

## NEW GRADERS FOR BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Blouberg Local Municipality today, November 11, received three new graders to intensify road maintenance programme.

During briefing session ahead of the official hand over of new graders, the sod-turning ceremony for the new Senwabarwana Shopping Mall and the launch of the upgrading of Road 3278 ( From Blouberg Hospital to Buffelshoek Clinic), Mayor Thamaga indicated that during public meetings many a community members had complained about the poor state of the roads in the municipality. Mayor further indicated that she has been receiving calls on similar complaints from taxi associations and the general motorists requesting that the municipality and the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure continuously grade the roads while waiting for the tarring programme.

Upon receiving the graders, the Mayor indicated that the municipality in 2020/23 financial year budgeted for the three graders to add on the current fleet of old graders to intensify road maintenance programme.

Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, MEC Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale commended the municipality for the purchase of graders to address the current challenges on Blouberg roads. MEC Rakgoale further indicated that Blouberg residents are fortunate to have a leader of Mayor Thamaga's caliber who is always is out there in communities to experience their challenges first hand and be able to intervene.

Mayor Thamaga and MEC Rakgoale were joined by the Speaker of Council, Cllr Blanco Boloka, Municipal Manager Mr Refilwe, Ramothwala, traditional leaders and the Chairman of Rheinland Investments, Mr John Mphosi.