



# BLOUBERG News

*"Fetisa Molaetsa"*



Mayor Pheedi breaks ground  
on sport complex, roads  
and electrification projects





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## THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2020/2021 BUDGET SPEECH

We are approaching the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic as earlier predicted by epidemiologists and the surge is really scary as it spreads like wildfire. Again, reality is starting to kick-in at our locality following the few positive reported cases. We all have a responsibility of adhering to lockdown regulations by limiting movements, observing hygienic etiquette of washing hands regularly and maintaining social distance. Since the declaration of the state of disaster by the President of RSA in terms of Disaster Management Act, we have done our best to flatten the curve of the pandemic. This does not require a rocket scientist to tell that, the after effects of these pandemic will remain with us for several years to come, however we are quite certain that we will emerge victorious. Let us not despair.

The coronavirus pandemic is a disaster that has severely disrupted the normal functioning of the people across the globe and will continue to proliferate indiscriminately. This pandemic threatens the health of everyone, but women are disproportionately affected. Sexual and gender based violence is no longer a hidden consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. As communities around the world were forced to stay at home, women are at a heightened risk of domestic violence, intimate partner violence, child abuse, and other forms of sexual and gender based violence.

Statistics show that every three hours a woman is killed in South Africa. This is five times the world average. Half of all women murder victims are killed by men with whom they had a close relationship. In his addresses on SA's response to the coronavirus pandemic, the President condemned in the strongest possible terms the recent barbaric acts of killing of women and children "It is with the heaviest hearts that I stand before the women and girls of South Africa to talk about another pandemic that is raging in our country- the killing of women and children in our country. I want to assure the women and children of South Africa that our criminal system will remain focused on gender-based violence cases and that we can expect more arrests and more prosecution against perpetrators to follow".

# 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 KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2020/2021 BUDGET SPEECH

## DRAFT 2020/2021 IDP/BUDGET

The report tables a draft IDP/ Budget as required by sections 23 (1), 26 and 34 of the Municipal Systems Act (MSA) for the financial year 2020/21. This draft strategic plan supports the municipality's ability to meet its constitutional obligations (Section 152 and 153) which include providing democratic and accountable government for communities; provision of basic services; promoting socio-economic development; promoting a safe and healthy environment; and encouraging the involvement of communities in matters of local government. The Draft Integrated Development Plan provides an integrated framework that ensures the municipality's resources are: utilized efficiently and effectively, alleviate poverty and inequality, provide basic services and promote sustainable development.

The IDP/Budget 2020/2021 is tabled before Council with all the draft budget related policies. Approval of the IDP and Budget Process Plan by Council was done in July 2019 and the amendment was approved on the 15th May 2020. Community Consultation (Listening Sessions) was done between May and June 2020, and the delay was due to COVID-19 pandemic which resulted to a National Lockdown before the municipality could adopt its draft 2020/21 IDP/Budget. All internal departments were consulted through the steering committee meetings as from May 2020. A virtual meeting was held with the district as the coordinating structure for the convergence of sector departments for them to present on their planned projects, COGHSTA was consulted, Treasury engagement session was held through a virtual system, traditional leaders were consulted, farmers unions were consulted through the virtual systems and communities were consulted through radio stations ( Thobela FM on the 11TH Junr 2020, Mohodi FM on the 9th June 2020, Facebook and local newspapers on the 18th and 21 May 2020), distribution of copies to satellite offices for communities to comment and Councillors distributed copies to their constituency, suggestion boxes were distributed at the Traditional leaders Councils. The comments were consolidated and attached to the main IDP document.

The **PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN**. People have raised issues on the Draft IDP/Budget that have sharpened our ideas and plans. These include amongst others the following; hlokego ya meetse, ditsela tše di kaone, (ditene), kholo ya toropo , mathata a ditlakala, VIP toilets le improved sewerage system , dintlo, no network coverage in certain areas hlokego ya mešomo, bjalo bjalo .

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 consultations will be referred to relevant sector departments and IGR Fora.

We are presenting the IDP/Budget 2020/21 for approval. Our report has been tabled in line with the Six Key Performance Areas, namely, Basic Service Delivery, Municipal Transformation and Organizational Development, Good Governance, Spatial Rationale and Financial viability.

## BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY

During the consultation with our people, it was proven without doubt that our people cannot wait to see their access roads and internal streets upgraded and maintained, clean and user-friendly community facilities as well as the improved provision of water services. For the year 2020/21, the following projects will be implemented:

We have an allocation of R42,95 Million from Municipal Infrastructure Grant for the following projects:

- A by-pass road in Senwabarwana, upgrading to tar, which could reduce the traffic congestion during month-end and festive seasons at a cost of R17,5 million;
- Upgrading of the Witten Internal Streets and Storm water channel at a cost of R6,2 million.
- Construction of Senwabarwana Sports Phase 4 and 5, which includes the construction of concrete grand stand, athletic tracks, boxing and gym building completed, at a cost of R18,8 million.

