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Lephalale Municipality

Building a vibrant city to be the energy hub of Africa

LLM fosters ties with Botswana local government



Lephalale Local Municipality (LLM) was invited by Botswana's Minister of Lands and Housing, Prince Maele to an event hosted by the Department in Serowe over the weekend. The aim was to foster working relations between the Botswana Central District Council and LLM. This will in future allow the two local authorities to benchmark against best practices on revenue generation and thus improve the lives of communities in both regions.

The LLM delegation met with the Central District Council Chairperson, Peter Williams who said the council was willing to work with the Municipality especially on cross-border projects.

He was quoted in Botswana media as saying: "We hope to continue with the good relations that we have especially in the improvement of cross-border project development, such as the envisaged construction of Platjaan Bridge across the Limpopo River,"

He said the Lephalale municipality had an impressive track record as demonstrated by its capability to run revenue generating projects.

The CDC is the largest District in Botswana and boasts natural resources such as diamonds, copper, nickel and salt. The acting Mayor of Lephalale, councillor Njuru Motebele said Lephalale Municipality is eager to foster relations with neighbouring Botswana. "We have a lot of similarities with the CDC especially when it comes to mining. We have a lot that we can learn from one another and we see this as the start of a mutually beneficial relationship," he added.

The event, which was a prize giving ceremony for employees within the Department of Lands and Housing gave a glimpse into the way the department rewards the achievements of their employees. "There is a true sense of togetherness and achievement. An event like this goes a long way to encourage employees to always do their best," says Patrick Mojela who was also part of the LLM delegation.





LLM in partnership with UNISA

The Lephalale Municipality, the Waterberg District Municipality and UNISA hosted a Breakfast meeting at Machauka Lodge in Lephalale on Wednesday, 15 March. The purpose of the event was to facilitate networking opportunities between local businesses and the University. UNISA's Dr Jack Mashiapata spoke about a workintegrated learning experience, encouraging business owners to create internship opportunities for students who are in need of gaining experience in their chosen field of study. "We have a collective obligation to



produce employable graduates that will participate in socio economic development in our country," Mashiapata said. Professor Jan Venter from UNISA's Department of Financial Intelligence was the keynote speaker and unpacked the 2015 budget speech, its implications to small businesses and individual taxes. There was a robust debate around the presentation.

The District Executive Mayor, Cllr. N R Mogotlane spoke about UNISA's involvement through tutorials, teacher workshops and the donation of books to several libraries including many school libraries in the Waterberg district. The Acting Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr N J Motebele also thanked UNISA on behalf of the Municipality for their involvement in the community since 2013. For more information about UNISA lectures and the establishment of internship programmes in Lephalale contact Mpho Rakoma on 0152903443 or mrakoma@unisa.ac.za.

We celebrated Freedom month!

This year's Freedom Day was celebrated under the theme:

"Celebrating the Third Decade of our Freedom through Accelerating Radical Economic Transformation."

Here are some highlights:

- As South Africa enters the third decade of freedom, President Jacob Zuma has recommitted government to the vision of building a united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous South Africa.
- "We recommit ourselves as government to ensure that all policies and plans that we develop and implement, build a better future for our children and the youth," said president Zuma on Monday (27 April).
- Government, he said, will use the National Development Plan to achieve the type of society South Africa wants in 2030.
- There were other programmes that government has put in place such as Operation Phakisa, the massive industrialisation and infrastructure programmes, which will include the previously disadvantaged people, women, the youth and persons with disability to enable them to participate in the economy.
- South Africa marks 21 years since the first democratic elections on April 27 1994. This year also marks the 60th Anniversary of the Freedom Charter, the historic road-map to the country's struggle for freedom and ultimately the achievement of democracy.



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What should employees and members of the public do if they suspect fraud and corruption?

The Municipality encourages all employees and members of the public to immediately report all allegations or incidents of fraud and corruption to 0800 701 701.

The following information must be supplied when reporting fraud and corruption:



PLEASE ALSO KNOW THAT YOU CAN REPORT USING THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR CHOICE

ENDING FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STARTS WITH YOU!!!

CALL 0800 701 701

Remember

- ✓ Be detailed and precise; stick to the facts.
- ✓ Anyone can report.
- ✓ You can choose to be **Anonymous**. ✓
- ✓ All whistle blowers are protected by law.





Job well done!

Here is some feedback Lephalale Municipality received from the community during April:

Water restored. Thanks to Modise for the good assistance. - Joe Beukes

I would like to compliment the following people: William, Tsakane, Thabiso, Ali and Given. They went above and beyond their duty to assist me and my clients. Thank you. - *Warren Botha*

Thank you to the guys of your emergency plumbing team for their help. It is great to have such speedy and efficient response. Thank you also for keeping us up to date regarding the progress. Well done. - Ammie Thiele

Celebrating the 2014/2015 PSL Champions!



Celebrating their Birthday in May:

18 May TA Hlako; MI Ngoepe 01 May DJ Segabetla; TE Tshovhote 02 May NA Monyeki; MP Moloto 19 May JA Seleka 03 May DR Mokoena 20 May NM Moremi 05 May MA Mapheto; GJ Thulare; PP Moloatse; DE 21 May TE Ndobela Matsoma; AS Majadibodu; JK Modise; HC Gumane 22 May NV Monyepao 06 May HL Mashaba; AE Marope 23 May RS Molefe; AM Lebelo 07 May MS Kekana 24 May MJ Mokoena; TE Mohlake; MG Mokoena 08 May VM Thulare; MM Seleka 25 May MP Kwata 11 May NC Selolo 26 May KE Malope 14 May RJ Ngobeli 29 May MD Mashilo 16 May AM Chimole; MJ van der Westhuizen 31 May MJ Majadibodu 17 May RV Mothapo; MO Moholola; MIE Mataboge; MJ Maeko



