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ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHALLENGES AND WORKING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS



MOKOPANE: Mogalakwena Local Municipality, acknowledge and understand the service delivery challenges, particularly with road infrastructure, that have arisen after the rains towards the end of 2024 to date. The municipality is not immune to the challenges faced by other municipalities; however, on a daily basis, we have programs in place to address these service delivery challenges.

We are also aware of the public concerns regarding service delivery challenges in our municipality, particularly those raised on social media and we are actively responding to these concerns.

Waterberg District Municipality and Mogalakwena Local Municipality are among the most affected in terms of the disaster. In response, MEC for Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Kgabo Mahoai and MEC for Public Works Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene have announced that disaster relief funds will be allocated to municipalities to support our efforts in addressing these challenges.

Despite the challenges, the municipality, with limited capacity, has already begun implementing service delivery programs in collaboration with Department of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure. They are

working on various initiatives, including cutting and clearing of bushes, repairing and maintaining streetlights, fixing electricity infrastructure and providing water and sanitation services. The departments are also focused on road maintenance and repair, ensuring safe and accessible transportation for our residents.

Additionally, the municipality is committed to providing basic and social services support to vulnerable communities, as well as implementing waste management programs in rural villages to keep the community clean.

The municipality we appreciate the feedback and criticism from our community, particularly on social media and from civic organizations. Municipality acknowledge the importance of your input and encourage you to continue sharing your concerns and suggestions, as you are our eyes on the ground.

The Municipality assure our community that we are committed to addressing the current challenges and improving services.

The Municipality continues to work tirelessly to ensure that roads are repaired and maintained, and that our community receives the services they deserve.

STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

RELATIONS

MOKOPANE: The Limpopo Province MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene, and the Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala, recently met with strategic partners from the private sector to ensure the delivery of commitments made in the 2025/26 budget speech. The meeting aimed to persuade the mining sector to partner in provincial infrastructure development, particularly in road infrastructure, which is crucial for economic growth and development in the region.

The MEC engaged with Sylvania Mines and Mogalakwena Platinum Mine, both of which have committed to road infrastructure development in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality.

Through their social labour plans, the mines have already undertaken significant work in communities, including road maintenance and construction and have pledged to continue partnering with government on road maintenance and upgrading. Sylvania Mine, which operates in Mogalakwena and Blouberg municipalities, has committed to maintaining roads in and around the mines, while Mogalakwena Platinum Mine has identified roads it can assist with in the area.

The partnership between government and the private sector is expected to have a positive impact on the lives of communities in the Mogalakwena area. The mines commitment to road infrastructure development will not only improve access to communities but also facilitate economic growth and development in the region.

The MEC's commitment to meeting



The Limpopo Province MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene with MLM Managers and stakeholders from RAL and Sylvania mine



The Limpopo Province MEC for Public Works,Roads and Infrastructure,Ernest Rachoene with MLM Managers and stakeholders from RAL and Anglo Platinum mine now (Valterra Platinum)

with the mines on a quarterly basis tomonitor progress on the commitments made will ensure that the partnership is effective and delivers tangible results.

By working together, the stakeholders hope to achieve significant improvements in infrastructure development and promote economic growth and development in the region.

The partnership is a step in the right direction towards achieving the province's development goals and improving the lives of communities in the Mogalakwena area.





MAHWELERENG SAPS RECOGNIZED AS THE BEST IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE



reng Station Commander Colonel Sekgota and Ango Platinum rep Mr Makgai



Police Station commander Colonel Remmonejesu Sekgota





NPA Advocate Thanyane, MLM Traffic Division Chief Kopa and Cllr Ngwenya

MOKOPANE: The South African Police Service (SAPS) in Limpopo Province hosted a prestigious recognition ceremony in Mokopane to honour the Mahwelereng SAPS, led by Colonel Remmonejesu Samuel Sekgota and his dedicated team, for transforming the Mahwelereng police station into the top-performing police station in the province. The Mahwelereng police station also secured the first runner-up position nationally in the Station of the Year competition.

The ceremony brought together key dignitaries and stakeholders, including the Mogombane Royal House, the Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr. Ngoako Taueatsoala and councilors, Limpopo Provincial Commissioner of SAPS, Lieutenant Thembi Hadebe and retired Waterberg District Commissioner, Major General Dikeledi Mangena.

The station stood out among 107 police stations in Limpopo, demonstrating its commitment to excellence in policing. Station

Commander Colonel Sekgota expressed his excitement about the achievement, highlighting the progress made in combating crime.

