

## MAYOR CONCLUDES MEET-AND-GREET SESSIONS WITH TRADITIONAL LEADERS

Today, Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga concluded her meet-and-greet sessions by meeting Kgoshigadi Matlala, Ga-Matlala and Kgoshi Moloto in Moletji.

The municipal Political Management Team (PMT) and the Executive Committee (EXCO) led by the Mayor, have been meeting local traditional leaders since last week. The Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka indicated that following local government elections last month, a new Blouberg Council for the term 2021-2026 was put in place and the new leadership thereof.

He indicated that the new leadership deemed it fit to officially introduce themselves to all municipal stakeholders to build good relations.

Mayor Thamaga thanked Kgoshigadi Matlala and Kgoshi Moloto for their crucial roles in local government elections by encouraging their communities to go all out to the polls and choose the candidates to represent them at the municipal level thus affording them the opportunity to govern the municipality.

"We are here, to thank you and your communities for putting us where we are today. Our appreciation to you, for encouraging your communities to go all out and cast their vote during last month's municipal elections.

We felt the need to be here today, to officially introduce ourselves to you before we can meet on other work-related meetings or events. The office of the Mayor, working collectively with the PMT and EXCO is ready to serve you and your subjects, we are here to work to better the lives of communities through services delivery as we are mandated. Our offices are open at all times".

Kgoshigadi Matlala and Kgoshi Moloto and their traditional councils Matlala welcomed the Blouberg Local Municipality leadership.

" We would like to congratulate you on your new portfolios and responsibilities. We are happy to have you here today, we have been working well with you. Let us continue to work together delivering services to the people, where we encounter challenges let us find amicable ways to resolve them for the sake of our communities and development. We are here for you, the Blouberg Local Municipality has our full support, let us continue meet and serve our people" said Kgoshigadi Matlala.

"We wish you well, we are proud to have produced a leader, a mayor from this area, shine daughter of the soil. The Blouberg Local Municipality has our full support, let us work together to develop our communities. I call on unity amongst yourselves, whenever you experience problems as a team, find ways to resolve them as a team without tarnishing each other's images out there. Leadership has its challenges, however if you can work together as a team you will win. Refrain from making promises to communities on things you cannot deliver. Whenever you experience challenges in our communities let's engage each other for solutions", said Kgoshi Moloto

The Mayor was joined by the Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka, Chief Whip, Cllr Johanna Rangata, Executive Committee (EXCO) members; Cllr Robert Makobela, Cllr Prince Motswabe and Cllr Martin Tlouamma.



