – 2012)

Norah Lion has extensive experience in both government and the private sector having worked in the following institutions:

- Senior Administration officer (UNISA – 1995- 2001)
- Trainee Accountant (Price Waterhouse Coopers - 2002 – 2003)
- Trainee Accountant (Vhashumi Consultant – Seconded by Unisa- 2003-2004)
- Financial and Administrative Manager ( UNISA - 2003- 2007)
- Manager (Gauteng Treasury/SASSA – 2007-2008)
- Senior Manager Financial Accounting( National Treasury- 2008 – 2010)
- Financial Executive Manager (Gautrain Management Agency – 2010 – 2012)

She is working towards becoming a Chartered Accountant.

Norah Lion is a member of the following professional bodies:

- South African Institution of Tax Practitioner (SAIT)
- South African Institution of Professional Accountants (SAIPA)
- Institution of Financial Officers (IMFO)

Council wishes Ms Norah Lion and her team of Directors all the best in running the affairs of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

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