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"It's 'Thuma mina' time and let us be counted in giving service to the people" – Mayor Pheedi



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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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His Worship
Cllr Maseka Pheedi
Mayor

The 1st of July marks commencement of the local government financial year – to us it means a renewed mandate for delivery of better services to our people. We’ve crisscrossed the entire Blouberg in a bid to solicit service delivery concerns and inputs from our citizens through the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) public participation programs ahead of adoption of the 2019-2020 IDP and Budget. That is not by any means a favour but a requirement as the statutes oblige us to do that. Our minds and energies are all focused on creating an effective, efficient, accountable and responsive municipality. The 2018/19 capital projects reached their completion stages without any hindrances.

We are now moving at breakneck pace, the Khawuleza spirit as envisioned by President Cyril Ramaphosa. We have already handed the sites to the contractors for some of our 2019/2020 projects notably, Senwabarwana substation, phase 5 internal streets and storm water projects for Makgato and Marobjane communities which are well underway with their expected completion period being five (5) and eight (8) months respectively.

On the 18th of July we celebrated the world’s greatest day – former statesman President Nelson Mandela’s birthday. I call on all of us to continue to exercise our humility and renew our commitment to making South Africa a better place to live in.

Let’s continue to honour this gallant freedom fighter who put up a relentless fight against the intransigent and seemingly untouchable apartheid government in order to free us. We can only reciprocate by being useful within our communities especially by coming through for the vulnerable not only



THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

on the 18th of July but all year round - let's make everyday a Mandela Day.

We regret the unfortunate turn of events that occurred during the month of September. Our country was engulfed with violence of xenophobic nature which marred and painted a bleak picture of our rainbow nation.

I would like to extend my appreciation to President Cyril Ramaphosa for his astute leadership in calming the storm. We are all Africans and must unite. We further hope that such unsavory incidences will never repeat themselves. The 1995 and 2007 'miracle' repeated itself. We are once again holders of the coveted Webb Ellis trophy by virtue of being champions of the 2019 Rugby World Cup.

Though the win at Yokohama can be attributed to the collective guts of the players, the country and everyone concerned, mentioned has to be made of captain fantastic Siya Kolisi, who rewrote the history books by becoming the first black to lead the team to the ultimate victory – in a foreign land nogal.

The victory gave the nation a common purpose and enhanced a sense of belonging across the colour lines. For once South Africans forgot their differences and rallied behind their team – becoming one in the process. How we wish that could happen everyday.

November was not that good for Blouberg residents as thunderstorms wreaked havoc in some of the areas leaving about four hundred and eighty (480) households destitute.

Our gratitude to the Capricorn District Municipality Disaster Management team in partnership with ourselves, the Red Cross Society and other government departments for attending to the situation and providing aid such as makeshift tents, salvage sheets, food and counselling among other things. Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate Kgoshi Aborekwi Thomas Mamadi for

his inauguration as the traditional leader of Babirwa ba Mamadi. As we observe the 16 days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children, I would like to call on men to protect women instead of killing them. We've observed in recent months the gruesome murders of women by men throughout the country.

To Blouberg men; let's break the circle of violence, let's act against abuse, and let's not look away. I challenge you Blouberg men to shun this barbaric act and embrace the not in my name mentality.

We cannot hide our public participation and HIV/AIDS Coordination success as we are faced with other challenges including the turning around of our financial performance. We have resolutions in place to enhance our revenue collection, internal controls in order for us to attain clean audit status.

We have just entered an exciting period of the year, the festive season. Dubbed lifestyle month by the social media streets, this is indeed a celebratory moment. As another year comes to a close and we approach the festive season, it is always appreciated that we reflect on the year gone by, most importantly we have to be thankful for the gift of life. As the season is well upon us, I hope that we can all take time to think about those who are less privileged. In an area such as ours which is relatively underprivileged there will be many who face a bleak Christmas. Our gratitude go to stakeholders who have walked with us and talked to us into becoming a better municipality. Our service providers, employees, customers who all put their hands up to help us move forward.

It is also of utmost importance to be responsible. To motorists we call for calm, full adherence to the rules of the road; do not drink and drive, please stick to the correct load as required of the vehicle. This is no exception to pedestrians- please respect the rules applied to you.

FROM THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM



**Cllr Maria Thamaga
Speaker**

Some nineteen years down the line, we still remain trendsetters on matters of enhancing participatory democracy. We are undoubtedly the first to establish functional ward committees and put up a budget for ward committees' support. We also say without any shadow of doubt that we are the proud copy right owners of the concept of ward committees' conference, which has become an annual event for many municipalities in and outside our District and Province. In a rare and quite monumental feat, there has been seventeen uninterrupted ward committees' conferences that have been held thus far.

