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**BLOUBERG LEADERSHIP READY TO HIT  
THE GROUND RUNNING AS COUNCIL  
APPROVES 2019/2020 IDP/BUDGET**



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**His Worship  
Cllr Maseka Pheedi  
Mayor**

Madam Speaker, Africa month celebrations is drawing to a close. We in South Africa have celebrated this month in style. The inauguration of the 6<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa was held on Africa Day at Loftus Stadium. African Heads of states, former Presidents of South Africa, Ambassadors descended to Pretoria to mark this important day in South Africa and Africa as a whole.

Madam Speaker, our democracy has stood the test of time and we must be proudly South African. The South Africans have renewed the mandate for the African National Congress to lead South Africa once more. This is a result of clear leadership that the ANC has provided to South Africa, Africa and the world at large. Its "Thuma mina" time and let us be counted in giving service to the people. Like President Ramaphosa has said during his inauguration "Lets us drive away the guns, hunger, unemployment, inequality out of Africa. Let us continue to contribute to the fulfilment of an African dream."

### **TABLING OF IDP/BUDGET 30 DAYS BEFORE START OF THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR & BUDGET RELATED POLICIES (PAGE 257-423)**

**In terms of section 16 (2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, the Mayor of the Municipality must table the annual budget at a council meeting at least 30 days before the start of the budget year.**

The budget of the municipality was prepared taking into consideration the Municipal Budget and reporting regulations, the National Treasury circulars and the inputs from the provincial treasury made during budget benchmarking session held. The application of sound financial management principles for the compilation of the municipality's budget is essential and critical to ensure that the municipality remains financially sound and that the municipality is able to provide services to all communities in a sustainable manner.

This area remains one of the most critical as it deals with sustainability of the municipality. The revenue collection is the lifeline of the municipality and as the municipality we do not have reliable sources of revenue. The following are the key main sources of revenue: electricity, traffic, assessment rates and grants from national treasury. The municipality however has challenges in the area of revenue collection. As a result the Municipality has implemented a variety of revenue collection strategies to optimize the collection of debt

# 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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# THE KEY NOTE ADDRESS 2019/2020 BUDGET SPEECH

owed by consumers and also circulating its credit control and debt collection policy. The Revenue Management Committee has been established to deal with revenue collection issues and also taking it from Finance Minister during his budget speech that says - National Treasury will lead a process to encourage those, including government departments, who owe money to municipalities, to pay for services.

The Provincial Treasury made the following inputs during budget engagement in order for the municipality to have a sound and credible budget.

- The Provincial Treasury advised that the Blouberg Local Municipality must improve revenue collection particularly on the source of property rates.
- The Blouberg Local Municipality should prioritise budget for repairs and maintenance.
- The collection rate assumption should be re-assessed.
- There should be controls in place for expenditure management through implementation of measures such as cost containment.

The above inputs are therefore considered and will be prioritised Madam Speaker after adoption of the draft IDP/Budget on the 29 March we have rolled out a massive Community and stakeholder engagement programme. People have raised issues on the draft IDP/Budget that have sharpen our ideas and plans. These including amongst others the following;

- Hlokego ya meetse,
- Ditsela tše di kaone,
- VIP toilets,
- Dintlo,
- No Network coverage in certain areas
- Hlokego ya mešomo bjalo bjalo

On the basis of our engagement with our communities and stakeholders, we had to rework the IDP/Budget in order to respond to issues raised by Communities. All sector issues raised during consultations will be referred to relevant sector departments and IGR Forums. All water and sanitation issues are dealt with by the Capricorn District Municipality.

Madama Speaker, Today we are tabling IDP/Budget 2019/20 for approval as follows:

## 1. *Environment and Waste Management*

Madam Speaker, with regards to matters of Waste and Environment, it is anticipated that 210 EPWP casual workers will be employed for the upcoming financial year. The referred to casual workers will come in handy with regards to the following: Litter picking, Waste Collection, Park, Cemetery and Street Maintenance. Such endeavors have the capacity to reduce one of the most prevalent triple challenges of unemployment.

Madam Speaker, it should further be noted that even with our scarce resources, we still provide waste collection services in the following areas; Senwabarwana CBD and Township,

Dilaeneng, Ga-Mareis, Avon, Indermark, Kromhoek, Devrede, Burgrecht, Motlana, Eldorado, Taaibosch, Longden, Grootpan and Alldays. We further hope that the District Municipality will offer us more vehicles and /or equipment to enable us to extend services to other areas since we have major backlogs in that regard.

Madam Speaker, the management of Senwabarwana Landfill site is satisfactory, however there are still prevalent challenges relating to both Alldays landfill site and Taaibosch transfer station. It is heartening to note that the budget has been set aside for completion of the referred to projects in the next financial year. The District municipality has also made a commitment to the effect that they will financially assist with management and operation of the Senwabarwana Landfill in the next financial year, we indeed are grateful and laud their efforts in trying to preserve our environment. In collaboration with Department of Mineral Resources and CDM, we intend putting more impetus on by – law enforcement on illegal sand mining and related activities that put more strain on the environment. CDM also provides 80 job opportunities in relation to Alien Plant Eradication project at Brana and Rammutla and we are hopeful that if budget allows, the district will further make a similar offer in other areas to remove plant that severely damage the ecosystem of the municipal area.

