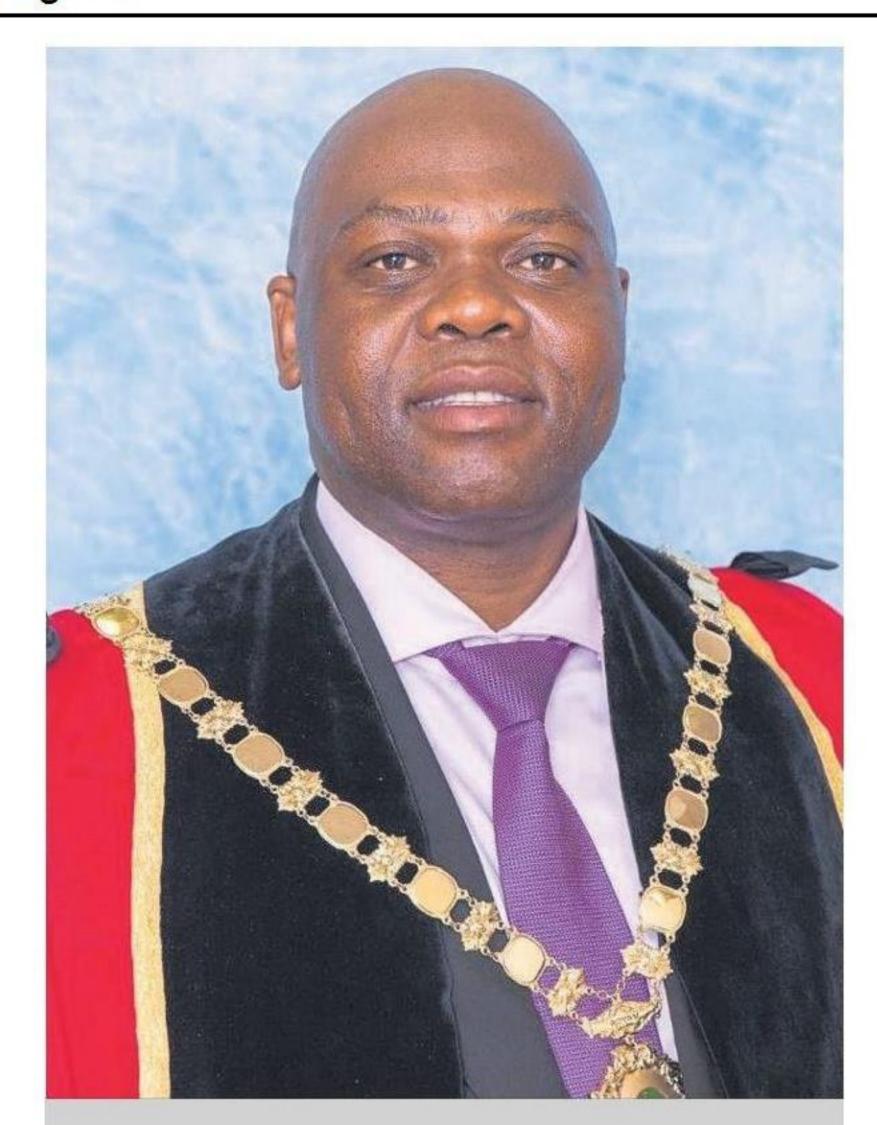
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COUNCILLOR THABANI DUBE, MAYOR UMDONI MUNICIPALITY

SERVICE-DELIVERY confidence was instilled in the Dududu community when the municipality officially opened the Dududu Satellite Offices aimed at creating an enabling environment for this community to participate actively in the affairs of the municipality on Monday.

The offices have been closed since the amalgamation of the erstwhile Vulamehlo and Umdoni municipalities in 2016, and their reopening follows after the municipality identified a gap of limited access to the municipality by the Dududu community and surrounding areas, thus reviving them to bring services closer to the people.

We are proud to announce that these offices will operate on a full-time basis from Monday to Friday from 7.30 am to 4 pm

And the community will have access to services which include housing, road maintenance, waste management, Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP), traffic, fire and disaster, Local Economic Develop-

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ment (LED), special programmes and customer care services.

As a government that continues to find ways to improve services to the community, it was a necessity that we bring services closer to the people, as most of the rural communities are affected by the triple challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

Our people should not be subjected to further poverty by spending the little that they have to reach us as a municipality.

It is for this reason we saw fit to extend our services to the rural community so we are easily reached and can respond swiftly to the communities' needs.

Our municipality will also be fulfilling its commitment made to this community during the IDP and Budget Road Shows of delivering community development projects, which include the Kwalembe Sports Field in Ward 1, the Pat Cele Community Hall in Ward 2,Nkampula Road in Ward 3,Mbungulu Community Hall in Ward 6 and the regravelling of Gumede Bhodla Road in Ward 19.

We will continue to promote active citizenry by continuously working together with amakhosi to develop their areas and the opening of this satellite office was one of many ways of responding to the call by the traditional leadership to be a more inclusive government that takes care of the previously disadvantaged communities.

For all service delivery news and updates, follow our Facebook page: Umdoni Municipality News or contact our customer care services at 039 974 9500 or 087 286 5329 for any other service queries.

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Umdoni Mayor T.W. Dube and Inkosi J.M. Mqadi at the official opening of the Dududu Satellite Offices on Monday.