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Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi

From the Executive Mayor's desk

We are at the end of the third quarter in the 2024/25 Financial Year, but also the end of Human Rights Month, which we commemorate under the theme: “Three Decades of Respect for and Promotion of Human Rights.”

The commemoration of the Sharpeville massacre will remain a reminder of the journey we have travelled as a country. Through the selfless sacrifices of our forebears, seated here today we are all guaranteed of human rights, including the right to life, equality and human dignity.

Therefore, we will always use Human Rights as an opportunity to reflect on the strides we have made collectively as a country to ensure that human rights become a reality for all of our people. That is why we hold a view that through the Constitution our vision to improve the lives of our people is fully entrenched.

We are into the project phase in our planning cycle. At the level of our council, we will be adopting the draft IDP and budgets for the 2024/25 financial year. This phase should speak directly to the strategies as agreed during the strategies phase, but of course guided by the will and aspirations of our people .

We are also moving closer to the 30th anniversary of our freedom and democracy, and that of course would be another opportunity to celebrate the milestones we have recorded as a country – this of course in our pursuit of the aspirations of our as envisioned in the Freedom Charter.

The journey traversed with our people since 1994 has been full of successes, but also shortcomings. Majority of our people agree that a democratic South Africa has done so much to alter the living conditions of our people, and to sustain this legacy, our work as this generation is anchored around the programme of building better communities together with our people.

We should therefore throughout the year be able to profile the progress we have made as a country since the democratic dispensation. The journey of Tintswalo is one that majority of our

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people can relate to, and we should find ways to encourage them to tell these stories, so as to inspire hope to our people.

We also celebrated World Water Day a week ago, which of course is about education and raising awareness to our people on the responsibility around water conservation, and the need to protect our water resources in line with the dictates of section 80 of the National Water Act. This year we celebrate under the theme, "Leveraging Water for Peace."

Water scarcity is a global challenge that effects many regions in the world. Therefore, we should be able to continue with heightened awareness on responsible, efficient water usage. We all have a part to play in conserving water and reducing demand for the good of the country's resources and to preserve a legacy for future generations.

As we deliver this water to our people, we also have to ensure that the quality does meet the set standards. That is why, we have pledged our full support to the water services to ensure that we boast the skills capacity in the water quality management, so that we improve our blue drop rating.

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We will soon be embarking on a public participation process, and we want to invite our people to fully participate in giving inputs to the draft, which should ultimately guide council in making the financial determination as we continue the journey of building better communities together.

CLLR P.J SHAYI
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

LET'S DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE JOURNEY TRAVERSED

- EM TELLS DELEGATES AT STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

"We register our appreciation to the entire administration as led by Ntate Tshepo Mogano. You remain in the frontline. You have not done badly in the first half, but we expect more accuracy in the second half. It is you who must help us change the scoreboard."

- Executive Mayor
said during the networking dinner

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"Our dependence on grants is not sustainable. We have to remain true to our commitment to reduce unfunded mandates, but also make sure that public money entrusted to us is spent on the services needed."

- Executive Mayor said in his opening address.

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"This generation of councillors is a beacon of hope for our people. We go into the second as a collective because our focus remains only on the programme of building better communities together with our people."

- Executive Mayor said during the networking dinner.

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"Reality is that for us at the level of the district to move from unfunded budget, we need the locals to play ball as well. Local municipalities as water service providers should be able to collect what is due and pay what is received. This is a task that we can no longer afford to postpone."

- Executive Mayor
said in his opening address

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"We have made a submission to the AGSA that we will move hastily to take over the function from local municipalities that are failing to meet the expectations."

- Executive Mayor said in his opening address

"Through our shared determination, we have made remarkable progress as a collective, and for me, this evening is more of a cooling break. The match is not over. We have a second-half ahead of us. The temperature will not drop in the second half. Indeed, we have covered so much ground in the past two years, and to that extent we should be able to reflect on that journey, this evening is our water break in the first half. The second half is about to start."

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EXECUTIVE MAYOR RECOGNIZES *Excellence* IN EDUCATION

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Mopani West District has recorded a remarkable breakthrough in the 2023 NSC results. The District improved its performance by a remarkable **16,7%**. It is a meteoric rise from **67,1 % in 2021 to 83,8% in 2023**





“And we have said this already, but perhaps we should repeat it. This achievement is proof that a lot can be achieved through sustained hard work and commitment. We should be able to build from this achievement and help propel the district to greater heights,” he said.

