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Editor's Note

We write to you on the backdrop of yet another eventful quarter. We hosted a very successful State of the District Address, under the theme "Our renewed commitment to accelerate service delivery and build the District's economy."

The Executive Mayor used the State of the District Address to outline the achievements of the past financial year, but also the plans of this financial year. This of course he did in the context of the district development model.

He outlined progress with regard to the water, sanitation, roads, electricity, town establishments and local economic development programmes. This edition carries key highlights from the State of the District Address.

We are progressing very well with the water reticulation projects to the first 24 villages in the Greater Giyani Municipality. And to that extent in this edition, we are reporting

progress on the project at Mapayeni village. Previously, we reported on the progress at Homu 14A. We will continue to update the readers on all of this projects, including those outside of Greater Giyani.

We still invite members of the public to engage with us on how best we can make our communications platforms more interactive. It is only through engagements that we are able to get a sense of where we need to improve as a Municipality, especially on the information needs of our people.

We further invite members of the public to engage with us through our social media platforms, including our Facebook Page.



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Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi

It is once again my singular honour and privilege to write to the people of Mopani – this on the backdrop of Heritage Month. We are also at the end of the first quarter for the financial year 2023/24. We see Heritage Month as an opportune moment to foster greater social cohesion, nation building and our shared national identity.

Celebrating Heritage Month forms part of our efforts to heal the divisions of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights. This is consistent with the theme for this year, which is: "Celebrating our cultural diversity in a democratic South Africa."

September is as well celebrated as Tourism Month. And we have always viewed Tourism Month as an opportunity for a heightened focus on the importance of this sector to economic growth and job creation. It is important that we support this sector so is can also contribute positive figures to the GDP

Having agreed that tourism is one of the biggest drivers of our economic recovery, it becomes important that we support initiatives that seek to promote the sector especially during this month and beyond. This of course is also in pursuit of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target, which speaks about promoting sustainable tourism that creates jobs and

promotes local culture and products.

To that extent, we appreciate the initiative by SANParks for having allowed South Africans free entry to most of the South African National Parks from 16 and 24 September, including the Kruger National Park. And while this is key for promoting tourism, it is also about cultivating a sense of pride in the country's natural, cultural and historical heritage.

We have effectively entered into another round of planning in terms of the IDP processes. Last month, we sat as Council to adopt the IDP process plan. We will soon be embarking on a process of engaging our communities, an exercise that we should not take for granted.

It is important that collectively we go through this process meticulously to ensure that we fully appreciate the terrain, and everyday challenges facing our people, but also their priority needs. It therefore becomes important that everyone gets involved as we start this process.

We are steadfast in our commitment to the social contract as entered into with our people in the context of the fifth democratic local government. And we remember vividly the resounding message delivered by our people that of building better communities together. This publication offers a window into some of the activities that we are engaging ourselves in as we continue this programme.

When accepting the responsibility to serve our people, we did make a solemn pledge to spare no effort in trying to reduce the backlog on water provision in the district. We can still report to the people of Mopani that we have indeed moved some meters in our programme of improving the quality of our people's lives - this through water infrastructure provision. More and more of our people now have access to water closer to where they reside.

As we reflect on the journey of this quarter, we wish to take this opportunity to register our profound gratitude to our people for the continued support. Let's continue to build better communities together.

CLLR P.J SHAYI EXECUTIVE MAYOR

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The delayed start to the water reticulation project at Mapayeni village in the Greater Giyani Municipality has not dampened the mood of over 1600 households who are set to benefit from this project.

Mapayeni, a village about 15km east of Giyani is one of the first 24 villages where the Mopani District Municipality is busy with a water reticulation project. The current bulk water supply has not been meeting the demand, even with the support of the boreholes drilled in the area.

The water reticulation project forms part of the Nandoni-Giyani Water project which is meant to supply water to the people of Greater Giyani Municipality. There has been a delayed start to this project due to a community dispute on the location for site establishment, but the two contractors have since hit the ground running with the progress now at almost 40 percent.

The contractors have already covered 13,5 kilometre from the expected 38km water reticulation network. The project also entails metered yard connections to at least 1682 households, and so far connections to 338 households have been completed.







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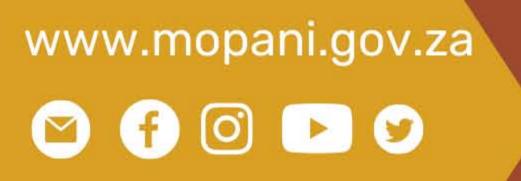
The implementation of this project has the community excited. Tiyeselani Khosa, a resident of Mapayeni village who is also participating in the project as a labourer says she is excited at the prospect of having consistent supply of water in her yard. "Sometimes it takes two weeks without water or we have water from the boreholes. We

are happy that the project will bring water and the people in this community are excited," she said.

Mikateko Dlamini echoed the sentiment by Tiyiselanij, saying "we are grateful for the project. With the money we earn here, we are at least able to send something to our children who are studying. We are also able to participate in other activities as expected from us as community members."

Another labourer, Solly Ngobeni also said he is happy with the water project. "We are happy to have this water project. We will continue to be involved until the completion of this project, and delivers water. We are grateful for this project."

The contractors are expected to construct two elevated steel tanks, each with storage capacity of 600kilolitres. They will do refurbishment on the 3km existing reticulation network.





70-YEAR-OLD OVERJOYED AS SHE GETS FULLY-FURNISHED HOUSE



Mamaila Mkhabela, the 70-year-old pensioner from Gandlanani village in Giyani was overjoyed when a fully-furnished three bedroom house was officially handed over to her on Saturday, 09 September.

Her application for an RDP was not approved in 2012 when it emerged that a house was built in the Gauteng province under the name of her husband's second wife. The husband had three wives before he died.





She had been living in a one-room mud house with her three orphaned grandchildren since then. She lost hope when her husband passed away. "I was in pain when they came to do sod turning, but also excited. I'm overjoyed. I have no words."

Mkhabela is now a proud of a fully-furnished three-bedroom house that also has a bathroom and a flushing toilet. "I will die peacefully knowing that my grandchildren have a proper roof over their heads."

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi said the handover of the house is line with the objects of Freedom Charter. "We came here for the sod turning on the 30th of June. We are pleased to have fulfilled our commitment to this family. We are guided by our sustained programme of ensuring that our people have decent houses as espoused in the Freedom Charter."

