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Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi embarked on an outreach programme as he celebrates his birthday

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Editor's Note

We write to you on the backdrop of yet another eventful quarter in which we have seen the Executive Mayor reaching out to the less privileged as part of his birthday celebrations. We are also concluding the end of the 2022/23 financial year.

Council has approved the IDP and Budget for the 2023/24 financial year, this follows months of consultations with the people across the district. Through the guidance of the Executive Mayor, we have succeeded in consolidating the plans of all spheres of government and the private sector into one plan, which in the main is key to our efforts around fast-tracking service provision to the people.

We have also seen the Executive Mayor continuing with his efforts around stakeholder engagement in the Greater Giyani Municipality – this as the Municipality continues to implement the water reticulation projects to 24 villages. There is discernible progress in Bambeni, Homu 14A and other villages where work has started.

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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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S DESK



Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi

We are at the end of the 2022/23 financial, and it once again my singular honour and privilege to communicate with our people through this platform. As we take forward the work in the context of our programme of building better communities together with our people, we use this opportunity to reflect on the progress made in the fifth council in the last twelve months.

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 are able to 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.

We are recording milestones in the Giyani Water Project. The water from Nandoni has finally reached the Giyani Water Works. We have started with work to refurbish the Giyani Water Works. But most importantly, we are closer to our communities as we continue to implement the water reticulation projects to at least 24 villages as part of the 1st phase of this project. The next phase will target additional 31 villages. Many of our SMMEs are benefiting from this water infrastructure projects, therefore enhancing our sustained efforts of fighting hunger in communities.

We have been to the all our water infrastructure projects, and we have seen our people benefiting from the project. In providing sanitation to our people, we have also reached out to more of our communities through the rural household sanitation (VIP toilets) programme. We have succeeded in spending 100% of the allocated MIG funding on infrastructure projects.

We have continued with the Pop-up Market campaigns in partnership with the Small Enterprise Development Agency (seda). In the main, through mall activations, the campaign seeks to assist our SMMEs and cooperatives to take their services and products closer to where people are. We worked with the provincial government to support SMMEs at exhibitions expos such as the Durban Indaba and the Rand Easter Show.

We continue to perform very well as a District Municipality on the Expanded Public Works Programme, which is a key programme in providing temporary income relief for our people. Through the support of our structures at local level, we have been able to spend 100% of the EPWP grant.

We have an obligation to provide sound financial management and to reduce financial dependency on grants. And to achieve this, we have to increase revenue generation and implement financial control systems. To that extent, we are implementing the revenue enhancement strategy.

We have during the 2022/23 started with work of installing the water consumption meters - this as we prepare to bill and collect revenue direct from water consumers. This will be a targeted approach, starting with big businesses. We have appointed meter readers in all our five local municipalities in preparation of this work.

As we reflect on the journey of the last twelve months, 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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BAMBENI WATER PROJECT REIGNITES HOPE FOR THE COMMUNITY



The Bambeni Water Reticulation Project is on track to be completed ahead of time, reigniting hope to more than two thousand residents who have been struggling with water supply for years in that village.

Bambeni village along the R529 road is one of the first 24 villages where the Mopani District Municipality is busy with the water reticulation project. The project forms part of Nandoni-Giyani Water Project which is meant to supply water to the people of Greater Giyani Municipality.

The contractor for the project which is worth just over R20 million was introduced to the community in December last year. And while the project is scheduled to be completed in January 2024, progress is already at 62% - way ahead of its schedule.

The project has already covered 12,3 km of the 13.1 km in construction of water reticulation network. The work also entails yard connections to 633 households, and so far connections to 580 households have been completed, bringing so much hope to the community.

"We are struggling with water in this community. Currently we are getting water from the borehole and we then have to buy water whenever there is a breakdown on the borehole. The project will bring so much relief to the community," says Christinah Machethe.

The project has so far created 23 direct work opportunities as part of the expanded public works programme (EPWP), and five small businesses are also benefiting from the project through sub-contracting.

Panic Baloyi is one of the labourers employed on the project. He says he was sceptical at the start of the project, but he is more confident now that the community will have water. "I have gained some experience working on this project, but ultimately the community will have water. Our struggles are about to end. This community will have water soon."