We also have an allocation of R6 million from Integrated National Energy Programme (INEP) for the following projects: Electrification of 66 households Innes at the cost of R1, 188 000.00, Extension 20 units at Diepsloot at the cost of R360 000.

Electrification of 248 Witten at the cost of R4,452 000.00.

As well as the following projects to be implemented by ESKOM (2020/2021): Slaphoek 200 , Devilliersdale 15, Kromhoek 150, Pax 160, Papegai 60, Wegdraai 30, Matshoana 20, Bergndal 20, Dantzig 50, Bosehla 08, Thalane 21

Our Capricorn District Municipality will also be implementing the following projects in the 2020/21 financial year: Grootpan, Siaz, Ramaswikana, Longden, Mamoleka, Kromhoek, Devrede, Taai bosch, Bosehla, Nairn, Sefihlampyana, Ga-Tshabalala, Inveraan and Nailana.

The state of our internal streets and access roads poses a serious challenge within our municipality. For the 2020/21 financial year, we have allocated an amount of R3 million rands for the upgrading of our internal

streets and access roads, R650 000 for the maintenance of Internal Streets at Puraspan, Witten, Mamehlabe, Dilaeneng, Senwabwarwana, Alldays, De Vrede, Taai-bosch, Kromhoek, Avon, and Indermark.

An amount of R450 000 has been set aside for the construction of culverts.

## Environment and Waste Management

Madam Speaker, with regards to matters of Waste and Environment, it is anticipated that 210 EPWP casual workers will still 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 being unemployment.

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, Burgerrecht , Motlana, Eldorado , Taaiosch , Longden, Grootpan and Alldays. We should also encourage our communities to group themselves for the (RRR- Reuse, Reduce, Recycle) recycling co-operatives, A budget has been set aside for the improved waste and environment management, as follows: Purchase of industrial bins which will cover Taaiosch, Vivo and Ga-Kgobokanang( R500 000), Purchase of street-sweeping machine( R500 000), Senwabarwana land-fill operation and management (R4m), EPWP programme (4m)

## MUNICIPAL TRANSFORMATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic puts a huge challenge to our municipality, in particular, the state of our buildings as well as the IT infrastructure. The 2020/21 budget has been allocated in conscious of the fact that there is a need to improve the above-mentioned areas.

The IDP and Budget that we present today also reinforce the implementation of our decentralization plan. We remain proud that seven satellite offices and a multi-purpose community centres have been established in areas such as Alldays, Tolwe, Eldorado, Harrietswish, Witten, Laanglagte, Inveraan and Senwabarwana.

Through the organizational structure that is revised today, the management should continue to beef up other satellite offices by appointing staff. By so doing we will be giving full effect to the decentralization plan to ease access to our facilities.. The satellite offices that we establish must take the shape of Alldays and Eldorado in terms of their organizational structure.

For the 2020/21 financial year, a budget has been set aside for the face-lifting of Tolwe



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Satellite to cater for the licensing and registration of vehicles, as well as the renovation of other satellite offices.

We therefore bring to this council for the approval of the revised Organogram as well as the Human Resource policies. It should also be noted that the danger allowance policy is still engaged at the bargaining council level, and we shall deal with it upon completion at that level.

### SPATIAL RATIONALE

- In terms of spatial planning the municipality has appointed three service providers who are now at a final stage to complete 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.
- As much as we appreciate the appointment of town planners for township establishments project we still have a serious challenge in respect of land invasions by some of our community members. This is a world-wide phenomenon, as people migrate from rural areas to towns. This project will in one way or the other respond to the challenge and put an end to these illegal land grabs.

### LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In terms of the constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996 one of the objectives of the local government is to promote social and economic development. The Blouberg Municipality is not immune to this constitutional mandate and therefore the municipality must ensure that there are economic spinoffs to uplift the standard of living of the residents. As an approach towards economic development, which allows and encourages the communities to work together to achieve sustainable economic growth and development it therefore brings economic benefits and improved quality of life for all residents in a municipal local area. The Municipality developed the Blouberg Growth and Development Strategy which seeks to attract investors to grow the economy that could create more job opportunities and alleviate poverty in all forms. Madam Speaker, Blouberg Municipality on its own cannot make it. Partnering with private and Public Institutions in a new way to go.

The municipality forged partnerships with various stakeholders such as Venetia mine United Nations Women through the Accelerated Women Micro Enterprises to capacitate women who are in business. The program capacitated 257 women entrepreneurs since its inception from 2019/20 financial year. Notwithstanding that there are a number of programs that the municipality has to support SMME's.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

The introduction of the cost-containment

regulations and policy, as well as the Covid-19 pandemic, had negatively impacted on the performance of our municipality in relation to the Imbizos, Special focus programmes as well as the support to sports activities.

Let us adjust to this new normal, and we shall be used to, and finally concur the pandemic. We also acknowledge the role played by ward committees during this trying times.

We shall continue to hold virtual meetings as its also a cost-containment measure. This will also assist to channel the savings towards improving service delivery.

