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As we conclude the fourth quarter of the 2024/2025 financial year, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on the strides we have made as a municipality in advancing good governance, public participation, and community development. This edition of the newsletter highlights several key milestones and collaborative efforts that have shaped this quarter.

On the 15th of April 2025, we proudly launched the Arrive Alive Campaign at Kei Bridge, in partnership with the Eastern Cape Department of Transport and our dedicated traffic officers. This initiative served to promote road safety, especially ahead of the winter season and school holidays, with an emphasis on saving lives and ensuring responsible road usage.

The municipality also hosted a successful Policy Review Workshop from the 18th to the 20th of June 2025 at Olivewood Conference Centre in Chintsa. This engagement was instrumental in strengthening our institutional frameworks and aligning our policies with evolving legislative and developmental demands. We appreciate the robust contributions from councillors, officials, and stakeholders who participated in this important process.

In our preparations for the upcoming 2026 Local Government Elections, Ward Delimitation Public Hearings were conducted on 8 May 2025, providing communities with the opportunity to participate in the review of ward boundaries and ensure fair representation.

Our commitment to social housing support was reaffirmed through the registration of Military Veterans for housing subsidies, held on the 27th and 30th of June 2025 at Khwenxurha and Qumrha, respectively. This initiative reflects our dedication to honouring those who served our country by addressing their housing needs in collaboration with relevant national departments.

The municipality conducted IDP and PMS Roadshows throughout May 2025, engaging communities across all wards to ensure that our planning and performance systems remain responsive to the priorities of our residents.

We also facilitated meaningful dialogue through public consultations between the Department of Land Affairs, Great Kei Municipality, and the Sotho community of Ward 5, regarding a proposed development to accommodate former farm dwellers from Carolina Farm. These engagements are part of our broader efforts to promote inclusive land reform and sustainable settlement planning.



Mayors Foreword

Intergovernmental coordination remains a cornerstone of our development agenda. The 4th Quarter IGR Forum, held on 17 June 2025, brought together sector departments to evaluate progress, resolve service delivery bottlenecks, and reaffirm cooperative governance.

Council has remained functional and consistent in its oversight role, having held ordinary meetings on 30 April, end of May, and end of June 2025 to deliberate on key reports and ensure legislative compliance.

Lastly, the municipality spearheaded a comprehensive Initiation Season Awareness Campaign on 13 June 2025 across all wards. This important programme aimed to educate families, young initiates, and traditional leaders on health and safety protocols, cultural preservation, and the rights of initiates during this sacred rite of passage.

As we close this quarter, I extend my gratitude to all councillors, municipal officials, sector departments, and community members who continue to contribute to the progress and stability of our municipality. Let us move forward with unity, service excellence, and an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents of Great Kei.

Together, we are building a municipality that works for its people.



ARRIVE ALIVE CAMPAIGN: EASTER SEASON LAUNCH

On Tuesday 15 April The Hon Mayor of GKM Cllr NW Tekile launched the Easter season Arrive Alive Campaign at the Kei Bridge.

The Easter period is notorious for road fatalities as people travel for the Easter break, hence the need for awareness campaigns such as this.

Stakeholders who worked with Great Kei Traffic Services to make the launch a success are:

Provincial Traffic

SAPS

ADM Fire Department

Provincial Public Safety

RTIA

Uncedo Traffic Services (Qumrha)

Komnga Public school

Department of Transport

The campaign had the following successes:

- SAPS stopped 108 Vehicles
- SAPS searched 308 passengers – No offenses
- Traffic Services stopped 121 vehicles and issued fines worth R16200.00





The Arrive Alive Campaign had the following sponsors:

- Komga
- Shell Ultra N2 Kei Bridge
- Salim Grocery Shop
- Mrs. Teresa Randal

This campaign also led to another campaign which started on 17 April with a focus on the Jurisdiction of the Great Kei Local Municipality with the following activities :

- Unlicensed Drivers
- Unlicensed Motor Vehicles
- Unroadworthy Motor Vehicles
- Drunk Driving
- Public Transport
- Vehicle impounding

The Easter Arrive Alive Campaign ended on 21 April 2025

As we approach the Easter Season, motorists were urged to be alert on the roads, to rest when tired and to Refrain from consuming alcohol while driving.