"We are not able to do it alone, hence we want to register our profound gratitude to the businesspeople who have agreed to join hands with us on this journey," he said.

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MDM TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION ON INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

The Mopani District Municipality will pay special attention on infrastructure maintenance during the 2023/24 financial year - the Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi revealed this during his State of the District Address on Wednesday, 12 July 2023 at the Giyani community hall.

The Executive Mayor said the Municipality has moved some meters in reducing the backlog on water provision, delivering his speech under the theme: "our renewed commitment to accelerate service delivery and build the District's economy."

He said that 25% of the R2,1 billion budget in the 2023/24 financial year will be utilized to continue with infrastructure projects on water and wastewater, building from the achievements of the previous financial year. "More and more of our people now have water closer to where they reside."

"We are steadfast in our commitment to the social contract as entered into with our people in the context of the fifth democratic local government. And we remember vividly the resounding message delivered by our people that of building better communities together."







The Executive Mayor hailed the progress made on the Giyani water Project, saying "water from Nandoni has finally reached the Giyani Water Works through the canal, reigniting hope for our people. We have started with the project to refurbish the water treatment works. We have also started with work to reticulate water to the first 24 villages as part of phase 1 of the project. We will proceed with the second phase targeting 31 villages."

He said special attention will be paid on refurbishment and maintenance of existing infrastructure. "We have set aside R28 million from the maintenance budget to target special areas we have identified as in critical need of maintenance, and this would include Mokgoba Sewer in Modjadjiskloof," he said.

He also said the Municipality is working around meeting its obligations on the repayments of historic debts to both Lepelle Northern Water and the Department of Water and Sanitation. "We are budgeting R61 million towards servicing the historic debt we have with both LNW and DWS, which constitute 2,8% of the 2023/24 budget.

"We are aware of the limitations that exist around income generation, but we still need to live up to the expectations of our people. We have committed to choose options that maximize service delivery than opulence,"the Executive Mayor said.





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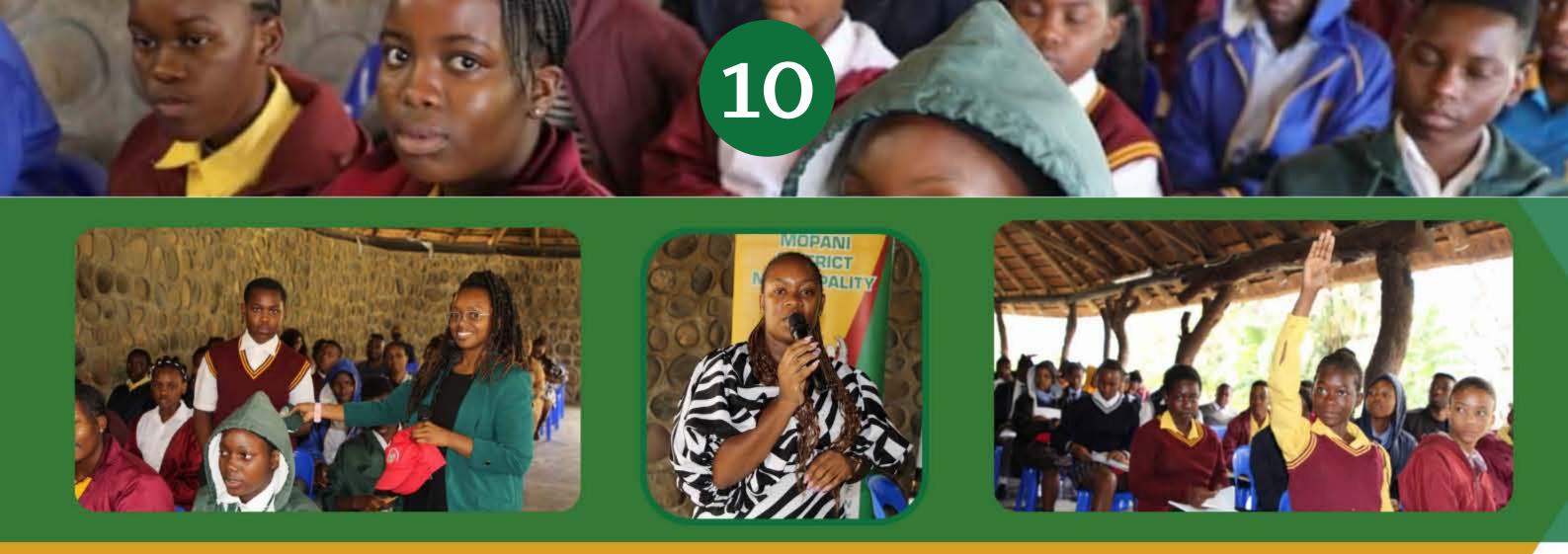
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SODA IN NUMBERS :

200	Work opportunities to be created through the raising of the Tzaneen Dam Wall Project
1715	Boreholes in the District
5858	VIP toilets constructed during the 2022/23 financial year.
180	SMMEs participated in the Pop-Up Market Campaign.
36	Businesses of young people received grants worth R1,6 million from NYDA.
2604	Young people reached through training programmes led by the NYDA.
2797	EPWP jobs created during the 2022/23 financial year.

54	Fire awareness campaigns
1128	Incidences responded to by the MDM Fire and Rescue Unit.
195	Structural fire reported.
100	Young people trained in partnership with EWSTA on water and wastewater reticulation.
70	Informal traders trained and awarded vouchers in partnership with the Wholesale Retail SETA.
50	Learners undergoing training through AgriSETA
110	Development applications processed by the Municipal Planning Tribunals.
51	Approved initiation schools in the district.

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MDM LEADS CLEAN EARTH **AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2023**

In preparations for the Clean Earth School Competition Campaign, the Mopani District Municipality hosted an environmental awareness at the Impala Sports Hall in Phalaborwa on Thursday, 23 August 2023.

The campaign is aimed at equipping the learners on the various aspects of environmental management as they prepare submissions for the Competition, which is held under the theme: "Beat Plastic Pollution."

The School Competition forms part of the work that the Municipality is doing in raising awareness in the communities by ensuring that at least 25 schools start taking their responsibility to protect the environment and further extend these efforts to the communities they are located in.

