

MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF OUTGOING COUNCIL BY OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYOR, PENELOPE MARTIN-LOUW,

AT THE INAUGURATION OF NEW COUNCILLORS AND

OFFICE BEARS FOR 2020 -2024,

30 NOVEMBER 2020, 18:00

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WALVIS BAY

Magistrate Vicky Nicoladis

Fellow Councillors

Distinguished invited guests

Members of the media

Ladies and gentlemen

We have been privileged and humbled to be a part of our community and for serving the people of Walvis Bay for the past 5 years. Permit me to appreciate the outgoing Mayor and Council members. Our journey together may not always have been smooth, but one thing was certain, we always had the interest of our community at heart.

With new leadership upon us, we should count our blessings and cherish the wonderful town and country we have. Let us pray for a peaceful transition, guidance and wisdom to the newly elected Councillors and officer bearers.

Congratulations to the incoming Mayor and Councilors, who now have the daunting but exciting tasks of leading the Municipal Council of Walvis Bay. You have done well and congratulations are indeed in order. The president of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Dr. Hage G Geingob places firm emphasis on the need to build a strong Namibian House, a house where no one feels left out or excluded, hence we cannot feel anything else but hope and optimism for the future of our town and nation.

Thank you, Walvis Bay, for your support the last 5 years, it has been an honor for us to serve you.

For the new Councilors, I would like to say, the Bible is one of the greatest business books any leader could read. I would like to leave you with this scripture:

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. – Isaiah 41:10

With these words I would like to wish you all courage and perseverance to never stop doing good. All the best with your time in office and once again, congratulations.