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His Worship Cllr Pheedi MS
Mayor

The time to put all festive season's happenings behind our backs has come for us to continue where we left off, but we cannot do that without touching remarkable ones. We take this opportune instant to congratulate those learners and schools which did us proud in the recent matric results. On the same breath, we encourage the Class of 2017, both repeaters and first timers to tighten up their seatbelts for them to compellingly turn the tables. It is understandable that it is the beginning of the end of 2017, we therefore at provincial and local level, take 2016 results as a wake up call and must work towards improving them at all costs. At least we are blessed with good rainfall this summer which we think will revive the hard hit agricultural sector as far as severe drought is concerned. As much as we still believe that the journey continues, we encourage all residents to move away from the festive season hangover and

focus on working towards realising their New Year wishes and resolutions. We take courage from the saying that, "It's either now or never."

We thank and appreciate all those motorists who abided by the traffic rules and regulations, as they saved more valued lives of their counterparts and pedestrians alike. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to those families that lost their loved ones consequent to carnages that happened over the festive season and beyond. We acknowledge and apologise for the challenges that manifested themselves in some areas where residents found it hard to enjoy their vacations resultant from the mammoth downpours experienced. The Department of Transport, Safety and Security conducted a Road Safety campaign which was aimed at alerting local livestock farmers on the dangers posed by stray animals. It was during



the period in issue that we hosted arguably the most successful Local Aids Day event and Blouberg women as well had the chance to engage on two dialogues that addressed their plight during 16 Days of Activism against the Abuse of Women and Children and Women in Drought at Inveraan and Raweshi respectively.

It was in the same period that Blouberg Municipality staged an ultra successful 6th Annual Mayor's Cup tournament at Eldorado in which Taaibosch's Mighty Killers FC emerged triumphant in the main soccer event. Other than football for both male and female, the tournament also featured netball, volleyball and boxing which was in its maiden season and would hopefully herald a new crop of pugilists as we have already made our mark in the football fraternity. We again appreciate the sterling efforts of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), referees and umpires as well as support shown by teams, followers and fans from all walks within the municipal jurisdiction. On an equal measure we denounce the ill-discipline shown by some teams which had the sole hallmarks of defeating the tournament's noble intentions, which was to have Blouberg youth fully participating in sports. The success of the tournament was a clear indication of the ability of sports to unite people. We once more appreciate initiators of all the three major annual tournaments at our disposal in the likes of the Dondolo Cup and David Makhura Foundation Charity Cup for their understanding in ensuring that all the tournaments had ample time and that the Bloubergers got their worth.

In line with the ruling party's policies and priorities, we kick-started the 2017 calendar year programme with massive Back-to-School campaigns in collaboration with stakeholders like the Constituency Office, SADTU, SANCO and CDM in some instances. Much as education is regarded as a societal issue, we deemed it necessary to treat it as a collective responsibility and that said, it became the cardinal reason we brought all stakeholders together in the course to fight for the plight of our future leaders. We call upon all education stakeholders in parents, educators and the private sector to come to the party. Amongst others our diagnostic report revealed challenges which range from inadequate support from parents, lack of resources, ill-discipline, lack of commitment on the part of some educators, shortage of classrooms as well as staff. We on our part did our bit

by assisting learners to find education more interesting by providing them with necessary resources like uniform and learning materials where possible. The handover of twelve computers to Manoe Secondary School donated by their alumni Edwin Moremi as well as the ten pair of shoes the Mayor handed to ten destitute pupils of Maphetsa Primary School go a long way in showing the serious extent with which we take education.

The Auditor General of the South Africa formally communicated to council Blouberg Municipality's annual report for the 2015/16 Financial Year. Compilation of the alluded to report is done in compliance with various pieces of legislation. The annual performance report is a reflection of the municipality's actual performance in relation to what was planned for in the IDP and SDBIP. It is therefore a post reflection of planned targets and their actual provision for reasons for variance as well as mitigating/corrective measures taken. We stated it categorically that we were not to wallow in self pity regardless of the opinion of the Auditor General and we still maintain that, Qualified opinion as it is, remains our baby and we are sure as hell that we are going to turn the tables around. Just watch the space!! We nonetheless appreciate our committed Audit Committee under the stewardship of Mr Trevor Boltman, which has over time showed grit and determination to make our municipality an institution of choice. A comprehensive resolution implementation monitor will go a long way in ensuring that nothing is left unattended, including those (resolutions) of the Audit Committee and Strategic Review sessions. We appreciate the cooperation we enjoyed with the committee for the entire duration of the process and we reiterate that we are still intent on working together in the current financial year and beyond.

It must be noted that our MIG projects for both the additional funding and normal allocations are moving at a snail's pace and are in most instances consequent to social unrests and effect of CoGHSTA moratorium. Both the PMT and the Executive Committee had to pull all strings to ensure that effective oversight is applied, mainly in the implementation of the service delivery projects. It is not through any stroke of luck that our municipality is not counted amongst those who should take back the MIG funds but attributable to the grit and determination of both the

political and administrative leadership. We had spent at least 43% of our MIG funding by midpoint and even though we had intended to spend at least 50% of our allocations we could not due to over aching reasons herein supra mentioned. The commencement of seven creches in January 2017 will add to our MIG spending. As a way of acknowledging the extend of damage done to our roads, we have set aside in the adjustments budget, funds to purchase two TLBs to assist in grave-diggings and the maintenance of our internal streets. Three of our four operational graders will be allocated to three satellite offices and one will be placed at head office to ensure that we provide services all-round our jurisdiction. The adjustments were further made on our Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) budget subsequent to withdrawal of some targets. Our Mayor-Magoshi Forum meetings were held in December 2016 and January 2017 respectively at the Makgabeng Farm Lodge and those meetings were reciprocate those of with chairpersons of bought farms which bears testimony to how seriously we take and respect traditional institutions across the spectrum. We also appeal to our traditional leaders not to interrupt services rollout. It's worth mentioning that we assumed office at the height of widespread land invasion tendencies which forced us to channel all our energies and efforts towards the fight against the scourge. We however, once more make the humble appeal to our beloved councillors and Magoshi to join hands in discouraging such illicit acts.