The current financial year's instalment of the conference, held from the 28th – 30th August 2019 at Miami Lodge (Polokwane), was a mixture of the fanfare and hard work particularly on both the educational and capacity building fronts. The gumption with which speaker after speaker narrated Blouberg Municipality's state of participatory democracy as they waxed lyrical of the immeasurable strides made, had commentators going green with envy. When all was said, the conference went into the rigours of commissions to masticate prevalent problems and come up with at times unpleasant but yet diagnostic recommendations that would assist in turning around the service delivery challenges that bedevil the institution.

Further elucidation on the 16th Annual Ward Committees' Conference and resolutions/declaration thereof find expression elsewhere in the edition. We remain the authors of the Council/EXCO Outreaches wherein all our quarterly

council and monthly Executive Committee meetings are held outside council parameters, in the process affording communities the opportunity to directly interact and raise issues with the top most governance structures.

Our outreaches have over the years grown immensely in stature and quality. Not only have we excelled in conceptualization of these and other mechanisms to shoot up participatory democracy, we have perfected them through monitored implementation over the years. In our quest to fortify what's arguably the most dominant force in the public participation stakes, all issues raised by ward committees and at all public participation fora serve in all governance structures including but not limited to; Portfolio, Executive, Petitions and Public Participation Committee as well as departmental and management meetings. The objective thereof is to ascertain that all issues raised receive the requisite attention to their logical conclusions. The stakes have evidently been upped and the onus lies with our contemporaries to "catch us if they can". In our relentless effort to have innovations towards building on paths towards a municipality that is efficient, effective, accountable and responsive we are on the verge clinching an abler that will make communication with all stakeholders as seamless as possible. Our ward committees have since inception been honouring their scheduled bi-monthly meetings without fail.

Mention has to be made of the fact that these ward committees do not meet for the sake of meeting, but meet over structured agenda to assess and further strategise on implementing their approved annual programmes, which include educating and mobilizing members of the public around the municipality's programmes.

Suffice to mention that council has also approved the realignment of the ward committees' portfolios/desks in line with recommendations of the Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) for a uniform approach.

The proposed changes are however, very cosmetic with the most significant being that ward secretaries are no longer responsible for any particular desk but will focus solely on the coordination aspect of such committees. All wards also held their mandatory public (report back) meetings. Given the amount and quality of inputs our people make in the public participatory platforms, it has become abundantly clear that our ward committee system is fully functional.

It is that time of the year where we keep our fingers crossed in the hope that we will achieve a better audit opinion. Notwithstanding all the capacity and human resource



constraints, we remain steadfast. It is envisaged that given the commitment shown throughout the year, the ball will drop our way. We further urge our management to unequivocally devote their full cooperation to the entire audit process. It should be recalled that the process spells out the state of our being in respect of both financial and performance aspects of our management. As institutional political principals, we however commit to accept full responsibility of whatever outcome the AG would have arrived at. The audit process looks more like an insurmountable task but we would like to urge everyone concerned to subscribe to the dictum, "sort out today's problems today, because if you leave it until the end of the week, you will have a week's problems to solve in one day".

It will be a travesty of justice on my part if I do not mention my utter disdain at the level of femicide and violence against women and children that continue to ravage our communities

week in and week out. We are making an impassioned plea to the male folk to desist from and abhor such actions in the strongest possible terms. The detesting of such dastardly deeds should culminate into enlisting of law enforcement agencies at the slightest sign of such manifestation as failure to report a crime renders one a criminal himself/herself and may have one liable for prosecution. The upcoming festivities should be enjoyed with family and friends and we must leave no margin for error where are women and children are concerned. It'd be appreciated if people could realize that they have the potential to bring change to our beloved country as Antony Robbins remarked, 'Each of us is endowed with innate resources that enable us to achieve all we've ever dreamed of and more.

The flood gates can be opened by a decision, bringing us joy or sorrow, prosperity or poverty, companionship or solitude, long life or early death. So long!!!



The successful 17th Annual Ward Committees' Conference

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

Upon closure of the 2018/19 curtains we quickly open the 2019/20 door with enthusiasm and determination. Determined to ensure that as the Municipality we build on the success of the preceding year into the future. Key amongst critical aspects that we are faced upon entering into 2019/20 are the following; implementation of cost containment measures, improved audit outcome for 2018/19, services to the people, Municipal connectivity et cetera. Let me take this opportunity to once again to welcome the family of Blouberg news to this august edition of Blouberg news.

The edition covers the period July- December 2019. This edition will available in print and on line in line with cost containment measures. Once more thank you very much for being reliable readers of Blouberg news.

Implementation of cost containment measures

The Minister of Finance issued cost containment regulations 2019 that affected how Municipalities should go about conducting their business with view of containing costs. This was as a result of the financial pressures cost by poor performance of the economy and revenue generation. Municipalities were requested to develop their own policies in line with the regulation. This policies must be implemented with effect from 01 July 2019.

