

Curriculum Vitae

Alderman Ian Neilson Executive Deputy Mayor City of Cape Town

Ian Neilson holds a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from UCT. He spent 20 years as a Consulting Engineer primarily in the fields of water supply planning and design and flood studies.

His work on the design of the canal system at Century City received an award from the Association of Consulting Engineers.

He has been a City Councillor since 1996. He was a member of the Unicity Commission in 1999/2000 that prepared the way for the establishment of the metro. At the establishment of the City in 2000 he was appointed as the Executive Councillor for Safety and Health, and oversaw the establishment of a Municipal Police Service for the city. In the Health portfolio he oversaw the City's first Air Pollution Bylaw and the roll-out of the mother-to-child antiretroviral programme.

He was appointed as the Mayoral Committee member for Finance in 2006. The City received unqualified audits for the 10 years during which he oversaw this portfolio. Strong financial management during this period allowed the City to deliver a high level of services, despite the City's high population growth and to invest in R40 billion of infrastructure. During his tenure he also oversaw the development of the City's Immovable Property Asset Register, as well as significant progress on the management of the City's lease portfolio and the packaging of a number of strategic assets for market.

Ian was a Director of the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 2000 until 2002. Since 2006 he has held oversight responsibility for the CTICC.

He was also the chairperson of the City's 2010 World Cup Committee that oversaw the construction of the Cape Town Stadium.

He was elected as Executive Deputy Mayor in 2009, again in 2011 and was re-elected for a third term in 2016. He currently oversees the City's Project Portfolio Management system, Probity functions, Convenco and the Audit Committee.