

## PUBLIC APOLOGY

This constitute a public apology for the disturbing picture seen a few weeks back regarding our Mayor, Cllr Moses Maluleke's visit to Kurhuleni to donate food parcels as part of the municipality's commitment to assist those affected by the Covid-19 Lockdown. I am disappointed by the act and the fact that my conduct which was an honest mistake was unattractive not only in the eyes of the public but also within the corridors of the Collins Chabane Local Municipality which I am committed to serve with integrity and diligence.

I unreservedly apologize because I understand the impact of my actions to my people especially during a time such as this one when the world is battling Covid-19 which is threatening our livelihoods.

On that particular post of the picture concerned I mistakenly uploaded a wrong picture, creating an unfortunate perception that the Municipality doesn't see the pandemic with the seriousness it deserves. Soon thereafter I was made aware of the error which, had already been seen and shared widely. I immediately assumed that I am hacked since I never recall how it happened and few minutes later I realized that I have uploaded a wrong picture.

My actions left me discombobulated, crestfallen and pained. My mistaken conduct which is unfortunately reprehensible led to a disciplinary hearing at which in consultation with my union (SAMWU) leaders, I decided to plead guilty to demonstrate my contrition and remorse.

Above all, I again apologize for the mishap.

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