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

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

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THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS (SOMA) 2023

The Council has approved the Integrated Development Plan - IDP/Budget 2023/2024 together with budget-related policies. This plan is geared towards improving the lives of the communities of Blouberg Local Municipality.

Section 34 of Municipal Systems Act, states that: "A municipal council must review its integrated development plan annually in accordance with an assessment of its performance measurements and to the extent that changing circumstances so demand."

As Council of Blouberg Local Municipality we were compelled to engage with our communities through IDP/Budget consultations and public participation meetings, as guided by Section 25 of the Municipal Systems Act of 2000, and Section 22 of Municipal Financial Management Act of 2003.

The Draft IDP/Budget 2023/2024 Public Consultation meetings were successfully held between April and May 2023 throughout the municipality. Traditional leaders, farmers' unions, mining houses and business community and all wards of Blouberg Local Municipality voiced out their inputs and comments. We are pleased that our communities have responded positively towards the Draft IDP/Budget 2023/2024, and we are comforted that this IDP/ Budget is founded on the interests and aspirations of the people of Blouberg. Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank fellow councillors for always serving our constituencies to the best of our ability. It is not an easy ride, but all our efforts are driven by our passion and commitment to make Blouberg Local Municipality a better place to live in.

Kgole ke fao re tšwago gomme tsela e sa le ye telele gobane batho ba rena ba nyaka meetse, dintlo ditsela, mohlagase, mešomo bjalo bjalo. Tše ka moka re swanetše go di fihlelela re thušana le mafapha a mmušo le lekala la private.

Allow me to outline the state of the municipality looking at six key performance areas namely;

- Financial viability and management
- Municipal transformation and institutional development
- Spatial rationale
- Local economic development
- Basic services and infrastructure development
- Good governance and public participation

FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND MANAGEMENT

The municipal finances are taken care of in line with provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA). We have over the past three years obtained unqualified audit opinions. Our goal is to achieve a clean audit with support of the District, Treasury, CoGHSTA, SALGA and all other relevant stakeholders. Our budget for the next three years is as follows:

	Budget 2023/2024	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
Income	R438 Million and 565 thousand	R440 Million and 303 thousand	R440 Million and 459 thousand
Grant	R322 million and 952 thousand	R324 million and 445 thousand	R318 million and 469 thousand
Own Revenue	R115 million and 613 thousand	R115 million and 858 thousand	R121 million and 990 thousand
Expenditure	R475 million and 964 thousand	R475 million and 173 thousand	R482 million and 721 thousand
Operating budget	R389 million and 372 thousand	R378 million and 949 thousand	R381 million and 686 thousand
Capital budget	R86 million and 592 thousand	R96 million and 224 thousand	R 101 million and 35 thousand
Surplus Deficit	R37 million and 398 thousand	R34 million and 869 thousand	R322 million and 952 thousand

MUNICIPAL TRANSFORMATION AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vacant Positions

We are currently having vacancies for four director positions. We have advertised these positions and we are in process of filling them for the next financial year.



**Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga
Mayor**

Decentralization of Services

Our satellites offices are fully operational. We are committed to ensuring that we decentralize services to these satellite offices, so that our people can have easy access to municipal services. We have successfully decentralized traffic services to Tolwe and licensing services will soon follow. We will continue to allocate funds towards building our institutional capacity and development. The Avon Multi-Purpose Community Centre is still under construction.

Training for Councillors and Officials

We have set aside R1, 2 million to cater for the training of councillors and officials to improve their capacity to serve our communities.

SPATIAL RATIONALE**Growing Senwabarwana and Alldays Towns**

Spatial planning is catalyst to development. Our commitment to grow Senwabarwana and Alldays towns is unshaken. We have successfully sold and allocated sites in both towns and our township development efforts are bearing fruits.

Allocation of Sites

Equally, we are calling our communities to follow all sites application processes. A re šomišaneng le Magoshi le Masepala. the municipality has purchased survey equipment to assist with land use applications. Let us avoid staying on the flood lines.

Housing

For the 2023/24 financial year the department of Cooperative Governance Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) allocated 245 RDP houses for the needy in our municipality. The units were allocated as follows; Alldays - 130, Tolwe - 29, ward 03 - 5, ward 06 – 01, ward 07- 15, ward 12- 03 , ward 13 – 01, ward 14 – 11 and ward 17- 50.