At least five schools selected from each local municipality to take part in the first phase of the Competition. The top performing school from each local municipality will then proceed to compete in the second phase of the competition at the end of October.

Mopani District Municipality's Air Quality Officer, Ntswaki Mailula closed the session by laying out the competition rules as well as the closing dates for submission. "Make sure you represent your school and local municipality well. May the best school win."

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Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi will visit the USA at the end of September where he is set to attend the International City Management Association (ICMA)'s Annual Conference in Austin City, Texas.

The Annual Conference runs from 30 September – 04 October 2023. It brings together more than 5000 local government professionals around the world to engage in discussions on the latest issues. At least 40 countries will be represented at the conference.

The Executive Mayor is invited as the SALGA Board Member. A special sitting of Council held on the 31st of August has approved his trip, appointing the MMC for governance, Cllr Lucky Mohlala to be the acting Executive Mayor during his absence.





The conference will provide training for local government leaders to help them innovate and operate in an everchanging context for more resilient and equitable outcomes for their communities, the Managing Director Isabelle Bully-Omictin stated in the invitation letter.

"Participation in these events will enable ICMA to create lasting relationships between our US members and South African local government officials and staff to help create more effective, efficient and transparent local governments both in South Africa and the United States," she said.

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EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR PULE SHAYI LEADS AN INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH THE TEAM FROM THE AGSA AS THE AUDIT STARTS.





Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi led the mayoral committee in an introductory meeting with the team from the AGSA as the audit starts. The Executive Mayor is upbeat ahead of this audit, and has implored management to fully cooperate with the team from the AGSA. The meeting took place at the Disaster Management Center on 29 August.

The Municipality has made lot of progress in reducing the bulk of unauthorized, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditures. He has previously credited this progress to the support of council through the Municipal Public Accounts Committee.



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MDM PARTICIPATES AT THE 2023 SAIMSA GAMES IN BOTSWANA





Mopani District Municipality's soccer team participated in the 2023 SAIMSA Games hosted in Gaborone, Botswana from 3 September

to 8 September 2023.

The SAIMSA Games were halted in the past two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It brings together municipalities from the SADC region. This year, the games were hosted under the theme: "Promoting wellness through sports without borders."

The MDM team competed in Group D along with Mohale's Hoek, Lephalale, Manzini, Franciestown, Ephraim Mohale and Ramutswa. The best two teams will advance to the round of 16, which will be the knockout stage. The MDM team failed to advance to the knockout stage.

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FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR MZAMANI PAX SHILENGE



The Corporate Services Directorate held a farewell function for Mzamani Pax Shilenge who is going on retirement. He joined MDM as a cleaner in December 2009. He was acting in the position of Driver/Messenger before going on retirement.



MDM EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S CLLR. PULE SHAYI IS PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS USA. HE IS REPRESENTING THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SALGA) WHERE HE IS SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE MADE INPUTS IN ONE OF THE COMMISSIONS FOCUSSING ON THE POLITICO-ADMINISTRATIVE INTERFACE: VIEW FROM AFRICA. ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMISSION ARE LEADERS FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING GHANA, KENYA AND SWAZILAND.





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Mopani District Municipality STEP 1: IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE NELSON MANDELA GOALS OF PROVIDING DECENT SHELTER FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN, THE MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY'S EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR PULE SHAYI LED A SOD TURNING FOR A HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AT MAGEVA, WARD 24 OF GREATER GIYANI MUNICIPALITY. THE HOUSE, UPON COMPLETION WILL BENEFIT THE FAMILY OF TEN CURRENTLY LIVING IN A ONE ROOM. HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY CLLR THANDI ZITHA, THE MAYOR OF GREATER GIYANI MUNICIPALITY.

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STEP 2: EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR PULE SHAYI LED A SOD TURNING FOR A HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AT MAPHATA VILLAGE, GREATER GIYANI MUNICIPALITY. THE THREE BEDROOM HOUSE, UPON COMPLETION WILL BENEFIT THE MAKHUBELA FAMILY OF SIX CURRENTLY DEPENDENT ON CHILD SUPPORT GRANTS AND LIVING IN A ONE ROOM. THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR IS ACCOMPANIED BY CLLR THANDI ZITHA, THE MAYOR OF GREATER GIYANI MUNICIPALITY. #ITISINYOURHANDS



STEP 3: EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR. PULE SHAYI LED A SOD TURNING FOR A HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AT NDINDANI VILLAGE, WARD 19 OF GREATER GIYANI MUNICIPALITY WHERE A FAMILY OF SIX LIVES IN A ONE-ROOM HOUSE. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE THREE BEDROOM HOUSE IS SET TO BEGIN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.#ITISINYOURHANDS

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MDM CELEBRATES HERITAGE MONTH

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MOPANI HERITAGE MARKET





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FIRST QUARTER IMBIZO HELD AT HOMU 14A IN THE GREATER GIYANI MUNICIPALITY

The Mopani District Municipality held an Imbizo at Homu14A as part of its report-back session on issues of service provision to communities.

Homu 14A and 14B are amongst the first 24





villages where MDM is currently implementing water reticulation projects. The current bulk water system is not copying with the demand, with only a section of the village getting consistent supply of water.

The community members raised issues around unemployment and implored the Municipality to facilitate support for farmers in the area. They also raised concerns around the escalating crime in the area. Many of the grant recipients had an opportunity to interact with officials from SASSA on the process to renew their expired cards.

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GIYANI WATER SUPPLY CONTINUES TO BE INTERRUPTED DUE TO REFURBISHMENT PROJECT AT THE WATER WORKS





Mopani District Municipality wishes to advise residents that water supply to most areas in Giyani remain unstable due to the refurbishment work at the water treatment works and also electricity load shedding.

Water production has dropped due to the ongoing refurbishment at the Giyani Water Works. Not all filters are currently working which results in us losing between 6 - 9 megalitres of water production every day.

The situation is also exacerbated by the higher stages of load shedding. The 4-10 hours of load shedding a day only affords us 2 hours for water accumulation before treatment. We are currently only producing an average of 9 megalitres per day instead of the 30 megalitres.

MDM is appealing to members of the public to use water sparingly. The refurbishment work will be concluded by end of the year. However, additional water tankers have been added to augment water supply, and will be coordinated by the Greater Giyani Municipality in consultation with ward councillors.