### FINANCIAL VIABILITY (BUDGET)

The budget of the municipality was prepared taking into consideration the Municipal Budget and reporting regulations, the National Treasury circulars (98 & 99) 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 do not have reliable sources of revenue. The revenue of the municipality is dependent on electricity, traffic services, assessment rates and grants from national treasury as the sources. The municipality however has challenges in the area of revenue collection. The Municipality has anticipated on implementing a variety of revenue collection strategies to optimize the collection of debt 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 into cognisance from Finance Minister during his budget speech in which he said "National Treasury will lead a process to encourage those, including government departments, who owe money to municipalities, to pay for services".

The preparation of the 2020/2021 medium Term revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) were an extremely challenging, with considerable potential impacts on core service delivery cost and revenue components, which influenced the outcomes of MTREF. Another challenge is lower revenue collection due to non-payment by residents and none cash item e.g. Depreciation.

The annual total Budget Revenue for the 2020/21 financial year amounts to R 343.6 million, make up with the own revenue of R 91.9 million and the grant of R 251.7 million. There is an increase as compared to last year budget of R 77,8 million and R 241.2 million. The annual Budget operat-

ing expenditure for the 2020/21 amounts to R 335.9 million. The operating expenditure has increased as compared to 2019/20 financial year due to annual increase on salaries and inflation rates. The operating expenditure for the outer years has also increased. The municipality has eliminated spending on non-priority items or activities to give way for service delivery priorities. The operating expenditure includes non-cash items 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 annual capital budget is at R 60.8 million for 2020/21 has decreased as compared to the last year budget of R 61,6 million . The most capital projects of the municipality are single-year projects which run for a period of one year but MIG funded projects are multi-year projects in a financial year. The capital projects of the municipality are funded by conditional grants and internally generated funds.

### Operating Revenue and Expenditure Framework

#### Revenue:

The total Budget Revenue for 2020/21 is at R 343.6 million which is more than last year's budget (R 329, 0 million) , the main cause for increase is the grant allocation. The total grant revenue budget for Blouberg Local Municipality for the 2020/21 financial year is at R 251.7 million which is more than last year budget ( R 251.2 million). The total Own revenue is at R 91.9 million which is more than last year's budget (R77,8 million).

#### Expenditure:

#### Further key parameters applied to the Blouberg Municipality's financial framework include the following for the 2020/2021 financial year:

The total Budget Expenditure for 2020/21 is at R 334,3 million excluding capital budget. Employee related cost including section 56 is at R 128,1 million and councilors is at R 18,1 million and in percentage is 38% of the total budget. The increase in terms of the employee cost is 6.2% for 20/21 as per employee collective agreement.

Repairs and Maintenance R 4,1 million and in percentage is 6.7% of the total capital budget.

### THE DRAFT BUDGET RELATED POLICIES

The report is here by tabled in terms of MFMA, which requires that the municipality should on an annual basis review their policies in line with the tabled IDP and budget for alignment. The policies concerned is the Rates Policy, Land disposal and acquisition policy, Asset Management Policy, Policy For Infrastructure Procurement, Supply Chain Management Policy, Cash Management Policy, Credit Control, Debt Collection, Customer Care Policy, Budget Policy, Investment Policy, Fund Reserve Policy, Indigent Policy, Cost Containment Policy, Virement Policy, Tariff Policy.

## FROM THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM



**Cllr Maria Thamaga**  
**SPEAKER**

While the globe, continents regions and economies were reminiscing woefully the aftermaths and shortfalls brought about by the emergence of CoVID-19 lockdowns, Blouberg became the quietest space ever considering our extensively appreciated character of decorative public participation prowess. It must be acknowledged that the nations, tribes, clans and families got to meet amid the woes and tears. Economies were overwhelmed and structural designs were tested while systems were also exposed to the latter. It is in the CoVID-19 turbulences that almost all workplaces were devastated, operations got restricted, some completely halted, postponed and others suffocated in the fray. The very 2020 that everyone had yearned and hoped for the best was abruptly going haywire. Creative arts, cultural and traditional events lost out and likewise wedding bells got provisionally hushed, festivities and contact sessions were postponed. The less said about funerals the better.

Comparatively speaking, 2020 would go down memory lane as the year that set enormous and yet least desirable records in all respects and aspects in the history of existence. The Office of the Speaker momentarily lost its sense of purpose as its operation was sketchy, public participation programmes and meetings were forced to unexpectedly migrate virtually and called off in some instances. That left our Ward Committees stranded in wonderland as the glee with which they expected the 18th Annual Ward Committees' Conference was put on hold. It was not only Ward Committees who were shockingly brooded at the prospect of having their illustrious annual event unceremoniously screeching to a halt, but our sister municipalities were also left pondering at missing out on the opportunity of once again encountering the hospitality, generosity and resourcefulness that Blouberg presents in its organization of the event. Having been adjusted to Alert Level 1 Lockdown, Council reconsidered organization of the 18th Annual Ward Committees

Conferences against the backdrop of prevalent regulations as well as taking into cognizance the Cost Containment Policy.