Bulk Services

We have a challenge of bulk services to our towns, however we are hopeful that our collaboration with Capricorn District Municipality (CDM), mines and other government sector departments will resolve these challenges. We have set aside R1, 5 million spatial planning programmes. This includes poverty alleviation as well as the Local Economic Development (LED) Summit.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The municipality must provide a good environment for local economic development and entrepreneurs to thrive. We have successfully renovated the Senwabarwana Tourism Centre with the assistance from Galaxy Bingo. We have assisted three (3) LED projects in the current financial year.

Partnerships

In partnership with De Beers Venetia Mine we have secured an investment of R50 million for the next three years. We are engaging with mining initiatives within Blouberg so that they invest in the economy of Blouberg. We hope that all the seven (7) initiatives will soon get off the ground. We have also set aside R900 thousand for LED projects support and summit.

Internet Connectivity

We are currently engaging to bring fibre optics through a credible entity that will out roll the fibre technology and be able to connect residents of Blouberg Local Municipality with Wi-Fi packages that are affordable. This will ensure that residents get access to high speed internet which will allow for utilization of virtual platforms such as meetings, educational support and life streaming. We are in the fourth industrial revolution whereby technology is the centre of the economy. Online jobs are becoming a norm and such facilities will enable our communities to gain access to those opportunities.

Furthermore to the above, we have also engaged various entities to give us solutions to public Wi-Fi access and we are pleased to indicate that we have made progress on that as we are now in a position to out roll three (3) public Wi-Fi towers that will be able to give Wi-Fi hot spots to residents at specific points.

These towers will be erected in the following areas; Senwabarwana Town, Ga-Kibi and Ga-Raweshi. The Wi-Fi hot spot towers will provide free data to individuals on daily basis. The aim is to assist local small businesses to facilitate their work on the internet as well as those who will have a need to do research to access internet for a variety of things that one might require.



BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Water Projects

We appreciate efforts by the CDM to provide water in our municipality. For the next financial year CDM allocated R174 million for water projects that will benefit our communities.

Roads, Internal Streets and Stormwater Control

We have a huge infrastructure backlog, particularly with regards to roads. OUR appreciation to Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) for commencing with the construction of Road D3278 that links various communities (from Blouberg Hospital to Buffelshoek Clinic). As the municipality we will complete the tarring of Alldays and Senwabarwana phase 11 A&B internal streets and stormwater control projects.

We have successfully purchased three motor graders and they have brought a big difference on our roads. We will continue to seek partnerships to address the challenges of roads. We have set aside R50, 5 million for tarring of Mochemi and Lethaleng-Pickum road. We also set aside R 2, 9 million for road maintenance.

RAL surveyed the road from Devrede to Taaiboschgroet and Ga-Kibi. Service providers were appointed on a three-year contract to maintain D1468 road from Indermark to Vivo, D1200 My Darling Road and R521 towards Alldays.

Electricity

We are faced with the challenges of load shedding and we are making a call to our communities to play their part in addressing this challenge; Let us stop illegal connection. Let us stop cable theft. Let us stop buying illegal electricity. Let us switch off appliances that are not in use. Those who can, let us join the programmes of installation of alternative sources of energy.

Still on electricity, I am pleased that the electrification projects of Alldays, Diepsloot extensions have been successfully completed and officially switched-on. The Lekgwara and Witten projects are also progressing well.

We have allocated 33,5 million for electrification of households and the construction of Senwabarwana substation. The following households are going to be electrified this financial year; Alldays phase 02 - 60 units, Byswater - 30 units, Mochemi 25 units, Mongalo 50 units, Simpson- 25 units, Swartz - 45 units, Sweethome - 70 units and Senwabarwana Sub-station. We have also set aside R1, 3 million for upgrading of the Witten bulk line, R 2,5 million for upgrading of metres and R2,5 million for electricity maintenance.

Early Childhood Development

A strong foundation helps children to develop the skills to become well-functioning adults That's the reason why early childhood development remains our key area. We are building a state-of-the-art creche for the children at Dithabaneng and we have set aside R2 million for completion of Danzig and Mongalo crèches.

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Council Committees

Blouberg Local Municipality continues to be a shining example of good governance and public participation. Our Council is stable and all Council committees have been established and are fully functional. Audit committee, financial misconduct board, and Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) continue to play an important oversight role. Ntate Poopedi and Cllr Maifo, we appreciate the work of your committees.

