

## **BLM LEADERSHIP EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR SERITE SEKGOLANE FOR KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS THROUGH SPORT**

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga and his team; the Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka, Executive Committee (EXCO) members; Cllr Dan Mosen, Cllr Prince Motswabe, Cllr Martin Tlouamma and the Chairperson of Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), Cllr Lazarus Maifo yesterday joined sport fanatics in watching football games during Serite Cup 2021 tournament underway at Devrede Village, Ward 15.

Mayor Thamaga expressed her appreciation for Serite Cup founder, former BLM Mayor, Mr Serite Sekgoloane for continuing to play an active role in community building by organizing sporting activities taking young people off the streets away from alcohol, crime and other social ills.

"Sport makes a positive impact in society. The joy of sport, just like Nelson Mandela, while in prison he didn't let his mind be imprisoned, football kept him sane in prison. The sound of soccer carried him through in those dark days. Thank you Ntate Sekgoloane for this great initiative, sport keeps young people off the streets, these activities do not only get them active and healthy, it also teaches them discipline - not to commit crime and not to spend time consuming alcohol. The municipality is behind you, we will get people to assist you to carry this good course forward and a Happy Birthday to you. To Ntate Lebepe, thank you for organizing a Fun Walk, I am encouraging all of you to take part"

Mr Sekgoloane has been hosting tournaments mainly targeted at uplifting young people and inspiring those who are looking to build their careers in sport especially football.

Teams from and outside Blouberg have been battling it out for the Serite Cup 2021 championship title since December 15.

Mayor Thamaga further urged community members to get vaccinated for COVID-19 and continue adhering to COVID-19 public health protocols by wearing masks, washing hands/sanitise regularly and maintain social distancing to curb the spread of the virus.