### 1.1 **2019/20 ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES**

- Alldays landfill site R 1,5 M
- Senwabarwana landfill site R3,3 M
- Tractor and Chassis R 350 000
- EPWP Programme R 3 M
- Tree planting R 75 000
- Parks fencing & beautification R 200 000

## 2. **BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

### 2.1. **ELECTRIFICATION**

- Senwabarwana sub-station R 10 M
- Energy efficiency programme R 6 M
- Electrification of extensions 5M (Villages Thorpe, Milbank, Arrie, Silvermyn, Kgekonyana, Innes, Nailana, Mosehleng, Diepsloot, Motadi, Gedion, Siaz & n Witten)
- Conversion of meters at Alldays R 200 000

### 2.2 **TARRING OF INTERNAL STREETS**

- Senwabarwana Internal streets and storm water R 4 127 743
- Avon phase 5 R 16 509 104
- Kromhoek phase 5 R 17 920 036

### 2.3 **MAINTENANCE BUDGET**

Madam Speaker maintenance of infrastructure remains key to increasing the lifespan of our infrastructure development and public facilities

- Asphalt cutter R 70 000
- Road marking machine R 100 000
- Concrete mixer R 65 000
- Ride on double drum compactor roller R40 000
- Road maintenance R 350 000
- Maintenance of Equipment R 1 060 000
- Municipal facilities R 440 000

### 3. **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC SERVICES**

- Madam Speaker, with regards to the Department of Community Services, we are pleased to announce the resuscitation of street committees throughout the municipal jurisdiction. We envisage that this will go a long way in quelling the upsurge of criminal activities around the municipal area. We further urge our communities to take complete charge of their livestock as they contribute to high accidents rate in the municipal roads. We hereby make this bold pronouncement that all the stray animals will be impounded when found in public roads.
- Madam Speaker, in relation to traffic law enforcement, the municipality operates on a very skeletal staff of only fifteen permanent officers and as a result that impacts negatively on our revenue collection, given the vastness of our area. It should be taken into cognizance that a budget has been set aside for the traffic interns and that their stipend will be significantly increased as per the budget allocation. It is our wish to employ more traffic officers, though budgetary constraints inadvertently impede our efforts.
- Madame Speaker, we also made strides with regards to the licensing division where services have been evolved to Alldays and Eldorado where both learners' and drivers' licenses are tested as well as PRDP (public license) and renewed. We have also been found to be compliant with regards to National Road Traffic Management K53 Manuals and have also developed and successfully implemented all findings of inspection conducted. We also hope to extend such licenses to both Raweshi and Tolwe offices.

### 4. **SPORTS ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMMES**

- Senwabarwana Sports complex R 2 075 617
- Sports Development R 200 000
- Mayor' Cup R 550 000
- Mayor' Marathon R 100 000
- Employee wellness programme R 950 000
- Heritage programmes R 150
- Cooperspark community hall R 300 000
- Towerfontein crèche R 1 720 000

### 5. **GROWING BLOUBERG ECONOMY AND CREATING JOBS**

Madam Speaker there is a national call for all role players to join hands in an effort to grow the economy and create jobs

#### 5.1. **ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

- Madam Speaker the constitution of the Republic of South

Africa, Act 108 Of 1996 section 154 stated quiet implicitly that local government has a constitutional mandate to improve social and economic development. In respect of this mandate the municipality must ensure that it plays a pivotal role on SMME's development. As a consequence of this mandate the municipality forged a partnership with Venetia mine to incubate our SMME's. From 2017/18 up until 2018/19 financial years, 33 entrepreneurs were part of the incubation program which entailed an intensive business management skills training and mentorship. Equal to that, some of the entrepreneurs who were incubated received funding from NYDA to grow their businesses as well as improving sales.

- Madam Speaker, we have also forged a partnership with UN Women to train entrepreneurs on related general business management such as records keeping and costing. The program is already implemented and will end during 2021.
- Madam Speaker during this current financial year the municipality provided financial support to two SMME's namely Dithebele MN Clothing and Botala Temong Farming. A borehole and fencing materials were procured for Botala Temong Farming owned by a young male farmer residing at Borkum in ward 08 whereas we are still awaiting for the delivery of embroidery machine for Dithebele Clothing operating in Sebwarwana Industrial Area.
- Madam Speaker let me also applaud the department of Rural Development and Land Reform for the continuous support of our local farmers. From last year December 2018 to date, the department purchased 5ton truck for Rampedi Piggery at Vienna in ward 01 and also purchased tractors, trailers, boom sprays discs harrows and other related implements to a young female farmer by the name of Mahlatse Matlakana at gaKibi village, Whisky Moaba at Avon village and Tswelangpele Primary Cooperative at Burg-en-dal village.

#### 5.2. **MINING DEVELOPMENTS**

- Madam Speaker let me indicate that there will be a huge mining developments in the south part of Blouberg area. There is Platinum Group Metals (Waterberg JV) which will be mining platinum however the company is still awaiting a respond from the Department of Mineral Resources to release mining rights permit. The waterberg JV has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CDM to implement bulk water supply in the mining communities (Kgatlu, Lewaneng, Old long syn). This development will inject R9billion as an investment to the Blouberg area. The mining company envisaged to commence with mining construction by 2021. The investment will indeed have a potential to grow the economy and create jobs.
- Madam Speaker we have signed Social and Labour Plan with Venetia mine to implement some of the community projects for a period of five years. A budget amounting to R32, 914, 508 has been set aside for the implementation of SLP projects until 2022. Those projects are amongst others water supply projects for Alldays and Taaibosch,



construction of Health centre at gaKibi and market stalls for Senwabarwana and Alldays.