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A VIEW FROM THE LOCALS

GREATER LETABA MUNICIPALITY

GLM RECORDS PROGRESS IN ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS





By GLM Communications Unit

In its endeavour to provide proper road infrastructure, the Greater Letaba Municipality has completed and handed over a number of projects to the community in the past three months.

The projects which are funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant and also own funding include the Tshabela Mmatswale Road,





Raphahlelo/Phooko street Pavement amongst others.

The Mayor, Cllr. Dagma Mamanyoha and other members of council have been on the ground, playing an oversight role of monitoring all projects that are currently underway to make sure that people get value for money.

The Greater Letaba Municipality has spent more than R150 million in the past two years on road pavements, low level bridges, sports complexes and many other projects so as to better the lives of communities in that municipality.

These infrastructure projects have created hundreds of work opportunities through the expanded public works programme, benefiting more than 500 family households and more are set to benefit as the projects continues. The Municipality will be handing over around 10 more projects in the coming months.

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Speaker

Cllr Magdeline Lewele Whip



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Cllr Masilo Maloko





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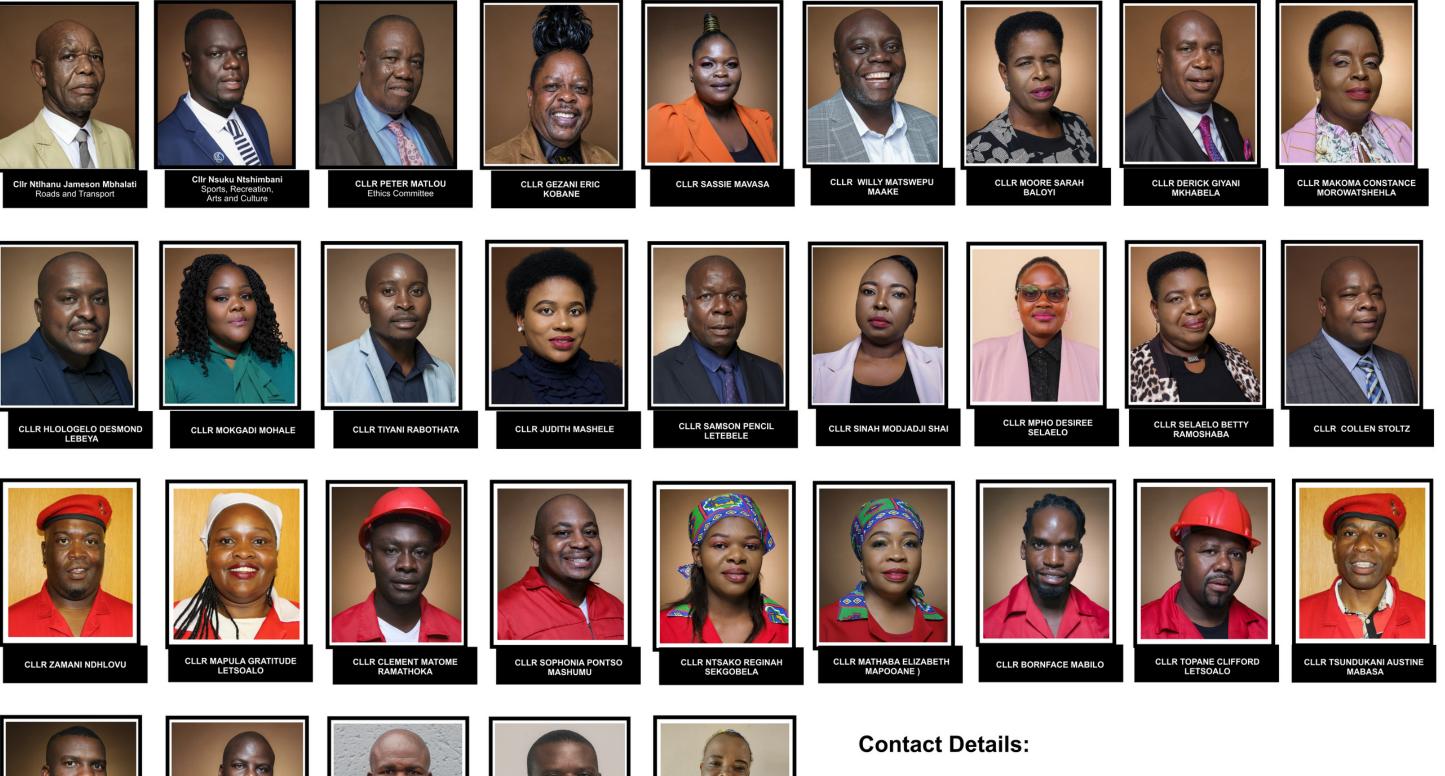


