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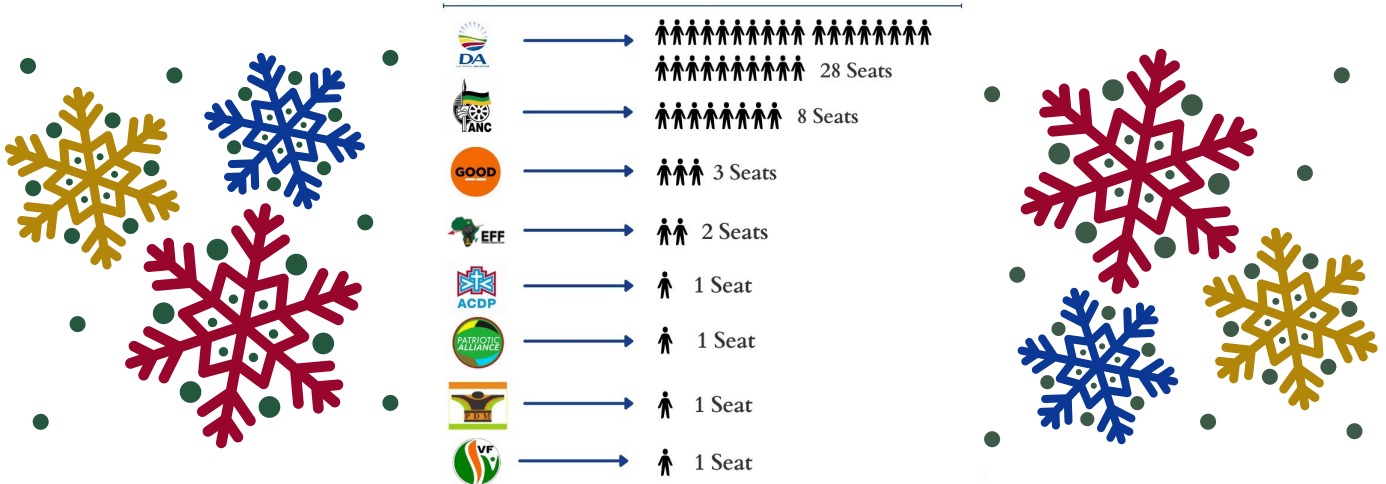
FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

This year has truly flown by in the blink of an eye. The rush of everyday life, the ongoing battle with COVID-19 and a massively important Local Government Election has taken its toll and I believe everyone is relieved that the Festive Season is finally here! Wherever I go, people tell me the same thing – the last two years of coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns, remote working conditions, and virtual interactions has been a long and uphill battle. But it is a battle that we are overcoming, slowly but surely. Great progress has been made in the vaccine rollout by National and Provincial Government and vaccines are now readily available. I want to encourage you and your family to get the vaccine if you have not yet done so. So far, nearly 600 000 residents of the Cape Winelands District have received at least one dose of the vaccine. I was one of the first in the queue when it became available. The process was quick and easy. Please remember that the vaccine is free and our most effective weapon against severe illness, hospitalisation and death.



In October, we headed to the polls and elected a new Council. The Stellenbosch Council is now made up of 45 councillors, 23 ward and 22 proportional representative councillors, whose job it is to serve you and represent you. Details of all new councillors have been made available on our municipal website and can be found here: <https://stellenbosch.gov.za/council/>. This newsletter also includes the names and photos of all 45 councillors. I want to thank all residents who voted and encourage them to stay involved in the democratic process through the IDP process and new ward committees that will now be constituted. If you would like to become involved, please contact your councillor for more information.

Council Composition
2021-2026



I would like to appeal to motorists and pedestrians to take extra care on the roads. This is a very exhilarating time of the year for our towns, as we welcome local and international visitors to our well-favoured region. Please enjoy the many wonderful tourist attractions, cafes, wineries, restaurants, cultural and historic landmarks, and great outdoors to the fullest but do so responsibly. Do not drink and drive. Our Law Enforcement and Traffic Officers will be working throughout the festive season to ensure safer roads and public spaces for everyone. A zero-tolerance approach will be taken and if your vehicle is unroadworthy or a driver is over the legal alcohol limit, severe consequences will follow. Please have your car checked before embarking on long trips and take regular breaks. We all have a roll to play in keeping our roads safer.

A sincere word of thanks to all those men and women in uniform who will be working throughout the festive season. Your sacrifices do not go by unseen. As families come together to celebrate the Festive Season, I want to wish everyone celebrating a very blessed Christmas. It is season to show love, compassion, and forgiveness. May you find peace and enjoy this time with family and friends. Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year!

Until next year,

Mayor Gesie

