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As we are in the beginning of the second quarter and with the 2019 General Elections fast approaching, the media and communication space in general will be fully occupied by a number of events. The Local Government sphere will be an area of focus for politicians who will be canvassing for the national project. The communication's units of the Mopani District Municipality and those from the five local municipalities namely; Greater Tzaneen, Giyani, Letaba, Maruleng and Ba-Phalaborwa will be hard at work highlighting the significant strides that are being made by their institutions in the provision of basic services to the electorate.

It is common knowledge that communication plays a vital role in informing the electorate on the mandate by various municipalities. Mopani District Municipality's Communications Unit is equal to the task to ensure that service delivery news is contextualised and achieve its intended purpose. The previous quarter has been characterised by a number of events. Stories that are being highlighted in this edition of the Mopani District Municipality External Newsletter are giving an update on the progress being made on a number of service delivery projects, visits by the national ministers and the events that the district municipality held within the municipal area.

The articles published here are highlighting the efforts that are being put in place by the Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale, the Municipal Manager Republic Monakedi, the CFO Quite Kgatle and by the senior managers for the five directorates. The stories in this newsletter are putting on the spot light the hard work and the great performance by each of the directorates.

Lastly, as an Editor for the Mopani Bulletin I want to take this opportunity and wish the readers of this publication and the residents of Mopani at large a prosperous and productive year. Your feedback on the content of this external newsletter will be appreciated at all times. Comments can be forwarded to the contact details provided above. God bless and I thank you.

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EXECUTIVE MAYOR 'S FOREWORD



**Executive Mayor
Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale**

Let me first take this opportunity to wish the people of Mopani District Municipality well as we start the year 2019. Millions of South Africans who are eligible to vote will be afforded an opportunity to go and cast their votes in the upcoming general elections. General elections will be held in the country this year to elect a new National Assembly and new provincial legislatures in each province. This will be the sixth election held since the end of the apartheid system in 1994. This election will determine who will be the President of South Africa.

Incumbent President Cyril Ramaphosa, the 12th head of State in South Africa, will lead the ruling African National Congress in the election, attempting to retain majority status and a full term in office as president. Majority of the electorates are in deep rural areas that include the Mopani District Municipal area. The reason am mentioning the above, I want to emphasise the importance of exercising that democratic right of voting by all those who are eligible to vote.

As the political head of the Mopani District Municipality, I want to assure the people of Mopani that the district municipality is determined to continue to deliver basic services despite some challenges that we have experienced in the recent

past. One of the main challenge is drought that has hit many parts of our district. The dedicated team of Directors and other managers has assured me that they are working tirelessly to make sure that there is improved service delivery in communities across the five local municipalities.

Our core responsibility as an institution is to ensure that we provide water and sanitation to our communities at all times. It is also important to highlight that the constitution of the Republic of South Africa direct us to deliver those services to the people of Mopani, hence we are working hard to ensure that we achieve that.

During the previous quarter we have seen a number of service delivery projects launched and a number of events held across the district. The events afforded the people of Mopani District an opportunity to interact with the senior managers, councillors and the political leadership of the district. This publication highlights the service delivery strides that we are making as the district municipality.

In the spirit of THUMA MINA, the end of 2018, allowed us time to pause and reflect on the successes and some failures that we had as the district municipality. The year 2019 present an opportunity for all of us to join hands and work towards a common goal, of building a better society. I thank you, nakhensa kealeboga. God bless you.



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PREMIER MATHABATHA OFFICIALLY OPEN

WATER TAPS AT MAKOSHA VILLAGE



Premier Stanley Mathabatha and the Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality drinking the water after officially opening the taps



: James Chavalala fetching water with his bakkie at one of the communal taps at Makosha B9.

The residents of Makosha B9 in ward 14 of the Greater Giyani Municipality are breathing a sigh of relief following an official opening of water taps by Premier Stan Mthabatha in their area. Some residents had to walk several kilometres to fetch clean drinking water before, while others used water from a canal that cuts across the village.

Mathabatha was accompanied by the MEC for Agriculture Basikopo Makamu, the Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale and the former Greater Giyani Municipality Mayor Councillor Sasavona Mathebula.

The premier kick started his activities by meeting with the political leadership, senior officials from both the Mopani District and Greater Giyani Municipalities, the Department of Water and Sanitation and Lepelle Northern Water. Mathabatha was furnished with a report on the water provision progress that has been made with regard to the implementation of the Giyani Bulk Water Project – which was launched in 2014 by former President Jacob Zuma.