Public Participation

We salute the Office of the Speaker for successfully establishing all Ward Committees and holding regular committee and Ward public meetings. We have set aside R1,5 million to cater for public participation and Mayoral Imbizo. This excludes Ward committee conference and ward committees' remuneration. Pele ka public participation pele! Re leboga thekgo le tshomišano ya Magoshi, Mantona, Councillors, Ward committees and Community Development Workers(CDWs).

Special Focus Programmes

We have allocated R1 million to support special focus programmes. We appreciate the work done by the Special Focus unit in our municipality. Our special focus fora sit as per schedule and have programmes.

Nama telele e fetswa ka go ripswa. We would continue to walk side by side with communities in our pursuit for a better Blouberg. Go lena ka moka ke re Kodumela...!



Cllr Blanco Boloka
Council Speaker

From the Speaker's Podium

The current political landscape does not make for any interesting reading as chaos is said to be reigning supreme, particularly in the local

sphere of government. Municipalities across the length and breadth of South Africa are under siege and put in very bad light with allegations of malfeasance as well as other wrong doings making rounds almost on a daily basis. A greater amount of trust deficit is gradually creeping in and that calls for introspection on the part of municipalities. It is however, not doom and gloom all around as Blouberg Local Municipality remains one of the shining examples with regard to the good governance and public participation trajectory.

To put more credence to the above statement, we retained an Unqualified Audit Opinion in respect of the 2021/2022 Audit Outcomes and only missed out on a Clean Audit by a whisker. If I have to be blunt, we feel somewhat hard done by in so far as the outcome is concerned and quite frankly, that was a very bitter pill to swallow. We are however, not deterred and still hold the firm view that obtaining a clean audit is realistic objective. The subsequent Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC)'s Public Hearings on the 2021/22 Annual Report program were some of the mechanisms that offered renewed sense of belonging on the part of the citizenry as attendance thereof averaged three hundred and fifty (350) albeit in clusters. The entire exercise culminated in approval of the 2021/22 Annual Report without any reservations by council sitting of the 30th March 2023.

Meanwhile the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget consultative programmes were as thorough as they come. In true Blouberg fashion, consultations were held with traditional authorities, mining houses, farmers unions, ratepayers associations, business people, civic organizations, ward clusters to mention but a few. Essentially no stakeholder was left out of the equation.

A people driven 2023/24 IDP/Budget was ultimately approved/adopted on the 29th May 2023 and was followed by a comprehensive State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) at the Inveraan Multi-Purpose Community Centre (MPCC). Approval of the 2023/24 IDP/Budget is very crucial in that it'll carve some strategic direction for the upcoming financial year. That should really lighten us up during these otherwise sombre days that are consistently engulfed by load shedding in this beloved but yet God forsaken country.

The SALGA Provincial Council of Speakers held from the 17th – 18th May 2023 at Aventura Bela Bela (Waterberg District) coincidentally proved to be the real barometer

with regard to activities in the respective Offices of the Speaker. Very crucial and progressive resolutions were taken and the onus lie with us to knuckle down so as to provide positive feedback in the next sitting. The Capricorn District Municipality (CDM) which comprises; Blouberg, Molemole, Lepelle Nkumpi and Polokwane Local Municipalities proved to be a cut above the rest in all aspects relating to the functionality of councils and their committees. We are grateful for the cooperation and camaraderie that is evident among officials and councillors attached to the alluded to institutions.

We say bravo to respective political and administrative principals. On the same breadth, it should be mentioned that given the sparse resources at our disposal, we call upon the district to set aside for local municipalities a sizable chunk of their budget which should be utilized for training and building of the capacity of our foot soldiers - ward committees to the uninitiated. They are one piece of the local government jigsaw puzzle that requires special attention if we are to seriously scale down or avert any community protests and uprisings.

Portfolio Committees, the Executive Committee as well as Council get convened as per the approved schedule of meetings and have never, on any occasion failed to meet. We are proud of the commitment shown by our respective councillors who also ensure that ward committees and quarterly feedback meetings are held. There is, however, a serious need for improvement particularly in respect of responding to matters raised by ward committees as well as in other public participation platforms. We urge our administrative component to take serious heed of such matters and provide true and thoroughly researched responses. That will assist in quelling any community consternation arising from inaction by those entrusted with the power of bringing about change in people's lives.

All council sanctioned committees including the Petitions and Public Participation as well as the Ethics and Discipline Committees have been established. The two committees are vital cogs in the hoisting of community involvement and upholding of rule of law aspects respectively. Ward committees continue to be convened without any hindrance and it is encouraging to note how quickly most of our ward committees have taken to their roles, like ducks to water.

