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Attention: The Mayor / Speaker / Municipal Manager
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Request for Investigation of alleged breach of the Code of Conduct for Councillors by the Ward 7 Councillor, Cllr Tshali.

The Councillors of the Democratic Alliance in Great Kei Municipality would hereby like to call for an urgent and thorough investigations into the alleged breach of the Code of Conduct for Councillors by the Ward 7 Councillor, Cllr Tshali.

The alleged incident / criminal act: It is alleged that Cllr Tshali, Ward 7 Councillor, Komga, Great Kei Municipality intentionally threw acid onto a Great Kei Municipal Employee causing injury and harm to the employee. It is my understanding that this took place after hours and not on Municipal Premises however this action cannot be ignored or tolerated.

This alleged action constitutes as a criminal offense of Assault with a Deadly Weapon (acid) and Attempted Murder. The Ethics committee is mandated and has the power to investigate and make a finding on any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct for Councillors and has the power to make appropriate recommendations to Council in accordance with Item 14 of the Code of Conduct of Councillors.

The Ethics committee are required to investigate and make a finding on any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct and make appropriate recommendations to the council in terms of item 14 (2) of the Code, if the council or a special committee finds that a councillor has breached the Code the Council may:

- Request the MEC for local government in the Province to suspend the Councillor for a period pending the outcome of the investigation.
- Request the MEC to remove the Councillor from office.

The Great Kei Council, community, staff and residents cannot allow criminal and dangerous behaviour by a Councillor who is mandated to protect and assist our communities. This is not only a breach of criminal law but also negatively affects the faith and trust the community has placed in us as Councillors and must be thoroughly investigated. We as a Council and Municipality must ensure justice is served.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Jacobs, Councillor Kiriakis and Councillor Webber.
Great Kei Democratic Alliance Councillors