Lulekani Circuit received the award for the most improved circuit in the district, having also won in the province. The circuit improved by 28,3% to obtain 83, 2%. The Nkowankowa Circuit is the number one circuit with the highest number of bachelor and diploma passes. The Mawa Circuit in Mopani West is the best in terms of highest overall pass at 93,46%.

Karabo Quinton Mokwakwala from Kgapanne High School in the Mopani West received the top award for the highest aggregate marks. The Executive Mayor's award went to Phillipine Modika, the District Manager for Mopani District who steered more than 8000 learners to achieve the 83,8% pass rate.





The Executive Mayor said education remains the apex priority for government. He said government's spending on NSFAS has increased over the last few years, allowing access to tertiary education for learners from poor backgrounds. "And we have seen first-hand, practical work towards improving the quality of our basic education, but in particular access to education for a black child.

"It is precisely because of this posture that over the past 30 years, through our democratic government, we have made education free at all levels. Through our school nutrition programme, children from poor families are able to get a meal at school," he said.



"My parting message to the learners this morning is that we celebrate your resilience, we celebrate your endurance, we celebrate your sheer determination, we celebrate your excellence. And we proceed to wish you all the best as you begin your different paths at institutions of higher learning.

" Executive Mayor



MDM WALKS AWAY WITH 2022/23 MOST IMPROVED AUDIT PERFORMANCE

The Mopani District Municipality was honoured at the SALGA LIMPOPO 2022/2023 Municipal Awards, walking away with the Most Improved Audit Performance.



The Municipality managed to move away from a disclaimer opinion to a qualified audit opinion in the 2022/23 financial year. The Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi has credited the achievement to the collective efforts both at the level of council and administration, describing it as a quantum leap.



“And many people who do not appreciate the historical context of this disclaimer may easily underestimate this progress. Those that have been in council for long have made a strong argument for celebration of this epoch-changing progress.



“We are from a history of always recording a century plus in findings from AGSA, including in the 2021/22 financial year, but today we have 58 findings from the AGSA. We have made slight, but significant improvement on Property, Plant and Equipment, Contract Management, Revenue Management, Expenditure Management, and it has helped us to reduce paragraphs as compared to the previous financial year,” he said.



The Municipality made huge progress on human resource management, achieving an unqualified audit opinion. “This of course is an opportunity to appreciate the colleagues in council for the support, in particular the PMT, Mayoral Committee, oversight committees, but also the robust debates from opposition parties. This generation of councillors is a beacon of hope for our people.

The Executive Mayor said this achievement will help set the Municipality on a path to achieve unqualified audit opinion. “It is through your oversight work that we are able to build a culture of accountability and consequence management for people who fail to perform.”



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2022/2023

AUDIT OPINION FOR MDM

“ THE QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN A POSITIVE AUDIT OPINION. OUR EYES REMAIN STEADFASTLY FIXED ON THE TASK OF ATTAINING AN UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION.

THE FIFTH COUNCIL OF OUR DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT OVERWHELMED BY THE VOLUME OF WORK AHEAD. IT IS THE VIEW OF COUNCIL THAT WE ARE WITHIN A TOUCHING DISTANCE.”



EXECUTIVE MAYOR,
CLLR. PULE SHAYI



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NEW

EMPLOYEES

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Deput MManager :
Infrastructure Implementation
(PMU)