We take this opportunity to sympathize unreservedly with all those who lost their loved ones, jobs, earnings, predicted sales, productivity and those who were ultimately stuck elsewhere due to either CoVID-19 or the stringent lockdown measures. We apologize profusely to our customers who at some point and at the height of the lockdown received what might be perceived as lackluster service given our usual standards. That was attributable to the dire situation we found ourselves as found ourselves desperately torn between you, our loyal customers, and adherence to the national disaster directives. We further spare a thought for you Bloubergers who missed out at the opportunity of partaking in our mandatory governance programmes, like you religiously do, as the virtual mode of communication was highly encouraged as a safety measure meant to minimize contact. We need to admit that the sudden emergence of the alluded to difficult times further exerted more pressure on our newly incepted paperless and digitalization pilot project though that ironically proved our network capacity to be very much constrained. Much still needs to be done on that score.

We welcome the patience and sanity that prevailed amongst individuals and communities during the difficult times. Despite the fact that CoVID-19 hushed wedding bells, got planned gatherings annulled and festivities postponed, some of our women participated in government's organized virtual women programmes like the Capricorn District Municipality sanctioned Women's Parliament. We still reiterate that the fiduciary responsibility of the Office of the Speaker is not only to coordinate Council Committees and activities, but also to ensure that quality deliverables are realized through optimal utilization of such committees but we however, point out that such an objective was for time being, disabled by emergence of the CoVID-19 pandemic. Again our collective obligation as Municipal Council and administration was not just the rollout of services, but also to ensure that good governance, accountability and clean audit are practicable. We'd like to assure our people that the lockdown measures in place, other limitations and resource constraints cannot be reasons enough to justify the relapse of oversight on our part. We appreciate that CoVID-19 has not only exposed inaccessibility, ineffectiveness, and inefficiencies of our systems and resources, but the cultural diversity and interconnectedness amongst people were as well put to the utmost test.

As servants of the people, we are better suited to be concerned with the extent of prevalent poverty levels and distressing unemployment rate which got aggra-

vated by the effect of the lockdown. We also acknowledge that stoppage of schooling, drop-in centres, and nutritional programmes overly battered on women as custodians of most children for survival purposes. It cannot be correct for us to fix our eyes on the flip side for long spitting venom to negatives than appreciating the gaps that CoVID-19 has exposed operationally and how some inputs were unnecessarily over-emphasized on execution of our mandate. We are exceptionally grateful of the passionate health workers, caregivers, peace-keeping mission and frontline staff who against wayward ideologies and mythologies put a world-renowned fight to rescue lives. We are also grateful of the sanity that prevailed amongst communities, councilors and entirely the exceptional peacekeeping mission throughout these uncertain times. Generally, we take our hats off for the ethical demeanor and resilience displayed by most of the bureaucrats and political office-bearers under such trying circumstances. In the same breath, we shun and shame any form of anarchy, misconception, disinformation and malfeasance that was aimed at swaying the fight against CoVID-19 in a different direction. We further deplore the amount of gender-based violence (GBV) that keeps ravaging our country like there is no tomorrow. We once more salute our men who marched side-by-side in support of the fight against femicide and abuse of women and children.

People need to be cognizant that the same normal they are comfortable with and reluctant to move away from was once despised. As like one scholar of note advised, "Never stop learning, because life will never stop teaching, so everyone needs to learn to appreciate and accept change as a way of life. We too concede to be learners insofar as intricate knowledge of CoVID-19 is concerned, but it must be seriously noted that we are not out of the woods yet and the exercise of vigilance is very much requisite. Having seen the severity of its second wave in other countries, we dare urge everyone to exercise extreme caution so that all of us can see each other on the other side of the CoVID-19 pandemic. We hope against all the possible hope for everyone to sober up, be tolerant, dutiful and cautious to coexist with the world's most deadly pandemic. We draw the much-needed inspiration from the wisdom of John Salk that, "Hope lies in dreams, in imagination and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality." Having had our programmes partly derailed from the promising trajectory tracks, we are still optimistic, owing from our continued good conduct that everything will soon be back on track. We urge everyone to hold onto the words of Thich Nhat Hanh that, "Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."

# ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

Let me once again take this opportunity to craft an administrative overview as a prelude to our edition of our newsletter. This platform remains a critical medium of communication to communities and stakeholders. We will continue to adapt this medium in order to maintain its relevance.

## A year of challenges and opportunities

The year 2020 will go down in the history as both a very bad and a year of new opportunities in terms of municipal administration. Firstly, it was bad in that people were getting infected and lives lost. The economy was grinded to hold. The untimely arrival of COVID 19 caused distress for the whole world. On the 24th March 2020, the President declared a state of disaster and lockdown in terms risk adjusted strategy in South Africa. Secondly, this called for new ways of municipal administration for continued provision and payment of municipal services.

Employees and institutions had to fast forward to Forth Industrial Revolution (4IR), whereby employees had to be provided with relevant tools of trade to work from home. It was now no longer business as usual as many things had to comply with COVID-19 protocols.