POLICY WORKSHOP

The Political and Administrative Leadership of GKM convened at Olivewood Conference centre on 18 - 20 June 2025 where they reviewed the Insititional Policies



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Military Veterans Registration

On 30 June 2025 The Hon Chief Whip of GKM Cllr Z Nzuzo was at Kwenxurha Resource centre, where the Dept Of Human Settlements is currently busy with the Registration of Military Veterans (Housing Beneficiary List) for the Kwenxurha veterans. The same programme was conducted on Friday 27 June 2025 at Qumrha.



IDP/PMS Budget Roadshows

On 13 and 14 May 2025, Acting Mayor of GKM, Hon Cllr Z Patuluko led a team consisting of the Political and Administrative leadership of GKM to Ward 1, 4 and 5 (where the IDP/PMS Budget Roadshows were held).

This session is used to table the Final Audited Annual Report for 2023/2024 as well as the Oversight Report.

Cllr Twani of Ward 4 and Cllr Pakamile of Ward 1 were both present.

This is also an opportunity for the community to submit their needs for the 2025/2026 IDP.



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Introduction of Contractor

On 23 June 2025 Hon Cllr Z Patuluko of ward 5 met with the community of Gxarha where he introduced the Contractor and Consultant which have been appointed to work on the roads which were damaged by floods earlier this year.

The total Amount allocated for the 3 roads including Ncerha and Mjenta is R4.8Million.

The Project Duration is estimated to be 6 months, the community was advised that the project can be finished earlier.

The community was also advised that this project was not funded by the municipality but through disaster relief funds.

Remuneration will be as follows:

☛ Project Steering Committee (PSC) - They Volunteer their services to keep the Constructiok team accountable - however they will be paid R350 per meeting.

☛ Labourers- R200 per day.

15 x labourers will be employed with a 60(M)/ 40(F) spread because of the nature of work.

☛ 1 x Community Liason Office (CLO)- R5000 per month- Requirement is a Matric Certificate. An advert will be issued.

☛ Security Personnel - R250 per day

2x security personnel



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Initiation Season

Initiation Season Bush Visits are continuing across Great Kei. on 25 June 2025 our team also delivered water.

Right 2 Care donated 32 boxes of 5lt water bottles.

On 13 June Ward 5 Cllr, Hon Z Patuluko accompanied the Great Kei Initiation Forum as they held an Initiation Awareness Campaign for the Community of Cwili. This follows an intensive programme wherein they visited schools to address and educate prospective winter season initiates.

Community engagement is very important as families of initiates all have a role to play in ensuring that the entire process from medical screening to the day of “umgidi” is without challenges.

The winter initiation season officially opens on 14 June 2024 and we all would like to ensure that as our young boys take this sacred journey into manhood #BayaBephila #babuyebeiphila

#mabayebephila
#babuyebeiphila




GREAT KEI INITIATION FORUM

COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Winter Initiation Season officially opens on 14 June 2025. The Great Kei Initiation Forum will be holding community awareness campaigns as follows:

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	VENUE
13/06/2025	Community Awareness	10H00	Icwili Community Hall
18/06/2025	Community Awareness	10H00	Palana Community Hall
		12H00	Ngingqolo Community Hall
19/06/2025	Community Awareness	10H00	Lusasa Community Hall
		12H00	Nyarha Community Hall
20/06/2025	Community Awareness	10H00	Great Hall
		12H00	Draalbosch Community Hall

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Public Consultation

On 15 May 2025 the Acting Mayor of GKM Hon Cllr Z Patuluko chaired a Public Consultation Meeting Between the Department Land Affairs, Abantu Development Services and the community of Sotho.