"We are thrilled to receive this award, which acknowledges the hard work and dedication of our personnel. This achievement shows that our efforts to combat crime are yielding positive results," said Colonel Remmonejesu Samuel Sekgota.

The Limpopo Provincial Commissioner for SAPS, Lieutenant Thembi Hadebe, commended the station for its success. attributing the results to strong leadership and effective partnership. She emphasized that policing requires a collective effort and highlighted the station's victim-friendly facility, established through community support, as a reflection of the community's commitment to dignity and care for victims.

In his congratulatory message to the station, the Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr.

Ngoako Taueatsoala, applauded the entire police station for the achievement. He noted that policing is a societal issue that requires everyone's concern.

"The station used to be the worst in terms of arresting crime, and today we are here celebrating the achievement. This should be celebrated," said Mayor Taueatsoala. "This is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and passion exhibited by every individual. I am confident that this ceremony will reinforce trust between law enforcement and the community in combating crime within their policing area and across the municipality."

"The struggle continues for a safer and crime-free Mogalakwena. We certainly need to take the war against crime to another level. The time for indifference, inefficiency, and lethargy is over. Let's strive for efficiency and excellence," concluded Mayor Taueatsoala.

WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HOLDS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SESSION



and SAPS representative







Senoamadi

GRASVLEI: The Waterberg District Municipality, led by Executive Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko and Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala, recently held a stakeholder engagement session in Grasvlei, Ward 5 in Mogalakwena Local Municipality. The session aimed to address challenges raised by the Traditional Council of Grasvlei during the **Integrated Service Delivery** Intervention Programme. The meeting brought together various stakeholders, including government departments, mining houses and non-profit agencies, to discuss service delivery and community development.

The stakeholders presented their services and how to access them, empowering the community with knowledge and information. Lephalale TVET College outlined its education and skills development programs, while the Department of Basic Education discussed its efforts towards the Fourth Industrial Revolution and reviving school sports. The Mogalakwena Local Economic Development unit highlighted its support for Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), including registration, business plan development and other initiatives.

The Department of Health announced plans to increase mobile clinic services to cater to 33 villages twice a month and build a clinic in Grasvlei. Ivanplats Mine shared its development plans, including skills development, construction of ablution facilities in schools and health programs. Kgoshi

Lebelo expressed gratitude for the session, stating that it had given the community hope and empowered them with knowledge and information.

The municipality plans to engage Ivanplats on their Social Labour Plan, construct a paving bricks plant to improve infrastructure and complete the D3564 road from Grasvlei to Taolome.

Mayor Taueatsoala encouraged the community to work closely with stakeholders, sharing responsibilities to address identified gaps and promote local economic development. By working together, the stakeholders aim to improve service delivery and promote community development in the Mogalakwena area.

TRADITIONAL LEADERS MEET TO ADDRESS SUCCESSION AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES





MOKOPANE: The Limpopo Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs MEC, Basikopo Makamu, recently convened a meeting with traditional leaders in the Waterberg District. The meeting aimed to resolve pressing issues affecting traditional communities, including dual headmanship and headwomanship, undocumented leaders, parallelism and remuneration.

Some headmen and headwomen report to unrecognized senior leaders, causing divisions within communities. Many headmen and headwomen lack formal recognition, leading to instability and conflicts. Furthermore, parallelism has resulted in unrecognized leaders receiving

monthly remuneration, while recognized leaders in other areas are not compensated. These issues have hindered the establishment of functional Traditional Councils.

The Waterberg District has a total of 11 senior traditional leaders, 203 traditional communities and 175 headmen and headwomen. However, only 98 are recognized, while 77 are outstanding. In Mogalakwena, the breakdown is as follows: Bakenberg has 48 in total, with 30 recognized and 18 outstanding; Bakone has 28 in total, with 24 recognized and 4 outstanding; Babirwa has 2 in total, all recognized; Lebelo has 3 in total, with 2 recognized and 1 outstanding; Lekalakala has 3 in total, with 2 recognized and 1 outstanding; Mapela has 40 in total,

with 22 recognized and 18 outstanding; Mokopane has 14 in total, with 7 recognized and 7 outstanding; and Nkidikitlana has 2 in total, both recognized.

MEC Makamu emphasized the importance of the royal family in succession planning and called on traditional leaders to avoid internal squabbles that cause instability and divisions. The department is committed to addressing issues related to remuneration and infrastructure development, including the construction of Traditional Councils offices. By working together, the department aims to establish functional Traditional Councils that serve the needs of traditional communities.