The bulk water project, which covers approximately 325km aims to supply purified water to 55 villages upon its completion. The project has stalled in recent months due to budgetary constraints at a national level. Premier Mathabatha says discussions between him and President Ramaphosa have started to see to it that challenges of lack of water are resolved in Giyani and surrounding villages.

He told the community that government is working tirelessly to address the challenges faced by the people of the province. "Once we gather that our people are facing challenges, we intervene immediately so that it does not impede the good lives of our people. We are here to make sure that we deliver a better life to our people," he said.

Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale said that working together with other stakeholders, the municipality will find

solutions to challenges of lack of water in the remaining villages. "we are opening the taps for this community, but we have listened to what our people are saying that water has not reached all these other areas. Going back, we still need to look at what is it that we can do to make sure that everyone has water in their household," she said

James Chavalala, a resident of Makosha B9 welcomed the intervention, saying "we are happy that government has delivered on its promise of giving us water. The ward councillor has been saying we would get water this year and we happy that indeed water is here. We used to travel long distance to fetch water. Fortunately for I have a bakkie which I had been using to fetch water even to assist other community members at a small fee."

PUT INTEREST OF COMMUNITY AHEAD OF YOURS, EXECUTIVE MAYOR APPEALS

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor, Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale has appealed to leaders in Bolobedu South not to stall the implementation of the water reticulation project at Thapane because of the 30% sub-contracting debate. Speaking during the handover of the R29 million Phase 2B project of the Thapane Water Scheme at Relela outside Tzaneen on Friday, Rakgoale urged community leaders find ways of engaging the contractor around the issue of local beneficiation without stalling the implementation of the project.

"The policy says 30% sub-contracting is compulsory for projects above R30 million. This project is below R30 million, but it does not stop you from engaging the contractor around the issue of assisting the small businesses in the area. "While we find ways to lobby around the issue of local beneficiation, our utmost interest should be to see the project completed so our people can have access to consistent supply of potable water," she said.

The project includes the rehabilitation of Semarela catchment area, repairing the leaking wall, rehabilitate the pumps, increasing the height of the wall, and fixing the booster pump stations at Motupa, Kgwekgwe, Botludi and Morutji villages. The contractor will also lay bulk water pipelines in Marirone, Motupa, Mhlakong and Morutsi. Rakgoale said that stakeholders must work together to ensure that all wards have representatives in the project steering committee. "Establish an inclusive project steering committee. The process of hiring workers should also be conducted in a fair and transparent manner. These temporary jobs do make a difference the lives of our people," she said.

She cautioned some community members who are fuelling allegations that ward councillors have received an amount of R4 million from the contractor during the implementation of Phase 1 of the Thapane project. "Stop rumour mongering because your allegations are putting the lives of innocent people in danger. These people that you are spreading gossip about have families, and people may start to target their homes because of your gossips," said Rakgoale. Rakgoale then went on to handover two other projects worth R36 million. Constriction work on the Sefotse and Ditshosine projects is soon expected to start.

The mayor of Greater Letaba Municipality, Councillor Peter Matlou has welcomed the projects saying that the council will play its oversight role and ensure that there is progress. "We are happy that the district municipality has brought these projects to us, and we will do everything in our power to see the project moving. Our interest is to see our people drinking water," he said.



Speaker of Council, Councillor Wireless Sedibeng, Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale and the mayor of Greater Letaba Municipality during the handover of Sefotse bulkline project at Mokwakwaila Stadium



Director for Engineering Services in Mopani District Municipality, Paradise Shilowa introducing the contractor for the Thapane Phase 2B project at Relela Community Hall.



Noel Makumbila, a community development worker based in ward 7 of Greater Tzaneen Municipality also making an input during the project handover at Relela Community Hall

JOINT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES ON OVERSIGHT VISIT TO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



Portfolio committee during their site visit to Mapikiri village where the municipality is constructing a 2ml reservoir.



Portfolio committee members at the Phalaborwa Sewage plant where the district municipality is spending just over R17 million to upgrade the plant.

Portfolio Committees on Water, Infrastructure, Local Economic Development as well as Finance jointly conducted an oversight visit to projects in the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality on Thursday, 08 November 2018.