The contractor has done refurbishment to the 800kl reservoir, and is currently busy with the construction of the 80kl elevated steel tank.

The Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi visited the community late last year where he met with the stakeholders. He used the opportunity then to implore the stakeholders to embrace the project and to ensure there are no stoppages.

"We are happy and encouraged by the progress recorded on this project. And what is more pleasing to us is the support the project has received from the community and the level of leadership provided by the stakeholders. This is a model community and we can only hope that other communities embrace the projects so that our people can have sustainable water supply," he said.

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EXECUTIVE MAYOR PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE ON THE TOURS WATER PROJECT

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi says he is satisfied with the progress made on the Tours Water Project as the Municipality continues with reticulation direct to households in 25 villages of Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

The Executive Mayor said this during his monitoring visit to the multi-year project at Mogapeng village on Thursday 30 March 2023, where work is above 90%. He also had opportunity to engage with community members in an Imbizo.

Thousands of households in Masoma and Mashiloane are already benefiting from the project. He expressed confidence that people in Mogapeng will also have water direct to houses as the project nears completion.

There are four contractors on site busy with work on phase 2 of the project which is set to benefit more communities, including Makhwibidung, Shilubane, Nyanyukani, Pharare, Rhulani, New Phepheng, Sebela, Bordeaux and Myakayaka. The Tours Water Project is earmarked for 25 villages in the Bulamahlo cluster of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

"It is already 97% complete and today we were opening water at this family. We are able to attest that indeed there is progress on this project with 1652 households already connected and receiving water. As we conclude the Human Rights, this is the best way to restore their dignity out of the work that our forebears sacrificed to ensure that we have this freedom," the Executive Mayor said.

Hilda Sebatana, a resident of Mogapeng village said the project brings relief to the community. "We were struggling with water. There were people in the community who were not getting water, but with this project we are all going to get water. We are so happy that the entire community will now have water."

Phase 1 of the project valued at R44 million has already benefited 20 small businesses through sub-contracting. The work assigned to SMMEs included the construction and installation of yard connections with stand pipes, installation of fire hydrants and valve chambers.



TOURS WATER PROJECT



MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CONCLUDES IT'S 2023/24 IDP AND BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME



Mopani District Municipality embarked on a successful 2023/24 IDP and budget public participation programme within the district from the end of April into May.



The IDP is based on community needs and priorities and this process encourages all stakeholders who reside and conduct business within all 5 of the municipal areas under Mopani District Municipality to participate in the preparation and implementation of the development plan.

During these meetings, community members and stakeholders made comments, inputs and submissions into the Draft 2023/24 IDP, Budget, and revised tariffs.



The Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi in addressing the communities emphasized the importance of The District Development Model which is a practical Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) mechanism to enable all three spheres of government to work together, with communities and stakeholders, to plan, budget and implement in unison. This joint work is expressed through the formulation and implementation of a "One Plan"



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INDUCTION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION OF MOPANI LOCAL HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL AND KHOI-SAN LEADERS

Mopani Local House of Traditional and Khoi-san leaders have today sat for Day 1 of their induction and strategic planning session at Swadini Forever Resort in Hoedspruit.

The objective of the four days session is to conduct induction and strategic planning for all newly established members of the house and come up with draft APP for MLHTKL. "After this exercise, each of us, should be able to articulate the state of affairs of the Mopani Local House of Traditional Leaders from the same breathe." said Kgosi Pheeha MB Chairperson of Mopani Local House of Traditional and Khoi-san leaders

MMC for Governance and Shared Services Cllr Lucky Mohlala speaking on behalf of the Executive Mayor, expressed gratitude to the Traditional Leadership for the partnership with Municipalities and further implored them to continue working together with government to improve service delivery and working together for the betterment of the lives of our people.

As we approach the Initiation Schools season, it is common that chance takers use this season to open illegal initiation schools, and it is for this reason that the Mopani District Municipality calls on the Mopani Local House of Traditional Leadership's partnership to stand together against illegal initiation schools operation to eliminate deaths from initiation schools.

