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**Councillor Maria Thamaga  
MAYOR**



**BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MAYOR  
CLLR MARIA THAMAGA HITS GROUND RUNNING  
DELIVERS MUCH NEEDED SERVICES**



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# Blouberg Municipality

### VISION

A participatory municipality that turns prevailing challenges into opportunities for growth and development through optimal utilization of available resources.

### MISSION

To ensure the delivery of quality services through community participation and the creation of an enabling environment for economic growth and job creation.

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COUNCILLOR MARIA NKHOLANE THAMAGA  
MAYOR

## INTRODUCING THE FIRST CITIZEN OF BLOUBERG:

The 2021 local government elections are done and dusted. The people have spoken through a ballot, thus putting in power leaders they deem equal to the task to represent their interest at the municipal level and enhance service delivery. It is now time work...hard, time to walk the talk and deliver services to communities. Local government is the sphere of government closest to the people. The Blouberg citizens have entrusted their elected leaders with power to accelerate the delivery of services to their respective communities and improve their livelihoods. Whoever is placed in the driving seat, has the responsibility to make sure that all citizens are provided with services to satisfy their basic needs.



# INTRODUCING THE FIRST CITIZEN OF BLOUBERG: COUNCILLOR MARIA NKHOLANE THAMAGA - MAYOR

Maria Nkholane Thamaga has been mandated by the majority African National Congress (ANC) to lead the charge of ascertaining that the individual and collective basic rights as enshrined in the constitution are fulfilled. Born and raised in Seshego township in the late 50's, Cllr Thamaga like all at that time, experienced the hardships reminiscent of the apartheid legacy. There were very limited opportunities at that time which led to many kids leaving the province to seek green pastures outside the province. Most families prevented their girl children from going to school and Cllr Thamaga's educational journey was not an easy one. Her educational journey started at Mponegele Lower Primary school followed by Kgobokang Higher Primary School and to Mohlakaneng for secondary schooling. The difficult situations back then prevented her from continuing with her studies, but, that did not deter her from getting to the level she has set for herself in terms of education. Her passion for education and community development led her to Senwarwana Adult Based Education and Training (ABET) where she continued with her studies.

She then proceeded to various institutions of learning where she enrolled for courses aligned to with her work and obtained certificates in Municipal Executive Leadership and Finance Management, Ethics Management in Local Government and Municipal Performance and Disaster Risk Management among others.

Maria Nkholane Thamaga - This name needs no introduction. Over the last two decades, this name became synonymous with service delivery and community development. Having served in the Council of Blouberg Local Municipality for over two decades, Cllr Maria Thamaga has experienced community hardships first hand. Her elections to take over the reigns of the mayorship of Blouberg fifth administration did not come as a surprise to many as her work speaks in volume.

Having served in Council for over two decades, Cllr Thamaga knows the municipality's hundred-and-thirty-seven(137) communities and their needs.

For 21 years, she has served in the Council, starting off as a Ward Councillor. Her hard work and passion to serve communities did not go unnoticed but saw her being elected the Council Speaker, a position she held for thirteen years; successfully presiding at meetings of the Council, passing resolu-

tions for the development of the municipality and the betterment of the lives of its people, performs the duties and exercises the powers delegated to the Speaker by the Council, ensuring that the Council meets at least quarterly and ensure compliance in the Council and council committees with the Code of Conduct for Councillors as set out in Schedule 1 of the Municipal Systems Act among other functions.

Cllr Maria Thamaga is a seasoned politician. She joined the ANC back in the day when it was not fashionable to do so.

## LEADERSHIP ROLES

From 2014 to date, Cllr Thamaga has been serving in the Peter Mokaba ANC Women's League as its Chairperson.

She is also serving as Member of the ANC Provincial Executive Committee (PEC)- 2018 to date. Serving as; Deputy Chairperson of the ANC Albert Luthuli Branch, Chairperson of the ANC Albert Luthuli Branch for three consecutive terms, branch additional member for five years, additional member of ANC Women's League in the region for six years, Secretary of ANC Women's League of Albert Luthuli Branch and also served as Agent for her party, the ANC in 1994 and 1999 general elections respectively.

Cllr Thamaga also played a huge role in the development of her own community, Gamochemi having served as the Secretary of Mochemi Traditional Council between 2007 and 2010 as well as chairperson for Feeding Scheme Committee at William Mochemi Primary School, Secretary of Region: Women In Partnership Against HIV/AIDS advocating for HIV/AIDS prevention. In 1996 she became part of the establishment committee of a community development project, Molemaphahlana Projects responsible for training women to sew utilizing sewing machines among other roles.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2000 - 2006 | Elected Ward 08 chairperson and councillor, serving in Economic Development and Planning Portfolio under Poverty and Alleviation Desk working in partnership with the Department of Agriculture to among others; assist communities particularly women to start their projects, establish their companies and co-operatives and assisting Blouberg farmers to secure funding to start vegetables gardens.

In 2006 Local Government Elections, she was elected Ward 14 Councillor and again heading the Poverty Alleviation Desk under Economic Development and Planning Portfolio. She was then elected as Chairperson of Co-operatives at a regional level for three years, Secretary of Co-operatives at District level, as well as Deputy Secretary for Co-operatives at District level.

2009 - 2011 | Elected Blouberg Local Municipality Council Speaker while also serving as Ward 14 Councillor.

2011 - 2016 | Elected Blouberg Local Municipality Council Speaker and Proportional Representative (PR) Councillor responsible for ward 04 and 05.

2016 -2021 | Served as Blouberg Local Municipality Council Speaker and Proportional Representative (PR)Councillor responsible for ward 01, 21 and 22.

Cllr Thamaga selflessly served and continues to serve Blouberg communities with hard work and dedication and has been a beacon of hope to the hopeless and the less fortunate.

In her acceptance speech, she pledged to build a better Blouberg Local Municipality working with the Council collective.

"We are humbled by our election as Councillors by our communities. We commit not to disappoint the citizens of Blouberg.

We will make this municipality better every day through actions big and small, every day should be a Mandela Day for our residents.

As a collective we commit to work together with our communities to build a better Blouberg Local Municipality.

We commit amongst to:

- Continue with service delivery and do it better
- Be honest and competent
- Deliver services promptly and consistently
- Rebuild safer and healthier communities
- Stimulate local economic development
- Be available to our communities
- Listen and have open channels of communication
- Remain accountable

We pledge to do all these things in partnership with our traditional leaders, Faith Based Organizations - FBOs, civic organisations, business Community.

