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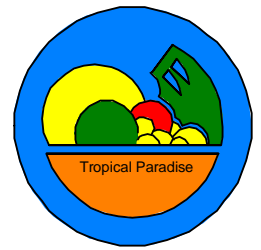
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Dismissal of Masiye Elias Mankabidi as the Municipal Manager of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality

In an ordinary sitting of Council held on Friday, the 30th of January 2015, Council took a resolution to dismiss Mr. Masiye Elias Mankabidi as the Municipal Manager of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. This was as a result of a guilty verdict of the disciplinary committee and recommendation that Mr Masiye Mankabidi be dismissed from the employ of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

Mankabidi was suspended through a council resolution taken during a special sitting of Council held on the 4th of April 2014. Council subsequently commissioned an investigation into the charges levelled against Mankabidi and a disciplinary hearing soon followed. Mankabidi's suspension was in relation to his handling of three road upgrade projects, the Sasekani-Nkowankowa road, Senakwe-Morapalala road and Thapane-Morutji road.

Council will commission a forensic audit/investigation into activities of the municipality particularly project management unit/Civil Engineering. It has also taken a resolution to review the performance management system, undertake a skill audit on key personnel as well as strict enforcement of discipline of key personnel in order to enhance trust and service delivery.

Meanwhile Norah Lion will continue in her capacity as Acting Municipal Manager until the end of the month (February). She was appointed Acting Municipal Manager from the 1st of December 2014 in line with the Municipal Systems Amendment Act (7 of 2011).

Mr. Mankabidi has since been informed of his dismissal in writing.

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