The oversight visit included meetings on site with contractors on the various water infrastructure projects currently underway in that municipal area. Led by Councillor Pheagane Malatji, the chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Water Services, the committees expressed concerns with the delay at the construction of Mapikiri reservoir.

The contractor told the joint committees that the delay in the construction of the 2-megalitre reservoir was due to challenges with the supply of ready mix concrete. He assured the committee that the project will be complete by 15 January 2018.

The project which created job opportunities for locals has seen Nelly Monyela, a mother of four children benefiting through the Expanded Public Works Programme at the Mapikiri reservoir.

She said the project is making a huge difference in her life and will be of a great benefit to the community once complete.

"We are grateful for this project, because we will have access to water once the reservoir is complete. But also for me, I have to be extra grateful because I have just been cooking voluntarily at the primary school until this project started. I am happy with this opportunity because I will be able to buy a few things for my kids during the festive seasons," she said.

The committee also visited Tshelang-gape where the municipality is constructing a Sewer Emergency Dam. The scope of work includes the upgrading of the outfall sewer pipeline of 1.5km, refurbishment of the plant, replacing the pump and painting. The project is standing at 80%, with 24 work opportunities created through EPWP. The committee was told of the challenge of illegal connections which has contributed to the delay in the completion of the project.

Water and Sanitation Minister Gugile Nkwinti visit Mopani



Water and Sanitation Minister Gugile Nkwinti has delivered a message of hope to the residents of Giyani and its surrounding villages. Nkwinti who was accompanied by the Cooperative Governance MEC Jerry Ndou, Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale and the Greater Giyani Municipality Mayor Sasavona Mathebula announced that testing will be done on about 100 existing boreholes at a number of villages in the Greater Giyani Municipality. Minister Nkwinti's visit on the 07th of December comes after a contractor Khathu Civils abandoned a water project that is supposed to supply water to 55 villages.

"Engineers will be doing some tests at rivers that are already dry due to drought in an effort to check if more boreholes can be drilled there and supply water to communities. What we are doing as the department is to ensure that we work hand in hand with the Mopani District Municipality so that we can come with both long and short term solution around challenges of water shortages in this area." said Nkwinti.

Minister Nkwinti also announced that he has already signed a proclamation and the SIU has already started an investigation into allegations of corruption where LTE Consulting, Khathu Civils and South Zambezi was awarded R2.2 billion tender. Nkwinti says his department will consider utilising an internal construction company to complete phase one of the project as all he wants to see is communities getting water.

After a meeting with the District Municipality and some stakeholders, the political principals briefed the media. Mopani District Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale took the opportunity to give an update on the progress that has been made at the Mametja-Sekororo water project in the Maruleng Municipality. "final touch-ups are being made at a water purification plant where we will soon start abstracting water from a water source at Blayde outside Hoedspruit. Reticulation has already been done, so we just waiting for the completion of the purification plant and we will start supply our communities with water." said Rakgoale.

South Africans needs a window of prayer, says Dr Elijah Maswanganyi

Don't be quick to cast aspersions on our leaders because you do not know politics, Dr Elijah Malembe Maswanganyi has told hundreds of people gathered at the District Day of Prayer held at the Giyani Community hall on the 6th December 2018.

The 74-year-old renowned motivational speaker was a guest speaker at the District Day of Prayer, an initiative of the Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale. Dr Maswanganyi described the Executive Mayor as an "efficient lady" and a "decisive thinker."

Having travelled to over 130 countries, Maswanganyi said South Africa is one of the most beautiful countries. "We do not have military government here in South Africa. Our government build free houses for the poor, and you will never see that anywhere else in the world," he said. He read from the scriptures in Daniel chapter 6 verse 10, and titled his sermon: "Daniel's Windows of Prayer." He urged pastors to unite and stop criticizing each other.

"We are busy fighting each other to such as extent that we even forget to fight the devil himself. Stop criticizing and talking bad about each other. We shall all be judged by Christ," he said. The Executive Mayor, Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale had earlier told the people who had travelled from across the five local municipalities that council was worried with the low dam levels in the district.

"Our main worry is that the South African Weather Services predicts that we will only receive good rainfall in February next year. As the political leadership, pastors, ordinary members of the public and community leaders we must just bow down and ask God to open the flood gates of heaven to shower us and also capacitate our water sources.

"We are beginning to realise the fact that government has declared our District Municipal area as disaster stricken zone is not enough. We have received a drought relief fund from the national government to drill additional boreholes and also equip those that are dysfunctional due to theft and vandalism. The funding may not be enough to keep the taps flowing," she said.