In line with developments Blouberg Municipality developed and approved the Cost Containment policy. And this affected some of the budget line items that were already budgeted in the 2019/20 budget. Amongst area affected are the following:

- Attendance of conferences
- Catering
- Sports programmes
- Subsistence and travel
- Et cetera

Improved audit outcome for 2018/19

The Municipality has obtained a qualified audit opinion for the year 2017/18. This year we have received a qualified opinion on cash flow. We have made huge improvements and we never thought of a qualified opinion this time around. We appreciate the work and contribution of our key stakeholders (Auditor General South Africa-AGSA, Capricorn District Municipality-CDM, Cooperative Governance Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs - CoGHSTA, Treasury, and South African Local Government Association -SALGA etc). We will continue to strive for an improved audit opinion.



**Mr Junias Machaba
Municipal Manager**

SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE

As Blouberg Municipality are committed towards ensuring that we provide service to our Communities. We have already appointed for all MIG projects and work is underway and we will complete these projects in time.

All Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP) projects are at tender stage for appointment of contractors. Completed these electricity projects we provide electricity to households. Over and above implementation of the 2019/20 Capital projects we have conducted a retreat session during the month of July 2019. This session provided an opportunity for us to look at our strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and how do we move forward. A roadmap has been developed and this will help us to improve. This roadmap will guide our planning and budgeting.

MUNICIPAL CONNECTIVITY

The Municipality is busy with the project of connectivity. This project entails ensuring that all satellites IT system are linked to those of head office at Senwabarwana. Upon completion of the project it will be easier for customers to pay services in any Municipal office closer to them. It will further improve accessibility of Municipal services to our Communities.

It is a noble project in line with the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR) which we will complete before the end of the financial year. Once more thank you very much to our readers. We are inviting you to share your views on how we can improve Blouberg news for the current and future generations.



NEW POWER STATION FOR SENWABARWANA, INTERNAL STREETS AND STORMWATER PROJECTS FOR GA-MAKGATO AND MAROBJANE

A successful sod turning ceremony held on December 11 2019, officiated by the Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi marked the beginning of another development of an electrical power station. The project is a partnership between the Blouberg Local Municipality and the Department of Energy in a bid to alleviate pressure on the grid in the town of Senwabarwana.

The site adjacent to the Senwabarwana Sport Complex was officially handed over to the contractor who broke ground with the expected construction period being five months.

Meanwhile , the 08th and the 09th of October 2019 were joy-filled days for the residents of Ga-Makgato and Marobjane villages as Blouberg Local Municipality launches the 5th phase of the internal streets and storm water projects. Acting Mayor on the day, Cllr William Ntlatla officiated the sod-turning ceremonies respectively. The projects are schedule to run for 8months.

Following the residents' complaints regarding bad internal roads condition during public consultations on IDP/Budget processes previously, the council of Blouberg Local Municipality resolved to implement the internal streets projects in these two villages.

Cllr Ntlatla siad the projects will boost the economy in these areas as temporary employment will be created during the construction stage. Members of the communities extended their gratitude to the municipality for the projects.

The chairpersons of the portfolio committees on Infrastructure Development and Special Focus, Cllr Simon Mashalane and Cllr Makhalemela Makhura also graced the occasions.



The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development & Planning, Cllr William Ntlatla officiate at the sod turning of the construction of Makgato and Marobjane internal streets projects.



Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship, Cllr Maseka Pheedi breaks ground marking the commencement of the construction of a new power station in Senwabarwana.

BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY HOST SUCCESSFUL WARD COMMITTEES CONFERENCE

The 17th Annual Ward Committees Conference saw the ward committees, community development workers, the Council, Executive Management, Makgosi and other stakeholders converge at Miami Lodge in Polokwane in the Capricorn District to tackle issues of service delivery, how best they can work together to serve the community of Blouberg as well as sharing challenges and successes

Today, Blouberg Local Municipality is hailed champions of public participation throughout the country because of, amongst other things; the effectiveness of its ward committees system. Blouberg Local Municipality has always regarded its ward committees as the important mobilizing agent for community action. The 22 wards translate into 220 ward committee members. Each ward is manned by 10 committee members who are selected from a broad range of interest groups that are most relevant to the key performance areas of the municipality and the government in general. The areas include services such as water and sanitation, electricity, housing, roads, storm-water and drainage, waste and environment and social services including health, safety and security among others. The Blouberg Annual Ward Committees' Conference dates back from 2003 and has been running throughout the years without fail.

