

MAYOR PUT HER FOOT DOWN TO CHANCERS

MOKOPANE: The Mayor of Mogalakwena Municipality, Cllr Andrina Matsemela, the Political Management Team (PMT) and the officials have on Thursday embarked on the projects inspection in the Mokopane Cluster. The leadership, accompanied by the municipal officials visited the Moshate Sports Facility and the sewer projects in Masodi and Mokopane town respectively.

The Acting Technical Services Manager, Mr David Malepa, project managers, consultants, contactors and the project community liaison officers were on site to explain progress and any challenges that are being expected.

The visit provided an opportunity for the Mayor and Councilors to play their oversight role to ensure that resources are spent maximally and for the intended purpose. The visit was also focused on assessing if the projects can do well in terms of meeting their targeted completion times.

Mayor Matsemela said, “We am happy with progress of the two projects we have visited today which is the Moshate Sports Facility and the New Mokopane Waste Water Treatment projects. We have budgeted R39 million for Moshate Sports Facility which is at 30% completion stage and we are hopeful that it will be complete come June 2017. We have also budgeted R295 million for the New Mokopane Waste Water Treatment Works which is at 40% completion stage and will be complete by September 2017.

“It is important for project managers, contractors and consultants to be reminded that the ANC led government takes the provision of sanitation and any other services to the people seriously. Contractors and consultants have an obligation to ensure that projects servicing our communities are delivered on time and are of high quality. This exercise is necessary because we do not have a room for the contractors who accept to do work for the municipality knowing beforehand that they would fail,” Matsemela said.

Matsemela emphasized that if the contractor do not comply with the timelines agreed on, the municipality will not think twice to terminate the contract because community want services not excuses.

“Not completing projects on time is a disservice that denies communities essential services and we cannot allow this to happen under our watch,” added Matsemela.

Matsemela was accompanied by Cllr Sam Mathebula, Speaker of Council, Cllr Mike Rapatsa, Chief Whip, Cllr Mmaphuti Senoamadi, Technical Services Chairperson, other EXCO members and Councillors.

The Mayor and the PMT will later visit other Projects in the Mokopane Cluster and meet with the tribal authorities to give feedback on the visited projects.