### 5.3 POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMMES

- Madam Speaker, according to Statistics South Africa results, 2011 the municipality has 39, 2% unemployment rate and chunk of this percentage are youth. According to research conducted by Global Insight, 38.7% of the Blouberg people are living under food poverty line and this depicts that most of the residents are still caught in a poverty trap. Furthermore the economic growth forecast shows that the Blouberg economy will grow at an average annual rate of 2, 47% from 2016 to 2021. As a municipality we need to come up with robust interventions which will serve as a panacea towards poverty eradication. In order to reduce poverty the municipality has employed 210 EPWP workers and 1201 CWP participants including the site staff. For the next coming financial year we will increase EPWP workers to 210

### 5.4 GROWING BLOUBERG TOURISM

- Madam Speaker, Research has shown that the municipality has a competitive advantage in terms of tourism. So far we have developed tourism composite guide with the purpose of promoting and marketing our heritage resources. Last year in September we launched tourism month in style and we have also planned to launch it as part of our annual tourism events. As a municipality we will continue to support heritage day celebrations events held at our traditional authorities.

### 5.5 ATTRACTING INVESTMENTS TO OUR MUNICIPALITY

- Madam Speaker the municipality is planning to host its first LED Summit in the next financial year wherein different stakeholders will be invited to share information on how the municipality could realize economic development and growth that will create jobs. Through LED summit the municipality will be in a position to better understand the challenges and realities it faces in its pursuit of excellence in service delivery. This summit will eventually attract future investments. Currently we have secured an investor who will be constructing a mall in Senwabarwana town at erf 300 where the old show ground is located. The developer will inject R350million for this huge development. The construction of a mall will start in 2021. More jobs will be created and this will help to reduce unemployment as per the Stats SA results, 2011. The development is an arrangement on lease agreement which will last for a period of 99 years.

### 5.6 BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY ASSIGNED POWERS TO REGISTER BUSINESSES

- Madam Speaker let me share this good news to the Blouberg community especially business fraternities that in the next financial year the municipality will be registering all businesses for licensing as LEDET assigned powers and function to local municipalities hence the Council approval. In fact the responsibility should have been long given to local municipalities as required by Limpopo

Business Registration Act, 2003 (Act No 5 of 2003)

### 5.7 SPATIAL PLANNING

- Madam Speaker, in terms of spatial planning the municipality has appointed three service providers to do township establishments on three farm portions namely BOCHEM 145 LS, BOCHUM 178 LS and portion 4 (remaining extent) of the farm ALLDAYS 295 MS. 500 sites will be demarcated from each farm portion wherein the total will be 1500.
- Madam Speaker as much as we appreciate the appointment of town planners for township establishments project we still have a serious challenge in respect of land invasion by some of our community members. This project will in one way or the other respond to the challenge and put an end to these illegal land crabs.

### 6. ON INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

- R 1M for public participation
- R 4,2 million for Ward Committees support
- R 500 000 for IDP/Budget review process
- R 450 for performance management
- R 4 million for external audit.

### 7. ON SPECIAL FOCUS & HIV/AIDS PROGRAMMES

- HIV/Aids programme : R 200 000
- Youth programmes : R 250 000
- Disability programme : R 150 000
- Children programmes : R 100 000
- Gender programmes : R 100 000

### 8. FREE BASIC SERVICES

- Free basic electricity R 1,4M
- Free basic waste removal R 500 000 M

### 9. SUMMARY OF 2019/20 BUDGET

Madam Speaker the overall budget for 2019/20 financial year is as follows:

The annual total Budget Revenue for the 2019/20 financial year amounts to R 333.1 million, make up with the own revenue of R 74.5 million and the grant of R 258.5 million. There is an increase as compare to last year budget of R 70.1 million and R 241.3 million.

The annual Budget operating expenditure for the 2019/20 amounts to R 311, 6 million. The operating expenditure has increased as compared to 2018/19 financial year due to annual increase on salaries and inflation rates. The operating expenditure for the outer years has increases. The municipality has eliminated spending on non-priority items or activities to give way for service delivery priorities. The operating expenditure includes non- cash item of which causes a deficit as the municipality given the fact that it is rural it's unable to absorb these items through tariff setting considering the level of poverty and affordability.

The total capital Budget for 2019/20 is amounting to R 69.5 million, which is equals to % of the total operating budget, has

increases as compared to 2018/19 financial year (R55.6). In the outer years this amount totals R 79.2 for 2020/21, and R84, 9 million for 2021/22.

We therefore table the IDP/Budget in terms of Municipal systems Act, Municipal Finance Management Act and Municipal Budget Report Regulation for adoption. We further submit the following budget related policies for adoption.

1. Indigent Support Policy – Indigent policy, for the 2019 /20 the indigent policy threshold was R 3,400 per household, but for the 2019/20 the indigent policy threshold will be revised to R 3 560.
2. Tariff Structure and Policy – in 2019/20 the tariff increase will be 6% which is aligned to circular 93 and 94.
3. Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy.
4. Debtors impairment and write-off policy
5. Budget Policy
6. Investment Policy
7. Assets Management Policy
8. Supply Chain Management Policy
9. Cash Management Policy
10. Fund Reserve Policy
11. Property Rates and By-Law Policy
12. MFMA CIRCULAR No.93 and 94- Municipal Budget circular for 2019/20 MTREF

#### **10. REPORTS ON SALARY INCREASE IN BARGAINING COUNCIL LEVY (PAGE 6-7)**

Council approve 6, 5 % bargaining council levy with effect from the 01 July 2019

#### **11. REPORT ON SALARY INCREASE FOR 2019/20 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (PAGE 8-10)**

Council approve implementation of salary 6, 5 % salary increase for all SALGBC employees with effect from the 01 July 2019.