## The institutional strength and weaknesses were laid bare.

I take this opportunity to pass my sincere condolences to all those who lost their loved ones because of this pandemic. My sincere gratitude to both the District Command Council and Blouberg COVID-19 Technical Committee for the sterling work done. Your team efforts saved lives and livelihoods. Blouberg COVID-19 statistics are testament to these efforts

## Continued service delivery to the people of Blouberg

We were able to complete 2019/20 projects with exception of cluster 1-3 connections owing to shortage of materials due lockdown. As part of our commitment to continued service delivery we were able to conduct visual consultations and adoption of 2020 /21 IDP/ Budget and SDBIP.

We have appointed service providers for our capital projects and sites have been established.

We further extend hands of welcome to our new Director for Technical services, Ms Denga Grace Siboiboi. She has joined the municipality with enthusiasm. Keep up the spirit.

## A better audit opinion

Audit has just commenced last month and we are optimistic that we will get a better audit opinion this year. Last year we were out of the Unqualified Opinion race with a whisker due to some technicalities. All these have been clarified and corrected, thus we anticipate a better audit opinion 2019/20 financial year.

## Planned towns a solution to land invasions

We still have challenges of people who illegally occupy municipal land in both Senwabarwana and Alldays towns.

Our Land Use Department have finalized both Alldays and Senwabarwana town registrations. We are hopeful that sites will be disposed during the 4th quarter. We call upon our communities to desist from land invasion in the interest of planned development.

## Second surge of COVID-19

In terms observed trends the likelihood of second wave is on the cards. Let me reiterate the COVID-19 health protocols. Let's wear the masks, sanitize, keep social distance and avoid unnecessary parties and large gatherings.

## Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2021

Let me take this opportunity to wish all our staff, councillors, communities and their families a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Let us continue to observe rules of the road. Let us continue to observe COVID-19 health protocols.



**Mr Junias Machaba**  
**Municipal Manager**



# MAYOR LAUNCHES CONSTRUCTION OF BYPASS ROAD, SPORT COMPLEX, INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS AND REGRAVELLING PROJECTS

In the month of October 2020, Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi conducted sod-turning ceremonies for various service delivery projects.

The municipality is implementing these projects following the adoption of the Intergrated Development Plan IDP/Budget 2020/2021. Due to unforeseen circumstances being the COVID-19 pandemic the municipality had to partly add the unusual way of doing things in the mix. The IDP/Budget adoption process was preceded by digital community and stakeholder consultation programme and the distribution of copies to satellite offices and suggestion box to traditional authorities for communities to comment wherein people have raised issues that have guided the municipality's plans.

Issues that featured included; water challenges, roads, sanitation, housing, 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.

The municipality budget will cater all areas of the municipality in terms of 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 jobs among others.

Of other projects to be implemented, the municipality has set

aside funds for the construction of phase 5 leg of the Senwabarwana Sport Complex. The concluding phase 5 of the sport complex project will include, among others; the construction of athletic tracks, gymnasium, boxing building, installation of an artificial pitch, gym equipment and office furniture.

The municipality will also constructing a by pass road which is set to minimize traffic congestion in the Senwabarwana central business district allowing motorists who do not wish to drive by the CBD to utilize a bypass instead.

The Mayor has also conducted sod turning ceremonies marking the commencement of the electrification projects for Diepsloot, Innes and Witten among other extensions as well as the regraveling of access roads and installation of culverts.



The Mayor, Cllr Maseka Pheedi accompanied by the Speaker, Cllr Maria Thamaga breaks ground marking the official commencement of the projects.

# MEC MASEMOLA O LEKOLA DITSELA TSA BLOUBERG

Ditsela tše kgolo ka mono Masepaleng wa Blouberg ke tšedingwe ebang tlhoba-boroko ka mono Masepaleng ka lebaka la maemo ao di bago go ona a go sebe a ma kaone. Tšeo ke ditsela tšeo Masepala o amogelago dingongorego tše dintšhi ka tšona letšatši ka letšatši. Lege ditsela tšeo, e se tšeo di welago ka gare ga maikarabelo a Masepala wa Selegae, Masepala wa Blouberg o tšwela pele letšatši ka letšatši go ikopantšha le batšea-karolo ba bohlokwa go netefatša gore dia kaonafatšwa. Mafapa ao a rerišwago letsatši ka letsatši a akaretša Public Works le Road Agency Limpopo.

Molekgotlaphetiši wa Kgoro ya Ditsela mo Limpopo Namane Dickson Masemola o iphile nako kgwedding ya August go thetha le ditsela tša ka mono Masepaleng wa Blouberg, nepo ele go lekola maemo a tšona. Yena o be a farafarilwe ke Meyara Maseka Pheedi le Maloko a khudu-thamaga ya Meyara. Go ditsela tšeo di bego di lekolwa go akaretšwa D1585 ebago tsela ya gotšwa Devrede-GaMakgato goya Kgobokanang, le D887 ebago ya gotšwa Alldays goya Swartwater.