MUNICIPALITY EMBARKS ON SUSSEX STREET ROAD UPGRADE









MOKOPANE: The municipality has taken proactive steps to address the deteriorated condition of Sussex Street, a critical route used by trucks from the industrial sector. After recent service delivery monitoring revealed the urgent need for attention, the municipality has embarked on a project to upgrade the road to a tarred surface for a distance of 1 kilometre, at an estimated cost of 5 million rand. Utilizing internal capacity, the municipality is committed to enhancing the infrastructure of Sussex Street and other streets, which play a significant role in supporting the local economy.

The industrial sector is a vital component of the local economy and the municipality recognizes the importance of maintaining

infrastructure that supports its operations. By upgrading Sussex Street, the municipality aims to facilitate smoother transportation, reduce maintenance costs for vehicles, and contribute to the overall economic well-being of the community. The upgrade is expected to have a positive impact on the area, improving the road's condition and supporting economic activities.

The municipality is dedicated to delivering quality services to its residents and businesses. However, the municipality appeals to businesses from the industrial sector to pay for services, which will enable the municipality to continue delivering essential services. This project is a testament to the municipality's commitment to improving the quality

of life for its citizens and supporting local economic development. The municipality is confident that the upgrade will have a lasting impact on the community and looks forward to completing the project in a timely manner.

By investing in infrastructure development, the municipality is demonstrating it's commitment to creating a conducive environment for businesses to thrive. The Sussex Street Road upgrade project is a significant step towards achieving this goal and the municipality is excited to see the positive impact it will have on the community. With the project's completion, residents and businesses can expect improved road conditions, reduced travel times and increased economic opportunities.



SERVICE DELIVERY



Patching of potholes at Molalakgori str in Mahwelereng



Bush clearing at Mokopane cemetery



New cable & 3 phase meter installation at Kruger Str in Mokopane

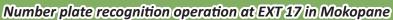


Unblocking of sewer line at Platina str in Mokopane

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Unblocking of sewer line at Zone 1 in Mahwelereng



Pipe burst maintenance and replacement at Makekeng Village in Bakenberg Cluster



Street lights maintenance at Rabe and Nelson Mandela Str in Mokopane

DEPUTY MINISTER ASSESS WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS STATE





MOKOPANE: The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Sello Seitlholo, has encouraged the Mogalakwena Local Municipality to implement corrective measures to address the problem of dysfunctional waste water treatment plants that largely pollute watercourses in the area. The Deputy Minister conducted a day's oversight visit in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality under Waterberg District.

Deputy Minister Seitlholo conducted the inspections of several projects in Mogalakwena Local Municipality including the problematic waste water treatment plants as well as some households affected by malfunctioning sewer systems. He was accompanied by the Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala, Cllr Matome Moremi representing the Waterberg District Municipality Executive Mayor, His Worship Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, Mogalakwena Local Municipality Municipal Manager Morris Maluleka, and the Chairperson of Lepelle Northern Water Board, Dr Nndweleni Mphephu.

Deputy Minister Seitlholo assessed the level of operation of Mokopane Wastewater Treatment Works, Old Masodi & Sekgakgapeng Oxidation Ponds, Masodi Wastewater Treatment Plant and Doorndraai Water Treatment Works.

The Deputy Minister said the Department of Water and Sanitation released a Green Drop Report in 2023, which indicated that Mogalakwena Local Municipality has wastewater systems that are in a critical state, requiring significant attention and improvement. The report highlighted a need for concerted effort to improve wastewater services, with a particular focus on addressing issues of effluent treatment

"We are faced with a problem whereby 78% of the waste water treatment works in Limpopo Province are in a critical state and dysfunctional and that contributes to the contamination of water courses in the province due to raw or partially treated effluent that finds its way to the rivers and dams.

Water pollution does not only have a negative effect on the quality of water in bulk. The municipality is therefore encouraged to develop a corrective action plan to address the identified shortcomings, as far as water pollution is concerned ", said Deputy Minister Seitlholo.

Despite the challenges of the municipal wastewater treatment works, Deputy Ministers commended the Masodi Wastewater Treatment plant which treats effluent to the required standard.

The plant is a multi-year public private partnership project by Mogalakwena Local Municipality and is fully funded by Ivanplats Proprietary Limited Mine. It treats 10 megalitres a day (ml/d) which improves sanitation provision to Mokopane and the surrounding areas and also enables local industries to have access to the grey water for reuse from the treated effluent released from the plant.