Community Based Organisations - CBOs and Non-Governmental Organisations – NGOs".





**COUNCILLOR  
MUSHAISANE PHINEAS BOLOKA**

Mushaisane Phineas Boloka, affectionately known as Blanco in both political and social circles is a seasoned politician and community builder par excellence. Born and raised in the impoverished Ga Madibana village (Ward 09) of Blouberg Municipality, Boloka experienced poverty, impoverishment and deprivation first hand. That assisted in the shaping of his political pathway from his formative years. Like all his peers from those neck of the woods, life was not easy then given the scarcity educational (school) infrastructures compounded by distance and other socio economic factors. Only a fraction of his contemporaries managed to receive formal education.

However Comrade Blanco persisted, went through the local primary school, then headed to the adjacent Matswake Secondary School and on completion of his dues, he ultimately registered for a Teachers' Diploma at the then Bochum College of Education. It is precisely where the political bug bit him and he became actively involved in student politics under the banner of the South African Student Congress (SASCO). Upon completion of his studies and in search of employment prospects, Boloka then trekked to Gauteng

where he got his first gig as an educator at the MH Joosub Secondary School (Johannesburg) in the year 2000. Comrade Blanco quickly transitioned from student to labour union politics and was elected as local South African Democratic Union (SADTU)'s shop steward, a position he held until he left Gauteng in 2006. The desire to uplift his community saw Boloka leave behind the glitz and glamour of the Golden City as he relocated back to bowelakalana where he assumed a role as educator at the Masenwe Primary School. As fate would have it, he was once again unanimously elected shop steward for the selfsame union and retained the position until he left teaching for mainstream politics following the 2011 Local Government Elections. He then became Ward 09 councillor in the Blouberg Local Municipality under the auspices of the African National Congress. Due to his

political pedigree, Boloka became a District Representative in the Capricorn District Municipality (CDM) and subsequently became Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) responsible for Sports, Arts and Culture until 2016.

## INTRODUCING BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY'S SPEAKER:

His political resume and star continued to rise after the 2016 Local Government Elections as he became a direct Capricorn District Municipality representative. He then assumed a full time MMC position responsible for Finance Portfolio Committee which is no mean feat by any stretch of imagination. Intricacies around the sensitive subject of the public purse reside within the said Finance Portfolio Committee but Councillor Blanco proved his mettle and political astuteness by navigating the District Municipality's ship to consecutive Unqualified Audit Opinions. By virtue of his leading the District Municipality, it technically meant that he

also oversaw the financial performances of the four local municipalities (Blouberg, Molemole, Lepelle-Nkumpi and Polokwane) which also showed remarkable improvement under his tutelage.

Fast forward to November 2021 and following the much publicized and grueling local government elections held under the unforgiving Covid 19 conditions, Councillor Boloka was deployed back to where it all started – Blouberg Local Municipality -where he became Speaker of Council. In simpler terms he became Chairperson/Head of the legislative wing of council. Among a myriad of activities in the Office of the Speaker, the following reign supreme:

Duties of the Municipal Speaker include the following:

- Presides at meetings of the Council;
- Performs the duties and exercises the powers delegated to the speaker by the Council
- Must ensure that the council meets at least quarterly;
- Must maintain order during meetings;
- Must ensure compliance in the council and council committees with the Code of Conduct for Councillors as set out in Schedule 1 of the Municipal Systems Act ; and
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- Must ensure that council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Rules and Orders of the council. In addition to the statutory functions listed the Office of the Speaker is also responsible for the functions listed hereunder:
- Encouraging participation of communities and community organisations in the decision-making process of the municipality
- Developing mechanisms to ensure and monitor participation of communities in the decision-making process;
- Ensuring that communities and

community organizations are educated on their rights and responsibilities to participate and give input to the municipality's policy development processes as well as planning and budget processes.

Asked in the backdrop of his election as Speaker of Council how he perceived the current public participation model and how he contemplated other innovations Councillor Boloka said, "We have a very solid foundation which is revered countrywide. Our primary objective going

forward should be enhancing participatory democracy through civic education and re-suscitation of organs of people's power. That will undoubtedly ensure inclusiveness of our communities and other stakeholders in all governance processes including but not limited to the IDP and Budget, People must also know mechanism at their disposal for them to participate in government programmes eg Motions, Petitions and Deputations. People must know the difference between IDP consultative and Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC)'s Oversight Committee meetings just to cite a few. We need to ensure and sustain vibrancy hence the deliberate intent to undertake civic education." He concluded passionately.

Councillor Boloka's political profile include among others and besides having been a unionist; Secretary of the South African National Civic Organization (SANCO) Blouberg Sub Region from 2009 – 2015;

Secretary: Desmond Monyekgope Branch from 2007 – 2018; Deputy Secretary: ANC Blouberg Sub Region and is currently in his second tenure as Member of the Peter Mokaba Region having first been elected in 2018. The man is also no spring chicken in the education stakes and he has proven to have an insatiable appetite for books having amassed an array of qualifications to complement his initial education studies. He completed an assortment of qualifications ranging from Executive Leadership Management Development; Municipal Finance and Executive Management; Municipal Governance and Management Programmes; Human Resource Management; Project Management as well as Higher Certificate in Public Administration. Among reputable institutions he attended and attained the said qualifications are the University of Pretoria; University of Johannesburg; OR

School of Leadership and Regenesys. If the passion, grit and determination shown by Speaker Blanco Boloka are anything to go by, Blouberg Municipality is definitely on the path to proverbial heights.



# ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW



**MR REFILWE RAMOTHWALA  
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

Receive the 1st Edition of the Municipal newsletter for the first half of the year covering both 1st and 2nd quarters.