The conference was held under the theme: "Rise of the New Dawn: Ward Committees leading the charge towards the khawuleza trajectory". President Cyril Ramaphosa has called on all spheres of government to move with speed in attending community challenges and delivering services to the people. "Khawuleza" which means "hurry up" is the name which seeks to improve government service delivery and development. Delivering the keynote address, the Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi said it is time to khawuleza – move with speed to attend to the community challenges. Mayor Pheedi also called on ward committee members to always avail themselves when communities

need them. He further indicated that ward committees play a major role in enhancing participatory democracy. "Ward committees help enhance public participation which is vital part of our democracy, which allows for citizens to involve in how their communities are governed".

Ward Committees and councillors' hard work did not go unnoticed as various categories in recognition of their outstanding performances and contributions to community development were in place. The three-day conference concluded with resolution on how to fastrack the delivery of services to the Blouberg citizenry.

The Blouberg Municipality still has its hands firmly gripping the public participation domain. This statement was backed up during the South African Local Government Association/ SALGA Peer Recognition Certificates Awards hosted by the Extended SALGA Provincial Speakers' Forum held earlier this year. Blouberg Municipality swept the boards in all categories entered namely: Best Public Participation Model, the Most Functional Schedule of Meetings as well as the Most Functional Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC).



The 17th Ward Committees Conference through the eyes of the photographer



WOMEN-OWNED ENTERPRISES GET SPONSORSHIP TO EXHIBIT AT THE AFRICAN AGRI INVESTMENT INDABA

Two local farming businesses that are part of the Acceleration of Women-Owned Micro-Enterprises (AWOME) programme, received an opportunity to exhibit their products at the 4th Annual African Agri Investment Indaba (AAIL) in Cape Town, thanks to a partnership by UN Women and African Agri Council.

Matome Cynthia Mokgobu of Mosebudi Trading Enterprise and Shonisani Ndou of Gran and VV Crop Farming, were among 700 delegates from governments, banks, investors, commercial farmers and the agro-processing industry at the AAIL to discuss trends that are likely to influence food and agribusiness economics in Africa for the next decade. The two female entrepreneurs from Blouberg and Musina municipalities were selected from the AWOME capacity-building programme launched by De Beers Group and UN Women; with training carried out by local NGO Hand in Hand Southern Africa.

The AWOME programme addresses the capacity of women entrepreneurs primarily in the informal sector to apply business management skills that promote the sustainability and growth of their businesses in order to create more and better jobs for the entrepreneurs and their communities.

The programme's training modules include business planning, costing, marketing, record-keeping, stock control, and people and productivity. Matome Cynthia Mokgobu (26) from Gemark Village in Blouberg believes she is going to

change the world through farming by creating employment and contributing towards the shortage of food in Africa. She is currently the only young person in her community who owns a 19-acre farm, which produces pepper, butternut, beetroot and spinach. She employs two part-time workers from her community.

Matome thanked De Beers Group, UN Women and Hand in Hand trainers for the experience: "Thank you for giving farmers like me from rural areas an opportunity to network and sell our businesses to other African countries. I can assure you that as Africans, we're going to change our economies by creating jobs for our fellow Africans through agriculture, food security and alleviating poverty."

Shonisani Ndou (43) from Malale Village in Musina, is the founder of VV Crop Farming which produces crops such as tomatoes, chillies, okra, baby marrow and green beans at her 30-hectare farm. She is a supplier for big brands such as All Joy Foods, Tiger Brand SA and the Johannesburg Fresh Produce Market; and has created 5 permanent jobs and employs 85 part-time workers from her community.

Speaking about her experience at the AAIL, Shonisani said: "I was so happy because there were so many investors and other business owners at the Indaba. We shared learnings on how to run our businesses better. It is not always easy but with the trainings I have attended, I know that I have grown to be a better businesswoman."



Matome Cynthia Mokgobu (26) from Gemark Village in Blouberg



Shonisani Ndou (43) from Malale Village in Musina

MASEPALA WA BLOUBERG O KETEKWA KGWEDI YA BOHWA LE MAGOŠI

Kgwedi ya Septemere, ke kgwedi yeo e kgethilwego mono nageng ka bophara go bea šedi go merero ya bohwa. Seo se ketekwa diprobanseng tša go fapana tše senyane ka mekgwa ya go fapana-fapana bjalo ka go dira dipontšho tša setšo le bokgabo go akaretšwa le ditšhupetšo tša bohwa. Tše di akaretšwa ka mokgwa wa mmimo wa setšo, dikopelo le direto. Baetapele ba Masepala go akaretšwa le maloko a khudu-thamaga ya Meyara a ile a išwa leetong la go hlehla le mafelo a goba le kgogedi ya boeti mo Maspaleng, go akaretšwa legageng la Thabana-Ntlhana. Baetapele ba hlahlilwe ka Histori ya Bahananwa yeo e ngwadilwego ka tlase ga legaga la bagale ba Bahananwa.