"Masodi Wastewater Treatment plant is the only plant in Limpopo that is operating to treat effluent to the required standards and this demonstrates the importance of public-private partnership to improve water and sanitation services in the country. This was emphasised in the National Water and Sanitation Indaba held earlier this year, highlighting the need for public-private partnerships to address water and sanitation challenges ", concluded Deputy Minister Seitlholo.

MUNICIPALITY URGES RESIDENTS TO REFRAIN FROM ILLEGAL DUMPING











MOKOPANE: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality would like to inform and remind residents of the importance of proper waste disposal practices. Unfortunately, illegal dumping and disposing of waste outside of designated wheelie bins have become recurring issues in our community. We understand that occasional delays in waste collection may cause frustration; however, this does not justify dumping waste on streets, open spaces or any area outside of the designated bins.

In recent incidents, individuals have been caught red-handed dumping waste next to wheelie bins, showcasing a blatant disregard for community cleanliness and regulations. The municipality views such actions seriously and will not hesitate to take charges against those found guilty of illegal dumping.

Illegal dumping poses significant health hazards, including respiratory problems and the attraction of rodents that carry diseases. Moreover, the presence of rodents can attract snakes, posing a potential danger to human life. Beyond health risks, illegal dumping has broader environmental, public health and economic impacts. It can lead to soil and water contamination, increase the risk of fires, attract vermin and decrease property values.

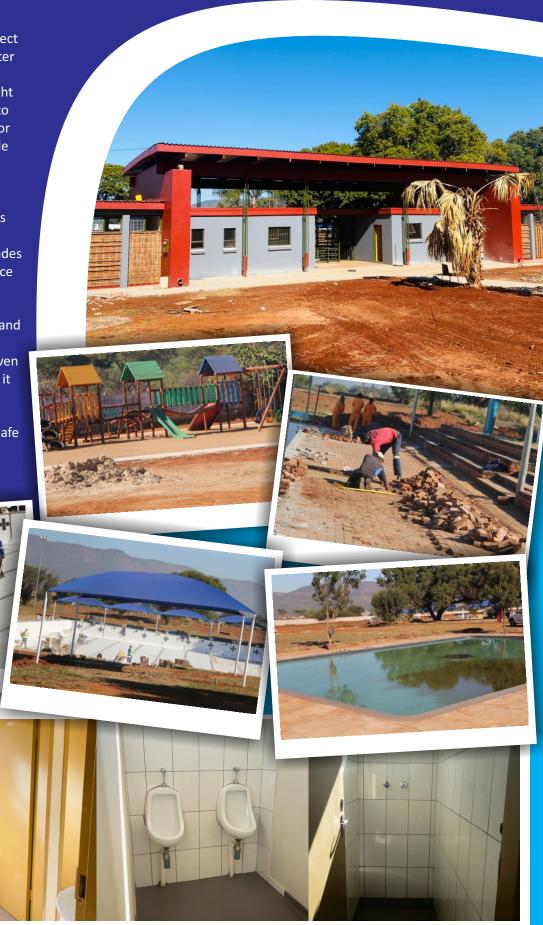
The Mogalakwena Local Municipality urges all residents to take responsibility for their waste and use the provided wheelie bins appropriately. We encourage the community to cooperate in maintaining a clean and safe environment by disposing of waste correctly. Together, we can mitigate the adverse effects of illegal dumping and promote a healthier, more sustainable community.

We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our residents in this matter and will continue to work towards providing efficient waste management services.

MOKOPANE TOWN POOL UPGRADE

Mogalakwena Local Municipality is thrilled to announce that the Mokopane town pool upgrade project is approximately 90% complete. After 15 long years of disuse, the municipality has successfully brought this beloved community hub back to life. The pool has undergone a major transformation, featuring two jungle gym areas, a main pool and a children's pool. The refurbished changing rooms facilitate both genders, and the entire building has been refurbished with new roofs, ceilings, toilets, and pavement. Shades have also been done for convenience for the visitors.

This project is currently in Phase 1 and the municipality is pleased to announce that Phase 2 will bring even more activities to the pool, making it an even more vibrant community space. The municipality efforts to upgrade this facility will provide a safe and enjoyable environment for residents, especially children, to engage in recreational activities.



MOGALAKWENA IDP BUDGET ROADSHOWS

MOKOPANE:The Mogalakwena Local Municipality is holding a Mayoral IDP & Budget 2025/2026 Roadshow, which started on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. The purpose of this roadshow is to engage with communities on the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and budget process, providing an opportunity for citizens to participate in municipal decision-making.

