

THE NEW MAKHUDUTHAMAGA MAYOR COMMITS TO SPEED UP THE PROVISION OF SERVICES

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The Makhuduthamaga newly elected Mayor, Hon Cllr Merah Mahlase commits to the acceleration of services to communities. Elected during today's Special Council Sitting, Hon Cllr Mahlase says she will continue with the same energy and embrace the legacy of the leadership left by her predecessor Cllr Minah Bahula who has since taken the reigns of the Sekhukhune District Municipality.

Today's Special Council sitting also resolved amicably, to immediately realign and reconfigure its Executive Committee.

This follows a declaration of vacancy in the committee that was created as a result of the redeployment of former Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Hon Cllr Minah Bahula to join the District Council by her political party the ANC, and also her recent election as the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune during their Special Meeting convened last week Friday at Moses Mabotha Civil Hall, Ga-Nkwana.

The Council has in terms of Local Government: Municipal Structures Act elected Hon Cllr Merah Mahlase as new Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality.

Hon Mayor Mahlase, Hunadi, affectionately known, and who was accompanied by her family, is no stranger to positions of leadership and responsibilities. She was until recently, the deputy head of Infrastructure and has previously served the Municipality and the community in various portfolios amongst her other developmental credentials, such as being PR Councillor from 2011-2016. She became the Ward Councillor in 2016 - 2021 the position that led her to head the Economic Development Portfolio Committee in the same administration term.

The Council has now formally received a resignation letter from the former Mayor and now Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula.

Meanwhile, Cllr Morwamakoti Makanyoge fills the vacancy created in the composition of the Executive Committee, resulting from the resignation of Cllr Bahula

The Council collective, once again expresses congratulatory messages to the Executive Mayor Bahula in her new path of developmental agenda.

In accepting her new responsibilities, Hon Mayor Mahlase: "The legacy left by my predecessors, especially my political mentor, the current leader of the Sekhukhune District Municipality Minah Bahula, is huge and has made an impactful change in the lives of our people. Having led the Municipality for almost two terms, achieving numerous awards, leading and moving the Municipality from grade 3 to grade 4 in terms of the grading system of local governance is historic and indeed commendable.

Hon Speaker, We are therefore duty bound to continue with the work and be the torch bearers of change and improve the quality of the lives of communities. We would also like to appreciate the communities, more emphasis on the youth who have gone out in numbers to

register to vote in the next elections, and entrench the work and gains as well as take active interest of our young democracy. I am humbled by the opportunity to lead and contribute towards the total development of our residents “.

As per the tradition, the sitting also allowed the public to witness this historic occasion and embrace public participation who are joined by the district Speaker, Cllr Chego Kgwediebotse , the ruling party’s regional secretary Tala Mathope alongside the Executive Mayor Bahula.

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