

BLM CONCLUDES DRAFT IDP/BUDGET 2024/2025 PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

The Blouberg Local Municipality has on the 17th of April concluded the Draft Intergrated Development Plan - IDP/Budget 2024/2025 public consultation drive by meeting Cluster D residents - Wards; 13,15,16 and 17 and parts of Ward 18 at Makgato Community Hall, Ga-Makgato.

The municipality in terms of Municipal Systems Act is required to developed the Intergrated Development Plan which is subjected to public participation for the public to make inputs and comments as per legislation. Residents in all wards of the municipality were afforded the opportunity to make contributions regarding service delivery and development projects they would like to have in their area in the upcoming financial year commencing on July 1, 2024.

Presenting the proposed projects, the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga indicated that the council mandate is clear; to deliver sustainable services to communities. Mayor Thamaga started by presenting highlights on the status of ongoing projects. She further indicated that, the municipality was there to present its draft plan for the next financial year and to listen to the people's inputs and comments as contributions to the betterment of the municipality.

Mayor Thamaga expressed satisfaction with regards to completed projects and progress on projects currently underway such as the access roads construction , Internal streets and stormwater construction project, substation and electrification projects and others being carried out this financial year.

Issues raised by members of public include;

Water supply challenges.

Bad roads conditions especially in areas of Ward 16 and 17.

On the other hand residents of Alldays thanked the Mayor for tarring their internal streets.

Rendering vote of thanks, Council Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka expressed his gratitude to all stakeholders and members of the public for honoring the invites to the public consultations. He indicated that for the municipality to be considered running smoothly it requires the support of the public. He further indicated that throughout the consultations, issues like; water supply challenges and bad roads conditions featured prominently in all the clusters and that a report on water challenges will be sent the the Capricorn District Municipality for intervention and other issues raised outside the municipality's scope will be sent to the relevant departments.

The IDP/Budget technical committe is expected to meet on Friday, April 19 to consolidatate the inputs and comments received from various stakeholders.

The Draft IDP/Budget 2024/25 documents are available for download on the municipal website: www.blouberg.gov.za

Representations, inputs and comments can be addressed on or before 22 April 2024 to the Municipal Manager, P.O. Box 1593 Sebwarwana, 0790 or email to masamaj@blouberg.gov.za