We still call upon the powers that be to actualize, by showing all and sundry that ward committees are in actual fact a revered structure and not an afterthought as they are made out to be. They should at all times strive to and be encouraged to improve themselves as clearly articulated by the legendary Henry Ford when he said, "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".

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW



**Mr Refilwe Ramothwala
Municipal Manager**

The second half of the year in a municipal environment is very hectic. It has a lot of compliance matters that need to be disposed.

This includes amongst others the following; Tabling of Mid-year Section 72 municipal finance and performance report 2022-23, Budget adjustment 2022-23 not later than February, tabling of the draft annual report 2021-22 for public consultations and the approval of Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) oversight thereof not later than March 2021-22, tabling of draft Integrated Development Plan - IDP/Budget report 2023-24.

Approval of Final IDP/Budget and approval of the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) 2023-24. We are happy that we were able to run through this marathon. We got into the second half of the spirited or energised by the fact that we got an unqualified audit opinion from the Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) and received R 21 million in additional Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) funding. We also received accolades for MIG funding, Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP) funding and maintaining unqualified audit opinion.

We appreciate the administration, political leadership and our communities for making all these possible. This newsletter edition provides details of these that I have talked about. It is a comprehensive good read. Let us take sometime and go through this edition. Kodumela...



Meyara Maria Thamaga ge a boledišana le badudi ba Mamehlabe.

MEYARA O KWA DILLO TŠA BADUDI BA MAMEHLABE

Badudi ba Ward 22 ba kgonne go hwetša sebaka sa go boledišana le Meyara wa Blouberg Cllr Maria Thamaga nakong ya kopano ya Kgotha-Kgothe yeo e bego e swarwetšwe Mamehlabe ka la 26 April 2023.

Badudi ba Mamehlabe le ba dinaga-mabapi babe ba tšwile ka makatnamane lebakeng la go tla go theeletša pego ya malebana le kabo ya ditirelo le go tla go tšweletša maikutlo malebana le kabo ya ditirelo di tikologong tša gabo bona.

Dikopano ka moka tša Masepala ge di swarwa, di šala morago ke kopano ya Kgotha-kgothe, fao Meyara le komiti ya gagwe ba ikopantšhago le go bolela le badudi. Se eba sebaka seo dipego tša kabo ya ditirelo di alwago gomme maikutlo a setšhaba a malebana le kabo ya ditirelo le ona a arabiwa le semetseng ke Meyara le maloko a komiti ya gagwe.

Go tšeo di tšweleditšego ke badudi, selo segolo e bile mathata a tlhokego ya ditsela tša maleba, le go se hlokomelwe ga ditsela kgafetša-kgafetša. Tlhokego ya meetse e bile tše dingwe tša tšeo baetapele bailego ba swanela ke go di arabela. Badudi ba ipileditše gare go Masepala go nefefatša gore goba le tšhumišano e kaone magareng ga setšhaba le makhanselara.



ANOTHER UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION FOR BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Blouberg Local Municipality has, again achieved an unqualified audit opinion. The 2021/22 financial year audit outcome was officially announced by the Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) on January 30, 2023 at a Council Meeting at Langlaagte.

The report looked at municipal finances from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 whereby the municipality was audited on its financial statements, performance management, internal controls, and compliance efficiency.

The municipality also achieved unqualified audit opinions for the financial years; 2019/20 and 2020/2021.

In welcoming the report, Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria credited management for the good outcome for putting in extra work to ensure that money was spent in accordance with the regulations that govern public funds.

Mayor Thamaga indicated that, the municipality will continue to strive for good financial governance coupled with better services to communities and that better audit outcome should be accompanied by service delivery. "Our ultimate goal is not only to



obtain clean audit outcomes, but also to have a clean administration that will be able to effectively deliver services to the community."

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



Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga, The Chief Whip, Cllr Johanna Rangata (green dress), Municipal Manager Mr Refilwe Ramothwala (yellow shirt) and Audit Committee Chairperson Mr Poopedi (blue jacket) share a moment with AGSA officials after the official announcement of the audit outcome.

BLOUBERG SCOOPS THREE AWARDS AT THE SALGA MUNICIPAL AUDIT AWARDS 2023

The Blouberg Local Municipality bagged three awards as the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) rewards excellence.