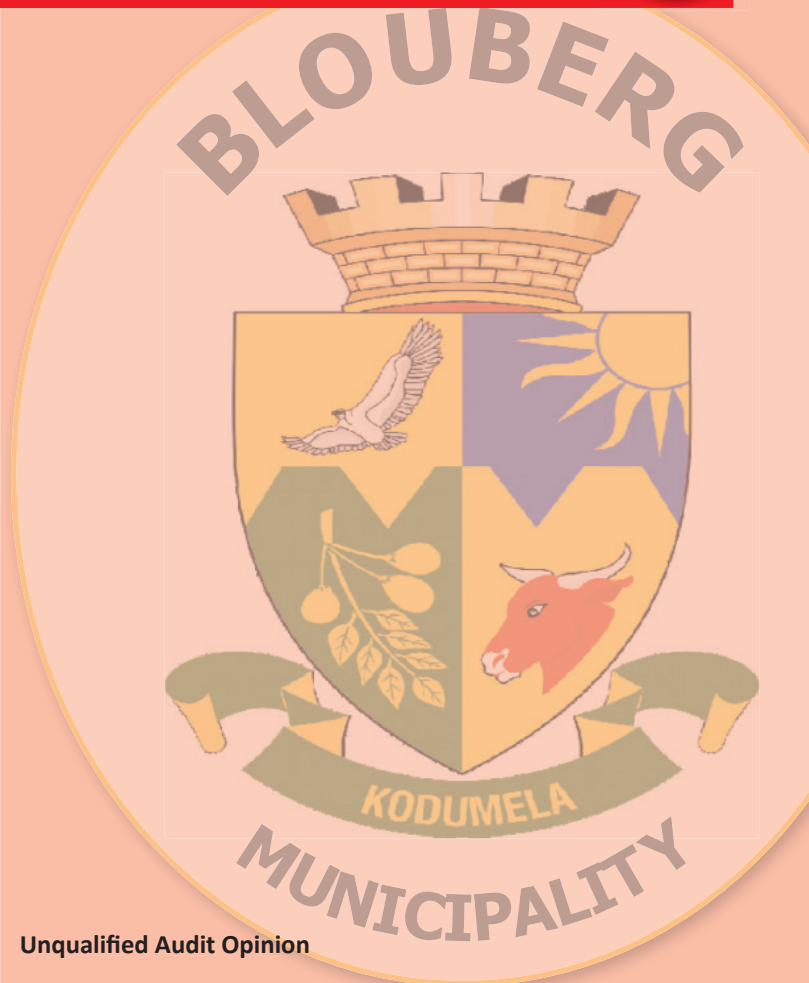
The year 2021 has been overwhelmed by both political and administrative challenges. Blouberg Municipality was also at work in order to give services to our communities. Our 2021/2022 1st and 2nd quarters were hard hit by the stringent regulations of COVID-19 which later was added by the emergent of a new virus called omicron.

Most of our calendar activities especially of physical and public participation were badly affected by this sessions and staff rotation were relevant way to mitigate the order of the day.

The administration was also duty bound to prepare for the change of political arm unshared by the result of the 1st November Municipal election. The baton has been ceremoniously handed over to the new political administration. A comprehensive handover report has been fed to the new stewardship for them to navigate correctly into their service delivery goal.

## **Institutional strength and opportunities.**

All hands are on deck. Most of our service delivery targets have been achieved. Even in administration there has been a change of Stewardship. Both Mr. Machaba MJ (Former Municipal Manager) and Ms Charity Mapholi (Former Director Economic Development and Planning) left the institution for greener pastures. We appreciate their contribution and congratulate them on their achievements. I was then given the opportunity to occupy the throne of MM on an Acting capacity and Mr Masama Jacob as acting Director EDP. Our staff complement saw green light in the filling of 90% of our vacant posts



## **Unqualified Audit Opinion**

The Municipality has just received another an Unqualified Audit Opinion for financial year 2020/2021. Bravo to the team Blouberg for the sterling work. It is not easy to maintain a good audit opinion than improve bad audit opinion. Our target still remain clean Audit Opinion at the end of financial year 2021\2022 Service Delivery Mandate

We have surpassed the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) spending norm of 40% by the end December 2021. Our spending is at 63%. This confirms the award that we have received on MIG projects performance. All our service providers are on site and hope we won't have any roll over projects during this financial

## **Land Invasion VS township development**

The municipality still has challenges of illegal land invasion mostly in Senwabarwana. We are engaged in legal tussle with those who occupy land illegally. Our communities are advised to apply for sites through the right channels. The Municipality is busy finalizing Senwabarwana town establishment of phase 9 and 10. We are still hopeful that sites in Senwabarwana will be disposed during the 4th quarter. We have completed allocating sites in Alldays Ext 5 and their owners are encouraged to start erecting structures.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again send our sincere condolences to all our loved ones, more so our colleagues who passed on during this era. We promise to never drop the baton of servicing our people.

We are encouraged by her Worship Mayor Thamaga Maria slogan that says: "Every day is a Mandela day in Blouberg." Which simply implies that our people deserve services every day. We therefore commit. Thank you.



# BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES ANOTHER UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION

The Blouberg Local Municipality has received an unqualified audit opinion for the financial year 2020/21. The municipality's audit report which covered 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 was presented by Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) during Ordinary Council Meeting on January 27, 2022. The municipality also achieved an unqualified audit opinion for 2019/20 financial year.

The Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga has welcomed the report and credited the good result to the management for putting in extra work to ensure that the public money is spent as it should be and accounted for. "My appreciation to the senior management and your support staff for putting together properly functional internal controls and ensuring implementation of action plans. We are proud to have, again, provided reassurance to our communities that their money is in good hands".

Mayor Thamaga commended the previous Audit Committee for its good work in the municipality. She said the municipality is now working towards attaining a clean audit and is without a doubt that the new committee will take the municipality to the greater heights, assist in realising that goal. "I wish to recognize and thank the previous Audit Committee for sterling work it has done. I have no doubt, that you will continue the good work done by previous committee and even help to us accomplish more. I am without doubt that that you will help us better coordinate municipal activi-

ties, improve the audit outcomes and address challenges facing our municipality".

Mayor Thamaga indicated that the municipality will continue to strive for good financial governance coupled with better services to communities and emphasizes that better audit outcome should be accompanied by service delivery. "Our ultimate goal is not only to obtain clean audit outcome, but also to have a clean administration that will be able to effectively deliver services to the community. We want to give people water, we want to give people electricity, improved audit outcomes must be accompanied by improved and effective service delivery. Our communities need services. Without effective service delivery to the communities, good audit outcomes means we will not make an impact in our communities".

An unqualified opinion is defined as an auditor's opinion that; the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the municipality and its financial performance and cashflows of the year in accordance with the Standards of Generally Recognized Accounting Practice (Standard GRAP) and requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) of South Africa. Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA) and the Division of Revenue Act 16 of 2019 (Dora).



