

MAYOR PLEASSED WITH IPD PARTICIPATION

MOKOPANE: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality's 2023/2024 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget Mayoral Roadshows which were launched on 12th April 2023, with community members from multiple municipal Wards raising their service delivery challenges, making inputs and comments were completed at Basterspad Village, Sixteen Tigers Sportsground on Tuesday, 21 April 2023.

While conducting IDP and budget roadshows for priority needs identification and also consulting with various stakeholders, business people, traditional leaders, members of community across all 32 Wards, 179 villages and five clusters of the municipality, the Mayor His Worship Cllr Ngoako Tauatsoala accompanied by the Speaker Cllr Pheladi Olifant, Chief Whip Cllr Staff Tsebe, Members of Executive Committee, Councillors, Managers, officials.

This two-week long IDP and Budget Roadshows which is the municipality's service delivery decision making process afforded the Mayor, EXCO, Councillors, Municipal Manager, Managers and official an opportunity to listen and register priorities for development among the public and stakeholders in each ward around the municipality.

Community members in the Mokopane CBD highlighted concerns about potholes, resealing of the roadways, unemployment, inconsistent collection of waste bins, repairing of street lights, de-bushing at crime hot spot areas, illegal dumping, renovation of halls (Aboo Tayob and Van Van Rensberg hall), upgrading of town pool, operation of illegal businesses in town, inaccurate billing of water by meter readers.

Several issues were brought forward by residents of Mahwelereng and Rebone townships ranges from, consuming salty water, storm water control, pipe water leaks, sewer spillage, unemployment, illegal dumping, de-bushing, maintenance of roads, repairing of potholes, repairing of street lights and high mast lights bulbs, renovation of Mahwelereng and Rebone community halls, extension of cemeteries, revamping of sports facilities in both Mahwelereng and Rebone stadiums respectively.

Multiple issues which were raised often by residents at the villages were: shortage of water both at old and new extension/stands with request for provision of steel tanks mainly at new extensions, leakage of municipal reservoirs, illegal dumping, provision of electricity mainly at new stands, addition and connection of high mast lights, provision of Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) houses, unemployment, support for empowering of local businesses, construction of clinics, call for clinics to operate 24 hours re-graveling of roads, grading of roads and tarring of roads of which most them are provincial government's competency.

"Genuine issues and constructive inputs were presented by all the speakers, and I acknowledge that there is still more to do in terms of attending to most the issues you have raised and we as (councillors, managers, officials and ward committees, community development workers have to minimise of time in the office. Most of the issues raised throughout the municipality, being in town, farms, township and village are almost similar. Nonetheless, we need to work together to find solutions. Some of them they can be resolved and some them will require patience and funds." said Mayor Tauatsoala.

"Provision of water, roads, electricity, sewer spills, and storm water control are the community's main challenges and we have taken note of them. Other concerns including the

provision of RDP houses, schools, clinics and etc are national and provincial government's competency and we will bring them up at the appropriate platforms," said Mayor Taueatsoala.

Mayor Taueatsoala encouraged communities to work closely with their ward Councillors and ward committees and also pay municipal services.

Mayor Taueatsoala thanked all members of executive council, councillors, Managers, officials of the municipality and moreover communities for robustly participating throughout the IDP and Budget roadshows.

Mayor Taueatsoala indicated that the proposed Budget for 2023/24 financial year is R1 621 673 822 which R311 598 550 is for Capital projects and R1 310 075 278 is for Operational budget. For free basic services such as water and electricity for Indigents the municipality has budgeted R9 945 930.00.

Mayor further advised and encouraged members of the public to submit inputs at office 205 (IDP office 2nd floor) before 30 April 2023 to form part of the amendments.

Mayor Taueatsoala said, "Section 29 (1) of Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (MSA) states that "the process followed by a municipality to draft its integrated development plan, including its consideration and adoption of the draft plan, must (a) be in accordance with pre-determined programme specifying timeframes for the different steps; (b) through appropriate mechanisms, processes and procedures established in terms of Chapter 4 allow for the local community to be consulted on its development needs and priorities; ii. the local community to participate in the drafting of the IDP; and iii. organs of state, including traditional authorities, and other role players to be identified and consulted on the drafting of the IDP; (c) provide for the identification of all plans and planning requirements binding on the municipality in terms of national and provincial legislation; and (d) be consistent with any other matters that may be prescribed by regulation".

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