The prestigious SALGA Limpopo Municipal Audit Awards ceremony held in March in Polokwane, is an annual celebration aimed at recognising the achievements of local governments by rewarding municipalities that have done well in their audit outcomes.

The municipality, represented by the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga got recognition in these three categories;

1. Sustaining the Unqualified Audit Opinion.
2. 100% Expenditure on Municipal Infrastructure Grant -MIG
3. Securing Additional MIG Funding

The municipality achieved the Unqualified Audit opinions for the financial years; 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Delivering opening remarks, SALGA Provincial Chairperson, the Executive Mayor of Polokwane Municipality, Cllr Makoro John Mpe indicated that through District Development Model (DDM) municipalities should instead of competing, complement each other and work hand in hand with other spheres of government, and that the awards should serve as an inspiration for municipalities to achieve more.

"The people we serve are watching us, let us not allow our public affairs to be so bad that they make voters sad. We must be the ones that put the smile on the face of the voters, our residents should be confident that indeed they have elected quality leadership that is required to change their lives for the better."

Mayor Thamaga expressed her gratitude to Blouberg Local Municipality Council and staff for the collective efforts, to ensuring that the municipality accounts for every cent whilst delivering sustainable services to communities.

The Mayor, welcomed the awards and credited the good work to council and the management for putting in extra work to ensure that the public money is spent as it should be. She further mentioned that, the municipality is now working towards attaining a clean audit.

"Our priority has always been to improve the lives of our residents by providing quality services, and it gives me joy that our efforts have been recognised by SALGA. We will continue to strive for a good financial governance coupled with better services to communities. Better audit outcomes should be accompanied by service delivery. Our goal now is to obtain a clean audit and continue to strive for a clean governance that will be able to effectively deliver services to the community."

The Mayor was accompanied by the Municipal Manager, Mr Refilwe Ramothwala and Acting Chief Financial Officer on the day, Mr Matumo Morris Makobela.



Blouberg Local Municipality recognized by SALGA for achieving an Unqualified Audit opinion, 100% MIG Spending and Receiving Additional Allocation for 2021/2022 Financial Year.



ALL STAKEHOLDERS SUCCESSFULLY CONSULTED ON DRAFT 2023-2024 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND BUDGET

Her Worship the Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Cllr Maria Thamaga has called on leadership collective and management to continue putting the needs of Blouberg communities first as the municipality is the sphere of government closest to the communities. The Mayor further indicated that, the people have entrusted them, as their leaders with power to change their lives for the better.



Mayor Maria Thamaga addressing members of the public during IDP/Budget consultation meeting.

Mayor Thamaga was delivering opening remarks at the municipality's final 2023/24 Integrated Development Plan IDP/Budget strategic planning session. The Mayor indicated the fact that residents' service delivery aspirations were captured and that the 2023/24 budget will address some of them. " We have a very clear mandate; to deliver quality services to our people and improve their livelihoods. We are here to plan for the future of our people. I challenge all of you to put extra effort into your work. The hopes for better lives for Blouberg citizens, for a better Blouberg, for a better tomorrow are pinned on our shoulders, let us not disappoint them, every day should be a "Mandela Day" in Blouberg through delivery of sustained services"

The session was attended by municipal leadership and management and was for management to consult with the political leadership on the final draft IDP/Budget 2023/24 and demonstrates the municipality's state of readiness to table the draft document to council, to give summary of the capital projects and budgets for the outer years, to report on issues raised in IDP/Budget public participation meetings and to enable leadership and council to make sound and informed decisions among other things. The IDP is developed in terms of the Municipal Systems Act of 2000 and all municipalities are mandated to produce one. This is a super plan for the municipality that gives an

overall framework for development. It aims to co-ordinate the work of the municipality and other spheres of government in a coherent plan to improve the quality of life for all the people living in the area. The municipality has throughout the months of April and May, consulted with various stakeholders; traditional authorities, business and mining houses, farmer unions, representative forums, ratepayers associations and the general public to solicit their inputs on the draft planning and budget as required.

Residents under Cluster A- Wards; 01,02,21,22, Cluster B - Wards; 03,08,09,10,11,12,14, Cluster C - Wards

- 04,05,06,07, 20 Cluster D under Wards 13,15,16,17 and Ward 19 residents came out in their numbers during public participation programme and have had the opportunity to have their say on the planning processes of the municipality.