It has come to a point where we part ways with Municipal Manager, Mr. T.M.P. Kgoale. By the time you read the article his contract would have lapsed in February 2017. The alluded to position was advertised subsequent to the declaration of the vacancy. We are also at an advanced stage with regard to filling of the vacant post for Director: Economic Development and Planning. The Political Change Management Committee had finalized the placement of senior management where Mr. Mokonyama Malesela Frans from the disestablished Aganang was given the enviable task of seeing to the well being of the municipal purse as Chief Financial Officer. Council have since ratified the decision and that his stay would be concurrent with the contract he signed with the disestablished Aganang Municipality grounding to a halt in September 2017.

If the expression that first impressions last is anything to go by, we have certainly got ourselves a very capable and astute gentleman who'd ably steer the ship through calamitous waters. Welcome monsieur CFO!!

We condemn in the strongest possible terms any form of violence and vicious attacks on our councillors or anyone for that matter as it recently happened to Councillor William Ntlatla. The torching of his property i.e House, vehicle and other valuables left an indelible mark in the history of Blouberg Municipality. Difference in opinion are part of people's make up and DNA and nothing will ever change that and neither does that warrant any violence. We therefore appeal to the Makgato Triba Authority, broader community and everyone involved to exercise restraint during this trying period. The less said about this case the better as it is being handled by relevant authorities. Suffice to mention that the councillor has been temporarily provided with alternative safer accommodation as provided for in the determination of upper limits for public officials. We vow not to rest until an amicable solution and a peaceful climate prevails at Makgato village. Although this matter is still in the hands of courts, but we would like to appeal to our fellow citizens to verify facts, exhaust all avenues, follow proper protocols and procedures before mislaying their patience. We strongly denounce any form of violence. Warren Buffet once said that, "Risk comes from not knowing what you're doing." We again reiterate discouragement of any form of insurgency amongst community members in our villages wherein certain people with ulterior motives mislead others to vandalise public property or disrupt services as a demonstration for their dissatisfaction about their personal priorities. The tendency is in more ways morally wayward and takes us backward. As in the words of Sir Winston Churchill that, "A man is about as big as the things that make him angry." And Confucius affirmed that, "Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated." By the same token, we would like pay tribute to our fallen heroes and heroines and in particular fellow colleagues and officials attached to this Municipality such as Manabalala Joseph, our operator from the Technical Services department, nationally renowned gospel star, Lundi Tjamara, and a patriot, rugby warrior, former Springbok captain and 1995 World Cup Winner Joost van Westhuizen. May their souls rest in peace!!!

FROM THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM



Cllr Maria Thamaga
Speaker

synonymous with Blouberg Municipality? Of course it is and being a fairly newly incepted council, we are faced with the enviable task of confronting our first ever litmus test in the public participation stakes. Our resolve shall be tested to the limit as we anticipate coming out unscathed in so far as the impending and highly demanding public participation processes namely; Public Hearings on the Annual report as well as the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Public consultations are concerned. We somewhat heave a collective sigh of relief as for starters, all the twenty two (22) ward public meetings were held albeit later than scheduled. It should be recalled that the previous two quarters were in essence seen as heralding the establishment phase and as such the report back meetings had to inevitably be deferred to the third quarter. It is with a sense of fulfilment that we announce that all the meetings were incident free and stemming from the interactions that ensued, amounts of rapport were established with respective stakeholders particularly traditional authorities in the aftermath of installation of the new council. Also worth noting is the aspect that both councillors and ward committees have evidently taken to their respective new roles like ducks to water. It remains fundamentally important for councillors and ward committees to master their art as the adage goes that "hunters should learn to write or else their stories will always be told from the hunted perspective". The moral of the saying is that for them to carve a niche for themselves in the history annals of Blouberg Municipality, both councillors and ward committees need to know and clearly articulate their roles. All council committees bar the Petitions and Public Participation as well as the Ethics and Disciplinary Committees

continue to meet and carry out their mandates as expected. There is however, an unwavering commitment from our administration to the effect that they'd spare no effort in ascertaining that the outstanding committees sit for their meetings during the period in issue. Ward committees have been allocated their respective desks and if the oomph and gusto with which they raised service delivery concerns and questions in the maiden meetings are anything to go by, we are undoubtedly in for a fruitful sojourn that will ultimately benefit all concerned. We reiterate that ward committee members cast their nets wide across the ward spectrum and rather be seen to be ward as opposed to village representatives. Though we already have our generic ward operational plans in place, the Provincial Public Participation Forum held recently under the auspices of the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) expressed the desire for all municipalities to have one common plan province wide. That also serves to reinforce our assertion of being the el supremos in that field. The upcoming edition will provide more heads up in that regard. It was formally confirmed during the Ordinary Council of the 30th January 2017 at Ga Kibi that we obtained a Qualified Audit opinion following the 2015/16 audit process. Suffice to mention that we are not entirely happy with the turn of events though we take solace at the fact that compared to the previous financial year (2014/15)'s outcome, there are lesser matters of emphasis pointed out – only four to be exact. We had already made an undertaking that we will assume collective responsibility of the outcome regardless of the shape or form it takes and that is not about to change. It is also heart-