During the sessions held in Rebone, Grasvlei and Basterspad, various issues were raised by different wards and communities. One of the primary concerns was the shortage of highmast lights in numerous areas, including Duren, Pollen, Rapadi, Diphichi, Segole 1 and 2, Moshuka, Nelly, Malapile and others. Additionally, communities highlighted water-related issues, such as pipe and tank leaks in Duren, incomplete water connections in Rebone and salty water in Grasvlei.

Electrification was another significant concern, with areas like Preezeburg, Rapadi, Uitzigt, Matebeleng, Segole 2 and others requesting electrification for new extensions. Road-related issues were also raised, including the need for blading of internal streets in Breda, Sterkwater, Matebeleng and other areas. Some communities requested the electrification of boreholes, while others highlighted stormwater control as a challenge.

The municipality also received requests regarding RAL roads, including the condition of roads D3174, D192, D3564, D3521 and D3503.

Communities requested regravelling of roads to cemeteries and paving of access roads to Traditional Councils offices. Furthermore, areas like Khala, Pollen, Mahabaneng and others requested RDP houses, while Preezeburg, Segole 2 and others

requested support through the Extended Public Works Programme.

In response, the Mogalakwena Local Municipality assured communities that all issues raised would be noted and attended to. Issues requiring the attention of other stakeholders and sector departments would be referred. The municipality emphasized that Uitspanning would be prioritized, despite not being included in the Jakkalskuil Water Scheme and that basic services would be rendered. The municipality's maintenance and operation teams are on the ground addressing community queries and projects like the Jakkalskuil Water Scheme are expected to benefit 38 villages with clean water.











MLM IDP AND BUDGET ROADSHOW CONSULTATIVE MEETING



MOKOPANE: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality recently concluded its IDP and Budget Roadshow consultative meetings, engaging with communities from various areas including Mapela, Mokopane, farming communities and industrial areas, as well as parts of Bakenberg. During these meetings, several key issues were raised by the communities.

One of the primary concerns was the shortage of water in numerous areas, including Sterkwater, Rooibokfontein, Ramorulane, Extension 19, Mombasa, Marulaneng, Taolome, Van Vykspan, Sepharane Extension, Bokwidi Extension, Malokong, Hospital View and Mountain View. Additionally, communities highlighted the need for improved stormwater management in areas such as Skimming, Sekuruwe, Rietfontein (Mmaleoko), Sterkwater, Machikiri, Mzombana, Phola Park, Masodi, Masipa, Clermont, Goodhope, Van Vykspan, Sepharane, Extension 19 and 20, Madiba, Tshamahansi,

Malepetleke, Mokaba and Hans.

Road-related issues were also a significant concern, with communities calling for the completion of upgrading projects in Ramorulane and Mosoge Mabusela, as well as improvements to access roads in Skimming, Parakisi, Chaba, Mosoge, Mabusela, Machikiri, Kwakwalata, Hans and other areas. Other requests included the resealing of the road from Chiganeng to Sterkwater and the construction of new roads to improve access to essential services.

Furthermore, communities requested support through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in areas such as Masipa, Clermont, Rooival, Pudiakgopa, Taolome and Ditlotsoane. There were also requests for RDP houses in Mountain View, Rooival, Phola Park, Machikiri, Kwakwalata, Chaba and Mosesetjane. Highmast lights were requested for various areas, including Kwakwalata,

Ramorulane, Mabuela and others, with many communities reporting non-functional streetlights.

The municipality also received requests for skip bins in areas like Bokwidi, Rooival, Sepharane, Clermont, Mzombana and Lelaka. Other issues raised included the condition of the D1958 road, the Mapela Thusong Centre and the expansion of the N11.

In response, the Mogalakwena Local Municipality assured communities that issues requiring operational and maintenance attention would be addressed, while others would be referred to the relevant sectors. The municipality emphasized that all inputs would be considered for possible incorporation into the final IDP and Budget document, encouraging communities to continue submitting their issues for consideration.

IN PICTURES DEPUTY MINISTER ASSESS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS STATE





















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Thé Arterial City of Choice

Mogalakwena Municipality is committed to develop communities and promote economic growth by; providing affordable and equality basic services.

 creating a conductive and sustainable environment for social and economic development; and • being consultative, responsive and accountable.

VALUE SYSTEMS

- •Respect and uphold the Constitution and the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Officials.
 - •A high standard of professional ethics.
 - Accountability.
 - •Responsiveness to community needs.
 - •Impartial, fair, and equitable provision of services.

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