She also appealed for people to share with orphans and those less fortunate than during the festive seasons. "When we buy fancy groceries for our families, let us find it in our hearts to also buy the basics for our destitute neighbours. We must learn from the Lord Jesus Himself, who when God looked for someone to send to die for our sins, he raised his hand and said "send me. I will go and die for my people." Mopani needs selfless people who will emulate Christ," said Rakgoale.



THE MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDS



Low water levels at the Tzaneen Dam



Thapane Dam after the abstraction of water was suspended due to drought.

The Mopani District Municipality has been granted 84-million-rand drought relief fund from the Department of Water and Sanitation to address challenges of lack of water. The district municipality previously approached the national department for funding to put in place water infrastructure. The recent low dam levels at ten of our major dams that dropped significantly due to drought worsened the situation. The dam levels are currently between seven and 28 percent.

We have already stopped abstracting water from the Modjadji and Thapane dams that are found in the Greater Letaba Municipal area due to drought.

This dire situation has prompted the Mopani District Municipality Council to approve the imposing of water restrictions across the five local municipalities due to low dam levels. A team of engineers and technicians has been deployed to the five local municipalities to make an assessment and ensure that the actual work of drilling boreholes start. Identified dysfunctional boreholes will also be equipped during the process.

MDM SPECIAL COUNCIL RESOLVE ON TWO CRITICAL ISSUES.



Councillor Hlungwane being sworn in by the Speaker Cllr Wireless Sedibeng.

The Mopani District Municipality Special Council Sitting held at the Tzaneen Disaster Management Centre has resolved that the parity issue that is affecting about 800 former Department of Water Affairs employees who are now working for the District's water

services be implemented. The Council resolution follows a lengthy placement process which started in 2009. The intervention by the Executive Mayor Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale two week ago led to a special council sitting convened on the 13th of November 2018. Council also approved that the equal pay for equal work principle be applied. The implementation of the resolution is with effect from the 31st of October 2018.

On a different note, the very same Special Council Sitting approved the imposing of water restrictions across the five local municipalities due to low dam levels. The levels of most dams are significantly lower as compared to the same time last year. The most affected dams that are supplying water to our communities are Middle Letaba Dam which is at 7.9%, Modjadji Dam 8.10%, Nsami Dam 28.9, Tours Dam 28.70 and Tzaneen Dam is at 20.8. Thapane Dam in the Greater Tzaneen Municipal area is completely dry.

Expert forecasts regarding the summer rainfall are not favourable from mid-summer onwards, given the likelihood of the development of El-Niño conditions. Council has called for heightened awareness on responsible water usage. Council is urging employees and members of the public at large to use water sparingly while other means of rescuing the situation are being sought by the District Municipality.

This Special Council Sitting also welcomed the newly sworn in EFF's Councillor, Isaac Hlungwane. He was sworn in on the 2nd of November 2018, following the resignation of the former Councillor Dodo Mushwana.

DISTRICT EPWP FORUM RECEIVES FIRST QUARTER REPORT ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Thousands of job opportunities have been created through the Expanded Public Works Programme since the start of the 2018/19 Financial Year, this was revealed during the District EPWP Forum held on Wednesday, 24 October at the Disaster Centre in Tzaneen.

The district municipality together with the five local municipalities recorded a total of 3 408 job opportunities in the first quarter of the 2018/19 financial year. A bulk of those were in the Infrastructure Cluster at 1 608. The Environment and Culture Cluster contributed 1 438, while 362 job opportunities were in the Social cluster.

Veronica Mphahlele from the Department of Public Works urged municipalities to spend their allocated grants. "The grants allocated must be spent. Report expenditure on a monthly basis including Zero expenditure report with material problems."

The Expanded Public Works Programme was launched by government in 2004, with the aim of creating work opportunities for unemployed South Africans, alleviating poverty and empowering beneficiaries with skills. The District EPWP forum was launched in July this year.

President Cyril Ramaphosa said during the State of the Nation Address earlier this year that the fifth administration has through the public employment created more than 3,2 million work opportunities. "In the context of widespread unemployment, these work opportunities continue to provide much needed income, work experience and training," he said.

The forum resolved amongst others to work with disability desks in municipalities to get more people with disabilities to participate in the programme.



MMC for Governance and Administration, Councillor Baloyi chaired the forum on behalf of the executive mayor.