#### **12. REPORT ON ICT SECURITY POLICY (PAGE 11-19)**

Council Approve ICT security policy

#### **13. REPORT ON REVIEWED CHANGE MANAGEMENT POLICY (PAGE 20-35)**

Council Approve reviewed change management policy

#### **14. REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULING ON MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT AMENDMENT ACT NO 7 OF 2011 (PAGE 36-83)**

Council consider the ruling and its effect to application Municipal systems Act of 2000

#### **15. REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PAGE 84-87)**

Council note progress with regard to the decisions taken by Executive committee and Council

#### **16. REPORT ON RISK MANAGEMENT (PAGE 88-201)**

Madam Speaker we further recommend Council to note the following documents:

- Strategic risk assessment report together with the risk register
- Fourth quarter risk management implementation plan
- Incident register

#### **17. REPORT ON APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT RATES POLICY 2019/20 (PAGE 202)**

MADAM SPEAKER, In terms of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004 and Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, Section 3(1) and Section 62(1) respectively, a municipality has to develop and adopt a rates policy consistent with the applicable legislation mentioned for purposes of implementing the levying of rates on ratable properties within the municipality's boundaries. Therefore we bring to your attention the amended rates policy for Council approval.

#### **18. REPORT ON COMPILATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL 2019/20 (PAGE 203)**

MADAM SPEAKER, Blouberg municipality has developed general valuation roll for the financial year 2016-2021. The municipality is required by Section 78 of Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 6 of 2004, to develop a supplementary valuation roll for each financial year, therefore I table the Supplementary valuation roll for 2019/20 for approval by Council.

#### **19. REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRECINCT PLAN FOR ELDORADO BY CDM (PAGE 202-245)**

MADAM SPEAKER, Capricorn District Municipality commissioned the development of a Precinct Plan for the rural settlement of Eldorado which is one of the Nodal points of the Blouberg Spatial Development framework. The draft document has been submitted to the municipality for final comments and inputs. MADAMA SPEAKER I therefore recommend that Council provide comments and inputs on the document before its approval to ensure that the framework is in line with the development strategies of the municipality.

#### **IN CONCLUSION**

Madam Speaker let me take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to table the 2019/20 IDP/Budget. Like I said in the beginning. It is Thuma mina time. Let us all roll our sleeves and join hands to Grow Blouberg Municipality together.

Ke a leboga

**CLLR MASEKA PHEEDI  
MAYOR; BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

# FROM THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM



**Cllr Maria Thamaga**  
Speaker

Coming from the recent elections, the current political landscape makes for very interesting reading in that there is an undoubtedly renewed sense of purpose particularly around the Presidential Thuma Mina rallying call. Ordinarily everyone, both in the political and administrative domain, should be rolling up their sleeves, knuckling down in an effort to ensure that they are the first to respond to the call of volunteering one's services for the greater good of their communities and country. Those still dragging their feet must fathom that we have come full circle and have reached a point of no return. We are certainly not in the twilight zone and there is definitely no confusion with regards to what needs to be done in terms of pursuing the national discourse. A plethora of legislation is right in our midst and all that is required is for us to have ducks on the row.

The pendulum seems unwittingly hell bent on swinging in our favour and I guess the saying that one makes one's luck rings true in this regard. Naysayers allege that we receive preferential treatment but the cardinal truth is, facts don't lie and facts need to be separated from fiction. The indisputable fact is, hard work is deeply entrenched in our DNA. The Extended SALGA Provincial Speakers' Forum held from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Karibu Leisure Resort (Mopani District) coincidentally proved to be the real barometer with regards to the above. The forum also played host to the SALGA Peer Recognition Certificates Awards. Our municipality swept the boards in all the categories we entered namely: Most Functional MPAC, the Most Functional Schedule of Meetings as well as the Best Public Participation Model. It is remarkable to note that we have added further caps to the public participation one which is our regular feature.

We are intent on lending our hand and providing the perfect tonic in the quest to restore the diminishing public trust and make up for the deficit encountered throughout all the three tiers of government. The state

president has, since the start of his tenure, been vocal in spreading the message of clean and ethical governance and we commit to put shoulder on the wheel to help regain national trust. The fact that progress on resolutions of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ward Committees' Conference are a standing item in all our governance structures is like music in our ears and we look forward to the upcoming one. The Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC)'s Public Hearings on the 2017/18 Annual Report was but one of the mechanisms that offered renewed sense of belonging on the part of the citizenry as attendance thereof averaged more than three hundred and fifty (350) albeit in clusters. The same went for the 2019/2020 IDP/Budget consultative programmes which were also incident free. That is very significant in that such consultations are meant to carve strategic direction, suffice to mention that we are almost at the halfway point of our term of office. We certainly are right on track.

