Executive Mayor: Eleanore Bouw-Spies

Meet Greater Knysna’s new Council

The final official results of the most recent Local Government Elections, from the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), gave the DA 10 out of the 21 available seats in Council. The ANC received 7, Cope and the ACDP and the Knysna Unity Congress received one and the last remaining seat went to Independent Councillor, Velile Waxa.

Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies is the executive and political leader, as well as the social and ceremonial head, of the Knysna Municipality. She is the Ward 5 Councillor for the Democratic Alliance (DA).

She was born and raised in Knysna, attending the Rheenendal Primary School and later the Knysna Secondary School before attaining a BA Degree and a Higher Diploma in Education from the University of the Western Cape. Eleanore has more than 16 years of political experience. She started her career as a public representative on the Knysna Council in 2000. She quickly moved up the ranks and became a member of the mayoral committee, moving to become deputy mayor and eventually the Executive Mayor of Knysna from 2007 – 2011.

During 2011, she retired from politics for three years, during which time she served as a Hospice Board Director and Honorary Consultant. She busied herself with numerous community projects over the years, many of which focused on sports development and education.

Following the sad death of the Ward 5 Councillor, Magda Williams, Eleanore was approached and asked to consider standing as the DA Ward 5 candidate during the ensuing bi-election. She won the elections and re-entered the political arena serving as the Ward 5 Councillor. As this ward’s councillor, she concentrated on alleviating the many problems that her community faced as a result of extreme poverty, drug and alcohol abuse and inadequate services.

While serving as the Ward 5 councillor she was also appointed as Speaker of the Council.

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* Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom

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