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Biography Municipal Manager Willie Fouche

The Steve Tshwete Municipality bids a sad farewell to Municipal Manager Willie Fouche who retires after 23 years' service with the municipality.

Born in Pretoria on 07 May 1948, he was educated at Hoërskool Riebeeck in Randfontein before going on the University of Pretoria where he obtained a BA degree, majoring in law and political science.

Mr. Fouche's municipal career commenced in 1969 and included stints in various positions at Randburg, Secunda, Benoni and Phalaborwa municipalities. He started working at Middelburg Municipality as Town Clerk in October 1991 and continued as CEO during the transition period until January 2001 when the first contract period as Municipal Manager of STLM commenced. Mr. Fouche's contract was renewed several times but now comes to an end on 31 January 2015.

Mr. Fouche has been married for 36 years to Hanlie, a social worker and they have two daughters and a son who have since graduated from university. His motto is happy family life, "My family and I enjoy camping very much. I think if we had the time, we could easily be professional campers." He also says that in life, humour is the best medicine.

During his 23 years at STLM Mr Fouche says that the way he was accepted by all the communities will never be forgotten. "It was an honour for me to serve in this special municipality. Similarly the work ethic that prevailed within our workforce made it easy for me to mainly ride along and just provide some guidance here and there."

Mr Fouche says that STLM is a champion municipality in all respects, from the residents who pay their accounts diligently, to the service orientated administration and finally to the dedicated political leadership. "One can only believe that you will go from strength to strength in the years to come and I wish the municipality all the very best for the future."

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Yours sincerely



MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Facts about the legacy of excellence through the leadership of outgoing Municipal Manager, Willie Fouche

Steve Tshwete Local municipality bid farewell to our dear Municipal Manager, Mr Willie Diederick Fouche, who is retiring from the services of Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

We will miss that ever- smiling- face greeting us every morning. We will miss his counsel and advice.

His leadership style has seen this municipality being rated as the third best municipality in the country, a performance audit over the past decade. A summary of accolades received by this municipality during under his leadership;

- Vuna Awards since 2003, and being Provincial Champions four times; first runner-up in the National competition, the National Projects Consolidate Champion and the National KPA Financial Viability Award.
- From 2002 to 2008 unqualified audit opinions were received. Since the advent of clean audit status in 2008, the municipality has in each of the subsequent years succeeded in obtaining clean audits
- Cleanest and Greenest Town Awards since 2002
- Blue Drop Awards from National Government, the most Blue Drop Awards in the Province as its drinking water is of the highest quality.
- The municipality has a fourteen year history of excellent service and clean governance. This approach to service delivery has seen a 100% payment rate by residents. This payment rate has enabled STLM to render services of the highest quality and provide free services to more than 15 000 indigent households.

- STLM can proudly say that it has transformed rapidly into a community friendly municipality. This is due to successful racial integration into former white areas, as people from Mhluzi moved into town and low and lower middle income developments were started in Extension 24, Rockdale and Hlalamnandi to bring people close to work and job opportunities.
- Business is expanding in STLM, which is home to the largest Stainless Steel factory in the country, many Coal Mines and Three Eskom Power Stations. These industries have attracted many other subsidiary industries relating to the mining sector, with business also booming in the transport and retail sectors. The Municipality enjoys a healthy relationship with business and industry that has seen successful combined community projects.

Though we will be missing his physical presence in the office from next week, he will still be beaming inspiration to all the staff and councillors.