Blouberg Local Municipality leadership: Left: Chief Whip, Cllr Johanna Rangata, Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga, Speaker, Cllr Boloka and the new chairperson of Audit Committee, Mr Dan Poopedi share a moment after attending the committee's first strategic planning session.



# BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY LEADERSHIP MEETS TRADITIONAL LEADERS

The newly elected Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga is dedicated to fostering a strong relationship between the municipality and all stakeholders in the area. The Mayor believes that all municipal stakeholders need to join hands with the municipality in order to drive development to Blouberg.

Following the swearing in of the new Council on November 22, Her Worship, Cllr Maria Thamaga kicked off her meet-and-greet sessions on December 7, 2021 to introduce the new leadership to various municipal stakeholders, with first session, being dedicated to traditional authorities.

On Day 1 of the session, traditional leaders; Kgoshi Seakamela SA, Kgoshi Mamadi AT and Kgoshi Leboho KO and their traditional councils, met the Mayor as part of her stakeholder engagement initiative to formally introduce the new leadership of the municipality and expressed gratitude to traditional leaders for their active roles in ensuring that their subjects exercise their democratic rights during local government elections affording them opportunity to govern the municipality.

Outlining the purpose of the visit, the Speaker of Council, Cllr Blanco Boloka indicated that following local government elections on November 1, 2021, a new Council for Blouberg Local Municipality for the term 2021-2026 was put in place and the new leadership thereof.

He indicated that, the leadership deemed it necessary to officially introduce themselves to all municipal stakeholders and build good relations.

Delivering her presentation, Mayor Thamaga indicated that, traditional leaders played a crucial role in the liberation of black people. She further indicated that, Blouberg Local Municipality respects traditional leaders and as new leadership, it is the right thing to do, to introduce themselves to traditional authorities

first as there municipality exists because of the communities under magoshi.

“Our government respects traditional leaders, the relationship between Blouberg Local Municipality and our traditional leaders has always been a good one. As the country recently had local government elections, the municipality has new leadership and we are here to formally introduce ourselves to you.

We are a municipality because of your subjects that we serve. Thank you, for giving us the communities. Feel free to visit the office of the Mayor, my phone and office will always be opened for you and communities to have access to me and the leadership collective. I’ll always avail myself to attend to you and the challenges faced by your subjects. For us as the municipality to achieve our goals, we need to join hands with you “

Traditional leaders gave Mayor Thamaga and her team; Political Management Team (PMT) and the Executive Committee a warm welcome and pledged their unwavering support.

“Our responsibility as traditional leaders, is to work for our communities together with the municipality, not fight the leadership. The governing party placed you, Cllr Thamaga in this mayorship position because you are well deserving of it, you are the rightful person to lead the municipality, you have served our communities for over a twenty-years with passion and dedication” . said Kgoshi Seakamela SA.

“We have seen your good work to communities all these years, Mayor.

We wish the Political Management Team (PMT), the Executive Committee (EXCO) as well as the entire Council of Blouberg unity; you have a common goal which is delivering services to the people. Let the team spirit always prevail and let God be at the centre of everything for you to succeed. Said Kgoshi Mamadi AT.





“We have been working well with the municipality all these years and we are ready to work with the newly elected leadership in ensuring that our people get services. We are happy to be led by a woman, we know Cllr Thamaga, with her good track record and the collective leadership, Blouberg will move forward. We are ready to work with you and the entire leadership to bring development to our communities” said Kgoshi Leboho K.O.

The Mayor and his team also paid a courtesy visit to Kgoshi Maleboho NI, Kgoshigadi Matlala and Kgoshi Moloto. The Mayor expressed her appreciation to traditional leaders and their communities for the continued support.

Mayor Thamaga indicated that, the municipality has been working together with traditional leadership to service communities and that, the new leadership will continue to work with them. The Mayor adopted an open-door policy - her office will be opened to welcome everyone regardless of their status, and her lines of communication will always be open for members of the public. She further indicated that her office, working with Political Management Team (PMT) and the Executive Committee (EXCO) as a collective will work tirelessly to deliver services and improve the livelihoods of Blouberg communities.

The traditional leaders wished Mayor Thamaga and the entire

council well in their new responsibilities.

“We welcome you and the new council, we are happy to host you today, let us continue to work together to develop our communities, we have been working with the municipality and we will continue to join hands with you as government in order to improve service delivery. Said Kgoshi Maleboho NI.

“ 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 over the years. 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 to meet and serve our people” said Kgoshigadi Matlala.

“We wish you well, We are proud to have produced an excellent 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 for unity amongst yourselves, whenever you experience problems as a team, find ways to resolve them as a team without involving others and tarnishing each others images. Leadership has its challenges, however if you work together as a team you will conquer, refrain from making promises to communities for things you cannot deliver. Whenever you experience challenges in our communities let’s engage each other for solutions”, said Kgoshi Moloto.

The Mayor also met Kgoshi Makgato KB on a separate occasion.

## MAYOR LAUNCHES REGRAVELLING AND STORM WATER CONTROL PROJECTS AT BOSEHLA, KWARUNG, LEBAKONG, MOKHURUMELA MMOTLANA AND ELDORADO



Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga breaks ground marking the commencement of the regravelling and stormwater control projects flanked by the Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka, Chief Whip, Cllr Johanna Rangata, Members of Executive Committee (EXCO); Cllr Agnes Raseruthe, Cllr Robert Makobela, Cllr Prince Motswabe, and the Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Refilwe Ramothwala.





The Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga on 09 December 2021, officiated three sod turning ceremonies marking the commencement of the re-graveling and stormwater control projects.

Residents in these areas through community meetings have raised their concerns regarding the state of their roads and the municipality is now addressing their concerns as budget was set aside for the purpose.

The projects will be implemented on internal streets and access roads at Kwarung-Bosehla, Lebakong, Mokhurumela, The Glen and Eldorado respectively.

The Mayor indicated that, the municipality realised the challenges of roads in these areas as residents struggled with movements on their internal and access roads due to bad conditions.

“Learners and residents in general here at Bosehla struggle to access schools and other areas during rainy seasons and the same problem at Lebakong village wherein cars are unable to access cemeteries during rainy season, polebearers are forced to carry coffins and walk to the grave yard during funeral events. At Mokhurumela village the problem is similar, rain water floods people’s homes , that is why the municipality has set aside funds to address these challenges”.