Maitekong a go tsošološa boikgantšho bja malebana le setšo le bohwa, Masepala wa Blouberg o beela thoko ngwaga-kanngwaga tšhelete yeo o ikemišeditšego, go thekga mananeo a go tsošološa bohwa le mediyo ya go keteka bohwa. Se se kgonagala ka tirišano le Magoši ka moka a ma hlano (5) ao Masepala o welago ka tlase ga pušo ya ona. Magoši ao ka bobona ebago bohwa ka Masepaleng wa Blouberg go balwa Kgoši Kgolo Ngoako Malebogo, Kgoši Seakamela, Kgoši Kibi Leboho, Kgoši Mamadi le Kgoši Makgato.

Masepala o šumisitše diranta tše dikete tše lekgolo le masome pedi hlano (R125 000) go netefatša gore Magoši a kgona go swara meketeko ye ya bohwa. Meyara Cllr Maseka Pheedi o bolela gore lege Masepala o sena tšhelete, batla netefatša gore maseleng ao a oketšwa mengwageng yeo e tlogo. Seo se tla dira gore mekete ye ya bohwa e kgone goba le maatla le go netefatša gore baswa baba bakgathatema ba banchi. Meyara Pheedi o ipileditše go Magoši go netefatša gore bohwa le ditšo tša gabo bona di ngwalwa fase le go ketekwa kgafetša-kgafetša gore di seke tsa

nyamelela. O gateletše ka fao batswadi ka gae le barutiši ka dikolong ba swanetšego go kgatha-tema temaneng ya go boloka le go hlohleletša baswa goba le kgahlego mererong ya bohwa le setšo.

Magoši a go wela ka tlase ga Masepala wa Blouberg a retile le go leboga Masepala, goba o tšwela pele go abela badudi ditirelo tša motheo. Kgoši Kgolo Malebogo o retile ka fao Masepala o hlokomelago Magosi le go a reriša ka merero ka moka yeo e amanago le bona. Kgoši Kibi Leboho le yena o retile makhanselara ao a hlompago tshepedišo ya segoši nako le nako ge ba tliša ditirelo setšhabeng. Go ruma ditiragalo tša kgwedi ya bohwa, Masepala o swere modiro wa kgoparara, fao o bego o beditše dihlopha tša go fapana tša mmimo go thabiša mašaba kua Makgabeng. Morero mogolo ebe ele go kgobokantšha dihlopha lefelong le tee, gore kgao e je nkgawane.



A SHOT IN THE ARM FOR DITHEBELE ME CLOTHING AND BOTALA TEMONG FARMING

Two local businesses now have the adequate equipment to increase their production, thanks to Blouberg Local Municipality. The Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi on the 3rd of July 2019 officially handed over a brand new embroidery machine to Dithebele ME Clothing as part of local enterprise development initiatives which play a vital role in growing the economy and creating jobs for locals.

In his 2019/2020 budget speech, Mayor Pheedi indicated that municipalities have been mandated to provide financial support to emerging local businesses, “the constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996 section 154 stated quite implicitly that the local government has a constitutional mandate to improve the social and economic development. In respect of this mandate the municipality must ensure that it plays a pivotal role on Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) development”. He stated.

Dithebele ME Clothing: The journey began two decades ago (1999) when the late Mme Elizabeth Mogadi Seakamela from Marobjane Village saw a gap in the market and grabbed it. Following her passing in 2016 his son Lerapela Seakamela took over the business as its managing director and he’s been running it successfully. The business so far has created four jobs to locals and operates from Senwabarwana industrial area.

Before the financial injection from the municipality, Dithebele ME Clothing used to outsource the very machinery which set them back thousands of rands on monthly basis.” With the assistance of this new machine from our municipality, we will

no longer hire, now the business will be profitable, we will appoint two more people to work here. Thank you Blouberg Local Municipality for supporting SMMEs” Seakamela said.

Seakamela was also trained in Records Keeping, Marketing, Costing and Planning For Your Business, Buying, Stock Control and People Productivity. The training was facilitated by the Blouberg Local Municipality in partnership with UN Women in a bid to assist him run the business professionally. Dithebele ME Clothing makes different garments with school uniform being their core business.

On the other hand, a borehole and fencing material for 2ha were procured for Botala Temong Farming owned by Maropeng Rasekgoalo, a young male farmer from Borkum in Ward 08. Rasekgoalo commenced with crop farming activity in 2013 with just a land from his backyard and now he’s been allocated 11ha piece of land for production purposes.