NEW



Khazamula Abraham Manganyi
Deputy Manager:
Council Support

NEW

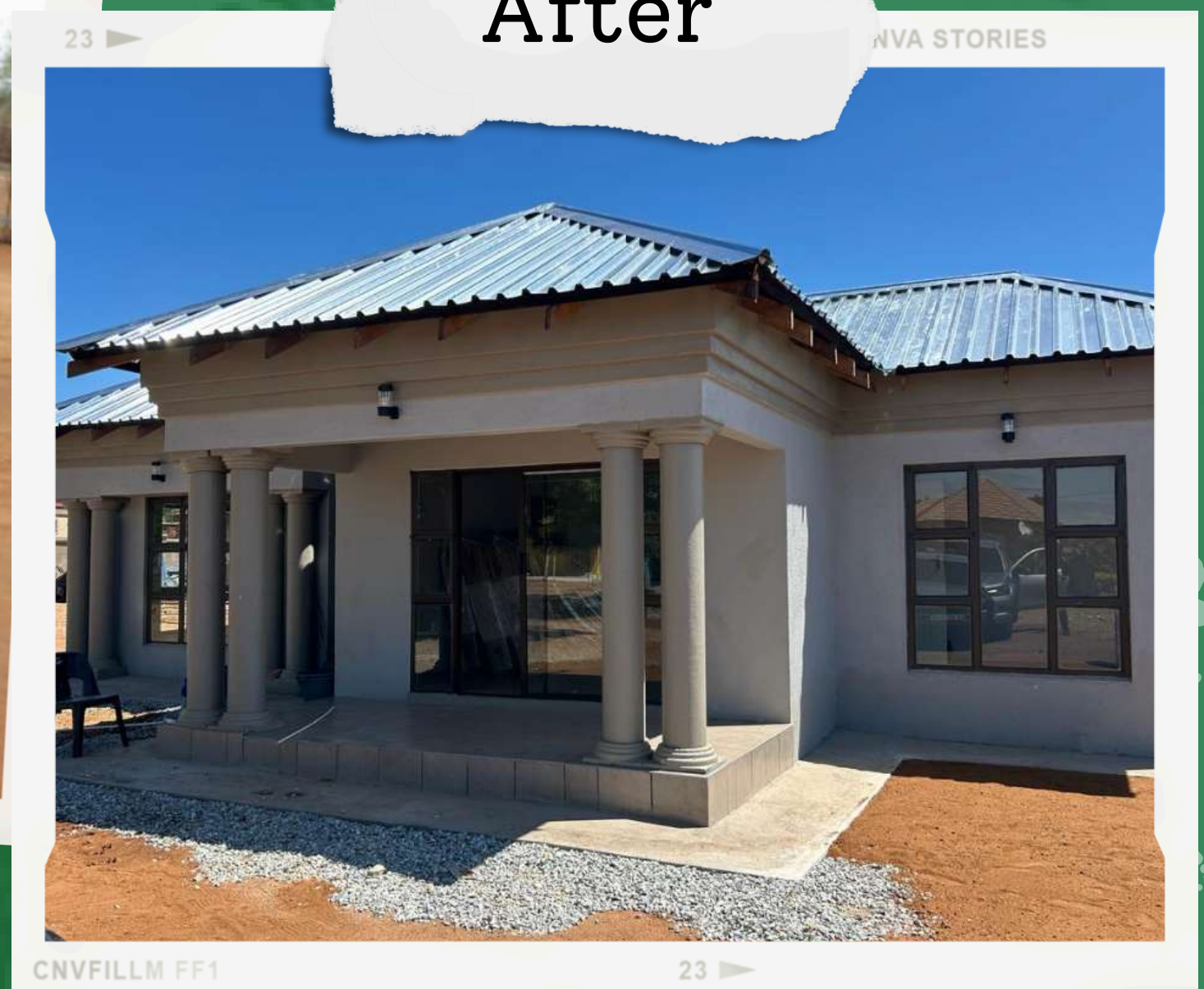
EMPLOYEES



Before



After



MOTHER OF SEVEN RELIEVED AS SHE RECEIVES

FULLY FURNISHED HOUSE

A mother of seven who has been living in one-room with all her children and a grandchild is relieved to have received a fully furnished three-bedroom house that also has a bathroom and ablution facility.

The unemployed single mother, Phindile Vukeya from Mageva village in ward 25 of Greater Giyani Municipality lost mother while she was still young, and had to fend for herself from an early age. The Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, Cllr. Pule Shayi handed over the house on Sunday, 18 February 2024.

This is the third house the Executive Mayor has handed over to destitute families in the past five month, having handed a house to Mkhabela family at Gandlanani in September and the Mkansi family at Makoxa B9 in December last year.

“We used to sleep in the one-room where there was no privacy. My eldest daughter is 17 years old, but amongst my children I also have a son who is 12 years old. He would go sit outside whenever I had to bath, and I would go sit outside whenever he had to bath. It was difficult. I’m very happy to finally have a proper and safe house for my family.

“I’m also grateful for the efforts the Municipality is making to ensure that I get registered at the TVET college, so that I can get a qualification and hopefully a good job, so I can provide for my family,” said Phindile Vukeya.

The Executive Mayor had committed to build the house in July last year through the help of businesspeople. “We have an obligation to restore the dignity our people. If we are to restore the dignity of our people we would therefore have to provide basic services, and of course this include decent shelter. With this gesture, we are restoring that dignity.”

