

Lephalale Municipality

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MEC SHARES PLANS WITH STAKEHOLDERS



Limpopo MEC for Public Works, Jerry Ndou outlined his Department's five year plans for the Waterberg District Municipality at a road show programme held in Thabo Mbeki hall in Lephalale on Tuesday 25 April 2017. The road show is a platform which follows the provincial government's decision to embark on an information sharing programme where the MEC meets with various stakeholders explain and outlines the state of current projects and future projects to be implements in all districts of the province. The department uses the roads show to ensure integrated development planning between the provincial government and Municipalities.



The MEC took the opportunity to condemn in the strongest terms the culture of damaging and burning government buildings during protests. He said even though people have a right to strike or march, destruction of property and roads is a serious setback which disrupts the process of delivering services and a waste of which are meant for other projects.

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He applauded the work done by the leadership of Lephalale Municipality in partnering with the private sector to construct quality roads and upgrading of schools which is a clear sign that the Municipality prioritises the development of rural villages. Delegates in attendance were educated on processes and stages followed in road construction projects which can take up to eight months or more. These are the processes which the MEC encouraged all community representatives to thoroughly explain to their respective communities in order to avoid the impatience displayed some communities in the province when a project is announced.



He clearly stated that all contractors implementing projects must ensure that they prioritise the recruitment of local residents in order to achieve unity, poverty alleviation and social cohesion.



Lephalale Local Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, welcomed efforts by the MEC and his Department for working together with the District and Municipality and rendering much needed services in Lephalale. He said "All the work done by the Department is a promise made in 1994 South Africa became a democratic Republic under the leadership of former President Nelson Mandela"



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FIRST IDP/BUDGET FOR 2017/18 A SUCCESS



In his opening remarks at the first IDP/Budget Road Show for 2017/18 Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko reminded the community of the unqualified clean audit that the Municipality received from the Auditor General for the third year in succession and also highlighted the fact that Lephalale Municipality is ranked amongst 10 Municipalities which are performing well in Limpopo.

The IDP/Budget Road Show was held at Martinique community hall in Mokuruanyane on Saturday of the 22nd of April 2017. The road show which was attended by, The Mayor and his Councillors, Municipal Executives and Officials, Community members and Traditional Authority representatives, was to allow the community of Ward 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 an opportunity to give inputs in the IDP/Budget for 2017/18.

Outlining the purpose of the gathering, Municipal Manager, Edith Tukakgomo said, as the Municipality prepares for the next financial year, community needs to get involved to give inputs on where some of the finances need to be spend aligning with community needs.

“As we are drafting the IDP for the next financial year, we want to draft the programme with you as the community to give an input, so that you can add your views on which areas the Municipality should make provision for. “We are also here to give you a highlight on how the municipality worked in the last financial year”. Tukakgomo said.

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The Mayor said in 2016 the Municipality had housing backlog but now there are programmes that are addressing these issues. He also reminded the community of the commitments LLM made to the community in terms of roads, making reference to the Sifihlogo/Letlora road, the Kitty/Mokhuruanyane road, Marken/Lephalale which are currently in progress and other access roads in respective village, which have be tarred. "We have made a commitment to build a class act sports complex and the construction is currently underway at Ga-Monyeki."

"We know that unemployment is a huge problem in Lephalale and we are working day and night to reduce unemployment hence we make sure that companies which are coming to Lephalale must give first preference to local people, to equip them with the necessary skills" said Maeko.

"We have introduced contractors to different villages like Ga-Mocheku, Botsalanong, Senoela, Hlagalakwena, Reabetswe, etc. to install electricity; these are some of our commitment to rural development. "The population statistics shows that, the total population of people in Lephalale is 140 240 with a growth rate of 13.5% from 2011-2016, with 16 443 being female headed households, 34 610 being formal dwellers.

Concluding his address, the Mayor listed the following villages to be amongst those identified to get electricity, which include Morwe, Botshabelo, Mongalo, Keletselemme, Letlora, Sifihlogo, Seleka 4, Phahladira, Tshehlong, Tshelammake, Nikara and Steenbopan (new stands), while Bangalong, Lerupurupung, Maeteletsa, Ga-Mocheko and Mongalo will benefit from roads program in partnership with some of the investors through their SLP commitments.



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WATER TANKS FOR COMMUNITY OF MADIBANENG

Lephalale Local Municipality Speaker, Regina Molokomme led a team of Councillors and Municipal officials accompanied by officials from the Department of Water and Sanitation in the Waterberg District and Provincial Department to Madibaneng Village in Ga-Seleka on Monday 24 April 2017, to officially introduce the Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) programmes to be implemented in Madibaneng.



Rainwater harvesting is the collection, filtering, storage and distribution of rainwater. It can be used as controlled amount of water supplied to plants at regular intervals for agriculture, as an emergency supply of water or a complete off-the grid system. It can be stored in water tanks or reservoirs.

The programme that will be spear headed by the Department of Water and Sanitation will see the community of Madibaneng getting 50 water tankers of the 200 that the Department of Water and Sanitation has granted to Limpopo Province.



The community welcomed the initiative with open arms applauding the Municipality for considering Madibaneng villages as there is no water supply network. The community depends on their own boreholes for drinking water, washing, and gardening.



The 500 litres water tanks will be installed or given to households which don't have boreholes in their yards, after a verification process has been done by the Ward Councillor and Ward Committee, with the help of the DoWS.

HR's CORNER!!!!!!

congratulations to former Intern Budget &

Treasury Kholofelo Mapheto who has been permanently appointed from the month of April 2017 in the SCM Division as a Financial Clerk and Maswangayi Matimu from Transport Department who has been appointed for a 12 months contract as an intern Transport Planning in the Registration & Licensing Authority Division..

ELECTRICITY FOR COMMUNITY OF TLAPALEBORETHE



Community of Tlapaleborethe welcomed with open arms the launch of the electrification project of households in their area, when Lephalale Municipality Councillors and officials along with ESKOM, led by the Chief Whip, Cllr Alpheus Thulare went to introduce the project contractor- Ariano Four.



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MAYOR MEETS WITH COMMUNITY OF SHONGOANE



Lephalale Local Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, urged the community of Shongoane not to be used by opportunist to fight political battles by disrupting service delivery projects. The Mayor held a feedback session with the community following numerous meetings where the community voiced their dissatisfaction on the operation of several projects in and around the Shongoane area.

Through the intervention of the Mayor and other council members, CONCO project which is one of Eskom's contractors has agreed to work together with the Municipality and to prioritise the community of Lephalale on available job opportunities, SMME empowerment and skills development.

CONCO is contracted by Eskom for the Medupi-Borutho 400kV line Project which entails the construction of 174Kms of high voltage transmission lines from Medupi Power Station in Lephalale to a newly-built Borutho substation near Mokopane. Construction commenced in November 2015, and Eskom anticipates completing the line before the end of 2017. This line is divided into two separate sections.



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