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New Knysna Acting Municipal Manager appointed

During the Knysna Council meeting of 6 December, it was agreed that Johnny Douglas will act as Knysna Acting Municipal Manager from 3 January, 2017.

This appointment, done in accordance with municipal legislation, will take effect on 3 January 2017.

During a special Council Meeting held on August 30, the Knysna Council resolved to suspend Easton pending disciplinary proceedings against him. Carl Mattheus was appointed as interim Municipal Manager until such time as Provincial Local Government MEC, Anton Bredell found a suitable candidate. Douglas was suggested as this candidate.

Douglas is no stranger to Knysna local government. Under his management Knysna was rated as one of the top Municipalities in the Western Cape.

According to the 2010 Municipal Productive Index (MPI), Knysna Municipality, under Douglas' watchful eye, was rated as the third top municipality in the Western Cape. His administration further received several Blue and Green drop water accreditations.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies said that she is looking forward to Douglas taking over the reins in January. "Although Mr. Douglas and I did not always see eye-to-eye while I was in office, there is absolutely no doubt that he runs a tight ship. We will be welcoming him into our fold and hope to see several improvements while he is at the helm."

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