Molekgotlaphetiši Dickson Masemola o ikanne gore tsela ya gotšwa Kgobokanang goya GaMakgato-Devrede e tla lokišwa mo nakong ya go se fetše pelo. O re kgoro e kwele dillo tšeo badudi le Masepala babego ba ditliša kgorong ya gabo kgafetša kgafetša. Tsela yeo e maemong ao a sa kgahlišego gomme e lokišwa ke lefapa la Public Works ka mokgwa wa go thiba-thiba mekotiya tseleng. Molekgotlaphetiši Masemola o tshepišitše gape gore batla leka go boledišana le SANRAL malebana le go lokiša tsela ya D887 gotšwa Alldays goya Swartwater.

Mayara wa Blouberg Maseka Pheedi o ipiletša go badudi ba Blouberg gore ba tšwele pele go fa mmušo nako ya gore o kgobokantšhe mašelang a go likiša tsela tšeo di lekotšwego. O gatelela gore tsela ya D1589 e kgauswi le gotlo lokišwa kage maemo a yona a tšwelapele goba tlhoba-boroko.





# MAYOR PHEEDI DONATES TWO HOUSES TO NEEDY FAMILIES

Two needy families at Inveraan Village now have decent houses to call home, thanks to Blouberg Local Municipality. The Capricorn District Municipality Mayor, Cllr John Mpe, Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi officially handed over house keys to the families as part of Mandela Day Celebration. The initiative was a partnership between the municipality and local businesses.



The houses handed over to two families at Inveraan Village as part of Mandela Month Celebration. The houses were donated by Blouberg Local Municipality in partnership with local businesses.

# SALGA DONATES STEEL WATER TANK TO MATOANA COMMUNITY

On the other hand, the South African Local government Association (SALGA) donated a steel water tank to the community of Matoana as part of Mandela Month Celebration.

The tank with a capacity of 30000L will augment the current three tanks with 10000L capacity each which will later be connected to benefit the community the larger community.

The tank was officially handed over by SALGA Limpopo Chairperson, Cllr Pule Shai and the Director of SBS tanks.

Mayor Pheedi on behalf of the municipality, thanked SALGA for recommending Blouberg for such donation in celebrating the Nelson Mandela legacy.



SALGA Limpopo Chairperson, Cllr Pule Shai handing over a steel tank to the community of Matoana.

# MAYOR PHEEDI CALLS ON COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION TO DOUBLE WORKING EFFORTS AS BLOUBERG CITIZENS' HOPE FOR BETTER LIVES IS PINNED ON THEM

The Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi has called on the council and administration components of the municipality to always bear in mind the core mandate of the institution; that of ensuring the provision of services to communities.

Mayor Pheedi was delivering his opening remarks during the first quarter 2020/2021 Intergrated Development Plan (IDP)/ Budget institutional performance review/ strategic planning session of the municipality held at Makgabeng Farm Lodge, Werden Village.

The purpose of the two-day session held from the 22nd to 23rd October 2020 was to reflect on July-September performance in line with the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) 2020/2021 performance and map a way forward for the remaining nine months.

Mayor Pheedi also indicated that the Blouberg electorate has entrusted them with power to lead them and change their lives for the better and it is for everyone in the institution to double the efforts and bring that change in people's lives through delivery of services.

He further indicated that, regardless of its rural status, Blouberg Local Municipality can be developed to be a town amongst towns with world class facilities.

“ When we talk about infrastructure development in the country, we must also include ourselves as nobody else will give an extra

hand except ourselves and make sure that, it becomes realistic and practical” he concluded.

The SDBIP comprises key performance areas which are derived from local government strategic agenda namely; basic service delivery and infrastructure, financial viability and management, local economic development as well as good governance and public participation.



Mayor Pheedi giving the marching orders during the two-day strategic planning session held at Makgabeng Farm Lodge, Werden Village.

# COUNCIL REACHES OUT TO WARD 20

As part of the continued commitment to enhance participatory democracy, the Blouberg Local Municipality held its quarterly Council outreach programme on the 29th of October 2020 at Wegdraai Village in Ward 20.

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

The formal sitting kickstarted with presentations of Executive Committee reports including the 2020/2021 First Quarter Performance Assessment by the Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi as well as the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) report presented by its chairperson, Cllr Jonathan Sekgoloane.

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

The issues raised included, bad condition of roads; the pothole riddled D1589( Kgobokanang to De vrede), the need for regravelling of Gideon and Slaaphoek main roads. Water shortages in some of the villages within the wards, jobs for youth and the need for a library among others. However residents thanked the municipality for the electrification of extensions and other services.

Responding to the issues raised, Cllr Pheedi indicated that the process of the rehabilitation of D1589 is scheduled to commence on the 2nd of December 2020.

Cllr Pheedi indicated that the municipality has submitted a special request to the Office of the Presidency to intervene on the matter regarding the poor state of roads. He requested communities to utilise the Eldorado Community Library in the meantime as there are yet no plans in place to build a library around Ward 20 .

