

Lephalale Municipality

Building a vibrant city to be the energy hub of Africa

2nd Greenest in the Province

Lephalale Local Municipality (LLM) was recently announced as the runner up in the provincial leg of the Department of Environmental Affairs' Greenest Municipality competition. At an event held in Polokwane on 23 January, Lephalale narrowly missed the top spot when Tzaneen Municipality was announced the winner. LLM received R100 000 for their efforts in adopting green practices in their day to day tasks of delivering services to local communities. The money will be spent to enhance awareness and environmental programmes in Lephalale.

The Acting Municipal Manager, Charles Lekaka congratulated the team who tirelessly work towards growing Lephalale into a clean and environmentally sound city.

The competition which was previously known as the Cleanest Town Competition primarily focuses on the implementation of the National Waste Management Strategy (NWMS) and the Climate Change Response Policy. This includes principles of reducing, reusing and recycling waste materials as well as the introduction of renewable energy initiatives.

The criteria for the Greenest Municipality competition incorporate elements such as water conservation management, energy efficiency, waste management, tree planting, landscaping, beautification, public participation as well as institutional arrangement and leadership in the municipality. The competition aims to promote environmental protection, social upliftment and economic growth within the different municipal areas.



Above: Sbongile Ditsela (Acting Manager Electrical Division) and Simon Nkoe (Acting Manager Water Services).

Back from left: Lesibana Thobane (Executive Manager – Social Services); Charles Lekaka (Acting Municipal Manager); Sina Moloantoa (Parks Division); Joshua Hlapa (Manager: Waste Division); Lawrence Tihako (Executive Manager: Infrastructure); Frans Mabotja (Manager IDP) Front: Matlhodi Kgobiwa (Assistant Technician); Edward Mashishi (Waste officer); Teddy Molewa (Plant Supervisor).



Excellence in Education rewarded

Lephalale Local Municipality hosted a Price Awarding Ceremony at the Seleka Community Hall on Friday, 23 January. Schools, educators and learners who excelled in education during 2014 were honoured for their dedication and hard work.

As part of his key note address, the Mayor of Lephalale, Jack Maeko congratulated the schools and their learners for the excellent results achieved in 2014. He reminded the community that improving Matric results is a collective effort. school programme, which is aimed at assisting learners in preparing for their exams. He encouraged learners, especially those 16 who received Mayoral Bursaries to study hard and to make a success of their tertiary education. "We cannot achieve economic freedom in our lifetime without an education," he told parents, learners and educators.

The best three performing Schools in the Palala Cluster were:

In the first place Thabang High School - with a 100% pass, highest percentage Bachelors at 66.67%, and with 3.17% distinctions. What makes Thabang's achievement even more remarkable is that it achieved its good performance in spite of vacant teachers' posts due to its remoteness. The school reached this achievement without a Maths educator for about 3 months, yet six of the nine Gr 12's achieved Bachelor passes.

In second place was Ellirsas High school with highest pass (89.13%) for the highest enrolment of learners (142), the second highest Bachelors with 45.53%, and with 11,27% (112) the highest number of distinctions.

Right: The Mayor of Lephalale, Jack Maeko and the Circuit Manager of Palala South, Annamie van Vuuren congratulates the head master of Thabang High School, K J Mashala for achieving the best results in the Cluster in 2014.



Third was Tielelo High school with a pass rate of 84.38%. It also obtained the third highest Bachelors at 40.74% and 2.68% distinctions. This was the school's first Gr 12 group.

The best improvement in Matric results was obtained by Mathulasera High School. They went from 30.0% in 2013 to 69.23% in 2014. A 39.23% improvement.

Learners with four or more distinctions were also awarded as well as learners who participated on a national level in sports, arts and culture were also awarded at the ceremony.



Parliamentary committee visits Lephhalale

The Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements visited Lephhalale on Wednesday, 4 February to assess housing delivery progress in the Waterberg District as well as in the Lephhalale area.

The Portfolio Committee started its oversight visit to Limpopo in November 2014 with a briefing from the Limpopo Provincial Executive on how the province delivered on human settlements development programmes. The Committee conducted site visits in regions such as Tzaneen, Giyani and this week also Lephhalale. Committee Chairperson, Ms Nocawe Mafu said it was important for the Committee to see first-hand whether provinces adhered to the national government's strategy of delivering decent houses in areas. She also accentuated the importance of developed infrastructure which would allow people access to services such as clinics, schools and other government services without having to travel long distances.



National Chairperson of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements, Ms Nocawe Mafu addresses the community in Thabo Mbeki.



The committee met with the Mayor of Lephhalale, Jack Maeko; Councilors and Officials of the Municipality early Wednesday morning for a quick overview of the human settlements strategy and programme in Lephhalale. The Parliamentarians were then escorted to the Thabo Mbeki settlement, where the Municipality in cooperation with The Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs is soon to implement a housing programme.

Members of the community were given an opportunity to voice their concerns related to housing in their respective areas.

The committee also visited the site where Community Residential Units are soon to be constructed in Marapong. They also inspected the area where Eskom is building a substation to address the shortage of available electricity in Lephhalale.





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.

Finding the way forward

Executive Managers and Managers held several strategic sessions over the past few weeks to formulate and discuss strategies for each Directorate within the Municipality. The sessions were hosted by Rienie Whitehead from the Institute of Performance Management. Each Directorate also met separately to discuss the way forward. Presentations will be made to the Council on 10 and 11 February.

As the saying goes: If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.



Quote of the month:

“The only way to do great work is to love what you do.”

- Steve Jobs

Celebrating their Birthday in February:

02 Feb MP Seanego; FM Masola; RA Mosima; KS Mokone; ML Shiko; GM Montshiwa

04 Feb DM Shiko; T Ledwaba

05 Feb ME Thutlwa

06 Feb LJ Mosima; RL Mokwena

07 Feb OF Radipabe

08 Feb LJD Seleka

09 TBO Mabale; MO Mokobane

10 Feb RG Gabara; SJ Pelotona; TE Baloi

11 Feb SM Moloto

12 Feb J Sehowa; NC Lekaka; TP Moloatse; LR Madibana; ME Maisela

14 Feb KA Montshiwa

15 Feb LP Mojela

16 Feb NJ Chimole

17 Feb DC Majadibodu

19 Feb W Lefawane

20 Feb MJ Manaka

22 Feb SM Mothone; MP Mapaya; MP Kgang; MH Keetse

24 Feb NH Moshidi; MR Makata

25 Feb MM Madube

26 Feb RG Moroka

27 Feb MF Mabotja; T Maphutha