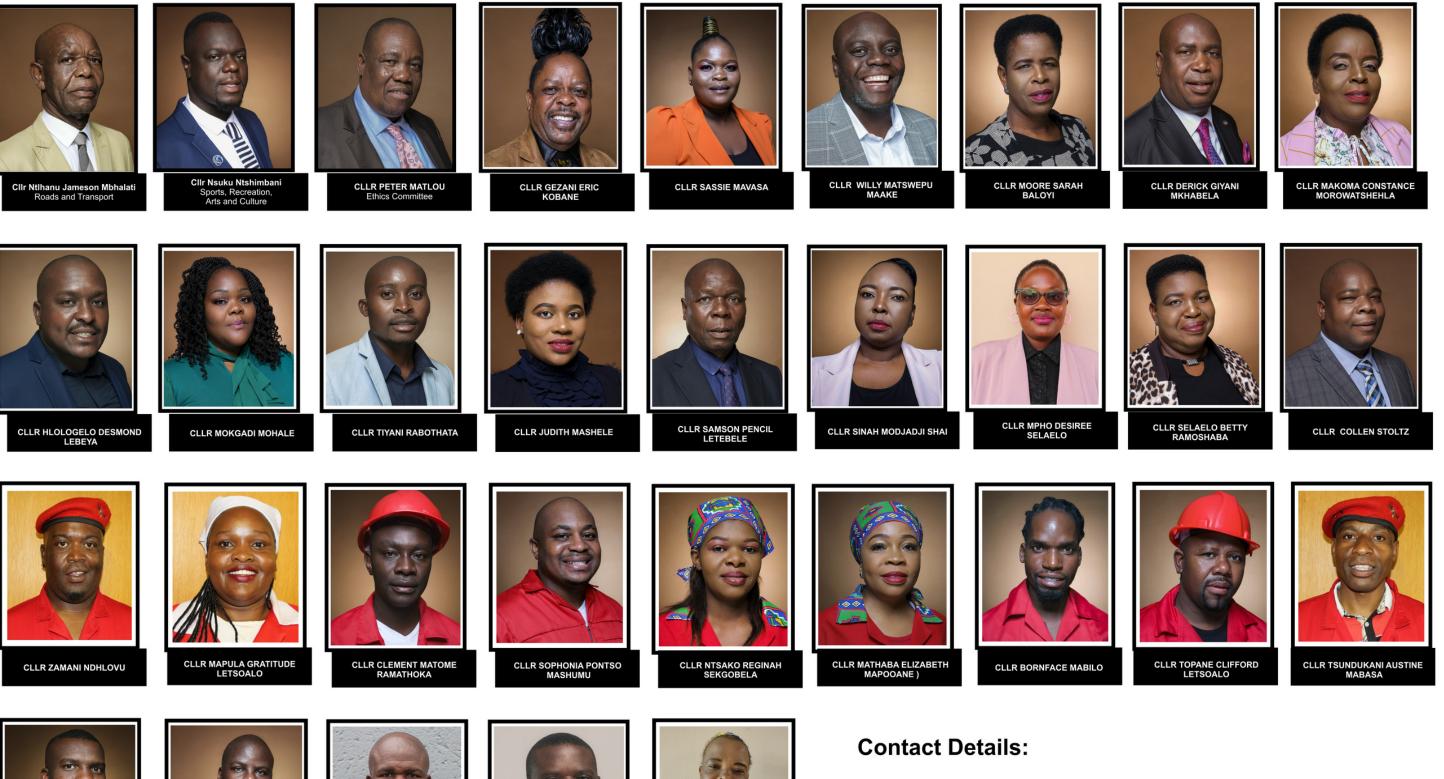


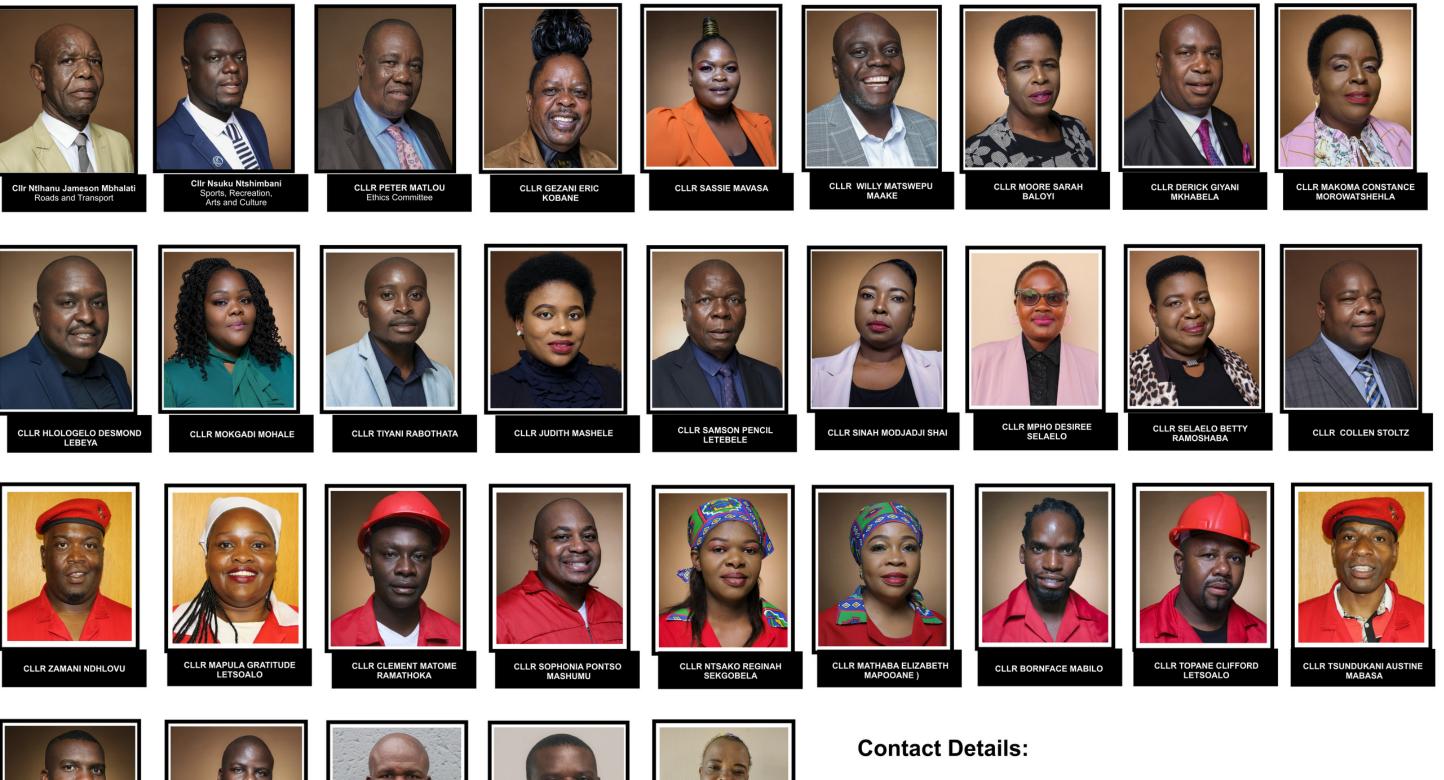