Issues repeatedly raised during public consultation sessions were;

- The poor condition of road infrastructure -Upgrading of road network from gravel to tar.
- Water challenges and maintenance of water infrastructure.
- Electrification of extensions
- Shortage of RDP/ low-cost houses
- High unemployment rate
- Network challenges

The IDP takes into account the existing conditions, problems and resources available for development. The plan looks at economic and social development for the Blouberg area as a whole. The IDP also set a framework for how land should be used and what infrastructure and services are needed among other things. Mayor Thamaga on May 29, 2023 presented the final IDP and budget for implementation from July 1, 2023.



Community members commenting on the draft IDP/Budget

ALLDAYS AND DIEPSLOOT EXTENSIONS NOW HAVE ELECTRICITY

Residents of Alldays and Diepsloot extensions dumped candles and paraffin lamps. This is after the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga on the 1st of June 2023 officially switched-on their completed electrification projects .

Residents had the joy of switching on electricity for the first time, thanks to Blouberg Local Municipality's focused programme to light out darkness in the extensions.

In handing over the completed projects, Mayor Thamaga indicated that the two extensions will join the rest of their respective village and township in enjoying the basic services that Blouberg Local Municipality has been dishing out at a pace untold.

She indicated that, the government was committed to taking services to the people. "Electricity, just like water, is a basic service. It gives me pleasure to seeing our people reap the fruits from their government. We are here to light out the darkness and ensure that the lives of our people are changed for the better. We are also pleased that our contractors completed their work within schedule. Those who still do not have electricity must not feel left out. We are committed to bringing service to the people and they will also have electricity".

Mayor Thamaga also called on community members to buy electricity and refrain from meter tampering as those who will be found at fault risk their electricity disconnected and face a hefty fine of R10 000. "People must use electricity wisely and must stay away from tampering with electricity meters, We don't want to see people connecting electricity



Mayor Thamaga accompanied by the Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka switches on electricity at Diepsloot Village.



illegally, please buy electricity" . Blouberg Municipality is licenced to electrify its households. 100% of the settlements have been electrified by the municipality and Eskom respectively.

The symbolic handover in Alldays Extension was conducted by the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development and Planning, Cllr Dan Mosena on behalf of the Mayor. Acting Mayor Mosena switched-on the lights at Makgato household and also donated start-up electrical appliances.

The Phela family, where the Mayor switched-on at Diepsloot Village were also handed their appliances. For the upcoming financial year 2023-2024, the municipality has set aside R33,5 million for the electrification of households and the construction of Senwabarwana substation.

The households to be electrified are; Alldays Phase 02 - 60 units, Byswater - 30 units, Mochemi -25 units, Mongalo - 50 units, Simpson -25 units, Swartz 45 - units and Sweethome - 70 units. R1, 3 million will be allocated for the upgrading of the Witten bulk line, R 2,5 million for upgrading of metres and R2,5 million for electricity maintenance.



Acting Mayor Cllr Dan Mosena switches-on electricity in Alldays Extension.

BORAKGWEBO-POTLANA BAD BA REKIŠAGO KA SENWABARWANA BATLA AGELWA MAFELO A GO REKIŠETŠA A MALEBA

Ka tšhumišano le baetapele ba Bingo Holdings yeo e laolago khamphane ya Galaxy Bingo, Meyara wa Blouberg, Cllr Maria Thamaga o eteletše pele modiro wa go thoma go agwa ga mafelo a barekiši ba mebileng. Mafelo ao a go rekišetša ke a go lekana 40.

Meyara o leboga ba Bingo Holdings goba e šomela setšhaba, gomme ore Masepala o tla tšwela-pele go šomišana le bona go netefatša gore ikonometri ya masepala e a gola, le go matlafatša maphelo a badudi.

Projeke ye ya boleng bja diranta tše dimilione tše pedi, le go hlola mešomo ya batho ba 16.

Letšatšing la 28 March 2023, molekgotlaphethiši wa wa kgoro ya Hlabollo ya ikonometri le Boeti Rodgers Monama le modula-setulo wa tša hlabollo ya ikonometri ka mono Blouberg Cllr Dan Mosena ba butše semmušo senthara ya di Computer mono Senwabarwana.

Senthara ye ya di Computer e abilwe ke ba Bingo Galaxy gomme e dirilwe senthareng ya Masepala wa tša Boeti.



Limpopo MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism(LEDET), Mr Rodgers Monama accompanied by the Acting Mayor, Economic Development and Planning Chairperson, Cllr Dan Mosena overseeing the handover of the computer centre by Galaxy Bingo management.