All council sanctioned committees have their reports finding expression in council sittings. It is hoped that as we hit the final stretch towards the end of the financial year, all committees would have complied with the adopted schedule of meetings barring unavoidable changes. The District Council of Speakers (formerly Speakers' Forum) along with the Public Participation Forum, which are both championed by respective Offices of Speakers, continue to make innumerable strides. A major point of concern however, relates to ward committees' capacity building. Given the sparse resources at our disposal, we sincerely hope that the district has set aside a sizable chunk of their budget for local municipalities to conduct training and build the capacity of our foot soldiers - ward committees to the uninitiated. They are one piece of the local government jigsaw puzzle that require special attention if we are to avert community protests and build new layers of leadership. Legendary Henry Ford remarked, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young".

We say kudos to the erstwhile Speaker of our very own Capricorn District Municipality (CDM), Mme Nakedi Lekganyane as well as Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC), Mme Patricia Mahlo for having made the cut, becoming members of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature and National Assembly respectively following the May 8 general elections. We declare, without any shadow of doubt that the two possess the necessary pedigree and will represent us well. The same congratulatory message is extended to Donald Selamolela (Limpopo MPL) as well as Peter Keetse (MP) who along with Mahlo happen to be Blouberg citizens. Mme Lilliet Mamaregane who was also deployed to the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) cannot be left out as she also represents the aspirations of women with aplomb. On the same breadth, we welcome newly installed Speaker of the CDM, Mme Monicca Mohale and further wish her well in her new responsibility. Having served as Mayor of Molemole Local Municipality and as District Chairperson of Chairpersons (dubbed Chair of Chairs) before, she is indeed no spring chicken in local government affairs and will undoubtedly hit the ground running. We are looking forward to working together as J.K Rowling said, "We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

# ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

The year 2018/19 was hectic all round and filled with challenging but yet progressive activities. We commenced the year with a limping senior management complement but toiled and reinforced it with three (3) energetic incumbents in the areas of Community Services, Finance and Corporate Services. The alluded to directors have taken to their tasks like ducks in the water and are alive to the challenges encountered by the institution. They have evidently upped the ante and their collective effort will undoubtedly assist the institution to move away from particularly the audit quagmire that has bedeviled us over the past few financial years. As much as we appreciate and acknowledge the good work done by those who acted in respective capacities, we maintain that such contractual appointments go along with elements of total responsibility and accountability.

It should be noted that there were internal arrangements geared towards improving general efficiency as well as bringing about improvement in the general provision of services. If the previous three 2018/19 quarterly performance assessments reports are anything to go by, we are right on track to make amends. Accolades should go to all stakeholders involved as they assured maintenance of team spirit and encouraged each other to deliver quality services to our communities – dealing a severe blow to the silo mentality that has been at display in the past. Words of wisdom from arguably one of the world's brightest sport stars ever, Michael Jordan that, "Talent win games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships". Those words should continually reverberate in our minds as they serve to galvanize us towards collective responsibility. We are in "the afternoon" of the 2018/19 financial year. When assessing the plight of our journey, one can confidently say we are almost there. Credit should again be given to the high staff moral and commitment. We are just about to wind up the financial year and it is pleasing to note most of our departments are at 99% in respect of achieving their targets as per the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). It should further be noted that we have just entered into another new service contract with our communities through adoption of the 2019/2020 IDP and Budget on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Kwarung. The approval of same followed rigorous community and stakeholder participation. We say



**Mr Junias Machaba**  
Municipal Manager

Bravo!! to the Blouberg staff and political leadership who made it possible for the timeous adoption and subsequent submission to all the relevant authorities like the Provincial Treasury and the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA). Our forward planning for the 2019/20 financial year is at an advanced stage and is proceeding without any hindrances. As management we ensured adherence to the sound accounting principles by sticking to the stipulated timelines and getting already geared up for the upcoming audit session. We are in the process of finalizing the review of human resource policies which are the heartbeat of the institution and therefore require a substantial amount of due diligence. The wishy washy approach to such important aspects as policies won't help and have the potential of getting back to bite one in case attention to detail was not paid. Having customized it, we view the Ministerial Gazette no 42514 of 2019 on Municipal cost containment regulations as a tonic to spur us towards delivery of improved services. The overriding aim of the regulation is to ensure that the resources of municipalities and municipal entities are used effectively, efficiently and economically. We look forward to a very fruitful 2019/2020 Financial Year. Let's us all put our hands on deck to end the year with a bang!





# BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY CONSULTS ON 2019/2020 DRAFT IDP/BUDGET

The Blouberg Local Municipality kick-started with consultations on the draft 2019/2020 Intergrated Development Plan (IDP/Budget) following approval of the plan by Council as prescribed in terms of Municipal Systems Act No 32 Section 34. The IDP is the principal strategic planning instrument of a municipality and form the basis of the municipal budget.

Blouberg Local Municipality resumed the process by presenting the draft to the local chiefs, the mining houses, farmers associations, rate payers associations and sector departments in a bid to solicit their inputs. The process was followed by the public consultation programmes from the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 with the first stop being at Raweshi Satellite Office (Raweshi Village) to accommodate Cluster A comprising of Wards 01, 02, 09, 21 and 22.

The second stop was at Inveraan Satellite Office (Inveraan Village) to cater for Cluster B, comprising wards: 03,07,08,09,10,11,12 and 14. Cluster C (wards: 04, 05, 06 and 20) and D (wards: 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18) consultations were held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> of May at My Darling Community Hall and Kibi Community Hall respectively.

Residents across all 22 wards raised their concerns where in lack of basic services such as water, sanitation poor road conditions and job creation and network coverage topped the list. However some residents went on to express their satisfaction and gratitude with the level of performance by the municipality. The residents appreciated the building of pre-schools, electrification of extensions and the provision of RDP houses by the Department of Corporate Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA).