The Meeting was on the proposed development of the Carolina Farm. Constitutionally, the Department is obligated to engage the community on any development in their area of residence and this session was about that.

The Project will remove people who were previously displaced into a newly developed area. The following is planned for the new development:

- *Housing Plots- 5Hectares
- *Cemetery
- *Access Road (5.7KM)
- *Recreational Facility
- *Community Agricultural plot



QUARTERLY IGR

The Quarterly Intergovernmental Relations Forum was held at the Council Chamber on 17 June . The Forum was Chaired by Hon Mayor Cllr NW Tekile.



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Council Meeting

On 30 April 2025 the Hon Speaker of GKM Cllr N Mgema presided over a special Council Meeting which was held at Qumrha Town Hall.

Acting Mayor Hon Cllr Z Patuluko tabled the Quarterly Compliance Reports.





Projects Update Meeting

On Tuesday 27 May the Council of GKM, met with officials from ADM in order for ADM team to present current projects being implemented across the 7 wards of GKM.

The ADM Team was led by Portfolio Head Cllr Geza. GKM Amathole Rep Councillor, Hon Cllr Pakamile explained that the meeting had been held at his request, as it was important that GKM take stock of what's happening in their space in order for the m to be able to share information with communities- both current and upcoming. Sometimes some community protests are staged due to insufficient communication, so it's important to keep communities abreast of developments.

The following are the projects which are currently being implemented.

☛ Kei Bridge -Komga Water Treatments

Progress is at 32% and contractor is onsite doing additional work due to an objection that arose causing a delay.

☛ Completion of Great Kei Sanitation Backlog

Appointed contractors have completed work

51 New households identified for the VIP toilets

☛ Morgan's Bay Gxarha sanitation

Consultant has been appointed

The ADM is to Apply for Funding for direct and indirect cost for contractor from the Dept of Water and Sanitation by the end of the financial year.

☛ Kei Mouth Water pipe replacement replace ageing infrastructure-

Is at Procurement stage -

it's a 3 staged project.

Phase 1 and 2 have been approved

Phase 3 is environmental issues.

☛ Chintsa Waste Bulk services Upgrade1 wastewater infrastructure - consultant busy with Feasibility Study

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☛ Chintsa Dam Refurbishment construction commenced April 2024 however it has stalled due to the storm that took place in January 2025 which collapsed the walls, washed away gabions and eroded the access road.

☛ Refurbishments of GKM water retaining - contractor has been appointed

☛ Non Revenue water loss control project

Service Provider is on Site and most of the work scheduled for this financial year has been completed

☛ Drilling and testing of boreholes (Ward 2)

Work scope includes : Hydrocensus, testing of existing boreholes and drilling of new ones where necessary.

Progress to date is that the Hydrocensus report has been done and a report has been submitted.

Councillors from GKM engaged the presentation and raised their concerns on certain issues.



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Ward Delimitation Consultations

On 8 May 2025 Hon Speaker of GKM Cllr N Mgema chaired a public participation engagement session where the Municipal Demarcation Boards Ms A Ntamo presented the Draft Maps following the last engagement which was held in April 2025.



WARD DELIMITATION PUBLIC HEARING

The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) will be in Great Kei Municipality for the Ward Delimitation Public Hearings, where they will present the draft Ward delimitation, following the last public hearings.

Communities and all interested stakeholders are invited to attend the meeting as follows:

8 MAY 2025
10H00
NOMALADY RULULU COMMUNITY HALL

COUNCIL SPEAKER CLLR N MGEMA

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Project updates

Haga-haga Update

The Haga-Haga concrete paving is in progress.



Zone 10 internal streets

Zone 10 internal streets are currently at 80% of construction progress.



Kwenxurha Access Road

Kwenxurha/Ngxingxolo access road and pipe installation is underway.



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