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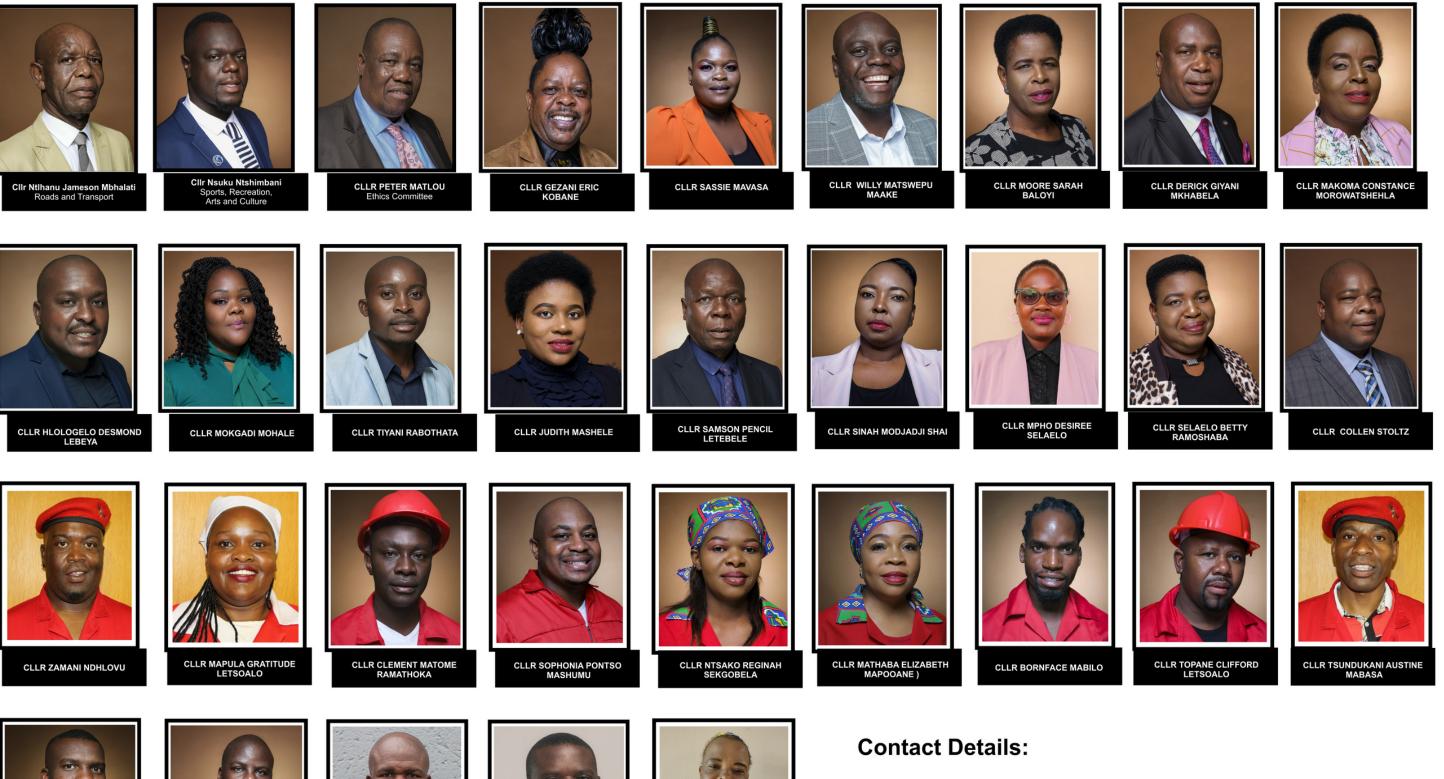


