



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING ON HUMAN REMAINS
FOUND AT KINROSS EXT 30**

PROJECT	KINROSS EXT 30 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: RELOCATION OF HUMAN REMAINS FROM KINROSS EXT 30
CLIENT	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (MPUMALANGA)
AGENDA	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 36 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT
DATE	10 JANUARY 2019
TIME	0900 HRS
VENUE	KINROSS EXT 30 OFFICES

1. ATTENDANCE

	NAME	ORGANISATION
1	T B Tshabalala	SAPS
2	S E Tsotetsi	SAPS
3	G C Elius	SAPS
4	B C Motsuwa	CMM (HS)
5	F M Masemola	Govan Mbeki Local Municipality
6	L L Matshaya	Tiger Business
7	P S Masuku	Tiger Business
8	E R Nkabinde	Govan Mbeki Local Municipality
9	Dingaan	Govan Mbeki Local Municipality
10	O N Sithole	Abaziyo Consulting Engineers
11	Victoria Nyambi	KAUF
12	Zandile Kibi	KAUF
13	Daniel Khoza	KAUF
14	Vusi	KAUF
15	Nomvula Mhlanga	Archaeological & Heritage Services
16	Edward Matenga	Archaeological & Heritage Services

2. PROCEEDINGS

	ITEM	ACTION
1	<p>WELCOME REMARKS / PURPOSE OF MEETING</p> <p>Eng. Sithole welcomed the attendants and outlined the purpose of the meeting as the start of public participation necessary before the disposal of the human remains found at the site.</p>	
2	<p>SELF-INTRODUCTIONS</p>	
3	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Sten Mzobe on vacation Councillor or Ward 17</p>	
4	<p>TREATMENT OF ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERIES OF GRAVES /HUMAN REMAINS IN TERMS OF SECTION 36 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT. SAHRA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RELOCATION OF HUMAN REMAINS OLDER THAN 60 YEARS</p> <p>Dr Matenga explained the procedures for the disposal of unidentified human remains as laid out in Section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (No 25/ 1999) and SAHRA regulations gazetted in year 2000. Importantly the public, in particular local communities had to be informed about the discoveries as an attempt to identify the remains. In addition to meetings announcements via public media such as locally circulating newspapers and/or radio would ensure wider circulation and penetration of the message. The heritage authority will require a formal letter from the SAPS in the area confirming that they had handled the case and they had no objections to the proposed relocation of the remains. In the circumstance in which no one had been identified as the next of kin the Local Municipality and Ward Councillors would also write to the Heritage Authority confirming the same.</p> <p>Dr Matenga said the onus was on the Ward Councillors and any other local civic bodies with interest on the matter to advise the public in their areas of jurisdiction or operation. Mr Matshaya who has considerable experience working with the local communities emphasised the point that this was the beginning of the public participation and the role of the local leadership was crucial. The public participation process would run from 30 days effective from the date of the publication of a public notice in a local newspaper.</p>	
5	<p>RESPONSES</p> <p>One of the issues of concern was the possibility that a claim affiliation by kinship to the deceased is after the remains had been disposed (reburied). Dr Matenga said that any such retrospective claims would go through a rigorous screening process using transparent scientific methods. If the claim would be validated then</p>	

	<p>the documentation will be revised and all the relevant authorities including SAPS and SAHRA advised accordingly.</p> <p>Members of KAUF arrived after the meeting had started. They complained that they were not being informed about the matter. They wanted the bones to be returned. Mr Matshaya reminded the KAUF members that they had been invited to the meeting. This meeting marked the start of the public participation. There was no intention whatsoever to exclude anyone from the process. Dr Matenga assured them that the bones had been taken to the university of Pretoria for safe storage as required in terms of SAHRA regulations.</p>	
7	<p>CONCLUSIONS</p> <p>The meeting resolved that it was important that all interested and affected parties worked together in mutual cooperation.</p> <p>The meeting ended and 11 30 hrs.</p>	