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New Council elected to lead Knysna into its next chapter

Acting Municipal Manager, Dr Richard Martin, has congratulated the newly elected councillors who will serve on the Knysna Municipal Council following the Local Government Elections held on 4 November 2026.

“Nine political parties will be represented in the new Council, five of which are new additions,” said Martin. “This is three more political parties than were represented in the previous Council. A total of 23 political parties contested the elections in the greater Knysna municipal area, reflecting the diversity of political choice presented to voters. This election marks the beginning of an important new chapter for local government in Knysna.

“The people of greater Knysna have made their choice, and we congratulate all those who have been elected to represent their communities. With the election behind us, the focus now shifts to the responsibility of serving our residents and delivering on the mandates and commitments made during the election campaign.

“We also extend our appreciation to all political parties, candidates, election officials, Independent Electoral Commission staff members and, most importantly, the voters who participated in the process. The peaceful and democratic way the elections were conducted is something we can all take pride in,” he continued.

Martin said the municipal administration looked forward to working constructively with the newly elected representatives in the interest of the municipality and its communities. “There is much work ahead of us. The challenges and expectations facing local government require a shared commitment, constructive engagement and a clear focus on improving the lives of our residents. The administration remains committed to supporting Council in carrying out its responsibilities and ensuring that municipal services and programmes continue without interruption or interference.

“We look forward to building a professional and productive working relationship with the new Council, founded on mutual respect, accountability, ethical leadership and integrity, with a shared commitment to the principles of good governance and serving the people of greater Knysna,” Martin concluded.

Preparations are also well underway for the inaugural meeting of the new Council, scheduled for 12 November 2026 subject to the official declaration by the IEC. The necessary administrative and logistical arrangements are in place to ensure that the meeting proceeds as planned and that the newly elected councillors may formally assume their responsibilities.

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