MAYOR LEADS A YOUTH MARCH AGAINST GBVF

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga on June 13 led a youth march against Gender-Based-Violence and Femicide as part of Youth Month celebration.

As a champion against (GBVF) herself, Mayor Thamaga has been an advocate for change, raising awareness to root out the scourge of violence against women and children, constantly calling on Blouberg men to step up for the rights of women and children and continuously urging women to break the silence on abuse.

The march was followed by various activities as young people around Blouberg celebrated youth day in Senwabarwana; a build-up event towards the provincial Youth Day event on June 16.

The Mayor called on young people to utilise the opportunities they have to fight the scourge of GBVF and also make use of opportunities the municipality is offering to the youth to uplift themselves.

The successful event was a partnership between the municipality, the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and Love Life.



Mayor Thamaga leading the youth march in Senwabarwana.



2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS FOR MIG, INEP AND OWN FUNDING PROJECTS

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (MIG)

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2022/2023	R 71,698,000.00	R 61 136 530,69	R 10 561 469,31	85.27%

MIG ROLL OVER 2021/22 ADDITIONAL GRANT

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2021/2022	R 24 000 000.00	R 24 000 000.00	R0.00	100%

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2022/2023	R32 638 000.00	R23 858 378.80	R16,482,190,00	73.1%

INTERGRATED NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME (INEP) GRANT

Project Name	Consultant	Contractor	Construction Start date	Completion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure	Physical Progress %	Jobs created	Comments/Challenges
Construction of Senwabarwana Internal Street and stormwater phase 11	Morula consulting engineers	PJM Engineering and Plant hire Capotex Construction cc	21/07/2022	30/06/2023	Practical completion stage	R36 727 787,87	Exp : R R36 727 787,87	98%	46	Practically completion stage
Alldays Internal streets and storm water phase 2	Morwa Consulting Engineer	Mpophoma Construction	30/11/2022	31/07/2023	Construction stage	R30,400,000.00	Exp: R 28 931 995,64	85%	58	Site establishment and layerworks completed, currently busy Laying interlocking pavement bricks and kerbs
Pinkie Sebotshe Sports	T2 Tech consulting Engineers	Dzwa Development and Projects	15/02/2022	30/06/2023	Practical completion stage	R 12,803,442,00	R 12,803,442,00	99%	21	Practically completion stage
Construction of Mongalo Creche	Dolmen Consulting Engineers	Bakone Mathekga wide services	28/03/2023	28/07/2023	Construction stage	R 3,342,289.29	Exp: R2,350,000.00	85%	10	Contractor appointed, Site establishment, Foundation, Building completed. Currently busy with tiling, painting, ceiling and installation of fence
Construction of Dantzig Creche	Dolmen Consulting Engineers	Civik Construction and plant hire	16/03/2023	17/07/2023	Construction stage	R 3,400,068.64	Exp: R2,348,786.74	55%	10	Contractor appointed, Site establishment, Foundation, Building completed, currently busy with roofing
Construction of Avon Multipurpose community Centre	Oltatech Consulting	Ulrich Construction	24/11/2022	24/05/2023	Construction stage	R7,000,000,00	Exp: R6,025,097,85	75%	27	Foundation, slab and erection of steel structure completed, Currently busy with internal and external walls and roofing
Construction of Lethaleng to Pickum access road	SVM Civil Engineers	LEXY H WORLD (PTY)LTD JV NGOJAMA TRADING ENTERPRISE CC	N/A	N/A	On Construction stage	R6,948,288.00	R2 199 017,36	0%	0	Contractor appointed awaiting for site handover
Construction of Mochemi access and internal street	Morula Consulting Engineers	Mpophoma Construction	N/A	N/A	On Construction stage	R7,119,744.00	R3 758 486,33	0%	0	Contractor appointed awaiting for site handover
Witten Ext 10 Electrification project	Motla Consulting	Oakantswe Construction n and Projects	06/12/2022	30/06/2023	Construction stage	R 12 494 000.00	Exp: R 10, 966, 945.06	70%	21	Currently busy with Stringing of LV, Planting of shack poles, Installation of ready boards and awaiting delivery of meters
Diepsloot P2 Electrification project	JMJ Electrical Projects and Management	PIN Africa	16/11/2022	30/06/2023	Construction Stage	R 266 000.00	Exp: R 266, 000.00	100%	5	Completed and energized
Substation (Senwabarwana 132/22KV, 20 MVA) Phase 3	Volt Consulting Engineers	NSK JV FTECH	28/11/2022	30/06/2023	Construction Stage	R 18, 638,000.00	Exp: R 11, 269, 963.40	50%	27	Site establishment completed, currently busy with excavations and preparation of platform
Alldays Electrification project	JMJ Electrical Projects and Management	PIN Africa	16/11/2022	30/06/2023	Construction Stage	R381,819,60	Exp: R397, 059.44	100%	19	Completed and energized
Lekgwara Electrification project	Risima Projects Management	PIN Africa	14/11/2022	30/06/2023	Construction Stage	R 960 000.00	Exp: R 958, 733.05	99%	15	Practically completion stage