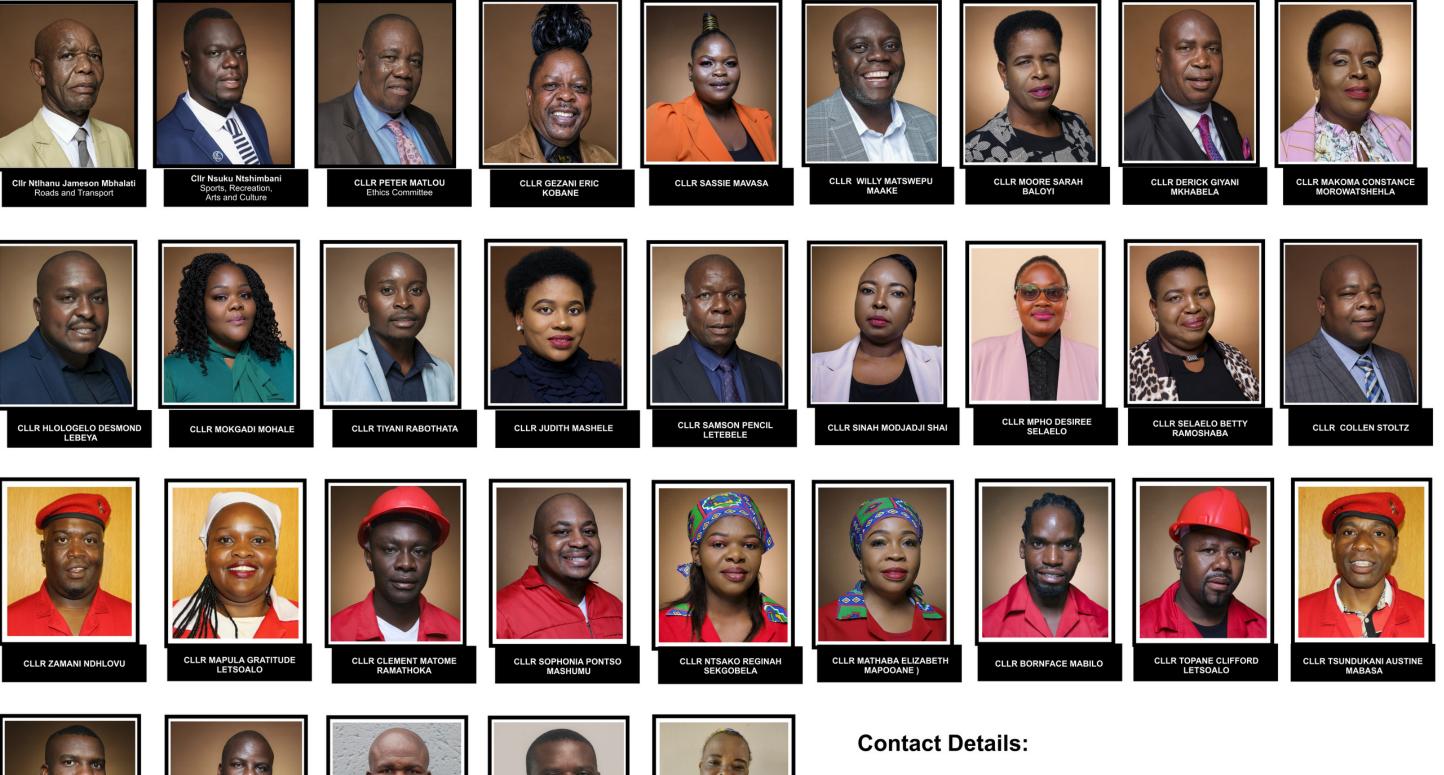
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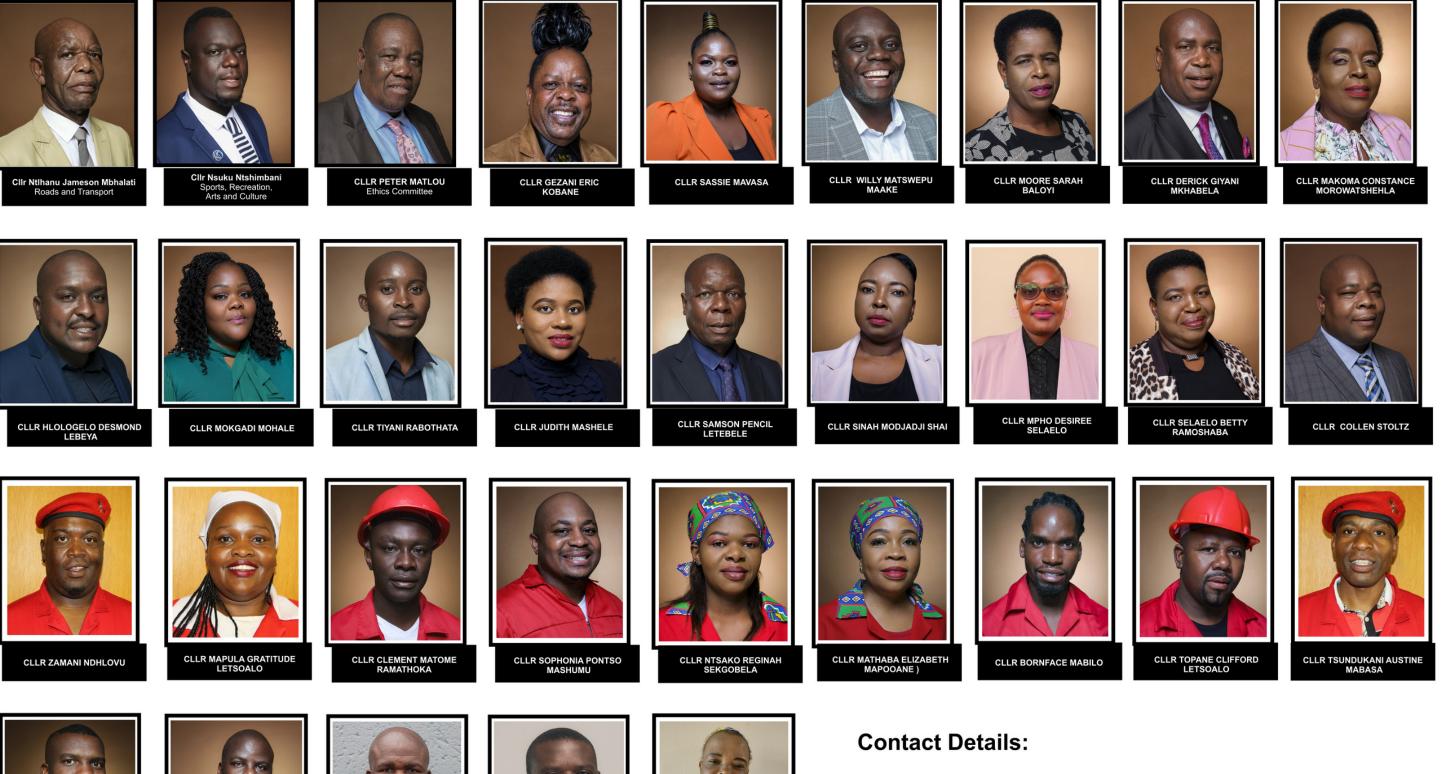