warming to learn that an Action Plan has already been developed and we as such express the sincere hope that there'd be a turnaround come the 2016/17 audit session. As alluded to earlier on, members of the community are urged to participate and vigorously interrogate the Annual report through the public hearings to be held in the not so distant future at venues and dates to be confirmed. It is urged that members do not misconstrue the public hearings for IDP sessions but rather as a reflection of the institution's service delivery and developmental achievements as well as the challenges in recognition of the municipality's obligation to be an accountable, transparent and efficient organization and the municipality's financial position for the 2015/16 Financial Year. The Provincial Speakers' Forum spearheaded by the Limpopo Provincial Legislature and the District Speakers' Forum were convened at Thaba Mošate (Burgersfort) and Polokwane respectively. The ultimate aim thereof was to have speakers across the province affirmed, share issues of common interest and being enabled to interpret legislation correctly which would ordinarily minimise disruptions in respective councils. We hope and pray that the Blouberg Municipal council remain steadfast in their commitment to bring a semblance of good governance which invariably guarantees better services to our people. We need not emulate or indulge in unwarranted discords as they appear to be fashionable elsewhere. The bickering only serve to deviate attention from the bigger picture as Thomas Mann observed, "Time has no divisions to mark its passing. There is never a thunderstorm to announce the beginning of a new month or year". That basically sums it up – time and tide wait for no man.

It is hoped that the calamities that usually go with festive seasons and consequently the first months of the calendar year, have not by any long shot eroded the basic and fundamental quest for effective and efficient good governance as well as seamless service delivery. Lest we forget that one of the objectives of local government is to encourage involvement of communities and community organizations in the matters of local government as espoused in section 152 (1) of the Constitution of Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996). That is community participation to the uninitiated and did I hear someone say it is

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

From the Mid-year reflections and moving forward.

The legislation dictates that after six months of the financial year, we should assess our performance, taking into account the financial and service delivery performance as well as the past year's annual report. We should further recommend as to whether an adjustment of budget is necessary or not. Our performance report was tabled at an ordinary council of the 30th January 2017, which reflected that more work has to be done for us to meet our annual target. The Auditor-General had also presented a qualified opinion which our municipality obtained. An improvement (action) plan has been developed, and that regular meetings are held to track progress on those findings, which marks a journey towards an improved audit opinion. Our Audit Committee had also presented their annual audit report, which also reflects the need to improve on internal controls for a better opinion to come our way. The backlog on filling of strategic positions is narrowing at an alarming rate as we can say without any fear of contradiction that we are getting yonder every passing day. The position of the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) has been filled by Mr. Mokonyama Malesela Frans, who started from the 1st February 2017. He was a CFO at the disestablished Aganang

Municipality. The role played by Mr. Makobela Morris during his acting tenure cannot be left unappreciated, in particular the role he played during auditing process in ensuring that all compliance deadlines were met. Furthermore, the position for the Director: Economic Development and Planning is at its final recruitment stage, while the one for the Municipal Manager is at interview stage. We hope that all those strategic positions will be filled by the end of the April 2017. Two examiners have left our municipality, which is a matter of grave concern over this scarce skill. It calls upon us to reflect earnestly on our packages as evidently the top most catalyst for the turnovers is remuneration inclined. We are however, in a process of training our employees and other youth from our society as examiners. As part of implementing our decentralization plan, a satellite office turn-around plan has been developed with the intention to beef-up our satellite offices. Grading as well as electrical maintenance services are now ready to provide services at areas within the jurisdiction of respective satellite offices. We really appreciate staff members who without any cringes in their faces came on board and agreed to be part of the team that would go down to serve our communities at

satellite offices. It was our plan that by end of December 2016, our spending on Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) would have been above 50%. Due to unforeseen circumstances, punctuated by the earlier set moratorium by the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) we managed to spend at least 43%. Although we so wished to emulate the previous financial year's feat of obtaining additional funding, we are however grateful that we are not one of the municipalities identified for withdrawal of such funding. However, our project monitoring programme is always adhered to without failure in order to stick to time-lines by contractors. A newly appointed project manager as well as a technician resumed their work from the 1st February to beef-up our project management unit which was depleted by the non renewal of some contracts. We remain a working team guided by the vision of a democratic and developmental local government, to fulfil our constitutional obligations to ensure sustainable, effective and effective municipal services, promote social and economic development, encourage a safe and healthy environment. Kodumela....



Mr Junias Machaba
Acting Municipal Manager

STATE-OF-THE-ART

pre-schools for seven Blouberg Villages

Stacia Tauscher once remarked that "We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today". The Blouberg Municipality fully agree with this statement hence the provision of the budget to get children in early childhood programmes.

Blouberg Municipality has in the past financial years been building early child hood development centres in a bid to afford as many rural children an opportunity to early development education in preparation for their future.

All the settlements in the municipality have makeshift pre-schools structures.

There are a total of 131 registered ECD centers of which 40 are standard structures and there is a backlog of 91.