Residents also offered their advice to the municipality on how to develop their respective areas.

As the presentations were made to various communities, municipal leadership clearly indicated that the plan was not final but just a proposal to solicit public inputs and comments in preparation for the final leg which will results in the ultimate adoption of same.

In all public participation meetings, communities were reminded that not all the services they require are rendered by the municipality. An indication was made about intergovernmental relations that public roads were funded by the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Water by the Capricorn District Municipality, Health facilities by the Department of Health and an undertaking was made to ensure that service delivery challenges raised that are outside the scope of the Blouberg Municipality will be forwarded to the relevant entities. Upon conclusion of all the stakeholders and public participation programmes; with all the comments and inputs made and noted the Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi tabled the final 2019/2020 budget on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May at Kwarung village for the new financial year starting 1st July 2018.

**Chairperson: Budget and Treasury - Cllr Robert Makobela presenting the draft budget**



**Community members had their say on the draft 2019/2020 IDP/Budget**

# BLOUBERG LEADERSHIP READY TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AS COUNCIL APPROVES THE 2019/2020 BUDGET

The Blouberg Local Municipality Council sitting at Old Ben Seraki Sport Complex, Kwarung village approved the 2019/2020 budget and the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) along with budget related policies to be implemented as at July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. The Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) 56 of 2003 section 16(2) requires that the Mayor of the Municipality tables the annual budget at a council meeting 30 days before the start of the budget year.

The Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi indicated that after the adoption of the draft IDP/Budget preceded by community and stakeholder consultation programmes, people raised issues that sharpened the municipality ideas to guide the planning process. Service delivery complaints that featured prominently included; water challenges, roads, sanitation, house, jobs and network coverage in certain areas among others. "On the basis of our engagements with our communities and stakeholders, we had to rework the IDP/budget in order to respond to issues raised by communities, all sector issues raised during consultation will be referred to the relevant sector departments and IGR fora, all water and sanitation issues will be dealt with by the Capricorn District Municipality", Mayor Pheedi said.

The municipality budget will cater all areas as mandated in terms of the delivery of basic services and infrastructure development to the Blouberg citizenry ranging from tarring of internal streets, waste and environment, electrification, growing Blouberg economy and creation of jobs among others.

The municipality has set aside funds for the construction of Senwabarwana sub-station, energy efficiency programme, conversion of meters at Alldays, and the electrification of Thorpe, Milbank, Arrie, Silvermiyn, Kgokonyane, Innes, Nailana, Mosehleng, Diepsloop, Motadi, Gideon, Siaz and Witten extensions. The municipality will continue with the upgrading of Senwabarwana, Avon and Kroomhoek internal streets from gravel to tar.

In terms of environment and waste management affairs, the municipality has injected funds in the following projects; Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) the Senwabarwana and Alldays Landfill sites, parks fencing and beautification, tree planting, Alldays cemetery and buying of a tractor and chassis among others.

The other slice of the budget has been allocated to community safety and traffic services, institutional transformation and development programme sport arts and cultural programmes, special focus programmes and free basic services.



*Mayor Pheedi delivering the 2019/2020 budget speech.*



*Leadership and management share a moment after the successful IDP/Budget adoption event.*





# LOCAL LEARNERS EMPOWERED WITH POST MATRIC STUDIES INFORMATION AS BLOUBERG HOSTS CAREER EXHIBITION

Learners from various schools around Blouberg Local Municipality are now empowered with information to assist them decide which careers and higher institutions of learning to choose from to further their studies, thanks to Blouberg Local Municipality.

The municipality through its Special Focus Unit's Youth Desk hosted a successful career expo in a bid to facilitate conversations around career opportunities for Blouberg learners. The events of this nature (career exhibition) are hosted annually and when the need for such has been identified. The focus is mainly on grade 11 and 12 across all the education circuits.

Various institutions were invited on the day to exhibit their services and share the related information with learners. Prospective students met with various representatives from various institutions and also gained insight and career advices from specialists to better understand what lies ahead of them in terms of getting into higher institutions of learning. The majority of learners who took part in the programme described the event as helpful and informative. Learners said they were very excited to have the opportunity to access information like how and when to apply at tertiary institutions and the various courses offered among other things. Blouberg Municipality is predominantly rural where the majority of learners are from disadvantaged communities where access to information remains a challenge due to unavailability of network and resources among others.

Blouberg Local Municipality Youth Officer, Harry Mokobane said he is fulfilled, that the municipality has hosted a successful expo for the Blouberg learners and is hopeful that the information they obtained will assist them in making informed decisions when choosing various career paths." It has been a very positive event and is without a doubt

that learners will utilize the information obtained to their advantage. We would like to thank our circuit managers for assisting us in getting the targeted respective learners on board", He said

The Mayor; His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi was the keynote speaker on the day.

As a former lecturer and curriculum adviser, education is very close to his heart. When he addressed learners, he put more emphasis on the importance of education as the only hope for the better future as there are no short cuts to success. SABC 1' Skeem Saam actor Putla Sehlapelo also came down to Blouberg to motivate and share useful information with the learners.