Due to challenges of fencing the entire working space and lack of agricultural implements such as tractor and dripping system he will, for now utilize least 2ha of the land. His produce are currently sold at big supermarkets such as Boxer Supermarket and Gosiamme and taken to City Deep and RSA (marketing agent). Maropeng Rasekgoalo recently scooped second position at the district level for Young Subsistent Farmer and R25 000.00 cash prize which assisted him to purchase other agricultural implements needed to expand his business. This farmer has created employment to four labourers and intends to hire two more people.



The Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi cutting the ribbon marking the official hand over of a new embroidery machine to Dithebele ME Clothing



MASEPALA WA BLOUBERG O THAKGOLA LESOLO LA GOBA KG AHLANONG YA TLAIŠO YA BANA LE BASADI

Maitekelong a go leka go lwantšhana le ditlaišo ka magaeng magareng ga bana le basadi, Masepala wa Blouberg o hlwile o rulagantše lenaneo le legolo kua Marobjane ka Labohlano. Se sedirilwe ge naga ya Afrika Borwa e le gare e le ka gare ga lesolo la matsatsi a 16, ao a nepilwego go dira kwalakwatšo, go fana ka tshedimošo, go fana ka maele go banna le bašemane gape le go eletša basadi le bana ka ntlha-kemo ya tlaišo. Afrika Borwa e thakgotše lesolo le, letšatšing la 25 Nofemere gomme leya go fela letšatšing la 10 Desemere. Nakong ya matšatši a, a 16, mmušo maemong a bosetšhaba, a probense le a mebasepala, o tlabo o swaragane le masolo a go fapana-fapana maitekelong a go fokotša dipalo-palo tša tlaišo ya bana le basadi.

Ka mono Blouberg, Masepala ka tirišano le lefapa la tša leago le maphelo, go akaretšwa le Maphodisa go rulagantšwe lebelo leo badudi ba Marobjane ba kgathilego tema go lona, go bontšha gore ba ikemišeditše go lwa ntwa kgahlanong le bo gomotša bja babangwe ba banna kgahlanong le basadi le bana. Tikologo ya Marobjane e kgethilwe goba mong-

gae wa lesolo le morago ga dipego tše dintšhi tša ditiragalo tša tlaišo ya bana le basadi. Morago ga lebelo la mesong, go swerwe lenaneo la semmušo leo go lona diboledi di ntšhitšego maikutlo a go fapana le gofa setšhaba maele malebana le ditiragalo tša tlaišo.

Mospikara wa Masepala Cllr, Maria Thamaga yoo a bego a farafarilwe ke maloko a komiti ya Meyara gammogo le Makhanselara a mangwe, babe ba etišitše pele seboledi segolo sa letšatši elego Cllr Frans Phaladi Mmoko gotšwa Masepaleng wa Ekurhuleni. Polelong ya gagwe o gateletše ka fao basadi ba swanelago go bolela phatlalatša ge ba bona ditiro tša tlaišo ka magaeng. O re gantšhi magwaragwara ao a tlaišago basadi, a fetša a bolaya basadi kage basadi batšea nako e telele pele ba ka bega ditiragalo tša tlaišo. O gateletše gape boipiletšo bja gore bana le bona ba swanelela go bega ditiragalo tše bjalo ka ponyo ya leihlo.





LOCAL AIDS COUNCIL MOVING TOWARDS THE RIGHT DIRECTION, SCOOPS AWARDS FOR WELL COORDINATED PROGRAMMES

Launched in March 2011, nine years later the Blouberg Local Aids Council is still continuing to coordinate and support local implementation of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS and provide a necessary institutional mechanism for an integrated local government response to the dreaded disease.

The Municipality has set up local AIDS Councils in all 22 wards which are fully functional to date making it the best in the province in terms of coordination and scooping various awards for the well coordination as a result.

The council sits on quarterly basis to discuss Blouberg multi-sectorial HIV/AIDS / sexual transmitted infections (STIs)/ tuberculosis (HAST) reports and discuss prevention campaigns and strategies.

Government has also setup AIDS council at national, provincial and district levels to bring together government services, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and community organizations in the fight and continuing struggle

to ward-off the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS. The Blouberg Local Municipality Local Aids Council consists of a team drawn from different institution including government departments, traditional authorities, and representatives from civil structures with Mayor Maseka Pheedi as chairperson deputized by Mr Alex Bale.

Part of their responsibilities amongst others is to: Monitor and evaluate AIDS programmes within Blouberg Municipality.

Coordinate and build partnership and ensure effective communication with all relevant stakeholders.

Collate and distribute information for the effective implementation of HIV and AIDS responses within Blouberg. Get involvement in the Blouberg Municipality's IDP planning and implementation.

Support local role players within Blouberg municipal area who are providing HIV and AIDS services.