The Mayor; Cllr Maseka Pheedi has in the month of January conducted sod-turning ceremonies marking the official commencement of the construction of seven crèches at Matoana, Essourinca,

Brana, Mosehleng, Mamoleka, Miltonduff and Sadu villages. The children in these village are currently housed under dilapidated structures without adequate resources and not conducive for learning and teaching.

The new crèches will be fully furnished, and comprise a dining hall, class rooms with educational toys, sleeping rooms for the children, staff rooms, running water and play grounds with swings among other things.

The municipality in the financial year 2015/2016 built crèches for the children at Ditatju, Papegai, Thalane, Kgatlu, Indermark, Thorpe. The sixth crèche was built at Siaz village with the help of De Beers Venetia Mine. The budget allocation of the current financial year (2016/2017) will focus on the construction of the above mentioned pre-schools at a combined budget of R12.6 million.

RE HLOHLELETŠA BARUTWANA BA MAREMA-TLOU

Ngwaga wa 2016, o bone palo ya godingwana ya barutwana bao ba tšweletšego mphantong wa Marema-tlou. Se se dirilwe ke boikgafo bja barutishi, hlogo tša dikolo le bona barutwana bao babego ba shoma ka maatla boshego le mosegare. Boikgafo bja bo Meyara wa Blouberg le bjona bo bile le seabe dileteng tša tikologo ya gabo rena ya Blouberg, morago ga masolo a mathomong a ngwaga, gare ga ngwaga le mafelelong a ngwaga. Mohlomphegi Meyara, Cllr Maseka Pheedi o be a tšwile lesolo pele ga meleko ya mafelelo a ngwaga go hlohleletša barutwana go ntšha-ka-ga-tšwene nakong ya melekwa ya mafelelo a ngwaga.

Lenyaga legona, morago ga go lokollwa ga dipolelo, re le Masepala re etilwe pele ke Meyara, Cllr Pheedi le MosPikara Cllr Maria Thamaga, go akaretšwa le maloko a komiti ya Meraya, re etetše dikolo tšeo di shumilego ga botse le dikolo tšeo di paletšwego ke go tšweletša dipolelo tše kaone. Dikolo tšeo di etetšwego magareng gatše dingwe, di akaretša: Radira Sec School (Ga Monyebodi), Kgopudi Sec School (Thalane Village), Manoe Sec School (Ga Kobe), Matswake Sec School (Ga Manaka village), Maphutha Sec School (Indermark Village), Makama Sec School (Bull Bull, Segwale Village) le Radikgobethe Secondary School. Sekolo sa Radikgobethe e bile ketapele ka gare ga Sediko-thuto sa Maleboho kage se hweditše diperesente tše 73.4. Go bana ba 109 go tšweletše ba 80 mola ba 29 ba paletšwe. Magareng ga dikolo tše dingwe tšeo di tšweletšego ga botse ke Sekolo sa Manoe kua Ga-Kobe.

Nakong ya ketelo dikolong tše go hlohleletša barutwana le barutishi, Meyara, Cllr Pheedi o gateletše bohlokwa bja thuto bjalo ka senotlelo seo se tlogo thusha barutwana ba gotšwa magaeng a go ithwesa ka letolo go ba le bokamoso bjo bo kaone. Cllr Pheedi o hlohleletše barutwana gore baseke ba inyatša ge ba lebeletše malapa ao batšwago go ona, kage baetapele ba bantšhi ba ka mono nageng baetšwa ka malapeng ao a bego a topa tša fase. O file mohlala ka yena gore le yena o be a swana le bona, e le yo mosehlana nakong ya ge a sale morutwana. MoSpikara Cllr Maria Thamaga o gateletše gore dinakong tša sehono, go bonolo gore morutwana

a tšwelele dithutong tša gagwe kage go se sana dithotlo tše ntšhi goswana le peleng nakong ya mmusho wa hlaolele.

Go dikolo tšeo di sego tša tšwelela ka tsela yeo dibego ba beakantše, dithotlo e bile tše mmalwa tša go akaretša maitswaro a barutwana, diphapano le go se kwane ka dikgopolo magareng ga barutishi le hlogo tša dikolo. Tše dingwe di akaretša maemo a ka gae a barutwana ebago seo se welago karolong ya maemo a leago. Dikolo di bontšha go hlokega ga didirišwa tše bohlokwa tšeo ka tšona, barutwana baka kgonago go bulega megopolo. Lege gole bjalo, go nale dikolo tšeo di tšweleditšego dipolelo tša go kgahlisa, go mme seo se hlotšwe ke boikgafo bja barutishi le go shoma ka maatla ga barutwana. Dikolo tše tša go shoma ga botse di bolela gore ge barutishi ba sena boikgafo, ebile ba sena kwelo bohloko go ka sebe le kgatelo-pele ya dipolelo. Di gateletše gore bana ba sekolo ba swanela go ipha-nako e ntšhi go lebelela dipuku tša bona, le go shala kgafetša kgafetša sekolong go thushana le barutwana babangwe ka dihlophana.