The Municipality is closer to the completion of water reticulation projects in the village which will see all residents receiving water direct to their houses. The project is part of phase 1 of the water reticulation project where water from the augmented Giyani Water Works will be purified and supplied to communities.



MMC MMETLE CONGRATULATES 37 EMPLOYEES FOR COMPLETING THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



Mopani District Municipality's MMC for community services Cllr. Dikeledi Mmetle has congratulated municipal employees who successfully completed the training on Municipal Finance Management (MFMP), saying "it will help close the skills gap and enhance the Municipality's capacity to deliver services to communities in the district."

Delivering the keynote address on behalf of the Executive Mayor at the certificate handover ceremony held on Friday last week, Mmetle said the Municipality continues to implement capacity programmes in order to build internal capacity and reduce spending on consultants. "This we do of course as directed also by the NDP to make local government administration careers of choice."

"We are focussed on the task of reducing our spending on consultants, and programmes such as these are aimed at pushing us closer to the target. The amount of money spent on consultants during the 2022/23 financial year has significantly reduced as compared to the previous financial year, and we should credit that to these efforts," she said.





MFMP GRADUATES



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR CONGRATULATES SAPS MOPANI FOR RECOGNITION AT NATIONAL

Awards

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Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi congratulates the South African Police Service in the District as led by Major General Willy Mashava for the recognition at the National Service Excellence Awards.

The team members from Mopani were recognized at the 9th edition of the South African Police Service National Excellence Awards which were hosted under the theme: "Encouraging Innovation and Rewarding Excellence." Colonel Mzimba received the top award in the category: Detective and Forensic Member of the Year.

The Station Commander for Tzaneen SAPS, Brigadier Charles Masinamela and his team from the Family Child Protection and Sexual Offences, Captain Baloyi and Sergeant Mathebula received special awards from Police Minister Bheki Cele.

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"We take this opportunity to congratulate these distinguished members of SAPS who continue to serve our people with diligence. This recognition should serve as an inspiration to all of us to join hands in our programme of building better communities where our people will not only be safe, but will also feel safe."

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2021 - 2026 COUNCIL

MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE



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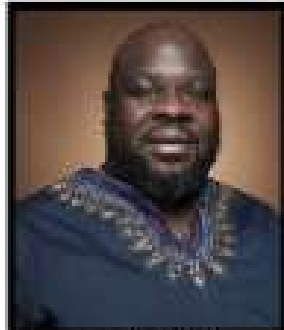
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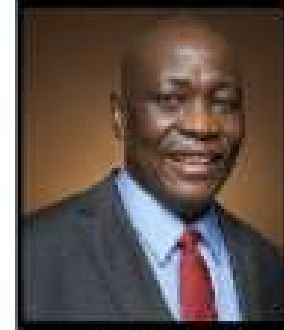
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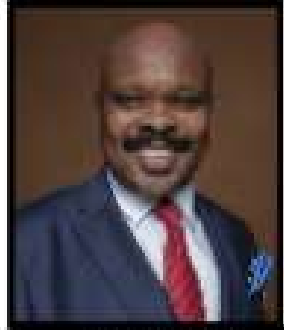
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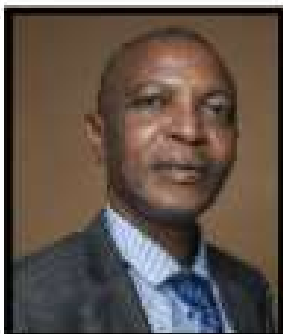


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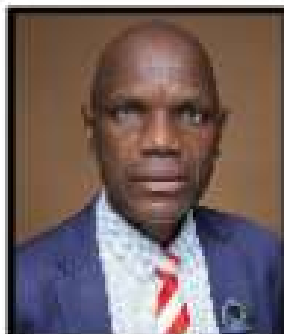