The Deputy Chairperson of the Blouberg Local Aids Council Mr Alex Bale chairing one of the council meetings.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER COMMEMORATION HELD IN BLOUBERG

The Executive Mayor of Capricorn District Municipality Cllr John Mpe has called on communities to work with the district municipality to ensure that disaster risk in communities is reduced. Executive Mayor Mpe was delivering a key note address during the International Day for Disaster Reduction commemoration held on the 23rd of October 2019 at Ben Seraki Sport Complex, Sekiding sa Mampote Village.

The United Nations General Assembly designated 13 October Disaster Reduction Day to promote a culture of disaster reduction and prevention. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the progress made towards disaster reduction, loss of life, livelihoods and health.

The district celebrated this year's event under the theme "Adapting to extremes and limiting disaster loss: Pathways to integrated resilience and sustainability for basic services, critical infrastructure and thriving communities.

A basic course on what causes disaster in our households, or communities and how to prevent that was rendered on the day. Communities were also encouraged to use the disaster toll free line 0800 666 777.



The Executive Mayor of Capricorn District Municipality, Cllr John Mpe delivering the keynote address.



DISTRICT AIDS DAY CELEBRATED AT TAAIBOSCH

Capricorn District Municipality, Blouberg Municipality together with other stakeholders in the health sector celebrated the District Aids Day on 21 November 2019 at Taaibosch Village.

The aim of the event was to continue educating the community about HIV and prevention. The theme of the event was "Communities make the difference: Cheka Impilo".

Speaking on behalf of CDM Executive Mayor Cllr. John Mpe, Molemole Mayor Cllr Edward Paya called on people to test so that they know their status, also to focus on prevention, and those who are infected to take medication.

"HIV testing is essential for expanding treatment and ensuring that all people living with HIV can lead healthy and productive lives. It is also crucial to achieving the 90–90–90 targets and empowering people to make choices about HIV prevention so they can protect themselves and their loved ones" he said.

He further stated that CDM is also pleased with the partnerships we have with communities who contribute toward the AIDS response through peer education, networks of support groups of people living with or affected by HIV, such as gay men and other men who have sex with men, sex workers, women and young people, counsellors, community health workers and civil society organisations.

The event was blessed with the SAPS provincial brass band who played the music liked by young people. The

District Aids Day was also coupled with 16 days of activism against the abuse of women and children with 100 men participating in a 100 men match from Moshate to the event venue.





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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020 GOVERNANCE												
	Jan	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Council	29		26	29	28		29			29		
EXCO	22	27	19	22	21	25	22	24	22	22	24	
P.Cs	15	20	12	15	14	18	15	17	15	15	17	
PPP		26			11			19			12	
EDC		26						19				
MPW	27		25	28	26		27			27		
Women Caucus	13			13			14			14		
MPAC	15	20	12	15	14	18	22	20	15	22	17	
W.Cs		10 - 21		06 - 24		08 - 26		7 - 25		09 - 26		01 - 11
MMF			04			03			03			02
IPRF	21			20			20			20		
WCF								26 - 28				
LLF	09	13	10	14	13	12	13	12	10	13	12	07
Energy Forum		03			04			03			02	
Housing Forum		03			04			03			02	
CSTF		04			05			04			03	
DWMF		05			06			05			04	
RMC			16			15			17			08
LEDTF		06			07			06			05	
WSF		03			04			03			02	
WPM		10 - 28			08 - 27			07 - 28			06 - 27	

EXCO (Executive Committee); P.Cs (Portfolio Committees); PPP (Petitions and Public Participation Committee); EDC (Ethics and Disciplinary Committee); MPW (Multiparty Whippery); MPAC (Municipal Public Accounts Committee; W.Cs (Ward Committees); MMF (Mayor Magoshi Forum)); IPRF (Institutional Performance Review Session); WCF (Ward Committees' Forum); DMF (Disaster Management Forum); DWMF (Disaster and Waste Management Forum); RMC (Revenue Management Committee); LEDT (Local Economic Development and Tourism Forum); WSF (Water Sector Forum); WPM (Ward Public Meetings); CSTF (Community Safety and Transport Forum); LLF (Local Labour Forum)



TECHNICAL SERVICES 2019/20 CAPITAL PROGRESS FOR MIG AND ELECTRIFICATION

2018/19 ELECTRICAL PROJECTS

Project Name	Consultant/ Contractor	Start date for construction	Completion date	Revised completion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure	Physical Progress %	Jobs created	Comments/Challenges
Post connection of 143 extension at Raweshi, Cracouw, Earlydawn, Lekgwara and Oldlongsigne	NSK Electrical	14/01/2019	14/05/2019	30/09/2019	Construction stage	R 1,000,960.00	R 560 177.42	85%	3	Meter installaticompleted. Inspection underway