Masepala wa Blouberg o ikanne go thusha dikolo tšeo di bago le dithotlo ngwageng wo wa 2017 go netefatša gore tlokego ya thusho ga ebe sehla-re-sa-ntšhira

ngwageng o tlogo. Masepala o tla tšwela pele go ikopanya le dihlogo tša dikolo mo gare ga ngwaga go lekola kgatelo-pele le go fela o hlohleletša bana ba sekolo go se lebele boikano bja bona bja mo mathomong a ngwaga. Meyara, Cllr Maseka Pheedi le

komiti ya gagwe ya baetapele e lekaletša barutwana mahlatse le mahlogonolo ngwageng wo. Ba lemosha gape bao ba tšweletšego gore Masepala o nale thusho ya masheleng yeo o thushago bathuti ba di FET go ingwadusha ngwaga ka ngwaga.



His Worship Mayor Cllr Maseka Pheedi, Kemedi ya CDM Cllr Masekwameng Rehab, Cllr Patricia Mahlo (CDM), le Baemedi ba Sekolo sa Matswake



Meyara Cllr Maseka Pheedi, Cllr Adeline Morapedi (chairperson: Corporate Services) le o tee wa barutwana morago ga polelo ya tlhohleletšo



Bakgatha-tema; Meyara Cllr Maseka Pheedi, Spikara Cllr Maria Thamaga, Mr Sonny Manny (SANCO), Cllr Phaniel Maila, le Cllr Makhura Makgalemela (Special Focus Chairperson)

2016 MAYOR'S CUP BIGGER, BETTER AND FUN FILLED

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair" – President Nelson Mandela Laureas Awards, 2000.

The sleepy and dusty village of Eldorado in ward 16 came to life between the 28th -30th of December 2016 as Blouberg Local Municipality hosts the mother of all sport tournaments. The 9th Mayoral Tournament saw sport fanatics from all corners of Blouberg converge at Eldorado Sport Complex for the three-day soccer fanfare.

The 2016 tournament featured sporting codes such as football (Men and Women), Volley ball, Netball, Chess and boxing.

The aim of the three-day (28-30/12/16) event was to encourage mass participation in sport, assist in developing world class athletes while identifying potential talent through players agents, attract tourists and serve as entertainment for Blouberg resident during festive season and promote healthy lifestyle among other things.

In attendance, was the first resident of Blouberg Cllr Maseka Pheedi, Members of the Executive Committee, the Political Management Team and the entire council, South African Football Association (SAFA) president Mr Abel Rakoma, SAFA Blouberg Chairperson Mr Chapson Makhwiting and other dignitaries

The mighty Killers football club of Ga-Mamadi (Taaibosch) village were crowned the kings of Blouberg football after beating Mamokhwibidu FC

7-4 in the finals. The champions took home R15 000.00 in cash prize, medals, soccer kit and the trophy among other things.

The Mayor Cllr Maseka Pheedi acknowledged and applauded other community sport tournaments that took place throughout the municipality such as the David Makhura Youth Charity games in Marobjane funded by Gauteng Premier David Makhura, the Dondol Community Games at Burgerrecht an initiative by a Blouberg youth and owner of Dondol Stars FC (playing in the ABC Motsepe League) Lordwick Makhura among others.

Mayor Pheedi indicated that the municipality will in the next tournament find a way to work together with the tournament organizers around Blouberg and join hands in setting up one big

community tournament.

On the other hand Dipitsi FC won the ladies soccer challenge, Mogohlong Boxing club won the boxing challenge and Mareisi (Ward 19) for Netball while Montz village scoop number one position for volleyball.

The Mayor's cup was introduced in the 2008/2009 financial year. The first and second years of the tournament saw the Municipality hosting top PSL players such as Itumeleng khune. Simphiwe Tshabalala, Jimmy Tau, Arthur Zwane, Teko Modise, Vincent Kobola, Punch Masenamela, Tefo Mashamaite and others organized as Professionals 11 managed by Jazzman Mahlakgane under the guidance of renowned and erstwhile National under Twenty Three(23) Coach Khabo Zondo.



Blouberg Municipality Mayor Cllr Pheedi MS delivers his opening address which marked the commencement of the games



Multitudes were in attendance



Blouberg Municipality leadership shows off a dummy cheque appreciated by captain of the winning Mighty Killers FC

MAYOR DONATES *new school shoes to needy learners*

Waking up daily and having to face another day of school has been a disheartening routine for needy learners at Maphetsa Primary School as they lacked proper uniform as shoes like other children. But this was put to an end when Blouberg Mayor His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi donated school shoes to ten needy learners at the school at Ga-Mareis in ward 19. This was part of the municipality's 2017 Back To School programme of action aimed at motivating learners and listen to day to day challenges faced by both learners and teachers. Ten learners from poverty stricken families identified with the

assistance of educators were presented with new school shoes.

As he handed over the shoes to learners, Mayor Pheedi who undoubtedly still has that educational flair appealed to the learners to work harder as preparations for the better life starts today.

He indicated that handing over shoes to needy learners will play a critical role in the lives so by boosting their morale, keep them at school and encourage them to work harder in order to turn their situation around. Meanwhile De Beers has invested R50 000 to providing school shoes and sanitary towels to eleven schools in Musina

and Blouberg as part of their 2017 Back to School Campaign.

The campaign is as a direct result of an identified need in Limpopo rural communities where children travel long distances to gain access to schools and in which young girls miss up to a week of school because they cannot afford sanitary towels.

In addition to the contribution made by the Company, Contracting Partner ESS, donated an additional R15 000 towards school shoes. Employees also made personal donations which extended the reach of this project so that each Primary

School received 56 pairs of shoes and each secondary school received 250 packs of sanitary towels.

