

## CLLR PULE SHAYI RE-ELECTED AS THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

### Mayoral Committee

1. Finance (full-time):  
Cllr Nomsa Khandlele
2. Governance and shared services (full-time):  
Cllr Lucky Mohlala
3. Community Services (full-time):  
Cllr Dikeledi Mmetle
4. Water Services (full-time):  
Cllr Maditshego Sefufi
5. Economic Development, Housing and Spatial Planning (Full-time):  
Cllr Nyiko Baloyi
6. Infrastructure Development:  
Cllr Masilo Maloko
7. Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture:  
Cllr Dorah Makhananise
8. Agriculture:  
Cllr Maripe Mangena
9. Public Transport and Roads:  
Cllr Sophia Mahomane



The Mopani District Municipality's inaugural council of the fifth democratic local government has unanimously re-elected Cllr Pule Shayi as the Executive Mayor in a sitting held at the Khalanga Royal Lodge on Friday, 26 November.

Cllr Pule Shayi described his re-election as "absolute honor and privilege" and pledged to be of great service to the people of Mopani. He said that he will need the support from the community, including traditional leaders in executing the mandate. "over the years, it has always been the unity of our people that gave impetus to our service delivery drive."

"We recommit ourselves to the programme of renewal and to work with our people in rebuilding the local government system that is responsive to the needs of our people in the context of the district development model, which is about improved, well-coordinated, accelerated service delivery," he said

The Executive Mayor said the immediate task of the fifth administration will be the finalization of the district water master plan, which should aid the district in accelerating provision of clean drinking water. "We have to address water challenges in Lulekani, Lenyenye and in all the many communities still facing water challenges."

"Our people in Giyani are losing confidence in our work as government and they are justified. We of course remain confident and encouraged by the recent developments led by the Minister Mchunu and we embrace that commitment," he said.

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He also announced a team of mayoral committee members, saying a lot of considerations were made in selecting councilors with experience and knowledge of the local government environment and the challenges facing the district.

"A lot of considerations were made when assembling a team that should serve with the Executive Mayor in the Mayoral Committee. We looked into the issue of continuity, which should assist us to reinforce on the work carried out by the fourth democratic local government administration, which led to the turn around on issues of audit findings and setting the municipality on a path of financial viability.

"We proceeded to consider experience in the local government sphere, which has been set at a minimum of five years. It's important for every councillor appointed at this level to have a clear knowledge of the terrain. The local government environment, but also the specific challenges facing Mopani District," he said.

The inaugural council also elected Cllr Martha Maswanganyi as the speaker of council. She previously served as chief whip in the 4<sup>th</sup> council. Cllr Magdelene Lewele was elected as the Whip of Council, while Pat Hlungwani was elected as the chairperson of MPAC.



*"We do not take for granted the support received from our people. But equally, we are by no means naïve for we are not necessarily new in this space. We are aware of the task that lies ahead of us. It is a challenging one, but not insurmountable. We draw strength and courage from the sustained support from the masses of our people who have over the years remained true to the cause of our struggle for a better life as envisioned in the Freedom Charter."*

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*"I know I can once again count on the support from my family, colleagues at the level of council, the administration led by Mr Kgatla. But most importantly, I wish to invite all our people to walk this journey with us as we build better communities together."*



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## Deputy Minister for Water and Sanitation visits Giyani



**W**ater and Sanitation Deputy Minister Dikeledi Magadzi visited Giyani on Sunday where she led community engagements as part of government's continued effort in mobilizing community involvement in the implementation of the Giyani Water Project.

Her first stop was at Maswanganyi village where she was joined by Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi, the Greater Giyani Municipality Mayor Cllr Thandi Zitha, the District Speaker Cllr Martha Maswanganyi and MMC for water services Cllr Maditshego Sefufi.



Deputy Minister had engagement with the newly inaugurated chief and the community of Maswanganyi before proceeding to Homu 14A for another engagement. She urged all stakeholders to work together as the project is implemented. "This project should be completed sooner than the September deadline, that is what the minister wants. He says September is too far. He wants the project completed by June next year."

She said there must be transparency in the hiring of labourers and SMMEs. "We can't do things under the table. People must know the project steering committee, and everyone must know what is happening in this project."

The Executive Mayor welcomed the commitment from the ministry. "We are pleased with this commitment from the ministry to see this project completed and delivering water to our people here in Giyani."

"The minister has already made an undertaking to get additional funding to finish the project. And today's community engagement with the Deputy Minister was key in renewing the confidence of our people, but also appeal for maximum support towards completion of this project," he said.