"The Mopani District Municipality has consistently affirmed the important role that the Traditional Leaders continue to play in mobilising our people behind a common vision of Freedom, Equality and Justice. As you start the strategic session, please be assured of our unwavering support at all times. " said Mohlala





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MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY REVIEWS ALL ITS POLICIES

Mopani District Municipality reviewed all its policies in a session that was held on the 4th of May 2023 at Disaster Management Centre.

The reviews are done after the lifespan of council has lapsed as guided by the staff regulation or as and when the need arises with an objective to improve the Audit Outlook of the Municipality.

Different policies from different directorates were presented and inputs were solicited from members present during the session.

These policies were first discussed by each directorate before they were packaged for review by the bigger policy review session.

Organised Labour were consulted through LLF and were in attendance together with PMT, Portfolio Chairpersons and officials concerned.





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HOMU 14A WATER PROJECT SET FOR COMPLETION BEFORE THE SUMMER SEASON

The project to connect water to 1106 households in Homu 14A is on track, and set to be completed way before the start of the summer season.

The Mopani District Municipality is implementing the water reticulation project in Homu14A, which is located about 10 kilometres east of Giyani town. The project forms part of the Giyani Water Project which is meant to supply water to the people of Greater Giyani Municipality.

And while the community is currently getting water supply from the Giyani Water Works, it has not been adequate due to infrastructure deficiency and illegal connections on the bulk line. The completion of the project will ensure that the entire community benefits from the bulk water supply.

The project which is worth R29 million was launched in December last year with the work commencing this year. Progress is already at 68 percent and should be completed long before the January 2024 deadline.

The contractor has already covered 32km of the 37km new reticulation network. The work to refurbish the 5,3 km old reticulation is also complete. The project also entails the construction of metered yard connections to 1106 households, and so far connections to 612 households have been completed.

Local businesses are also benefiting from this project. At least eleven SMMEs have been appointed to support the work of the main contractor. It has also created 56 work opportunities as part of the expanded public works programme (EPWP).

"I'm satisfied with the progress I have seen since I started working on this project. It is also clear to me that as resident of 14A we will also have water once this project is complete. We will no longer have to push wheelbarrows. We are also paid what we have been promised," said the 24-year-old Khanyisa Mosiya who is working as a labourer on the project.

Dzunisani Maluleke also echoed the words of Khanyisa, saying "I'm happy to be working, and I can see the project is bringing positive change to the community. We are receiving water for the first time even in areas of the village where we were not receiving water before. We are also paid on time."

The work to reticulate water to the households at Homu14B is also continuing with progress recorded at over 20 percent so far.





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COUNCIL APPROVES A R2,1 BILLION BUDGET FOR 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR

A special sitting of Mopani District Council held on Wednesday, 31 May has approved a R2,1 billion budget for the 2023/24 financial year, which has been widely welcomed by opposition parties in Council.

Delivering the budget speech, the Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi said the 2023/24 will be yet another difficult year, but the Municipality was on a path to recovery having adopted a funded budget for the first time in many years.

"In our budget speech last year, we spoke of the urgent need for us to start to live within our means – cutting our coat according to our cloth. We are faced with difficult choices. The cost of living is too high.

"With the ongoing efforts to recover from the negative effects of the Covid pandemic, our people are badly affected by this unstable electricity supply. The recent increase in the repo rate will not make things any easier for our people. But, we all have to swiftly adapt to this environment," he said.

The Executive Mayor said R1,8 billion will be from transfers and subsidies. "We are projecting an amount of R287 million from the water revenue and R26 million from the sanitation revenue. The 2023/24 projections are based on the tariffs as approved by the District in consultations with the locals. All municipalities' basic tariff has been increased by 5,3%.

He said the Municipality is budgeting R61 million, which constitutes 2,8% of the budget will be channelled towards servicing the historic debt with both Lepelle Northern Water and the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Councillor Patrick Hlungwani of the Patriotic Alliance (PA) welcomed the budget, saying "we want to welcome the budget as presented by the Executive Mayor, mainly because it is a funded budget. I want to applaud the administration at least this time. But we want to thank you for this budget. At least it is taking us somewhere. The budget deals with all that I want to hear, the historic debt and the legal issues."



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"Informed by our firm commitment to adopt a funded budget, which has eluded us for many years, big sacrifices had to be made. It is a budget that correctly projects our strength, but also exposes our weaknesses, but of course our obligation remains that of meeting the expectations of our people."

