



Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala



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State Of Municipality Address

2025/2026

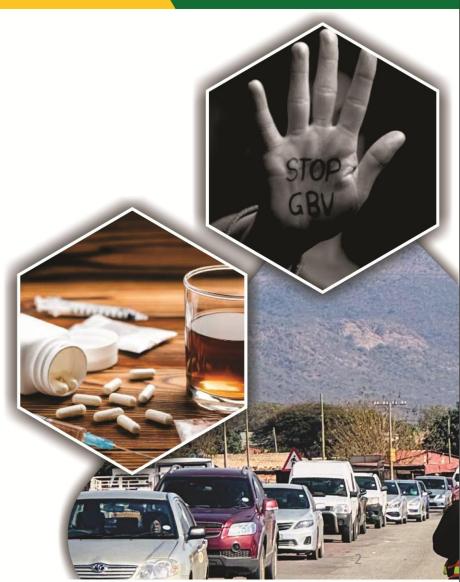
Address by MLM Mayor Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala



SOCIAL ILLS



- It is during this month we honour all selfless women who took it to the streets and paid the ultimate price to liberate us, to ensure that we are free from all the clutches of apartheid.
- However, We continue to scorn against gender-based violence in our space. Young girls, women and elderly people continue to be victims of these heinous crimes. Young girls have fallen victims of these crimes at the hands of those that are entrusted to take a good care of them. We need communities to whisper to relevant authorities when they suspect these acts of crimes, otherwise we will not win this war.







 from October 2024 to March 2025 which is a period of half a year this Country, this province, this district and our municipality was amongst those who encountered constant rainfalls which led to disaster. You have seen how our roads in town and township were severely damaged and we could not patch potholes on the wet surface, in the village's road D1958, the remaining 25km of D192 from Kgalakwena Village, other roads and bridges were also severely damaged whereby school learners and members of the communities could not attend school, travel to town, hospital, clinics and other areas.







- As a show of commitment to supporting affected communities you have seen number of Limpopo Provincial government MEC's assigned by Limpopo Premier, Hon. Dr Phophi Ramathuba intervening to assess the damage caused and to provide aid to flood-stricken areas.
- We were joined by officials from the Waterberg District Disaster Management, officials from Waterberg District Social Development, municipal officials from various departments and other dignitaries.
- MEC's and myself were taken through by both district and our officials on the extent of the damage. We visited affected areas including Mamatlakala, Malepetleke village whereby municipal officials has already commenced with repairing of taxi roads and other external streets.









• The policy framework emphasizes access to quality, equitable, and inclusive education for all, with a focus on addressing historical inequalities and promoting lifelong learning. The ANC envisions education as a tool for building a democratic society hence we officially handed over the newly refurbished Matsibe Secondary School in Mmalepetleke village. The handover program was led by the MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene,







 we have embarked on a comprehensive monitoring mission after we have launched service delivery week in Bakenberg Cluster as I was joined by Chief Whip Cllr Tsebe, Speaker Cllr Olifant, EXCO Members, Councillors, managers and officials have been deployed to oversee the implementation of key services to provide oversight and ensure that services are delivered efficiently and effectively.







 Now this time as we were led by the Waterberg District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko said we launched the Integrated Service Delivery program in Bakenberg and Gravlei/Ga-Lebelo as we were joined all Traditional Leaders and more than 100 heads man/heads woman We were there to intervene and improve provision of services to our residents. Our focus is mainly on water challenges, roads to schools, to graveyards, houses of Traditional Leaders, any road withing the cluster, electricity, illegal dumping etc.









- We held a successful IDP Budget and Mayoral Roadshows in April whereby we have noted that non functionality of Ward Committee into submission of reports which then translates that there no meetings amongst them, Ward Councillors and community.
- We are in the process of establishing Ward Based Program Ward Based Planning Program as a form of participatory planning and can be utilised as (a build-up program to the IDP Mayoral Road Shows, IDP Rep Forums, Mayoral Imbizo etc). WBP program is a process that builds, supports community structures, soothe to strengthens the relationship between the municipality and its communities.