"With education at the forefront of our community development strategy, keeping our children in school is vital to ensuring a bright future for our youth. This donation is therefore a small contribution towards keeping our children in school" says Corporate Affairs Manager, Josephine Pieters.

The beneficiary schools for this campaign were from Mathipa Makgato and Musina High Schools in Blouberg and Musina respectively.



Recipients of the new shoes proudly pose with their educators and Blouberg Municipality leadership led by the Mayor Cllr Maseka Pheedi.



Maphetsa Primary School kids watch in awe as some of their counterparts receive their brand new shoes courtesy of Blouberg Municipality



"If the shoe fits you, wear it son", Those seemed to be the words uttered by Mr Phillip Barton CEO of De Beers Consolidated Mines as he helps one of the beneficiaries with his shoes.



DAVID MAKHURA YOUTH FUND TRUST ALL ABOUT SPORT AND EDUCATION

Son of the soil David Makhura from Marobjane village launched a charity fund in 2015 as a plough back programme. The main objective was to assist young people who are passionate about education and also those who are talented in football to realise better prospects in their respective fields of speciality.

The recent tournament saw the fund host 32 teams locking horns from the 18th-21st (of December 2016). Premier Makhura has also vowed to increase the number of the participating teams from 32 to 64 in the following year.

Mohodi Football club was crowned the champions of the David Makhura Charity Games taking home money valued at a whopping R20 000 at Marobjane Village. The tournament was fun filled as Premier Makhura and his Limpopo counterpart Stanley Mathabatha also featured as guest players. Other professional guests featured included Premier Soccer League(PSL) players Simphiwe Tshabalala, In 2015, six learners from Blouberg

Municipality who passed grade 12 with flying colours received full bursaries from David Makhura Charity Fund to pursue their studies at the University of Johannesburg. The remaining were scouted and ultimately played development football and finally broke through a collaboration renowned football agent Mr Jazzman Mahlkgane and it is no coincidence that he hails from the very part of the world.



Premier David Makhura, a patron of the Charity Games exchange pleasantries with Blouberg Mayor Cllr Maseka Pheedi.



Kgoshi Seakamela SA II of the Seakamela Tribal Authority and the Chairperson of the Corporate Services Portfolio Committee, Cllr Morapedi Adeline were among the key witnesses of the spectacle.



Ready to rumble: Cllr Ntlatla MW ascertains that the two guest teams led by Premiers Makhura (in white) and Limpopo's Chipu Mathabatha are ready to lock horns.



Premier Makhura with some of the jovial prizes recipients



The who's who in the sporting and political fraternities descended on Avon village for the annual David Makhura Charity Games.

BADUDI BA GA MAKGATO BA FIHLELELA KWANO

Morago ga lebaka le letelele la leema-ema leo le bego le palediša badudi ba Ga-Makgato go robala boroko, ekaba ele selo sa maloba ka gore bjalo badudi ba fihleletše kwano ka bobona le mmusho wa selete le wa selegae (Capricorn District Municipality and Blouberg Local Municipality). Se se latela dipoledishano tša go shalana morago magareng ga bakgatha-tema ka moka. Dikgoga-kgogano tše di be dile mabapi le go senywa ga mafarahlahla a meetse a goya tikologong ya All Days ao a fetago motseng wa Makgato. Badudi babe ba lla ka tlhokego ya meetse goba kabo ya meetse ao a bego a saba kgotsofatše. Seo se ile ge se gakalela pele sa akaretša le diphapano tša go ama sepolotiki.

Le ema ema le la go feleletša le hlotše mmudu-budu wa go fišwa ga ntlo ya mokhanselara wa tikologo Cllr, Ntlatla William le be le šetše le thomile go aroganya setshaba. Efela re leboga ge mafelelong badudi ba dumelelane gore khutšo e bowe e ate motseng wa Kgoshi Makgato. Lesolo la go rulaganywa ke Capricorn District Municipality la Operation Theeletša la malobanyana, le tlhithitše shebe-shebe motseng wo morago ga tsebišo ya gore mathata a meetse e tla ba selo sa maloba.

Magareng ga tšeo di fihleletšwego le go tsebišwa di akaretša gore: Badudi batla dumelela mafarahlahla a meetse a goya AllDays go shoma ntle le tšhitsho. Seo se hlalosa gore tirelo ya meetse a goya AllDays e tla sesa shitišwa. Kabo ya meetse motseng waga Makgato e tla lebelelwa ka leihlo la ntšhotšho ebile bora-kontraka batla thoma moshomo ka ponyo ya leihlo go netefatša gore badudi ga ba bolawe ke lenyora. Dikgohlano tšeo di bego dile gona malebana le dikgetho tša maloko a Ward Committee, di rumilwe ka gore dikgetho di tla thongwa leswa pele kgwedi ya March e fela. Mathata a go fapana ka dikgopolo magareng ga Mokhanselara wa motse le ba moshate le ona a fihlile bofelong. Sa go kgahlisa tumellanong ye ke gore badudi bathabile, ebile bare ba ikemisheditše go shomishana le Masepala wa Selegae le wa Selete. Ba ikanne gore tšhumisho ya dikgaruru go leka go rarolla mathata goba dikgohlano e ka sesaba tharollo, gomme ditherishano di tla etišwa pele.