Some of the EPWP participants who are cleaning at the Disaster Centre in Tzaneen. With them is Mr Donald Makhubele in the middle.



Veronica Mphahlele from the National Department of Public Works presenting on Incentive Grant.



Director for Planning and Local Economic Development, Mme Faith Maboya presenting the resolutions of the first quarter sitting of the District EPWP Forum.

Mopani District host the launch of 16 Days of Activism Campaign

The Limpopo Provincial Government has launched the 16 Days of Activism Campaign on No Violence Against Women Children at Napscom Sports Ground at Rita village in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality on the 24th of November 2018.

The MEC for Transport and Community Safety who was the Acting Premier, Makoma Makhurupetje delivered a keynote address. Makhurupetje urged all community stakeholders to join hands with the law enforcement agencies to ensure that a safer environment for women and children is created. "We need to all work together to raise better children. We must really go back to basics of saying every child in my community is my child," she said.

She also warned parents who are misusing the child support grants that they are receiving from government. She says the grants are mainly aimed at taking care of children, as they are the actual beneficiaries.

"We have incidents of parents fighting over child support grants. No mother and no father should lay claim to the child support grant, because that grant is for the needs of the child, not for parents."

"A child must return home from school to find food. Government is providing food for the learners at school, but they must also have nutritious food at home, and that is what the grants are for. We are also going to arrest those that are using the child support grant for gambling."

Makhurupetje also condemned the recent incident, where three doctors were shot and wounded at the Letaba Hospital last week. "What kind of society are we becoming when people can just shoot at doctors who are there to assist us." She was accompanied by Treasury MEC Rob Tooley, Mopani District Municipality Member of the Mayoral Committee who was the Acting Executive Mayor Councillor Anah Sono and the Greater Tzaneen Acting Mayor Councillor Casious Machimana.



MEC Makoma Makhurupetje with Mopani District's MMC for Community Services Anna Sono and MEC for Treasury Rob Tooley at 16 Days of Activism Launch.



Amongst those attending the 16 Days of Activism Launch were the Director in the Office of the Executive Mayor, Patric Twala and EPWP Coordinator Samson Maunatlala.

Executive Mayor applauds former President Mandela for progress made in the fight against HIV/AIDS



The Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale has described the former President Nelson Mandela, as a leader who made a huge contribution in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Rakgoale says, Madiba would have been proud of the significant strides that government has made in the fight against the pandemic.

Speaking during the District Aids Day Commemoration held at Mariveni Sports Ground on the 4th of December 2018, Rakgoale said this year's commemoration presented an opportunity for all South Africans to reflect on the contribution of Tata Madiba, particularly on the backdrop of his Centenary Celebrations.

"Mandela played a significant role in encouraging the public to openly speak about HIV and Aids. He did so by publicly announcing in 2005, that his last surviving son, Makgatho had died from Aids-related complications

"This was a brave move resonant of the fearless stance he took at the Rivonia trial for it helped dismantle the stigma that still surrounded the illness. It could not have been easier for him and his family, particularly to his grandchildren.



She said that she was worried that Mopani was one of the districts with the highest number of HIV infections in the province. "It becomes important for us to use this commemoration to remind each other on what we can contribute in the fight against this pandemic.

"When we win the battle against HIV and Aids and TB, it will mean that our focus and spending on health would be less, and we would then be able to spend more on education, rural development, infrastructure which will assist in our efforts on job creation. We would also be able to spend more on ensuring a safe environment for our communities," said Rakgoale.

But Madiba knew that this public announcement was for the greater good," she said.

Rakgoale says the country came a long way in its fight against HIV and AIDS. "Madiba would be pleased to hear that more and more lives are being saved through our HIV Treatment Programme. HIV prevalence among the youth aged 15 – 24 has declined over time from 6,7 percent in 2002 to 5,5 percent in 2018.

"We can also report to both Tata and Mama Sisulu that we are recording a decline in the under-five mortality rate since the year 2002. The life expectancy of South Africans at birth for 2018 is estimated at 61,1 years for males and 67,3 years for females. Our target is for an average male and female life expectancy at birth to increase to 70 years by 2030," she said.



South Africa has the largest ARV programme in the world with 4.2 million people on treatment. All HIV positive South Africans now have access to anti-retroviral drugs irrespective of their CD4 count

Mopani host District Disability Awareness Campaign



MMC Sono delivering the keynote address at the Disability Awareness Campaign held at the Ivory Tusk Lodge in Tzaneen.