FINANCE



 During the prestigious awards ceremony held outside Bela Bela town, now renamed the SALGA Moses "Big Moss" Maluleke Municipal Awards, myself and our CFO over there, Mr Kulungwana Ngomana received the following prestigious awards to celebrates excellence in local governance:





FINANCE



- 1.Award for No Unauthorised Expenditure: In appreciation for not incurring unauthorised expenditure during the 2023/24 audit cycle.
- 2.Award for Unqualified Audit Opinion: In appreciation of achieving an unqualified audit opinion.
- 3.Award for In-House Asset Register Preparation: In appreciation of the municipality's efforts in preparing its asset register in-house.
- 4.Award for 100% Spending of Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant: For 100% spending of the Regional Bulk Infrastructure grant.
- 5.Award for 100% Spending of Water Projects.





FREE BASIC SERVICES



- In 2024 the municipality has an Indigent Register in place and 2 546 indigents are registered. The Indigent Policy was approved together with other Budget Related Policies on the 15th May 2024 by Council.
- The policy outlines the criteria to which domestic households need to comply to in order to qualify as indigents. Amongst other things in the criteria is the household income, household headed by children etc.
- The policy outlines the income threshold for qualifying consumers in categories:
- Category A: R 0 to R4,450 per month
- Category B: R4,551 to R4,950 per month
- Category C: R4,951 to R6,200 per month
- Category D: R6,201 to R6,500 per month

DEBT INCENTIVE SCHEME

- The municipality will embark on a debt incentive scheme to motivate consumers to pay their outstanding consumer accounts.
- 2.1. Debt incentive scheme will be implemented for a period of 3 months starting from 01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

. COMMERCIAL

 -All municipal commercial consumers struggling to meet their arrangements or commitments will be provided relief in a form of discounted payment arrangement as follows.

Debts older than 90 days will get the following discounts:

- o 10 % discount on payment offer of 25% outstanding debt, without interest on arrears
- o 15% discount on payment offer of 50% outstanding debt, without interest on arrears
- o 20% discount on payment offer of 75% outstanding debt, without interest on arrears
- o 35% discount on full settlement offer of outstanding debt, without interest on arrears

B. RESIDENTIAL

Residential debt relieve program

Residential debt older than 90 days. The debtor will be allowed to pay what they can afford and on the same amount paid, debtor will be granted discount of the same amount paid. The remaining amount after payment and after write off based on the incentive program will need to be acknowledged and payment arrangement be entered into. In case where debtor will default on the arrangement, all amount previously written off as part of incentive will be reversed.

(Example on the incentive; If consumer owe R500, and offer to pay R 100 the municipality will write off R 100 and the rest which will now be R300 will qualify for payment arrangement)

- These proposed discounts will apply only when an acknowledgement of debt is signed. Should the
 consumer fail payment during the duration of the arrangement, discount will be cancelled and credit
 control will be enforced.
- Irrespective of a client qualifying for the incentive, whether his/her account is paid up do date or he/she signed an acknowledgement of debt, a consumer will not be considered for the proposed incentive if he/she did not complete and handed in an application for incentive once during the campaign.
- The normal credit control procedures will be enforced during this period which will then afford consumers to come forward to apply for incentive in order to have their services reconnected.

2. Amnesty on illegal connection

Amnesty will be given to consumer who have bypass the connections to come and report it to be corrected without cost and penalties for a period of 3 months.

Current paying consumers

- Consumers with accounts paid up to date for two consecutive months will get a 10% discount.
- · The discount will be applied with the next month's billing.



