

CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS

DEMISE OF THE GAUTENG TOWNSHIPS BOARD

AN END OF AN ERA



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The last official meeting of the Members of the Gauteng Townships Board was held in Newtown, Johannesburg on Tuesday, 31 October 2017. The last decisions/recommendations with regard to land development applications were concluded during the aforesaid meeting and it was confirmed that all of the matters before the Board had been concluded.

Certain of the matters concluded during the last meeting of the Board may result in later responses from participating parties and, as a consequence, may require a special sitting of the Board to deal with such matters (if relevant).

The Gauteng Townships Board was appointed in terms of the provisions of the Town Planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986 (Ordinance 15 of 1986) effective from 18 June 1987. Such Board had been preceded by similar bodies appointed in terms of the prior Ordinances, including the Town Planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965 (Ordinance 25 of 1965). The members of the Board serving this last term were:

Chairperson: Ms Mpho Hlahla
Deputy Chairperson: Mr Luntu Ngcwabe
Members:
Mrs Sallie Baikie
Mr Derick Coetzee
Mr Prince Dlodla
Mrs Riana du Plessis
Ms Ria van Rensburg
Mr Martin Lewis
Mr Bangiso Mhlabeni
Mr Les Oakenfull
Mr Denis Emmett
Mr Peter Dacomb

The Board was assisted by the administration associated with the Office of the Premier And, most notably, by Ms Helena Oosthuizen and her colleagues.

The Board's term of office has expired given the enactment of new legislation such as the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (SPLUMA) and the coming into effect of the various municipal by-laws on spatial planning and land use management matters. The era which has ended with the demise of the Gauteng Townships Board also brings to an end the hearing of appeals on land development applications by a body independent of the municipal authority in whose jurisdiction the affected property is situated.

The Association recognises the important and valuable role fulfilled by the Gauteng Townships Board and applauds the high standard of decision making and recommendations presented to the responsible Member of the Executive Committee at provincial government level.

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