Meyara Phetishi wa CDM Cllr John Mpe o hlohleletsa setshaba sa Ga-Makgato goba ngatana e tee



Makhanselara a Masepala wa Blouberg go akaretšwa le Mokhanselara wa Motse Cllr William Ntlatla babe bale karolo ya bao ba theeditšego

SEKOLO SA MANOE SE ABELWA DI LAPTOPS

E bile lethabo le legolo go barutwana le barutishi ba sekolo sa godingwana sa Manoe kua Ga-Kobe ge ba amogela didirišwa tša Theknology ebago di Laptops. Sekolo se sa kgale sa go ruta go tloga ka mphato wa Grade 08 goya go Grade 12 se nale barutwana ba go balelwa go Makgolo'a mahlano. Barutwana ba sona ke ba gotšwa tikologong ya Ga-Kobe le dinaga mabapi. Barutwana ba bantšhi ba rata sekolo se, ka lebaka la history ya sona ya go tšweletša dipoelo tše kaone kgafetša kgafetša. Babangwe ba bona ebile ba shumisha diPase go tla gona sekolong se. Hlogo ya sekolo se Aubrey Molokomme ke lebaka le lengwe la go dira gore sekolo se se ratwe ke barutwana le batswadi kage a tlhithitše taolo ya makgonthe yeo e dirilego barutwana le barutishi ngatana e tee.

Sekolo se e bile sa mahlatse goba se kgonne goba le moithuti wa peleng yoo ga bjalo ebago Hlogo-Phetishi ya Khamphane ya Dynamic Recovery System, ebago khamphane ya mafarahlahla a Teknology. Edwin Moremi yoo e bilego morutwana sekolong se mengwageng ye mentšhi ya go feta, o gopotse sekolo se, gomme a kgetha go fana ka diLaptop tše 12 tšeo di tilego go thusha go kaonafatša maemo a go ruta le go ithuta mo sekolong sa Manoe. Moremi o re sekolo se se kgathile tema e bohlokwa bophelong bja gagwe gomme o bone gole bohlokwa gore le yena a tle a se leboge ka go thusha bana bao ba ithutago go sona ga bjalo. O bolela gore diLaptops tšeo a di abilego di nepilwe go thusha barutiši go beakanya

mananeo a bona pele ba eya diphapushing tša borutelo (go dira research), le go thusha barutwana gotla go dira dingakišišo malebana le mešomo ya gae yeo ba e filwego ke barutiši. Meyara wa Masepala wa Blouberg, Mohlomphegi Cllr Maseka Pheedi o re Moremi ka gore ga se babantshi bao barego go rutega ba bowa go leboga dikolo tšeo di ba filego thuto. O re Moremi ke setho se bohlokwa sa setshaba. Meyara o ipileditše go hlogo ya sekolo Molokomme go netefatša gore diLaptop tšeo di abilwego di a šireletšwa le go hlokomelwa gore di tle di tuše barutwana nako e telele. Seo se akaretša go netefatša gore diLaptop tšeo ga di je ke aretse. O ipileditše gape go barutwana go netefatša gore ba di hlokomela ka kudu kage ele tša bona, e bile di tile go šumišwa gape ke baratho ba bona.

Ka wa bona molomo, barutwana ba bontšhitše gore ba leboga thekgo yeo Moremi a ba bontšhago yona nako le nako. Ba mo tšepišitše gore ba tla hlokomela didirišwa tšeo, ebile ba tile go netefatša gore ge ngwaga o fela, batla tšwelela dithutong tša bona. Lege sekolo se se sena Senthara ya maleba ya go bolokela diLaptop tšeo, phapuši ya nakwana e beakantšwe go netefatša gore moshomo wa thuto ya Sebaledi (Computer Class) e thoma ka ponyo ya leihlo gore barutwana baseke ba šalela morago. Seo se kgahlisago ka didirišwa tše ke gore barutwana bao ba senago bokgoni tšhomišong ya Sebaledi, ba tla ba le monyetla wa go ithuta.



Meyara Cllr Maseka Pheedi, Edwin Moremi le Spikara Cllr Maria Thamaga nakong yage ba fana ka diLaptop



Pontšho ya DiLaptop tšeo di abetšwego Sekolo sa Manoe (Ga-Kobe)

CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT 2016/17

| NAME OF PROJECT | BUDGET | OVERALL PROGRESS |
|--|---------------|--|
| INTERNAL STREETS AND STORM WATER CONTROL | | |
| Senwabarwana internal street phase 5 | R6500 000.00 | 80% On construction stage. Currently busy with preparations of kerbs and road markings |
| Senwabarwana internal street phase 6 | R8300 000.00 | 60% Construction stage, Currently busy with storm water control and layer works |
| Indermark internal street and storm water phase 3 | R6500 000.00 | 100% complete |
| Avon internal street and Storm water phase 2 | R6500 00.00 | 100% complete |
| Senwabarwana Sports Complex phase 1 | R7 000 000.00 | 60% On construction stage Busy with perimeter wall and change rooms |
| Kroemhoek internal street and storm water phase 2 | R6500 000.00 | 35% On construction stage Busy with layer works |
| Dilaeneng internal street phase 4 | R2 363 484.00 | 95% Complete Busy addressing snags |
| EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (ECDs) | | |
| Essorinca crèche | R1 789 000.00 | 55% on construction stage Building structure at roof level. Awaiting roofing , fencing , septic tank, VIP toilet complete |
| Brana crèche | R1 789 000.00 | 70% on construction stage Currently busy with roofing , plastering ,ceiling , septic tank and plumbing |
| Matoana crèche | R1 789 000.00 | 65% on construction stage Currently busy with roofing, fencing, playground , plastering and septic tank |
| Mosehleg crèche | R1 789 000.00 | 60% on construction stage Currently busy with roofing , septic tank , plumbing and electrical connections |
| Mamoleka crèche | R1 789 000.00 | 70% on construction stage Currently busy with plastering, electrical connections, ceiling and fencing. |
| Milton duff crèche | R1 789 000.00 | 45% on construction stage Currently busy with brick work and borehole equipment |
| Sadu crèche | R1 789 000.00 | 45% On construction stage Currently busy with brick work |
| Construction of Alldays Landfill site | R 4000 000.00 | 80% on construction stage Currently busy with layer works, weighbridge office and electrical connection |
| ELECTRIFICATION | | |
| Electrification of Witten | R3 875 000.00 | 100 % Complete |
| Electrification of Grootpan and | R850 000.00 | 50% Busy with excavation, pole planting and house connections |
| Electrification of Simpson. | | 97% Awaiting closing span |
| Electrification of Swartz & Montz | R1 860 000.00 | 50% Busy with excavations, pole planting , stringing and house connections |
| Taai Bosch High mast light | R1 464 516.00 | 100% Complete |
| Letswatla High mast light | R1 464 516.00 | 90% Awaiting transformers from Eskom |
| Inveraan High Mast | R1 464 516.00 | 100% Complete |
| Post connections Ward 01 (Buyswater,Kgatlu,Aurora,Norma A and B) | R2 415 000.00 | 80% Busy with pole planting , stringing and house connections |
| Ward 03 (Dithabaneng, New Jerusalem, Oldlongsign and Legkwara) | | 30% Busy with excavations, pole planting, stringing and house connection |
| Ward 04 (Sadu,Non Parella and Normandy) | | 100% Complete |

| ELECTRIFICATION | 2016/17 Eskom projects | |
|-----------------|------------------------|--|
| | 2016/17 Eskom projects | Electrification of, Matoana ext. completed and Energized. Electrification of Matoana ext. the contractor to be handed over site. Electrification of Inveraan ext. site handed over to the contractor. Electrification of Driekoppies ext. completed and Energized. Electrification of Baltimore ext. busy finalizing the detailed designs. Electrification of Puraspan ext. construction in progress. Electrification of Dilaeneng (Millennium park) ext. completed and Energized. Electrification of Voorhout, Donkerhoek, Royston busy finalizing the detailed designs. |

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017

| | SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017 GOVERNANCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Jan | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
| Council | 30 | | | | 26 | | 26 | | | | | |
| EXCO | 20 | 24 | 17 | 25 | 18 | 27 | 13 | 25 | 26 | 17 | 23 | 05 |
| P.Cs | 13 | 17 | 09 | 13 | 11 | 15 | 13 | 17 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 08 |
| PPP | 17 | | | 03 | | | 03 | | | 03 | | |
| EDC | 20 | | | 04 | | | 06 | | | 03 | | |
| Women Caucus | 19 | | | 12 | | | 07 | | | 11 | | |
| MPAC | 13 | 17 | 09 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 01 |
| W.Cs | | 03-10 | | 03-11 | | 01-09 | | 07-16 | 02-10 | 02-10 | | 01-08 |
| MMF | | | | | | 06 | | | 07 | | | 07 |
| CMF | 10-28 | | | 10-28 | | | 11-29 | | | 16-27 | | |
| MCF | 13 | | | 13 | | 05 | 14 | | 04 | | | 06 |
| IPRF | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WCF | | | | | | | | 28-30 | | | | |
| LLF | 11 | 17 | 09 | 12 | 09 | 06 | 13 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 07 |
| LUM | 05 | 02 | 08 | 06 | 05 | 07 | 05 | 02 | 05 | 06 | 03 | 06 |
| Energy Forum | | 03 | | | 08 | | | 03 | | | 07 | |
| Housing Forum | | 04 | | | 04 | | | 03 | | | 07 | |
| CSF | | 06 | | | 05 | | | 04 | | | 01 | |
| Transport Forum | | 06 | | | 05 | | | 04 | | | 01 | |
| DMF | | 08 | | | 08 | | | 07 | | | 02 | |
| WMF | | 08 | | | 08 | | | 07 | | | 02 | |
| LEDF | | 02 | | | 02 | | | 02 | | | 01 | |
| Tourism Forum | | 13 | | | 03 | | | 10 | | | 03 | |
| LCF | | 13 | | | 03 | | | 10 | | | 03 | |
| WPM | | 14-22 | | | 03-16 | | | 10-22 | | | 06-15 | |

EXCO (Executive Committee); **P.Cs** (Portfolio Committees); **PPP** (Petitions and Public Participation Committee); **EDC** (Ethics and Disciplinary Committee); **MPAC** (Municipal Public Accounts Committee); **W.Cs** (Ward Committees); **MMF** (Mayor Magoshi Forum); **CMF**(Councillors-Mantona Forum); **MCF** (Mayor/ Chairpersons Forum); **IPRF** (Institutional Performance Review Session); **WCF** (Ward Committees Forum); **LUM** (Land Use Management Committee); **DMF** (Disaster Management Forum); **WMF**(Waste Management Forum); **LEDF** (Local Economic Development Forum); **LCF** (Local Communicators Forum); **WPM** (Ward Public Meetings)**CSF** (Community Safety Forum); **LLF** (Local Labour Forum)