FREE BASIC SERVICES



Free Basic services offered by the municipality to the indigents:

Category A: R 0 to R4,450 per month

Category B: R4,551 to R4,950 per month

• Category C: R4,951 to R6,200 per month

Category D: R6,201 to R6,500 per month

- Refuse (up to 500 m2)
- Sewerage (up to 500 m2)
- Electricity 50kwh
- Water 6kl





FREE BASIC SERVICES



• The municipality has budgeted a total revenue of R2.1 billion for the 2025/2026 financial year. The total budget includes R1 billion from Service charges (e.g. Water, Electricity, Sanitation and Waste and other revenue), operating grants of R641 million (Equitable share, Financial Management Grant (FMG) and EPWP) and R400 million of Capital Expenditure grants.





BUDGET



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INCENTIVE SCHEME



- The average collection rate for the municipality in the fourth quarter of 2024/2025 financial year was at 84%. Over 3 000 applications were processed during the implementation of the scheme.
- The consumers took advantage of the financial relieve burden discount that was offered by the municipality. As a result of the applications for the incentive scheme and an increase in the number of registered indigents, the municipality has written-off part of the outstanding debts to the amount above R120 million.





EXPENDITURE BUDGET



- The following were taken into account in the R1.6 billion Operating Expenditure and remain to be the major outflow of resources:
- Employee Related Costs including Remuneration of Councillors are budgeted at an amount of R444 million.
- Debt impairment, Irrecoverable Debt Write-off and Depreciation at a total budget of R243 million, which are non-cash items that the municipality is required to budget for.
- Inventory Consumed and Bulk purchases which relate to Water and Electricity Bulk purchases are budgeted at a total of R453 million.
- The electricity tariff increase by NERSA is at 12.7% for the 2024/2025 financial year.
- The water tariff increases by Lepelle- Northern Water is 10.2% as well for the 2024/2025 financial year.
- The R440 million is the budget for capital projects as outlined in the IDP of the municipality.





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- Those who are in the know are much aware that the Masodi Waste Water Treatment Works project was amongst some of the blocked projects in our municipality. This Council and Management in collaboration with IvanPlats have ensured that the MWWTW project takes off at the value of R200 million multi-year sponsorship project.
- Ladies and Gentlemen, As I am standing before you, recently alongside the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Hon Sello Seitlholo, Cllr Matome Moremi-Taueatsoala representing the Waterberg District Municipality Executive Mayor, our Municipal Manager Mr Morris Maluleka, the Chairperson of Lepelle Northern Water Board, Dr Nndweleni Mphephu and other dignitaries conducted a day's oversight visit and they are satisfied as the project is complete. We are waiting for office of the Minister to give us a date for proper official handover.











 Remember this municipal Council for almost a vicennium/a period of two decades has never signed or implemented implementation any Social Labour Plan (SLP) with the biggest platinum mining house in the world. Through this Council and Management during the 2023/24 Financial we have received a Yellow Fleet Equipment's and signed other community developmental service delivery related projects which I will be outlining.







- Social Labour Plan 3 projects in partnership with the Valterra-CSIR for resealing of our streets in town such as: Van Heerden, Schoeman, Bezuidehout, Voor, Dudu Madisha, Geyser, Hooge, Pretorius, Ruiter, Kruger, and Retief has been implemented.
- I can tell you for free that now if you drive around town you will notice that some of the streets have been completed while there is progress on other streets.







 the municipality has appointed a Contractor for construction of 1km paving Road which is connecting Ext 20 and Ext 14 also 3.5km Strormwater control project from Van Riebeeck street in Akasia until Ext 14. The project took off in January 2025 and is estimated to be completed towards the end of October.







• In Mahwelereng, Mshongo Section, we have another project 3.7km paving Road and Stormwater Control which is currently at 75% complete with the expectation of being completed around November 2025. The project value is estimated at the tune of over 26 million.