Delegates attending the disability awareness campaign at the Ivory Tusk Lodge.

Government continues to create opportunities for people with disabilities, especially around access to inclusive education – MMC Anna Sono told the disability awareness campaign held at the Ivory Tusk Lodge on the 07th of November 2018 as part of Disability Awareness Month.

The campaign was held under the theme “A disability inclusive, barrier-free South Africa by 2030: Be the legacy.” The campaign focused on awareness on areas such as the Matric Second Chance Programme, promoting early childhood development for children with disabilities, as well as the promotion of skills development and training to persons with disabilities at the TVET colleges.

Delivering the keynote address on behalf of the Executive Mayor, MMC Sono told the delegates that in line with the goals set out in the National Development Plan, the education system must play a greater role in building an inclusive society that caters also for the needs of persons with disabilities.

“We have made significant advances to set up an education system that aims to provide equal opportunities, in particular for black people, women and people with disabilities because these were the ones who were previously disadvantaged by the evil apartheid laws,” she said.

She urged the District Disability Forum to continuously lobby for the implementation of resolutions taken at the Disability Indaba at strategic forums such as the IDP Rep forum.

“When submissions are made about the building of new infrastructure, the interest of the disability forum should be around the accessibility of such facilities for persons with disabilities. The IDP Rep forum remains a strategic forum for the Disability Forum to continuously lobby for the implementation of resolutions taken at your disability indaba,” she said.

Mopani visits Khomanani Centre as part of 16 Days of Activism Campaign



Khomanani Disabled Project came alive on Friday as members of the Mayoral Committee led by Councillor Anna Sono joined project members and the community of Lulekani as part of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign on No Violence Against Women and Children.

Learners with disabilities sang the hymn with the lyrics “Hi leswi hi nga xi swona hi ku rhandza ka hosi” which is loosely translated to “we are like this because of the wish of the Lord.

Councillor Anna Sono urged the community to avoid going to taverns when they do not have money to buy alcohol. “When you go to taverns without money, you are exposing yourselves to opportunists who will buy you beers in expectations that you shall sleep with them. Don’t expose yourselves to such an environment especially.”

The 16 Days of Activism Campaign is held annually from the 25th of November to 10 December, with the aim of raising awareness of the negative impact that violence and abuse have on women and children.

MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY GOING PAPERLESS TO CUT COSTS AND CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT.



The Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale chairing the Mayoral Committee Meeting while putting to a test the paperless system.

The Mopani District Municipality will for the first time go paperless during the council sitting to be held at the Giyani Community Hall on the 31st of October 2018. As part of phasing in the system, Council agendas have already been sent out electronically.

Hard copies will also be made available to enable some councillors and other key stakeholders to familiarise themselves with the items on the agenda. The paperless system was piloted during the Mayoral Committee Meeting held at the Disaster Management Centre in Tzaneen on Friday last week. Council previously resolved on the implementation of paperless. Council Secretary Joel Malwandla says the newly introduced paperless system will go a long way in cutting costs and saving time.

"Previously staff members on operational level used to drive across the district to go and deliver Council agendas and documents to all politicians who are serving within the District Council. This has resulted into them working over time to prepare and process all the documents." said Malwandla.

The new system will also avert the pollution of the environment as majority of the councillors do not have storage facilities for large files.



Directors also going paperless during the Mayoral Committee Meeting held ahead of the council sitting.



MMC familiarising themselves during the Mayoral Committee Meeting.

Executive Mayor hands recognition awards to Banyana Banyana Player and music stars

The Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale has appreciated the Banyana Banyana left back Lebogang Ramalepe and some of the best performing artists who hail from the district municipal area in an event titled "Lunch with the Stars of 2018". The event was held at Karibu Leisure Resort on the 21st of December 2018.

Rakgoale said it was important for the district municipality to recognise talent emerging from within the borders of the district. "Our core business as a district municipality remains the provision of water and sanitation services to hundred-and-twenty-nine wards within our borders. Be that as it may, we can't ignore the efforts that many of our people are making in our shared commitment through their God-given talents to foster unity in diversity among all sectors of South African society, and the people of Mopani in particular."

Amongst those honoured were King Monada whose song, Malwede, dominated the airwaves across the country and abroad in 2018. Others included Master KG, Janisto and CK gospel groups GO Expo, Living Rock as well as Pastors Rudolph Mabasa and Lungi Ndala.