The municipality will implement re-graveling and stormwater control projects in these areas coupled with installation of cul-

verts to ensure roads accessibility and that stormwater is channelled to right directions.

The Mayor introduced the contractors who will be implementing the re-gravelling and stormwater control projects - 4km internal streets and access road between Boshehla and Kwarung, 3km internal streets and access road at Lebakong village and another 3km of internal streets and access road at Mokhurumela. Residents have welcomed the projects and expressed their appreciation to the municipality for listening and addressing their challenges. “I’m very happy that, the municipality is here today to launch the re-gravelling project and introduce the contractor who will be working on our streets. These roads are bad , cars couldn’t move easily but that won’t be the case anymore after the completion of the project. Our appreciation to the municipality and Mayor Thamaga for bringing services to the people” said Lebakong resident, Masilo Mokgarihli.

On December 10 , 2021 the Mayor successfully launched the re-gravelling projects for The Glen and Eldorado communities respectively. The Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga officiated the sod-turning ceremonies marking the commencement of the re-gravelling of the internal and access roads in these areas. The appointed service providers were introduced to the community. The projects are scheduled to run for three months.

## NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART SPORT COMPLEX FOR PINKIE-SEBOTSE AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga has called on the community of Pinkie Sebotse and the surrounding to look after their sport facility and jealously guard it against vandals as it is a great asset for all residents.

On 18 January 2022, the Mayor officiated a sod-turning ceremony marking the commencement of the construction of a R10million inclusive state-of-the- art Pinkie Sebotse Sport Complex, funded by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture through Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG).

The Mayor introduced the project engineer and the contractor to the Matlala Traditional Authority, local headmen, Pinkie Sebotse and the entire Ward 21 community. The new Pinkie Sebotse Sport Complex will be erected along the main road - a strategic location to be easily accessed by all.

The sport facility will accommodate a range of ages from pre-school kids , club level athletics and elders. It will feature among others; Football, Rugby and Softball fields, Athletic Track and a grand stand, an outdoor gym, kids play area, indigenous games section, a combo court comprising; tennis, netball and basket ball.

Delivering the keynote address, Mayor Thamaga indicated that sport is not just about exercise but plays a crucial role in building better characters and is essential part of growing up. She indicated that, the new sport facility will provide much needed recreational opportunities for both young and old and provide economic opportunities by creating jobs to locals.

“We are here today to introduce the engineers and the contractors of the project to our traditional authority and the community and to conduct a sod-turning ceremony for this brand new sport complex. We are happy as the municipality that, this is an inclusive sport facility that will cater both young and old and also play a part in poverty alleviation by creating temporary jobs.





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Our appreciation to the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture for funding this beautiful project.

Kgoshigadi Matlala has welcomed the development to the community and expressed gratitude to the municipality for a good continued working relations with the traditional authority.

Mayor Thamaga thanked Matlala Traditional Authority, local headmen and the community at large for welcoming the municipality and supporting government programmes.

The project is scheduled for six(6)months.

The Mayor was accompanied by Council Speaker, Cllr Blanco Bologa, Executive Committee members; Cllr Dan Mosen, Cllr Agnes Raseruthe, Ward 21 Councilor, Rosalia Thema and Ward 22 Councilor, Tlou Magwai and representatives from the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.

## MAKHANSELARA A MASWA A BLOUBERG A AMOGELA TLHAHLO

Morago ga go hlonamišwa bjalo ka Makhanselara a maswa a Lekgotla la Masepala la bo hlano, Makhanselara aile a swanela go go tsenela tlhahlo tša go salana morago ebago tšeo di rulagantšwego ke Masepala, le tšeo di rulagantšwego ke Mokgatlo wa Mebasepala ebago SALGA.

Ditlhahlong tša mathomo, tšeo di rulagantšwego ke Masepala, Makhanselara a be a hlahlwa ka melawana ya Masepala, tsebišo ka balaodi ba

Masepala le maikarabelo a bona a go fapana. Makhanselara a hweditše tsebo malebana le ka tsela yeo Masepala wa Blouberg o sepetšwego ka gona, go akaretšwa le maikarabelo a bona bjalo ka maloko a Lekgotla la Masepala.

Morago ga go tsenela tlhahlo ya Masepala, Mokgatlo wa mebasepala ka mono nageng ebago SALGA, le ona o rulagantše tlhahlo ya matšatši a mahlano go neeletša makhanselara tsebo yeo e tseneletšego malebana le melawana ya tshepetšo le taolo ya mebušo-selegae. Maloko a lekgotla a filwe gape melawana ya malebana le maitswaro.

Meyara Cllr. Maria Thamaga o retile Makhanselara goba ba kgonne goba karabo ya ditlhahlo tšeo kage are seo se bontšha boikgafo bja bona bja go nyaka gotlo šomela setšhaba. O ba lemošitše gape gore ditlhahlo tša go fapana fapana go akaretšwa letša dikolo tša maemo a

godimo a dithuto di tšile go rulaganywa.







# MINING HOUSES JOIN HANDS WITH MUNICIPALITY TO ERADICATE POVERTY

The leadership of Blouberg Local Municipality led by the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga had fruitful deliberations regarding community development with mining houses operating within the municipality during Mayor’s stakeholder engagement session held on January 2022 in Senwabarwana.

Following the inauguration of new Council last year, the new leadership had engagements with various stakeholders to build relations and has deemed it necessary to meet the mining companies as another important stakeholder in the municipality.

The mining companies in attendance included, Nakedi Mining Solutions, De Beers Venetia Mine and Sylvania Mine. During the meeting, discussion on mine’s social and labour plans(SLP) and the implementation system took a centre stage.

Mining houses briefed the leadership about their current SLP programmes, progress and challenges they encounter during implementation process. Facilitating the session, chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development and Planning, Cllr Daniel Mosenana, indicated that, the mining companies SLPs must be aligned to the municipality’s Intergrated Development Plan(IDP) and that projects implemented should enhance the municipality’s job creation strategy and respond to challenges faced

by communities.

Presenting Mayor Maria Thamaga’s message, who left the meeting early to attend other important business of Council, Acting Municipal Manager , Mr Refilwe Ramothwala indicated that it is engagements like these that municipality and mining houses should find each other and work towards a common goal of development for the benefit of Blouberg community.