PLANNED ROADS AND STORMWATER MAINTENANCE FOR 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

SURFACED ROADS MAINTENANCE

Project Name	Service Provider	Revised Budget	Expenditure	Comments/Challenges
Maintenance of internal streets at Senwabarwana	Rakwena Holdings	R400,000.00	R390 683.00	Completed
Maintenance of internal streets at Dilaeneng	Ndome59 Holdings	R100,000.00	R99 750.00	Completed
Maintenance of internal streets at Witten	Almab Trading	R30,000.00	R29 750.00	Completed
Maintenance on internal streets at Puraspan	Ngwaselema Trading	R100,000.00	R95 500.00	Completed
Maintenance of internal streets at Avon	Ngwaselema Trading	R50 000.00	R49 800.00	Completed
Maintenance on internal streets at Indermark	Kwena Wa Tlou Construction	R90,000.00	R88 200.00	Completed
Maintenance of internal streets at Kromhoek	Nare Umbrellas	R50,000.00	R50 000.00	Completed
Maintenance of internal streets at Devrede	Mpetla Trading & Projects	R100,000.00	R97 900.00	Completed
Maintenance of internal streets at Taaibosch	Manyowa Motlatjo	R200,000.00	R199 500	Completed
Maintenance of internal streets at Alldays	Matjoele Properties	R300,000.00	R298 600.00	Completed.
Maintenance of internal streets at Desmond Park	Molangwa Trading Enterprise	R150,000.00	R149 900.00	Completed
Maintenance of internal streets at Millennium Park	Almab Trading	R30,000.00	R29 500.00	Completed

ESKOM CAPITAL PROJECTS : 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR ESKOM PROJECT

Project Name	Municipality Name	Implementing Agent	Budget	Connections	Progress
Schoongezicht A & B Ext	Blouberg	Eskom	R 127 931.08	77	Design stage

ROADS AGENCY LIMPOPO (RAL) CAPITAL PROJECTS : 2021/22 – 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR RAL PROJECT

Project Name	Municipality Name	Implementing Agent	Scope of Works	Budget	Progress
RAL/T988 Blouberg Hospital to Buffelshoek Clinic	Blouberg	RAL	Upgrading	R 95 000 000.00	Construction Stage
RAL/T972: Maintenance of road D887 from Tom Burke towards Alldays	Blouberg	RAL	Maintenance	R 35 000 000.00	Construction Stage
RAL/T1028 D1200 Mogwadi to Brookman	Molemole/Blouberg	RAL	Maintenance	R 35 756 000.00	Design Stage
RAL/T1123 Vivo-Indermark	Blouberg	RAL	Maintenance	R 45 000 000.00	Construction Stage
Total				R210 756 000.00	

PLANNED PROJECTS

D1589 from Makgato to D3287 Eldorado to Ga-Dankie on D3292 towards Ga-Kibi	Blouberg	RAL	Upgrading	-	Design Stage
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Alldays Electrification project.

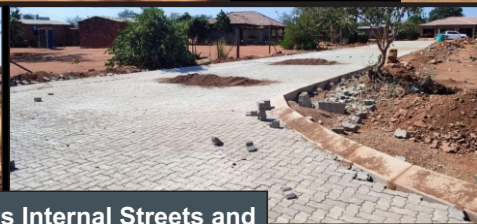
SOME OF THE 2022/23 CAPITAL PROJECTS IN PICTURES



Senwabarwana Sub-Station.



Avon Multi-Purpose Community Centre.



Alldays Internal Streets and Stormwater control project Phase 2.

Senwabarwana Internal Streets and Stormwater control project Phase 11.