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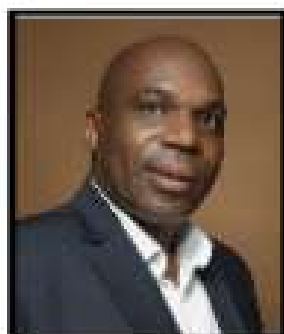
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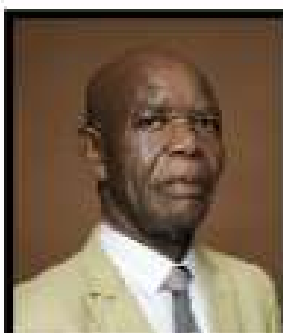
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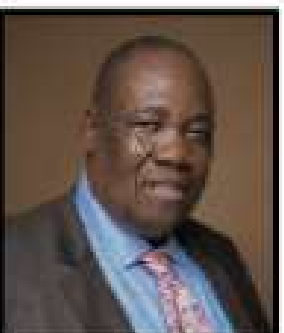
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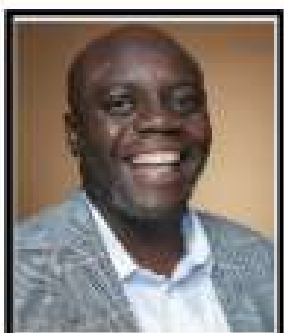
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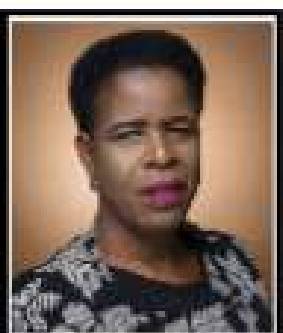
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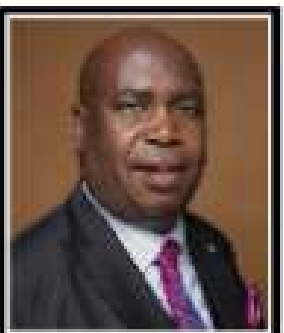
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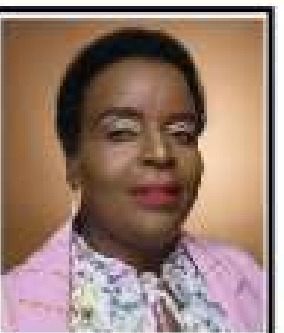
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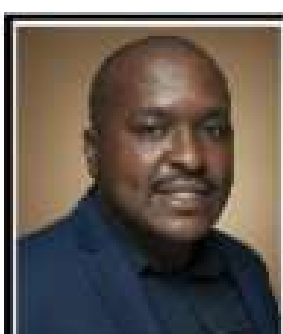
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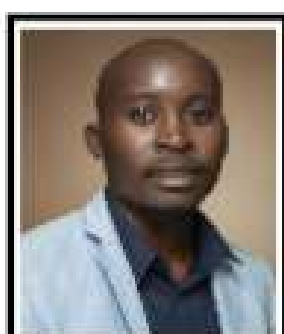
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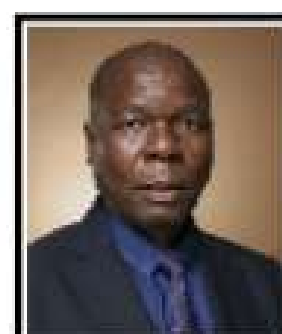
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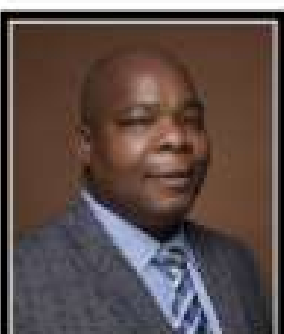
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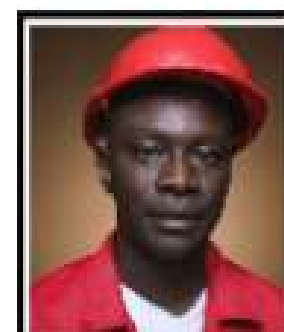
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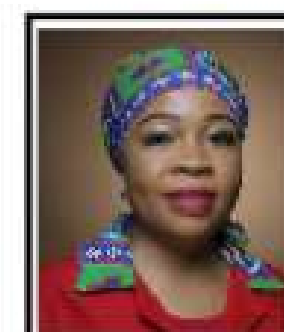
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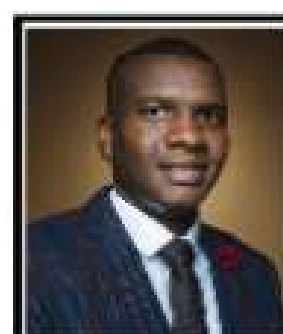
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VISION

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 co-operative 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
"Masile go Setlhaba"

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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.

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Vision

"Best Tourism Destination in Limpopo by 2020"

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;
- To position Ba-Phalaborwa as a tourism destination of choice.

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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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