The Mayor indicated that as the mining houses make profit through their mining activities in the area and sustain their businesses it is equally important for them to develop the communities which they operate in. She further indicated that mining companies need to partner with the municipality to eradicate poverty by creating employment, skilling the youth and implement long lasting infrastructure development projects.

In conclusion, the Mayor called on mining houses to be compliant of environmental management legislations and refrain from poluting rivers, streams and other sources of water.

The municipality is planning to host a mining seminar for further engagements with the mines. The Mining Forum will be held on quarterly basis to reflect on plans and projects.



Blouberg Local Municipality leadership and mining houses representatives share a moment after fruitful engagements aimed at benefiting Blouberg communities.



## WE HAVE A DUTY TO BUILD A CAPABLE DEVELOPMENTAL MUNICIPALITY, EFFECTIVE AND ETHICAL WORK FORCE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING BASIC SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE - MAYOR THAMAGA

“We have a duty to build a capable developmental municipality effective and ethical work force capable of providing basic services to our people. I want to put it straight, our people who elected us are not difficult. In my analysis as we were campaigning, our people want three basic things, WATER, ROADS AND ELECTRICITY. The rest are secondary. We can not afford to continue disappointing our people”

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship, Cllr Maria Thamaga delivering opening remarks during the municipality’s 2-day quarterly Intergrated Development Plan IDP/Budget strategic/review session held on 20 January 2022.

Mayor Thamaga has called on portfolio committee heads and directors to double working efforts to ensure that the basic needs of the communities are met. “Chairpersons of Portfolio Committees, get down to work. Hold your Directors accountable. Monitor your projects. Let us work. A RE BEREKENG. Our work as politicians is to respond to the people who are suffering out there”.

She further said, the leadership will always avail itself to provide services to the electorate who have pinned their hopes for better lives on their shoulders.

“During the recent local government elections, they told us what they wanted and we promised to deliver. Municipal Manager and your officials help us to deliver on the people’s mandate”.

The review session was for the reporting period September-December 2020/2021 financial year attended by the Political Management Team(PMT) , Executive Committee(EXCO) and the management.

The purpose of the session is to present the progress in respect of the 2nd quarter performance as per the approved Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP ) of the municipality.

The SDBIP is developed in compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA ). The plan enables management, the Executive Committee and the Council to monitor the implementation of the IDP/ Budget on monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and annual basis.

The 2-day session concluded with a strategic planning session to strategize on how to fast track the delivery of services to communities and move the municipality forward.



**Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria addressing political leadership and management during municipal 2021/22 IDP/Review /Strategic Planning session for the assessment of the 2nd quarter performance.**







# MAYOR HANDS OVER A REFURBISHED HOUSE TO THE KOBE FAMILY AT DITATSU VILLAGE



The Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga unveils the plaque marking the official hand over of the house to the Kobe Family.

The Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga has expressed gratitude to Bahananoa Group and Capricorn District Municipality Disaster Management office for restoring the dignity of the Kobe Family at Ditatsu village, Ward 08 by providing them with shelter after their home was destroyed by heavy rains.

On November 27, Mayor Thamaga officially handed over a fully renovated house to the twelve-member family. Following a disaster that befell the family, wherein the heavy rainfall damaged roof, doors, windows and furniture of their house, the Capricorn District Municipality provided a shelter as a temporary relief. Upon hearing the family's plight through ward councillor and the Blouberg Development Forum(BDF), the Bahana-noa Group stepped in and lend a helping hand.

"Our appreciation to the Capricorn District Municipality for providing shelter to the Kobe family in times of need; to Ntate Paul Manaka, we thank God for instilling the spirit of humanity on you so that you are able to help those in need, we are blessed as Blouberg Local Municipality to have people of your kind".

Mayor Thamaga indicated that the municipality will ensure that the family gets all the necessary help and support they need and further called on local businesses to plough back to communities and join hands with the municipality in improving the lives of the needy.

Elisa Kobe extended her appreciation to the Blouberg Local Municipality, CDM, Blouberg Development Forum and Bananoa Group for ensuring that the family is provided with temporary shelter when they had nowhere to sleep and see to it that their house gets renovated.

Mayor Thamaga was joined by the Council Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka, Ward 08 Councillor and Executive Committee(EXCO) member Cllr Robert Makobela, other EXCO members; Cllr Agnes Raseruthe, Cllr Shirley Raphasha as well as ward and PR councillors.







## BLOUBERG LEADERSHIP EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO DINARE BABIRWA FOUNDATION FOR LENDING A HELPING HAND TO NEEDY LEARNERS



**“If the shoes fit wear them girl”, Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga helps one of the beneficiaries put on her new school shoes.**

‘If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD— and he will repay you! Proverbs 19:17 “ Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga, expressing gratitude to Dinare Babirwa Foundation for donating much-needed shoes and sanitary towels to needy learners in Blouberg.

Some of the learners from disadvantaged families at Glenfernis Village ( Mokwena-Maswikeng) in Ward 13 will now walk to school with confidence after receiving brand new school shoes from Dinare Babirwa foundation during the foundation’s launch held on December 17, at a local Mamoyahabo Primary School.

“Re a leboga Ntate Motsoko for starting this great initiative to help those in need. The good samaritan has landed in Blouberg Local Municipality. To Mma Motsoko, thank you for allowing your husband to share the little that you have with the disadvantaged families. May the good Lord bless the works of your hands and bless you abundantly. May others learn from you and do good unto others.



**Mayor Thamaga, Speaker of Council, Cllr Blanco Boloka and Economic Development and Planning Chairperson, Cllr Daniel Mosena with some beneficiaries of the school shoes and sanitary towels.**

Dinare Babirwa founder, Mr Moloko Jerry Motsoko said, seeing children at his village going to school without shoes and proper school uniforms prompted him to take action. Motsoko whom celebrated his 44th birthday on the day, donated forty-four new school shoes and sanitary towels to needy learners. He extended his appreciation to the municipal leadership for supporting the initiative by being part of the launch and called on fellow community members to play their part.

“ I’ve always been a giver, those who are close to me are aware of that. I’ve seen children around here without proper school uniform, that’s why I decided to start this foundation, Dinare Babirwa, to help others. This is not a Motsoko Project, this is not a Mokwena project, it’s just that through the advice of the ward councillor we were advised to start here at home, next year we will be looking for other schools. Thanks to the Mayor and the collective leadership of Blouberg Local Municipality leadership making time to be here , despite your busy schedules. That proves that you are there to work for us as communities.