And the breakdown from transfers and subsidies is as follows:

- **R1,2 billion (R1 265 409 000)**
from Equitable Shares
- **R548 Million (R548 214 000)**
from Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)
- **R8,7 Million (R8 713 000)**
from EPWP
- **R3 Million (R3 000 000)**
from Financial Management Grant
- **R2,3 Million (R2 370 000)**
from the Rural Roads Asset Management Grant



"We did commit as the fifth generation councillors that we are only going to choose options that maximize service delivery than opulence and we remain firm on that commitment. We are going to lead from the front. We are clear in terms of our mandate, we remain focused, and we are in no way going to exaggerate our strength."



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TSHEPO MOGANO, THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER WELCOMES PED SENIOR MANAGER



Municipal Manager, Tshepo Mogano has on Wednesday, 31 May welcomed the newly appointed senior manager for planning and development, Tshepo Albia Monakedi. His appointment was approved by Council last month, which brings to full complement the team of senior managers in Mopani District Municipality.

He was previously employed by Limpopo's Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA). Monakedi holds two master's degrees, including one from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex in the United Kingdom. He is currently pursuing a PhD in urban and regional planning

He also serves in the Board of Directors for the South African Council for Built Environment (CBE) and also the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN).





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MDM: NEW COUNCILLORS SWORN IN

OUT



Cllr. TL Mtebule



Cllr. GN Bokisi

Cllr. TA Mabasa and Cllr. MG Letsoalo from the Economic Freedom Fighters have been sworn in as members of Mopani District Council. They replace Cllr. GN Bokisi and Cllr. TL Mtebule, respectively.

Cllr. MG Letsoalo

Cllr. TA Mabasa



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR EMBARKS ON AN OUTREACH PROGRAM AS HE CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY

Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi embarked on a day long outreach programme reaching out to the destitute on the occasion of his 51st birthday celebration, Friday 30 June.

He kicked-off his birthday outreach by handing over furniture and equipment to Mikateko Day Care Centre in Boelang village. The kids at the centre sang happy birthday song and enjoyed the cake with the Executive Mayor. "We do this as part of our contribution to the battles for cognitive development of our children at this early stage," he said.

He proceeded to Maseke village, just a stone's throw from Boelang. The Executive Mayor handed over a three bedroom, fully furnished house to the 47-year old single mother, Abitha Maphatha. Maphatha has four children and could not hold back tears after receiving the key from the Executive Mayor.

The Executive Mayor went to Ngove village in the Greater Giyani Municipality where he did sod turning for a house construction. He also handed over food parcels to the family of four that depends on child support grant. The family currently live in a one room house.

His next stop was Sikhunyani village where he visited a 75-year-old pensioner living in a one room mud house. Her two sons are unemployed, but do get temporary jobs in the farms at times. The Executive Mayor shared the birthday cake with her and handed over food parcels before doing sod turning for house construction.

His next stop was Gandlanani village under Hosi Hlanekei where he did sod turning for house construction. He also handed over food parcels to the 70-year-old Mamaila Mkhabele who currently live in a one room mud house with three of her orphaned grandchildren. The Executive Mayor was joined by Hosi Ngove, who is the chairperson of Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders.

He then rounded off the day by handing over equipment and furniture to Khamangu Early Learning Centre in Gandlanani.

"We retire fulfilled by the conviction that the struggle has been pushed by few more metres today," said the Executive Mayor



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR EMBARKS ON AN OUTREACH PROGRAM AS HE CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY



**SOD TURNING FOR HOUSES
- NGOVE VILLAGE
- SIKHUNYANI VILLAGE
- GANDLANANI VILLAGE**



**HANDOVER OF EQUIPMENT
- KHAMANGU EARLY
LEARNING CENTRE**





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EXECUTIVE MAYOR EMBARKS ON AN OUTREACH PROGRAM AS HE CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY



**HANDOVER OF A HOUSE
– MASEKE VILLAGE**



**HANDOVER OF EQUIPMENT
– MIKATEKO DAY CARE CENTRE
– BOELANG VILLAGE**





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
"Maatla go Setshaba"

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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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BA-PHALABORWA

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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