 In terms of road network, we are doing our outmost best. Driving from town to Mahwelereng Zone 2 in few months it will be quicker. Driving on Moses Kotane street in Ext 17, towards the end you will come across Thabang Street whereby a Contractor is has erected side curbs, completed Stormwater control and currently paving the street for about 3.7km. Thabang street connects Mokopane Industrial, Ext 17, Hospital view, Mahwelereng Zone 2 and Home 2000. The project which is 85% complete has started in November 2025.







- today I report that working with Department of Energy and Eskom, we have electrified all 179 villages and we currently electrifying our new extensions every financial year.
- As approved by ESKOM, for this financial year we will be electrifying 445 household which 200 units will be in Ga-Madiba, 145 units in Tshamahansi and 100 units in Ga-Molekane. For this financial year we have earmaked two electrification projects in Ga-Mokaba to energize 350 units and 100 units in Ditsumani village.



ELECTRIFICATION



- Highmast lights: Masodi 40, Mozombana 21, Tshamahansi and Ga-Magongoa they have been allocated 83 highmast lights. We are registering other villages in deep rural areas.
- We are in the process of building 15 MVA Morula View Substation to supply grid in Morula View, Mosesetjane in town and surrounding areas.
- Completed 82 units in Makapans Valley, 155 units in Tshamahansi and 224 in Morula view.





WATER



- By the end of 2025 we will be concluding the Jakkalskuil water project to supply 26 villages.
- One other Mega project for water supply called Sefakaola Cluster, caters for villages such as Masehlaneng, Masodi, Moshate, Mountain View, Sekgakgapeng and Maroteng aimed at improving water supply and the project is estimated at the tune of 100 million. Take note that this is a three year project whereby 18 boreholes have been drilled and water is being purified.





WATER



- Danisani Water Scheme feeds 13 villages while Ga-Seema Water Supply is awaiting funding
- We have other multiyear project of replacing old asbestos cement pipes which were installed during the formation of this town of Mokopane and Mahwelereng township. We are replacing them with AC pipes.





WATER



- In Mahwelereng we planned for 11.6 km with pipes ranging from 400mm dia, 250mm dia, 75mm dia, and the project is currently at 47% with 5.5km completed and commissioned.
- Whilst in our town of Mokopane Town for the same project of AC pipes replacement we planned for a stretch of 19.9km, to date we have completed Replaced 13km and can safely confirm that the project is currently at 65.2%. Kindly note that this project is not to bring more or additional water but it is to improve sustainability of water in Mokopane and Mahwelereng.





SANITATION



 In restoring the dignity of our people living in rural areas there will be construction of One thousand and fifty (1 050) VIP toilets which will be allocated to these villages: Mphello, Good Hope, Ga-Machikiri, Mothwathwase, Paulos, Raslid, Doorin, Vergenoeg, Makobe, Ga-Mushi, Uitspan, Chere, Vernietmoeglik.





SANITATION



 We are awaiting for approval for the upgrade of sewer network and purification networks in Mokopane, Ext 19 and Ext 20. Department of Water and Sanitation received the application and building plans. Sewer spillage in these areas will be a thing of the past after completion of this project.























- Supply of Smart Meters Mogalakwena Municipality
- Project description:
- 4000 smart metering units will be purchased and delivered as part of the SLP 3 initiative and installed in the Mogalakwena municipality. In order to give further breakdown by suburb or village, the project's initial scope of work called for the purchase, supply, and installation of 4000 smart meters in Mogalakwena Municipality (Ext. 12, Chroompark, and Akasia). The smart split meters project will reduce both technical and non-technical losses, as well as losses that could result from manipulation and technical losses from malfunctioning meters. To enhance tax collection and service delivery, the municipality has been aggressively pursuing smart metering projects.