One of those learners whom Christmas came early for, is Precious Paya, a grade 6 learner at the school.

“ I’m very happy to have received the new school shoes, my parents are unemployed”.

In conclusion, Mayor Thamaga called on communities to help those in need and make donations to the foundation so that it extends its helping hand.

“I am happy that, when the schools reopen these children will have schools shoes. Thank you for inviting the municipality to the launch, we are happy to be part of this great initiative. Thank you the community of Mokwena for welcoming and loving us”





# MAYOR WELCOMES NEW YEAR BABIES AT HELENE FRANZ HOSPITAL



**Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga welcoming new year babies at Helene Franz Hospital in Senwabarwana.**

Her Worship the Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Cllr Maria Thamaga surprised mothers whose babies were born at Helene Franz Hospital in Senwabarwana with gifts during her visit to the facility on January 1, 2022.

The Mayor welcomed the January 1 babies and gifted their mothers with baby essentials packages which included clothes, blankets, baby lotions and bath tubs among other necessities. Six babies; 3 boys and 3 girls were born between midnight and 08h00 at the hospital. The Mayor congratulated the mothers on their bundles of joy and sent her well wishes for the new year ahead.

The hospital staff extended gratitude to Mayor Thamaga for the kind gesture. The mothers were also appreciative of the Mayor's time and generosity on this special day - the first day of the new year 2022. Mayor Thamaga was accompanied by the Chief Whip, Councillor Johanna Rangata and members of the Executive Committee (EXCO).

# COUNCIL REACHES OUT TO WARD 18

As part of the continued commitment to enhance participatory democracy, the Blouberg Local Municipality held its quarterly Council outreach programme on, 27 January 2021 in Alldays.

The purpose of the outreach was to give feedback on the achievements and progress made in the implementation of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) looking at the service delivery and budget implementation plan (SDBIP) and listen to issues raised by communities.

The formal sitting kickstarted with presentations of Executive Committee reports including the 2021/2022 2nd Quarter Performance Assessment by the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Thamaga and the 2020/21 Audit report by Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA)

After the formal proceedings of council, members of the community were afforded an opportunity to raise their concerns with the Mayor and his team.

The issues raised included, water shortages, storm water problems, employment opportunities, bursaries and the need for RDP houses in Alldays new settlement.

Responding to issues raised, Mayor Thamaga indicated that relevant departments within the municipality will attend to the concerns and on service delivery concerns outside the municipality's mandate, engagements will be held with concerned institutions to resolve the challenges.



# LEADERSHIP MOTIVATES LEARNERS DURING BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

“Thuto Ke Lesedi”, Her Worship the Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Cllr Maria Thamaga motivating learners during municipal Back-To-School Campaign.

The municipality from January 31, 2022, embarked on a 3-day(31- Jan - 02 Feb)Back-To-School programme to congratulate the 2021 Matric Class and motivate the Grade 12 Class of 2022 and learners in general as they commence the new academic year.

During the 3-day programme, the municipality visited best performing schools and those that performed poorly across all education circuits to motivate them to focus on their studies as early as the beginning of the year to achieve good

results at the end of the year.

The Mayor and his team, the Executive Committee(EXCO); Cllr Robert Makobela, Cllr Shirley Raphasha, Cllr Prince Motswabe and Ward 10 Councillor Hope Makhura who is also responsible for Special Focus programmes made their first stop at Seiphi Secondary School, Ga-Mochemi in Ward 14.

Seiphi, under Maleboho Central Circuit performed well by achieving an 84,6 % mark, an improvement compared to the previous year.

The second stop was Rakgari Secondary School at Montz Village, Ward 04.

This school, under Maleboho West Circuit recorded a 61,5% mark, a significant improvement compared to its 20% pass in 2020.

The Rakgari Secondary School management extended their gratitude to Mayor Thamaga whom they credited for the school’s improvement for her motivation to the Class of 2021. The Mayor visited the school last year as part of the municipality’s Back-To-School programme to monitor the school’s readiness for the school year and to encourage learners following the poor performance the previous year. The school tripled the mark, by moving from 20% mark in 2020 to 61,5% in 2021.

Mayor Thamaga congratulated the schools for their improvement. She further advised learners to concentrate on their studies and urged them to stay away from things that will hamper their progress.

“Stay away from people and things that

are going to disturb your from studying. Your focus should be education and nothing else. Again, your

disadvantaged background should not stand on your way to success. Work hard, pass well, the government will provide funding for you to further your studies in order to improve your life and that of your families. My office has also set aside funds to assist those that are in need of funds for the registration for their studies in higher institutions of learning”.

At Seiphi, the school management raised challenges; including lack of storage for text books, parents’ interference on school work, while at Rakgari the issue of alcohol consuming by some learners, unsupportive parents towards school work and loud music from taverns disturbing the teaching and learning activities cited as some of the contributing

factors to the school’s poor performance.

The schools presented their strategies for further improvement on results and learners made an undertaking to the Mayor to achieve a 100% pass rate.

In response, Mayor Thamaga indicated that the municipality will engage all the parties involved in a bid to remedy the situation.

The Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka and his team visited Rapetsoa Secondary School at Grootdraai village in Ward 05. The school under Maleboho West Circuit produced a 61,5% mark.

The Chief Whip , Cllr Johanna Rangata visited Tshenyane Secondary School at Ga-Hlako, Ward 03. The school achieved 43,2%.

The municipality concluded the 2022 Back- to-School campaign by visiting two schools in the Bahananwa Circuit on February 02. Mayor Thamaga and her team visited Mantshako Secondary School at Eusoringa Village, Ward 16 wherein the grade 12 class of 2021 achieved a 41,3% mark and Mathipa Makgato Secondary at Ga-Makgato in Ward 15. Mathipa Makgato achieved 27, 8% pass rate.

The Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka and the Chief Whip Cllr, Johanna Rangata and their teams visited Radikgwebethe Secondary School (87,9%, Maleboho Central Circuit), Inveraan Village , Ward 09 Maphutha Secondary School (46,2%, Maleboho East Circuit) , Indermark Village, Ward 12, Madikweng Secondary School (85,0%, Bochum West Circuit),Earlydawn Village, Ward 01 and Bodiela Secondary School(48,5%, Bochum West Circuit), at Uitkyk No1 in Ward 01.