Speaking during the event, one of the world's most renowned motivational speaker Dr Elijah Maswanganyi urged the stars to empower themselves within education. "Discover your talent. Life is not all about degrees, but education is key in all human development. Education will enlarge your vision and capabilities."

He also commended the Executive Mayor Rakgoale for her vision to recognize talent from Mopani. "The executive mayor is a symbol of success, who does not forget those at the basement of life. I'm overwhelmed and happy that people from our backyard are being honoured today."



Government reacts with shock to the attack of doctors at the Letaba Hospital

The Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale has joined Health Minister Dr Aron Motsoaledi and his Police Counterpart General Bheki Cele, on a visit to the Letaba Hospital outside Tzaneen. This after a group of armed suspects shot and wounded three doctors at the hospital on the 23rd of November 2018. The trio were robbed of their personal belongings such as cell phones and laptops. Addressing the media after the visit to the ICU, Minister Motsoaledi has indicated that criminals who are continuing to attack health practitioners across Limpopo health facilities have declared war against government and the citizens of this country. Motsoaledi who was also accompanied by the Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba and Community Safety MEC Makoma Makhurupetje announced that an internal investigation has been instituted to get to understand why the incident happened in the presence of private security guards.

"As government we are very worried that this incident took place despite the presence of a security company that has been appointed to protect the employees and the hospital property. We are going to meet the security company's regulatory body to also check whether this security company has the capacity to work in an institution like this." Said Motsoaledi.

Police Minister Bheki Cele, says a task team of police detectives has been assembled to investigate and make sure that the perpetrators are brought to book.

Meanwhile, three days later the Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale made a follow up visit to the hospital's ICU to check the progress that is being made by a 25-year-old doctor who is still admitted there. Rakgoale applauded nurses and doctors who worked very hard to save the doctor who is now being attended to by a physiotherapist.

"I must say that am delighted that the doctor who was in a very critical condition is now responding well to treatment. I want to thank her because she is very strong and has a positive mentality."

"We actually came here to give her that moral support and encourage health practitioners who are doing their best to assist patients in this hospital. We implore members of the SAPS to double their effort and arrest the suspects." Said Rakgoale."



Ministers, MECs and Mayors listening to the victims explaining what they have witnessed as they were attacked.



The political principals briefing the media just after the visit to the ICU.



The Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale making a follow-up visit to the hospital, Nurses and Doctors appreciating her visit

RESIDENTS IN MARULENG NO LONGER GOING TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO ACCESS SHOPS AS THE

MAHLAKUNG MALL

OPENS IN METZ VILLAGE



Speaker of Mopani District Municipality Councillor Wireless Sedibeng, the Mayor of Maruleng Municipality Councillor Dipuo Thobejane with Kgosi Letsoalo cutting the ribbon to symbolize the Opening of Mahlakung Hall

The Speaker of Mopani District Municipality Councillor Wireless Sedibeng has thanked Edmin Ratsoma for investing in rural communities and creating jobs for hundreds of people at Maruleng Municipality.

Sedibeng delivered a keynote address at the Opening of Mahlakung Mall in Metz village at Ga-Sekororo on Friday, the 26th of October 2018. He said government's key responsibility was to create an enabling environment for business people to invest and create jobs.

"As government we do not create jobs. We work with businesses and other key stakeholders to assist them to invest in our communities. We are happy that many of our people in this area are now employed through this development," he said. Kgosi Letsoalo said leaders within communities must thrive for unity. "We need to support each other as leaders and embrace every initiative that is aimed at bringing development to the people of Maruleng.

"Now that we have a shopping mall in our area, we still need to lobby for a police station and a TVET college because our children still travel long distances to access higher education," he said.

Mahlakung mall has Capitec Bank and major retail shops, including Shoprite, Mr Price, Truworths, Ackermans, and Pep Store. Fast food outlets include KFC and Fish and Chips.



VISION

To be the food basket of Southern Africa and the tourism destination of choice

MISSION

Provide Services to the people and co-ordinate activities of other service providers resulting in the enhancement of sustainable social, physical and economic well being for all

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To be a successful agro-production and eco-cultural-tourism hub, ensuring affordable access to basic services for all households

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To promote:
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Social upliftment and environmental management to ensure a balance between improved quality of life and safe and healthy communities;
Economic advancement to alleviate poverty and unemployment and to sustain the economy;
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Mission

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Mission

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