

**CONRATULATORY MESSAGE BY THE EXECUTIVE  
MAYOR OF WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

**2019 WDM LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

**04 DECEMBER 2019**

**10H00**

**COUNCIL FOYER**

**Programme Director,**

**Municipal Manager, Mr Maluleka**

**Managers and Divisional Managers,**

**Pastor Mguni,**

**The Staff of the Waterberg District Municipality,**

**Our Special guests, the recipients of the awards,**

**Distinguished Guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**Good morning: Thobela**

It gives me great pleasure to present the Long Service Awards to 16 deserving officials of our municipality

This ceremony serves to celebrate and honour long serving officials for loyalty, commitment, dedication and their significant contribution to our vision of a socially inclusive, creative, active and connected Waterberg District Municipality

To the awardees, what each one of you has done is nothing less than a mark of passion, dedication and perseverance. The municipality sincerely appreciates your commitment and endurance.

It has been a long journey full of both challenges and opportunities. Though difficult to explain, I know how you stayed for long hours working hard and creating a conducive work environment; all for the good of the municipality

Thank you so much for your time and contributions to develop this institution and transform it into what it is today. The company will never forget what a wonderful job each one of you did and continue to do.

Programme Director, it is a good thing to recognize and honour people for their good work and achievements when they are still alive to motivate them, hence this Award Ceremony today.

To those receiving awards this morning, you are this institution and I hope you have realized that over these 5 – 20 years of community service, you have made a meaningful difference in the lives of others and you can be rest assured that you have helped another become successful against all odds and trying circumstances. For that, I am profusely grateful to you.

I wish to extend congratulations to all on reaching this important service milestone with the institution. Your loyalty, professionalism and commitment to the success of Waterberg District Municipality did not go unnoticed.

Again, thank you for your hard work and much dedication and look forward to your ongoing contributions and a bright and successful future with the municipality. To the retirees, may your former hurried pace be replaced with leisure, long visits with family and pleasure in life's small joys!

Sir Richard Branson once said, **“While many people talk about profits and productivity as the necessary ingredients, I believe that a business’s long term success is built on staff who love working there and customers who love the company’s products or services”**.

He also advises that, **“Train people well enough so they can leave, yet, treat them well enough so they don't want to”**.

The success of our department and the long service of all those receiving awards tonight are testament to these words.

Let me finally take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May this festive season sparkle and shine, may all of your wishes and dreams come true, and may you feel this happiness in 2019. God bless you all.

I thank you.