



Democratic Alliance – Msunduzi Municipality Caucus

Date: 7 November 2025

To:

The Hon. Mayor – Msunduzi Municipality

The Speaker – Msunduzi Municipality

The City Manager – Msunduzi Municipality

The MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) – KwaZulu-Natal

RE: DEMAND FOR THE IMMEDIATE RESCISSION OF THE IRREGULAR APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MUNICIPAL MANAGER: COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Msunduzi hereby issues a formal demand for the **immediate rescission** of the irregular and unlawful appointment of the Deputy Municipal Manager (DMM) for Community Services.

This appointment was effected **without the approval of the Full Council**, in direct contravention of the ***Municipal Systems Act*** and the ***Municipal Regulations on the Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers (2014)***. Furthermore, the ***Municipal Manager's conduct*** in this process constitutes a **serious breach** of administrative and ethical obligations under the ***Code of Conduct for Municipal Staff Members***.

Accordingly, the DA gives the **Mayor, the Speaker, and the City Manager until Monday, 10 November 2025**, to rectify this unlawful decision and rescind the appointment in question.

Should this not be done by the stipulated deadline, the DA will proceed with **formal legal intervention** through review proceedings and other appropriate measures to ensure compliance with legislation and accountability of those responsible.

The **Mayor and his Troika** have repeatedly failed to uphold the rule of law and the principles of good governance. The DA therefore calls for their **immediate removal**. Similarly, the **City Manager** must face the necessary disciplinary and legal consequences for his unlawful actions.

The DA also notes with deep concern the conduct of the **MEC for COGTA**, who has **acted beyond his authority** and interfered in the affairs of Msunduzi Municipality. The MEC's actions constitute a clear overreach and must be addressed through the proper constitutional and legal channels.

The DA will **not stand idly by while Msunduzi collapses** under the weight of corruption, nepotism, and administrative abuse. We remain committed to defending **transparency, accountability, and ethical leadership** within the municipality.

Yours faithfully,

Ross Strachan

DA Caucus Leader – Msunduzi Municipality