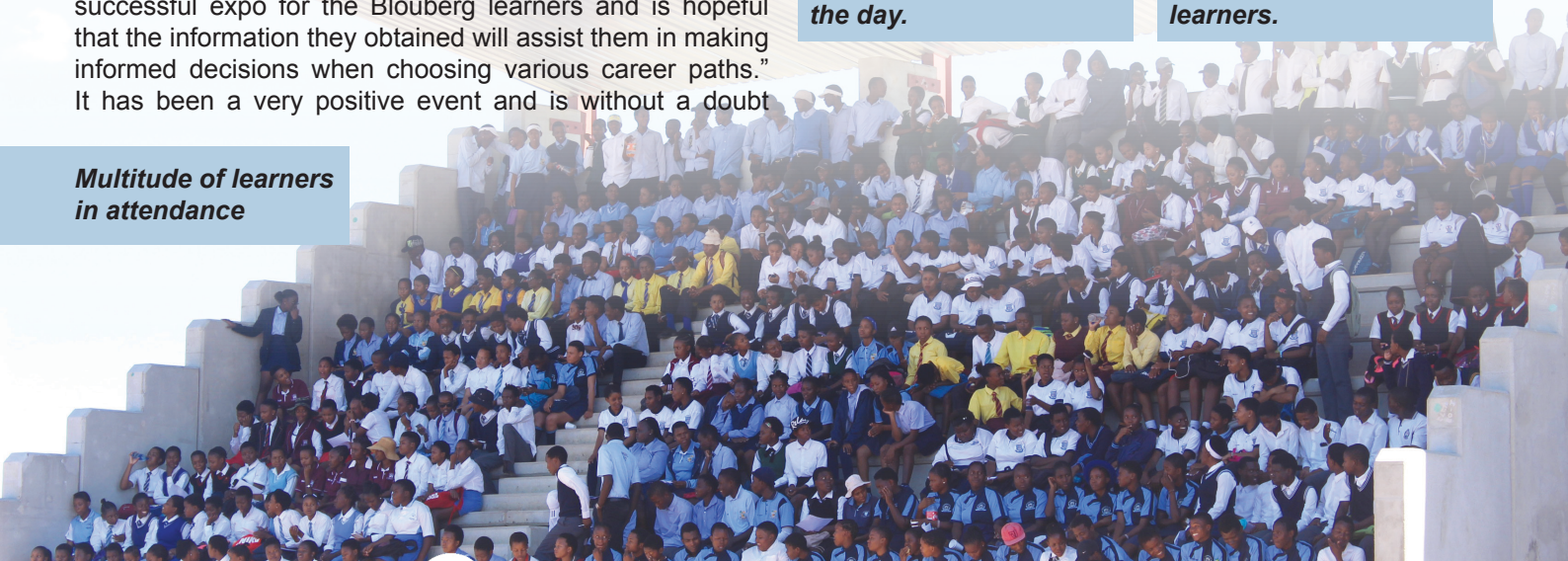


**Mayor Pheedi delivering the keynote address on the day.**



**Skeem Saam actor Putla Sehlapelo sharing useful information with the learners.**

**Multitude of learners in attendance**



# BLOUBERG WOMEN GATHER TO PAY HOMAGE TO MOTHERS

*The Blouberg Makhosikazi looking ravishing for the occasion*



Blouberg Local Municipality women councillors and officials converged at the municipal council chamber in Senwabarwana to honour mothers on International Mother's Day. This year's Blouberg Municipality Mother's Day celebration was a 'black and white affair' and the women were 'dressed to the nines'.

Mother's day is celebrated all over the world and falls on different dates. In South Africa, Canada, Australia and the United States of America the day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. People take the day as an opportunity to pay homage to their mothers, mother figures, and maternal bonds, celebrate the influence of mothers in society for all their love, care and support.

The event was organized by the Director for Community Services, Ms Mabore Mampa and her team of eight assistants. According to Director Mampa the day was mainly organized to recognize and celebrate mothers and ladies of Blouberg Municipality on Mother's Day. "We called motivational speakers to empower and motivate them with great wisdom. The event was also in preparation for the upcoming Women's Day Celebration." In as much as it was their day the celebrations are also a culmination of women's day to be celebrated in August and we are envisioning to have an annual celebrations of these special days with the special women of BLM." She concluded.

Blouberg Mother's day event was not just glitz and glam but for a good cause to assist those in need. The women on the day brought sanitary towels that were handed over to needy girl learners at the Ratanang Special School in Senwabarwana.

Messages of support and motivation on the day were delivered by the Council Speaker, Mme Maria Thamaga and renowned radio personality and multiple-awarding winning community builder Beka Ntsanwisi.

The attendees were also entertained by the music of Blouberg Local Municipality choir, local traditional dancers and local recording artists.



*Special Focus Chairperson, Cllr Makgalemele Makhura handing over sanitary towels to Ratanang Special School learners.*

# DE BEERS HOST SUCCESSFUL YOUTH DAY

Held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, the event welcomed 300 learners from the mine's labour sending areas of Blouberg and Musina. The event was the company's contribution to Youth Month and was in alignment with the education programme launched last year by Anglo American in partnership with the Department of Education, to support education and skills development in its labour sending areas.

The participants were welcomed by Social Performance Practitioner at Venetia Mine, Itumeleng Mogale, whose address focused on setting the scene on how the day would unfold.

Following the insights from Mogale, Social Performance Specialist, Bonani Nyabane empowered the learners by encouraging them to take the opportunity to explore the breadth of careers available across a diverse spectrum of industries.

"Today we are here to expose you to some of the opportunities available on the job market, not only in the mining industry but in other industries as well. Ask as many questions as you possibly can and let the professionals here take you through their offerings," he said.