OWN FUNDING PROJECTS

Project Name	Consultant/ Contractor	Allocated budget	Status	Comments/Challenges
Towerfontein Crèche	Dikgabo Engineers	R2 000 000.00	On Tender stage	On tender stage for appointment of contractor
Completion of Cooperspark community hall	N/A	R300 000.00	On Tender stage	On Tender stage for appointment of contractor

TECHNICAL SERVICES 2019/20 CAPITAL PROGRESS FOR MIG AND ELECTRIFICATION

MIG EXPENDITURE

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2019/20	R 44, 350, 000.00	R 17, 163, 778.77	R 27,186,221.23	38.70%

INEP Expenditure

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2019/20	R 15 000 000.00	R 3,510,942.04	R 11,489,057.96	R 23.41%



PHYSICAL PROGRESS ON 2019/20 FY

MIG projects

National Ref No	Project Name	Consultant/ Contractor	Start date for construction	Completion date	Status	Allocated budget	% Expenditure	Physical Progress %	Jobs created	Comments/ Challenges
R/ LP/11445/15/16	Kromhoek Internal street and storm- water phase 5	Morula consulting engineers Balo Holdings	N/A	N/A	Construction stage	R17,920,036.51	35%	50%	25	On Construction stage currently busy with layer works
CS/ LP/12575/16/17	Senwabarwana sports complex phase 3	Siyeza Consulting Engineers	N/A	N/A	Design Stage	R 2,075,617.59	R 0	0%	0	Currently busy with Design
R/ LP/11444/15/16	Avon Internal street and stormwater phase 4	T2 Tech consulting engineers	N/A	N/A	Tender stage	R16,509,103.45	41.59%	45%	25	On Construction stage currently busy with layer works
R/ LP/7153/09/18	Senwabarwana Internal streets and stormwater Phase 11	Nyeleti Consulting Engineers	N/A	N/A	Construction stage	R4,127,742.45	74%	85%	13	Layer works completed, currently busy with installation of kerbs
	Rehabilitation of Alldays landfill site	Engineerex	N/A	N/A	On Tender stage	R 1,500,000.00	R 0	0%	0	On tender stage

2019/20 ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS

Project Name	Consultant/ Contractor	Start date for construction	Completion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure (%)	Physical Progress%	Jobs created	Comments/ Challenges
Cluster 1-Post connections of 155 households connection at (Arrie (23),Sias (25), Thorpe (57), Motadi (20) and Gideon (30))	Math Engineering	N/A	N/A	Tender stage	R 1,131,500.00	N/A	0%	0	On Adjudication stage.
Cluster 2 –Post connections of 132 households at (Diepsloot (50), Silvermine (45), (Nailana (22), Innes(15))	Lefokane Consulting and Projects Management	N/A	N/A	Tender stage	R 963,600.00	8.4%	0%	0	On Adjudication stage.
Cluster 3 – Post connection of 120 household at (Kgokonyane(30), Milbank (55) ,Mosehlang (35))	NSK Electrical	N/A	N/A	Tender stage	R876,000.00	8.4%	0%	0	On Adjudication stage.

Electrification of household extensions at Witten Ext 08	125	Tladi Consulting Services	N/A	N/A	Tender stage	R2,150,000.00	8.4%	0%	0	On Adjudication stage.
Bochum Substation		Volt Consulting Engineers	N/A	N/A	Tender stage	R10,000,000.00	31.7	0%	0	On Adjudication stage.
Energy Efficiency and Demand site management		Xsemble Engineers	N/A	N/A	Construction stage	R2,000,000.00	N/A	0%	0	On Construction stage





CDM LAUNCH WI-FI PROJECT AT LANGLAAGTE

Capricorn District Municipality officially launched a Wi-fi project during the youth talent and arts campaign held at Langlaagte Multi-Purpose Community Centre on 16 October 2019. “The launch of the Wi-fi project here is the 2nd in Blouberg Municipality, following the one in Eldorado ”, said Member of the Mayoral Committee for Strategic Executive Management Service (SEMS) Cllr Jara Masubelele.

The Wi-fi project is expected to benefit about eleven villages around the Langlaagte area. The project will operate at the Langlaagte MPCC. Speaking during the campaign, Cllr Masubelele said, “we hope to achieve a crime and drug free society, by investing in programs through youth structures and also have a responsible youth that will contribute to the development of the country”.

Masubelele added that the launching of the Wi- fi project was expected to bridge the internet and information gap around the area. “The youth will be able to access internet to apply to tertiary institutions to further their studies after matric. This will also assist the youth to contribute meaningfully towards the 4IR”, said Cllr Masubelele.

The objectives of the youth talent and arts campaign program were amongst others to promote a healthy & responsible lifestyle amongst the youth, to give the youth a platform to showcase their talent and to discourage the use of drugs and alcohol.



CDM Member of Mayoral committee Cllr Jara Masubelele delivering the keynote address





VISION

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MISSION

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