The regravelling of roads at Slaaphoek and Gideon will be covered by the routine road maintenance work which is ongoing.



The Mayor , His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi delivering the quarterly service delivery progress report.



The Municipal Public Accounts committee(MPAC) chairperson , Cllr Jonathan Sekgoloane delivering the Committee's quarterly report.



Members of the community came in numbers to listen and interact with their leaders.

# MAGOŠI A AMOGELA DITLABELWA TŠA DIKGOKAGANO ( TABLETS)

Ka lebaka la maemo ao a fetogilego a go dira dilo lefaseng ka bophara, mekgwa ya go swara dikopano le go rerišana e swanela ke go fetoga, se ke ka lebaka la twatšhi ya Covid 19. Se se gapeletša Mmušo wa bosetšhaba le mebušo ya selegae go gata ka mošito o tee le diphetogo tšeo lebaka ele go efoga go kekiša phetelo ya Covid 19. Diphetogo tše di bonwa bjalo ka mokgwa woo o akgofišetšego seo se bitšwago Fourth Industrial Revolution ebago mokgwa wa go šumiša Teknology mabakeng a mantšhi.

Go phethagatša seo, Masepala wa Blouberg ka tlase ga boetapele bja Meyara Maseka Pheedi o abetše Magoši ka moka diTablets, moreromogole ele go netefatša gore dikopano di kgona go swarwa ka mokgwa wa Teknology bale gae. Magoši a tla kgona go swara dikopano le Mantona ntle le go kgobokana felo go tee. Meyara o ipileditše go Magoši go hlokomela le go netefatša gore didirišwa tšeo tsa sebjalo-bjalo di a ba šomela.



Magoši a lebogile Masepala nakong ya kopano ya kotara-ka-kotara ya magoši.



# BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY KEY SERVICE DELIVER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st Municipality with a licenses to electrify all rural areas and having all settlements with more than 40 000 households electrified (Millennium Development Goal Surpassed).
- 1st Municipality to implement the breaking New Ground housing project in Senwabarwana Township and recently in the Tolwe Township (inclusionary housing development) cost housing units constructed in the province. Over 6000 low cost housing units constructed throughout Blouberg.
- Over 60 kilometers of internal streets upgraded from gravel to tar or paving in settlements such as Senwabarwana , Alldays, Taaibosch (Ga-Mamadi) , Devrede , Desmond Park, Kroemhoek(Ga-Makgato), Witten , Avon(Marobjane), Dilaeng , Indermark and Puraspan(Ga-Machaba) .
- Over 250 kilometers of provincial and district new roads upgraded from gravel to tar with new 48 bus shelters along D1200,D1598 and D3327 and D1468
- Decentralization plan development and implemented and culminated in the establishment of new satellite offices at Eldorado, Tolwe, Langlaagte, Inveraan, Raweshi alongside Alldays bringing the total to six. Three offices in Langlaagte, Inveraan and Raweshi also serve as the multipurpose community centres.
- Two standard and state of the art sports complexes constructed at Eldorado and Sekiding sa Mampote and currently a third sports facility is being implemented in Senwabarwana, fourth sports facility has been constructed at Alldays through the partnership with Basil Read Company.
- 78 % of the population has access to water either inside yards or at RDP standard
- A total of 9 clinics upgraded at Kibi, Gideon, Grootdraai, Letswatla, Sekhung, Burgerught, Montz, Kroemhoek, Sadu, Uitkyk and Devrede.
- Three shopping complexes constructed and operate in Senwabarwana and Alldays.
- New mining initiatives at Raweshi, Aurora and Cracow, as well as Venetia underground mine project and the Soutpan energy renewable project get the resultant socio-economic.
- On good governance and public participation the Municipality maintained its record of sound model received recognition from the national Development of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. All ward committees are fully functional.
- Over 40 early childhood daycare centers or preschools constructed.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2021

### GOVERNANCE

	Jan	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Council</b>	28		25	28	27		28			28		
<b>EXCO</b>	22	26	18	21	20	24	21	23	21	21	23	
<b>P.Cs</b>	14	19	11	14	13	17	14	16	14	14	16	
<b>PPP</b>		25			10			18			11	
<b>EDC</b>		25						18				
<b>MPW</b>	26		24	27	25		26			26		
<b>Women Caucus</b>	12			12			13			13		
<b>MPAC</b>	14	19	11	14	13	17	21	19	14	21	16	
<b>W.Cs</b>		09 - 20		05 - 23		07 - 25		6 - 24		08 - 25		01 - 13
<b>MMF</b>			03			02			02			01
<b>IPRF</b>	20			19			19			19		
<b>WCF</b>								25 - 27				
<b>LLF</b>	08	12	09	13	12	11	12	11	09	14	11	06
<b>Housing Forum</b>		02			03			02			01	
<b>CSTF</b>		03			04			03			02	
<b>DWMF</b>		04			05			04			03	
<b>RMC</b>			15			14			16			07
<b>LEDTF</b>		05			06			05			04	
<b>WSEF</b>		02			03			02			01	
<b>WPM</b>		09 - 25			05 - 26			06 - 27			05 - 26	