Senior Corporate Affairs Manager at Venetia Mine, Chris Botha instilled a call to action into the minds of the learners, tasking them to aim for excellence in their studies. He further emphasized the need for reimagining the way in which young people should look at career opportunities.

"I am asking you this morning to embrace this opportunity so that you can make better informed decisions about your futures. Education is the most powerful tool, and to quote Nelson Mandela, it is what we make out of what we have that separates us from another," he said.

Throughout the day, the learners were given an opportunity to rotate across the various interactive sessions to talk to young professionals about their jobs, what it took to get there and what else is on offer.

Speaking on the side-lines, Itumeleng Mogale said, "events like these are a great chance for learners to see other opportunities they might have never considered before".

Key stakeholders and exhibitors present at the event included Worley Parsons, Barloworld and Vhembe TVET College, who provided information and services on careers, skills development and entrepreneurship opportunities.

LoveLife conducted dialogues on HIV prevention, teenage pregnancy, gender-based violence, substance and alcohol abuse amongst others.

The event concluded with a rich and lively performance by the De Beers Musina Fieldband.



*Social Performance Specialist, Bonani Nyabane - empowering learners to take the opportunity to explore the breadth of careers available across diverse spectrum of industries.*



*Venetia Mine Senior Corporate Affairs Manager, Chris Botha installing a call to action into the minds of learners tasking them to aim for excellence in their studies.*

# CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT

## 2018/19 CAPITAL PROGRESS FOR MIG AND ELECTRIFICATION

### MIG Expenditure

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2018/19	R 43, 491, 000.00	R 43,484,809.42	R 6,190.58	99.99%

### INEP Expenditure

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2018/19	R 4 296 000.00	R 3,518, 844.47	R 1 132 523.55	81.9%

### Physical Progress on 2018/19 FY

#### MIG projects

National Ref No	Project Name	Consultant/ Contractor	Appoint-ment date for con-sultant	Appoint-ment date for contractor	Start date for con-struction	Comple-tion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure	Phys-ical Prog-ress %	Jobs cre-ated	Com-ments / Chal-lenges
R/ LP/11445/15/16	Kromhoek Internal street and storm-water phase 3	Morula consulting engineers	25/07/2018	24/10/2018	13/11/2018	13/06/2019	Practical Completion Stage	R 6,760,211.49	R 6,760,211.49	98%	24	Currently busy with v-drains
R/ LP/11445/15/16	Kromhoek Internal street and storm-water phase 4	Dolmen Consulting Engineers	25/07/2018	24/10/2018	14/11/2018	14/05/2019	Comple-tion stage	R 6,325,000.00	R 5,888,717.93	100%	24	Completed
CS/ LP/12575/16/17	Senwabarwana sports complex phase 3	Paballo Consulting Engineers	27/07/2016	27/07/2016	01/10/2018	25/06/2019	Comple-tion stage	R 6 820 200.00	R 6,819,527.40	100%	09	Completed
R/ LP/11444/15/16	Avon Internal street and stormwater phase 4	T2 Tech consulting engineers	25/07/2018	24/10/2018	12/11/2018	12/06/2019	Comple-tion stage	R 7 850 000.00	R 7,845,552.60	100%	16	Completed
R/LP/7153/09/18	Senwabarwana Internal streets and stormwater Phase 9	Nyeleti Consulting Engineers	27/07/2016	27/07/2016	12/09/2018	26 June 2019	Comple-tion stage	R 6,998,125.00	R 6,998,125.00	99%	29	Completed
R/LP/7153/09/18	Senwabarwana Internal streets and stormwater Phase 10	Nyeleti Consulting Engineers	27/07/2016	27/07/2016	12/09/2018	09 April 2019	Comple-tion stage	R 6,998,125.00	R 6,998,125.00	100%	29	Completed

# CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT

## Electrical projects

Project Name	Consultant/Contractor	Start date for construction	Completion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure	Physical Progress %	Jobs created	Comments/Challenges
Electrification of 200 household connection at Witten ext	Math Electrical	18/01/2019	18/05/2019	Construction date	R 3, 246 014.47	R 3,246,014.47	100%	14	200 House completed and Energized
Post connection of 143 extension at Raweshi, Cracouw, Earlydawn, Lekgwara and Oldlongsigne	NSK Electrical	14/01/2019	14/05/2019	Construction stage	R 1,000,960.00	R 272,829.99	25%	3	Construction has halted due to slow progress, the Municipality has opted to terminate the contractor.
Energy efficiency and demand side management	Xsemble Engineers	11/02/2019	22/05/2019	Construction stage	R 5,000,000.00	R 4,865,167.00	100%	3	100% complete.

## Electrical own funding projects

Project Name	Consultant/Contractor	Start date for construction	Completion date	Revised completion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure	Physical Progress %	Jobs created	Comments/Challenges
Electrification of 115 household connection at Essouringa and Makgari	Lefokane Electrical Engineers	29/11/2018	01/04/2019	31/05/2019	Construction stage	R 1, 400,000.00	R 1,037,862.09	98%	10	115 Connections completed, with installing of meter and upgrading of transformer outstanding.

## Own funding projects

Project Name	Consultant/Contractor	Allocated budget	Status	Comments/Challenges
Towerfontein Crèche	Dikgabo Engineers	R280 000.00	Design report approved	Design report and Tender Document is completed. Advertisement of contractor underway. The construction of the project will commence in the next financial year-2019/2020.





## **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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