

## MAYOR ANNOUNCES R47 MILLION ADDITIONAL FUNDING |

### BLM 2023/24 MID YEAR IDP/BUDGET STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Blouberg Local Municipality mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga, has announced the additional funding allocated to the municipality following the implementation of the disaster road project. The mayor made the announcement during the municipal mid-year review session held on January 25.

The funds will be channeled to service delivery projects.

"We have implemented the disaster road project and got additional funding of R47 million. These funds will be used through projects at Senwabarwana, Alldays, and Ga Kgatla. "

The mayor indicated that projects are running smoothly and that new electrification projects for extensions have been launched in various areas.

"The tarring of Mochemi and Lethaleng to Pickum is underway. We have bought three graders. We have completed sod turning for all electrical projects at Buyswater, Swartz, Simpson, Mochemi, Mongalo, Sweethome, and Senwabarwana sub-station. We hope contractors will complete these projects so that we don't have rollovers"

Presenting the administrative overview, Municipal Manager, Mr Refilwe Ramothwala indicated that the review session was held to look at the municipality's past six months (Jul-Dec) performance both financially and in terms of targets that have been set.

"As we look at our performance, let us do that with preparation of mid-year adjustments and next audit in mind.

This meeting will consider previous review session resolutions, mid-year performance, a presentation on statistical information as per recent census and priorities, and draft IDP projects (phase 3 of the IDP/ budget process).

Quote on administration "If we have shortcomings, we are not afraid to have them pointed out and criticized because we serve the people. Anyone, no matter who, may point out our shortcomings".

The Mayor expressed her gratitude to the Council and employees for their hard work ensuring that people get services and welcomed newly appointed directors; Mr PF Mphateng (Director: Community Services) and Mr NR Mdaka (Director: Corporate Services).

"Ke rata go leboga maloko a khuduthamaga ya masepala, Makhanselara, Ward committees le bašomedi ba masepala ge ba kgonne go bona gore badudi ba rena ba hwetša ditirelo mo sehleng sa meketeko ya matswalo a morena le ngwaga wo moswa. Keep up the good work. We were elected and appointed to serve our communities. That is our contract with our communities. Let me take this opportunity to welcome Director Mphateng (Community Services) and Director Mdaka (Corporate Services). Welcome to the Blouberg family. Feel at home serve the municipality with pride. We hope we will complete the process of filling other positions before the end of the financial year. Assist us to rise again. Former President Nelson Mandela said: "Don't judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again" Toro ya rena ya go humana clean audit e sa phela. Let us live our dreams. "

The session on January 26, with resolutions to fastrack delivery of services and move Blouberg forward.