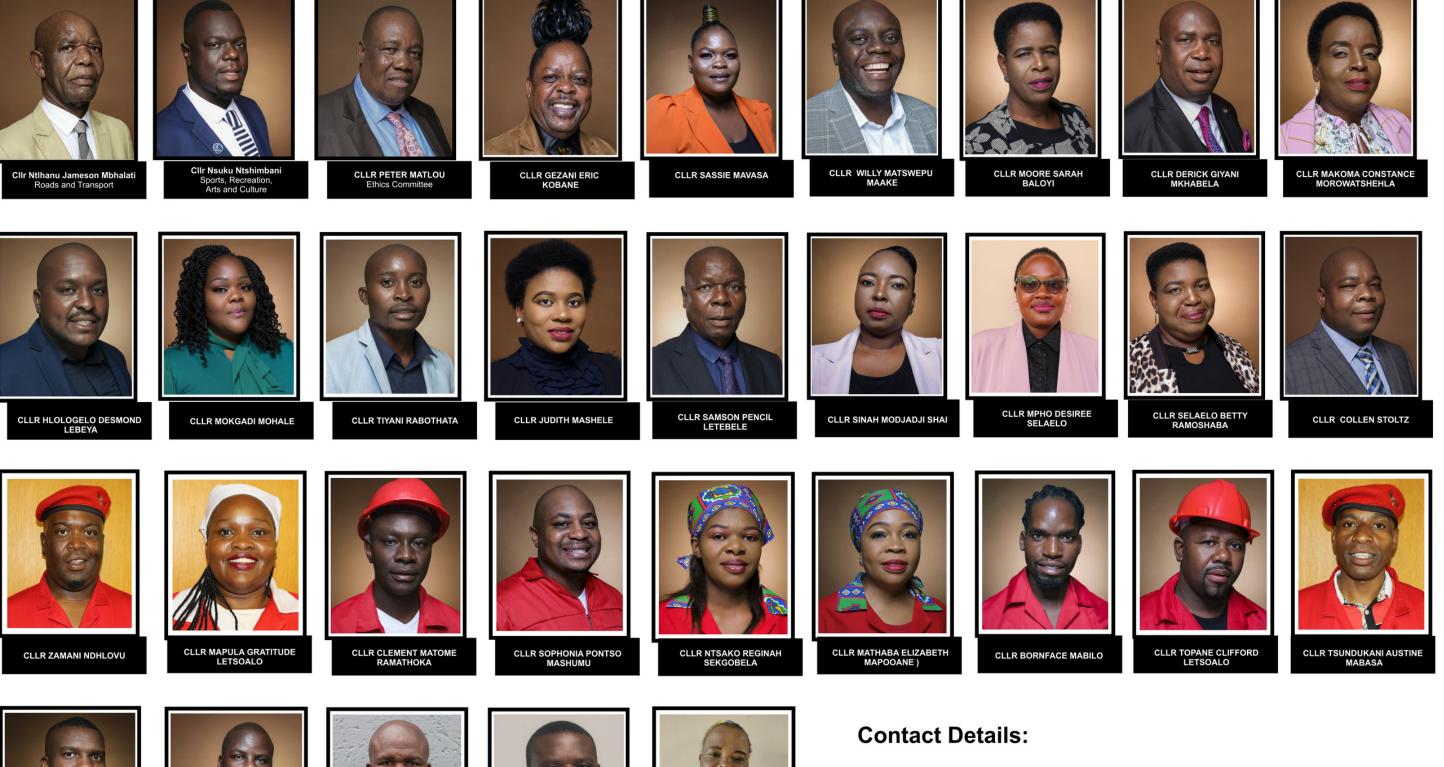


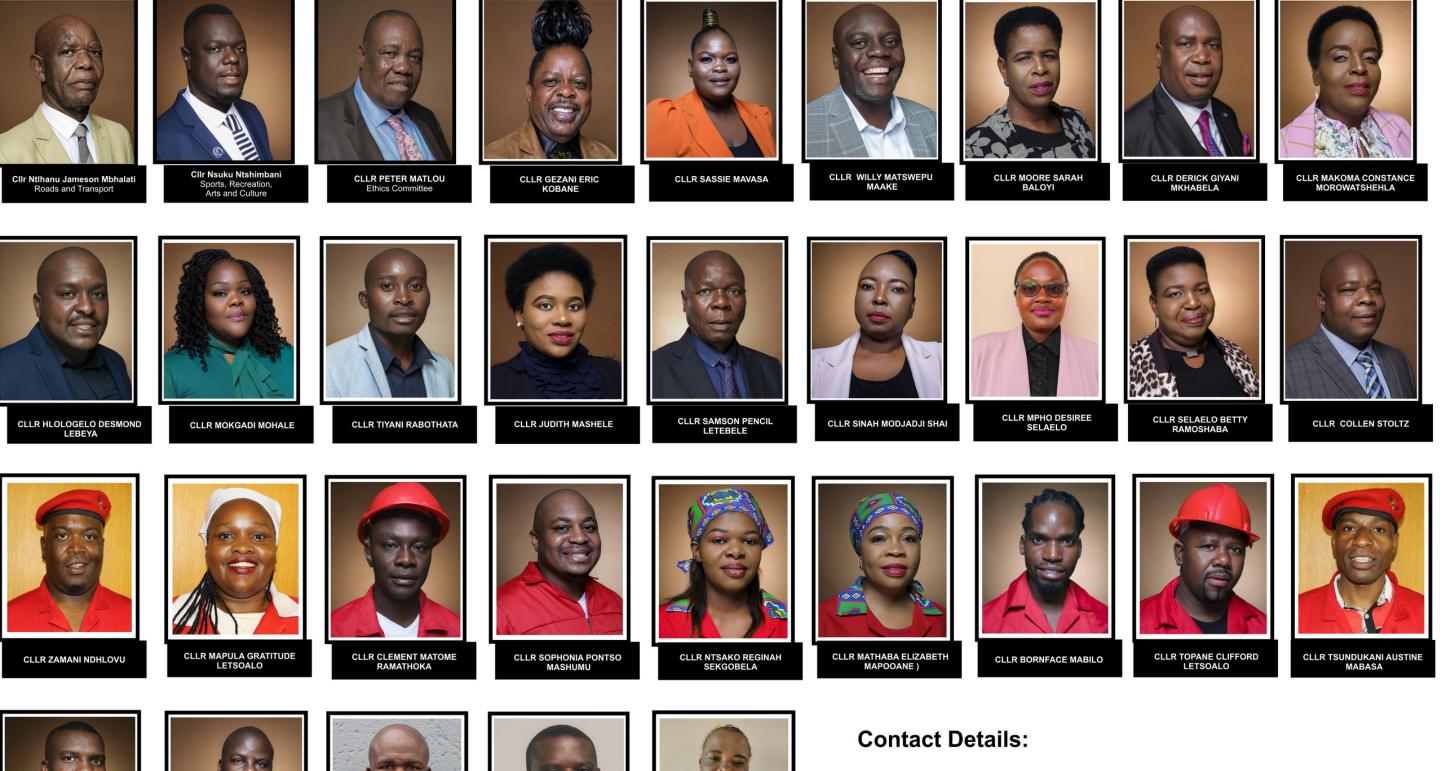












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VISION

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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Vision



"To be the leading municipality in the delivery of quality services for the promotion of socio-economic development"

Mission

To ensure an effective, efficient and economically viable municipality through: Promotion of accountable, transparent and consultative and cooperative governance; Promotion of local economic development and poverty alleviation; Strengthening cooperative governance; Provision of sustainable and affordable services and Ensuring a compliant, safe and healthy environment. To improve the delivery of quality services through the use of smart technology

> Slogan "Maatla go Setšhaba"

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Vision

To be the fastest growing economy in Limpopo, this will ensure access to basic services to every household.

Mission To exceed our constitutional mandate in delivering developmental services to our people through partnerships with stakeholders.

Greater Tzaneen Municipality

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Vision

"Best Tourism Destination in Limpopo by 2020"

Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality

Mission

 To ensure financial viability, sound administration, and accountable governance for investor attractiveness;
To render all stakeholders with quality and affordable infrastructure and services for enhancing a safe and better life for all;
To manage the environment for future sustainable economic growth;
To build the mining industry for economic growth;
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Vision

The Vision of the Maruleng Municipality is to become the powerhouse of socio-economic development through sustainable and integrated agriculture and tourism.

Mission

The Mission statement reads as follows: "Maruleng is committed to the provision of integrated basic services and sustainable infrastructure development in an accountable manner"

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Vision

A municipality where environmental sustainability, tourism and agriculture thrive for economic growth.

Mission

A democratic and accountable municipality that ensure the provision of services through sound environmental management practices, local development and community participation.

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