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## Executive Mayor distributes water tankers and trucks to locals



**The Executive Mayor together with the Speaker, MMCs and representatives from local municipalities during the event where he distributed water tankers, and trucks to locals.**

The Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, Councillor Pule Shayi has distributed 10 water tankers, five crane trucks, 20 double-cab trucks and a low belt truck to the five local municipalities on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019.

Shayi who was joined by Members of the Mayoral Committee and representatives from all local municipalities, said the distribution of the fleet “is part of the effort in the broader scheme of what we are supposed to do as a district, which is water provision.”

He said that Greater Letaba will get three water tankers

given the challenges of water in that municipality, Greater Tzaneen and Greater Giyani will each receive two water tankers, Ba-Phalaborwa and Maruleng will each receive one water tanker, while one water tanker will be stationed centrally to assist in emergencies.

The municipality has also procured 20 double-cab trucks, which will be servicing municipalities from the satellite offices. “Each satellite office will receive four double-cab trucks. We have five crane trucks which will be shared amongst the five local municipalities. The low-bed truck and the honey-sucker will be stationed in our head office in Giyani, but we are taking the honey-sucker for testing next week,” said Shayi.



**Executive Mayor, Councillor Pule Shayi in one of the water tankers which were distributed to local municipalities on Friday.**



## Ward committees commit to strengthening relations with traditional councils

The MMC for Finance in Mopani District Municipality, Councillor Japisa Mathonsi has told delegates to the Ward Conference that strengthening relations with royal leaders must be a priority for ward committees.

Mathonsi delivered a keynote address on-behalf of the Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi to the two-day conference held in Tzaneen. She said that good relations with traditional councils will assist in curbing land invasion which lead to informal settlements and socio-economic challenges.

“We hosted a Land Use Seminar in July, and we said at that seminar that working with our royal leaders we need to improve spatial planning as municipalities. Poor planning has proven to have far reaching socio-economic impact.

“It is therefore important for us to strengthen relations with the royal councils in our areas, so that we plan together for integrated human settlement. We must at all times discourage land invasion, because government will not be able to deliver adequately to the needs of our people when human settlement has been uncoordinated,” she said.

She said that ward committees must assist in encouraging communities to pay for municipal services. “We have directed at the level of the District IGR that our municipalities must work around developing or revising their revenue enhancement strategies. But, also that we must have updated credible indent registers.

Ward committees must play a prominent role in assisting us to gather accurate data on people who can't afford to pay for services. Well, reality is that we can't be municipalities that rely on grants alone. We must be able to generate revenue to assist us to address infrastructure backlog and maintenance,” said Mathonsi

Conference has resolved that a framework need to be developed to guide the increase of ward committee stipend to ensure uniformity across the district. The district IGR has previously resolved that the stipend be increased to R1 500 in all the municipalities. Delegates also said that sector departments must ensure that ward committees and political leaders are kept abreast on projects implemented in the district from inception until completion.



**MMC for Transport, Councillor Japisa Mathonsi delivered the opening address on behalf of the Executive Mayor.**



**Speaker of Council, Councillor Wireless Sedibeng giving a way forward to the ward committee conference.**



**MMC for Water, Councillor Maditshego Sefu responding to questions from delegates on water matters.**



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**The Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi being verified by the district officials Karabo Mampuru and Salome Kgaripane.**

Mopani District Municipality has wrapped its verification of all staff members as part of the 100 days' program of the Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi. The verification process is to ascertain that there are no ghost workers on the district's payroll. The Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi was verified at the disaster management centre in Tzaneen. Unverified employees will not get paid at the end of September. On the same day, Shayi was also briefed by the head of Disaster Management Unit Hanneys Stein on the state of readiness and capabilities of the municipality in dealing with disaster, mainly road crashes.



The presentation also focussed on the strength, limitations as well as future plans for the district's disaster management services. The Executive Mayor has expressed concern over the high number of fatal motor vehicle accidents in Mopani over the past two months.



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# Invitation

**The Executive Mayor**  
*Cllr Pule Shayi*  
**cordially invites you**

**to the 2019 District Women's Day  
Celebration**

**29 August 2019**

**Giyani Multipurpose Centre**

**10h00**

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