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MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MOURNS THE PASSING OF ANOTHER COUNCILLOR

Matatiele Local Municipality has been hit by yet another blow. This, after losing a council member, Cllr. Mokhameleli Elias Motloli. He succumbed to death on Thursday, 12 November 2020 after a short illness.

Cllr. Motloli was elected a Ward 11 Councillor in 2016, following the Local Government Elections. He was deployed to chair the Public Participation Committee and served the people of Matatiele with diligence and commitment.

Describing this sad loss, the Mayor of Matatiele Local Municipality, Cllr. Momelezi Mbedla expressed a high level of shock. "It's hardly two months after we laid Cllr. Setenane to rest. Having to once again announce to the people of Matatiele that we have lost yet another dedicated member of council is extremely difficult and heartbreaking. What a leader we had in him. A true communist, who literally lived to pursue transformation to the core," said Mayor Mbedla.

During the time of his passing, he was a member of the executive committee in the South African Communist Party (SACP) at Alfred Nzo Region. In 2014, he was elected the Secretary of Matatiele Sub-District. He was also an ordained Evangelist of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA). Cllr. Motloli has been described by many as a voice of sanity during difficult times. "When tempers flared, he would demonstrate extra ordinary serenity that keeps council intact and focused. We once more send our deepest condolences to the Motloli family, his friends and comrades," Mbedla concluded.

His memorial service will be held on Friday, 20 November 2020 at Matatiele Town Hall. However, due to COVID-19 regulations, a limited number will be accommodated.

The Municipality is urging communities to continue to wash/sanitise hands regularly, practice social distance and wear a mask always.

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