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

# CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT

## 1. TECHNICAL SERVICES 2019/20 AND 2020/21 CAPITAL PROGRESS FOR MIG AND ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS

### 1.1 Roll over projects: Electrical and MIG Own funding:

Project Name	Consultant	Contractor	Start date for construction	Completion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure	Physical Progress %	Comments/Challenges
Cluster 1-Post connections of 155 households connection at (Arrie (23), Sias (25), Thorpe (57), Motadi (20) and Gideon (30))	Math Engineerin g	Batlase Enterprise	13/02/2019	31/12/2020	Construction stage	R 1,131,500.00	R 1,023,962.85	95%	Waiting for transformer to be energized.
Cluster 2 –Post connections of 132 households at (Diepsloot (50), Silvermine (45), Nailana (22), Innes(15))	Lefokane Consulting and Projects Managem ent	Batlase Enterprise	13/02/2019	31/12/2020	Construction stage	R 963,600.00	R 963,600.00	100%	100% completed
Cluster 3 – Post connection of 120 household at (Kgokonyane(30), Milbank (55), Mosehleng (35))	NSK Electrical	Batlase Enterprise	13/02/2019	31/12/2020	Construction stage	R876,000.00	R 398,087.34	50%	Currently busy with digging of holes, Planting of poles and Stringing of conductors and installation of meters
Bochum Substation	Volt Consulting Engineers	Leboneng North Investment Holdings	17/02/2019	31/12/2020	Construction stage	R10,000,000.00	R6,462,327.17	60%	Currently busy with access road and brick work.
Towerfontein Crèche	Dikgabo Engineers	Bakone Mathekg wide services	18/05/2020	18/09/2020	Construction stage	R2 000,000.00	R 1,002,167.10	85%	Currently busy with erection of fence, glazing and jungle gym

# CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT

## 2.1 MIG GRANT

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2020/21	R 44,066,000.00	R 19 117 451.50	R 24 888 548,50	43%

## 2.2 INEP GRANT

Financial Year	Allocation	Total Expenditure to date	Total Balance to date	% of Expenditure
2020/21	R 6,000,000.00	R 4 512 785,36	R 1 487 214,64	88%

Project Name	Consultant	Contractor	Construction Start date	Completion date	Status	Allocated budget	Expenditure	Physical Progress %	Comments/ Challenges
Senwarwana sports complex phase 5	Sizeya consulting engineers	Izigi Molokwana Trading JV	November	N/A	Construction stage	R18,704,182.00	R 5 634 192.20	30%	Currently busy with construction of gym building
Senwarwana bypass road phase 1	T2 Tech consulting Engineers	PJM Engineers and Plant Hire	November	N/A	Construction stage	R19,800,000.00	R 4 394 171.94	30%	Currently busy with construction
Witten internal street and stormwater phase 2	Tlou Intergrated	Matlou Mbilu Ulrich Monica	N/A	N/A	Contractor appointed	R6,258.517.59	R 1.881.600.00	0%	Contractor appointed. site establishment will resume on the third quarter
Electrification of Witten ext 9 (248)	NSK Electrical	Kingki Electrical JV	19/10/2020	30/04/2021	90% Completed	R4,464 000.00	R 3 343662.96	87%	Construction stage
Electrification of Innes (66) and Diepsloot ext (20)	Lefokane Consulting and Projects Management	Pin Afrika Consulting Engineers	14/10/2020	N/A	90% Completed	R1,548,000.00	R 1 1198 122.40	87%	Construction stage

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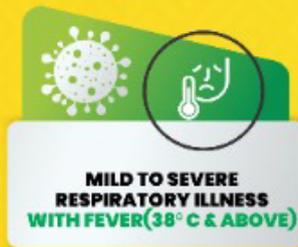


## Did you know of **COVID-19** infection

CORONAVIRUS

CORONAVIRUSES ARE A LARGE FAMILY OF RESPIRATORY VIRUSES THAT CAN CAUSE DISEASES RANGING FROM THE COMMON COLD TO THE MIDDLE-EAST RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (MERS), THE SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS) AND THE CURRENT **2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUSES**.

### MAIN CLINICAL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS REPORTED IN THE CURRENT OUTBREAK INCLUDE:



## REDUCE THE RISK OF **CORONAVIRUS** INFECTION

CLEAN HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER OR AN ALCOHOL BASED HAND RUB

### ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS

- \* After sneezing or coughing
- \* Before Eating
- \* When caring for the sick person
- \* After toilet use
- \* Before, during and after you prepare food
- \* When hands are dirty
- \* After handling animals or animal waste



COVER NOSE AND MOUTH WHEN COUGHING AND SNEEZING WITH TISSUE OR FLEXED ELBOW—THROW TISSUE AWAY IMMEDIATELY AND WASH HANDS

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH ANYONE WITH COLD OR FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS

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