The municipality also donated school shoes, backpacks and sanitary towels in all the schools visited to be distributed to needy learners.





## 2021/22 FY CAPITAL PROGRESS FOR MIG, MDRG AND OWN FUNDING PROJECTS

### MIG GRANT

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2021/2022	R 56 764 000.00	R 35 843 599,87	R 20 920 400,13	63.14%

### MDRG GRANT

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2021/2022	R 12 900 000.00	R6,885,572.34	R6,014,427.66	53.38%

Project Name	Consultant	Contractor	Construction Start date	Completion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure	Physical Progress %	Jobs created	Comments/Challenges
Senwabarwana sports complex phase 5	Sizeya consulting engineers	Izigi Molokwana Trading JV	13/10/2020	30/08/2021	Construction stage	R20 306 604,97	Exp : 17 339 684,39	76%	14	Phase 5 –layers works completed, currently busy with drains on the soccer fields and athletic tracks asphalts surfacing underway and boxing building is at 98% completed (awaiting for gym and boxing ring)
Written internal street and stormwater phase 2	Tlou Intergrated	Urich Construction	14/01/2021	15/12/2021	Construction stage	R 19,200,000.00	Exp: 19,200,000	100%	51	On l completion stage
Construction of Senwabarwana Internal Street and stormwater phase 11	Morula consulting engineers				Design stage	R 3 272,261.13	R 2 256 480,85	0%	0	Design approved

# 2021/22 FY CAPITAL PROGRESS FOR MIG, MDRG AND OWN FUNDING PROJECTS

Project Name	T2 Tech consulting Engineers	DZWA DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECTS	Design stage completed	R 10,000,000.00	R 938 469,00	0%	0	Design approved and contractor appointed awaiting for site handover
Pinkie Sebotse Sports								
Senwabarwana sports complex phase 6	Sizeya consulting engineers	Chisa multi projects JV PJMJ engineering	Construction stage	R 29,982,616.46	R 18 558 741,62	30%	0	Site clearance completed, concrete foundation, concrete casting completed, and superstructure underway. 60% of material manufactured.
Purchasing of Auto-Recloser		Pin Afrika	Procurement stage	R 746 383.00		0%		Service provider appointed
Purchasing and Installation of Smart Meters			Procurement stage	R 2 000 000.00		0%		Purchasing and Installation of Smart Meters on Adjudication stage
Upgrading of Alldays Bulk point	ESKOM	ESKOM	bulk point upgraded at Alldays	R1 000 000,00	R 1 155 973.54	100%		bulk point upgraded at Alldays
Re-graveling of Bosehla Access Road and Stormwater Control		Oltatech Consulting Engineers JV Urich Construction	Construction stage	R 3,903,629.00	R2,241,188.31	48%	14	Tipping and processing of layer works underway.
Re-graveling of Kwarung to Lebakong Access Road and Stormwater Control		Oltatech Consulting Engineers JV Urich Construction	Construction stage	R 2,819,179.00	R1,400,826.19	41%	10	Tipping and processing of layer works underway.
Mokhurumela Stormwater Channel-Erosion Protection and Stormwater Control		Morula Consulting Engineers JV PJMJ engineering	Construction stage	R 5,907,561.50	R3,243,557.84	43%	16	Construction of gabion cages and installation of culverts



# PLANNED ROADS AND STORMWATER MAINTENANCE FOR 2021/22 FY:

## SURFACED ROADS MAINTENANCE

Project Name	Service Provider	Revised Budget	Expenditure	Comments/Challenges
Maintenance of internal streets at Senwabarwana	Tetelom Trading Enterprise	R350,000.00	R 348 400.00	Completed. Construction of 2 x speed humps, installation of 15 road signs, marking of the road and patching of 300sqm.
Maintenance of internal streets at Alldays	Phure Distribution and Development	R250,000.00	R 198 800.00	Completed. Construction of 8 x speed humps, installation of 19 road signs and marking of the road.
Maintenance of internal streets at Taabosch	Nare Umbrellas	R75,000.00	R74 750.00	Completed. Construction of 2 x speed humps, installation of 10 x road signs, marking of the road.
Maintenance of internal streets at Devrede	Mpetla Trading and Projects	R65,000.00	R 64 900.00	Completed. Construction of 1 x speed humps, installation of 10 road signs, marking of the road
Maintenance of internal streets at Dilaeneng	Mogomogo Development and Projects	R60,000.00	R 59 600.00	Construction of 2 x speed humps and installation of 04 road signs underway.
Maintenance of internal streets at Witten	Molangwa Trading Enterprise	R300,000.00	R 219 000.00	Completed. Construction of 09 speed humps, installation of 30 road signs, 50m <sup>2</sup> of road markings, construction of concrete edge beam and 50m <sup>2</sup> of road patching.
Maintenance of internal streets at Kromhoek	Phure Distribution and Development	R65,000.00	R 64 985.57	Completed. Patching of 50sqm, installation of 14 road signs and sweeping of 1km.
Maintenance of internal streets at Avon	Phure Distribution and Development	R50 000.00	R 48 540.91	Completed. Patching of 10sqm, installation of 16 road signs and sweeping and clearing for 3km.
Maintenance of internal streets at Desmond Park	Mogomogo Development and Projects	R150,000.00	R 149 100.00	Construction of 6 speed humps completed. Installation of road signs and marking of the road still underway
Maintenance on internal streets at Indermark	275 Dunamis Trading Enterprise	R50,000.00	R 49 680.00	Completed. Patching of 50sqm, installation of 07 road signs and sweeping for 2km.
Maintenance on internal streets at Puraspan	Monkey K Holdings	R75 000.00	R 75 000.00	Completed. Construction of 05 x speed humps and installation of road signs.

## REGRAVELING OF ACCESS ROADS AND INTERNAL STREETS

Village Name	Service Provider	Start Date	Completion Date	Number of Kilometers Completed (km)	Expenditure (R)	Comments/Challenges
Burrerrecht to The Granch Access Road	Chisa Multi Projects	10 January 2022	20 February 2022	4.2km	R 1,337,643.20	4.2km of access road between The Glen and The Grange completed. Importing and compacting of borrowed gravel material. 12 pipe culverts (6 x 600mm and 6 x 900mm pipes) installed
Eldorado Internal Streets	Chisa Multi Projects	21 February 2022	22 March 2022			None
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>4.2km</b>	<b>R 1,337,643.2</b>	None

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