- While still on various innovations to develop our municipality, two weeks ago we have signed Mapela Development Plan Vision 2040 which is a bold and transformative plan that speaks to our shared future. The Valterra Platinum Mine vision, led by the Mapela Traditional Council under the capable leadership of Kgoši Hans Langa II, is a collaborative effort between our communities, Valterra Platinum, Bigen Africa Services, the Mogalakwena Local Municipality, and our many committed stakeholders.
- This is a plan built by the people, for the people, ensuring that every one of the 47 villages under Mapela Cluster and Traditional Leadership, whether in Mogalakwena or Lephalale, will see the benefits. It focuses on those who need it most our unemployed youth, women-headed households, small-scale farmers and the most vulnerable members of our society.







- This National road, the N11 which has been on most of everyone's lips for over a decade now and there have been engagements, presentations since 2011-2016 and 2016-2021 Council terms without action from the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL). I am informed that processes are at advanced stage, the contractor will be appointed.
- Hopefully by the end of this year we will see the expansion of Main N11 which will be constructed into two phases, from town on Dudu Madisha to R518 Marken intersection and the other phase from R518 intersection to Mogalakwena Platinum Mine and Bakenberg intersection leading to Valterra Platinum.







• The LED Department has conducted community awareness sessions in Mokopane, Mapela, Bakenberg and Rebone to promote business registration.

• As part of this initiative, business registration offices have been established in Mokopane, Mapela, and Rebone, where community members can now register their businesses.

• To date, eight (08) businesses have been successfully registered. The ICT system from LEDET has been installed at Mogalakwena Local Municipality to support the application processing.

 Efforts to encourage more residents to formalize their businesses are continuing, as the current registration numbers are below expectations.







Community Works Programme (CWP)

• All beneficiaries over sixty (60) years must vacate CWP. A communique was issued, one thousand two hundred and twenty-nine (1229) from these wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 22 to 32

were employed.





• ILLEGAL STRUCTURES

- Containers, Tuckshops, residential houses are converted into businesses without acquiring prior approval from the municipality. These has huge impact on the municipality service delivery as it affects users in terms of use of the properties, for example, rates for business and residential are not the same.
- It also affects the value of our entire town and subsequently, its economy as this said buildings or developments are mostly built with sub-standard materials and quality. We are already at a level where we enforce compliance as the municipality, we are closing the said buildings and cutting the services.







PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES



Supply & Installation of Solar Streetlights in Mogalakwena Villages

• An SLP 3 program that implemented 2750 solar streetlight units in selected villages with the goal of enhancing the safety and security of Mokopane and Mapela villages. The project is located in a number of villages in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality, an administrative region in the Waterberg District of the Limpopo province of South Africa. These villages include Sekuruwe, Phafola (Maloka and Malokomme), Sandsloot, Mabusela, Sandsloot Masenya, Magobe, Fothane, and Mapela clinics. FEL was carried out in 2021. After consulting with the Municipality and other important stakeholders





PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES



CONSTRUCTION OF PAVING FACTORY AT REBONE

- The project's goal is to build and establish a brick paving plant in Rebone Township that will be able to produce basic brick paving plant on-site and produce high-strength pavers. This will boost the local economy and help the communities by enhancing the road infrastructure.
- Those of you who follow us on social media platform such as Facebook, You-Tube, Tik-Tok, WhatsApp Channel, X, newsletter, local media houses both print and online whereby myself, Public Works MEC, Hon Ernest "Dikgerekgere" Rachoene, our Managers, mining houses such Stakeholders from Roads Agency Limpopo, Valttera Platinum, Sylvania Mine as we were strengthening relation with them and providing sound reasons for them to partner with them in the infrastructure development which is crucial for economic growth of this region.





ILLEGAL DUMPING



- I am happy to announce that we are no longer receiving complaints about non-collection or delayed collection of waste in our municipality because we have stabilised our waste collection services in town, two townships (Mahwelereng and Rebone) and continue to service our people in rural areas and deep rural villages while tackling illegal dumping in our communities through three skid bins allocated per Ward from 32 of them.
- Ladies and Gentlemen, The sad and disappointing part is that our people dump waste next to the skid bin even though they are full to capacity. We have distributed those skid bins and wheelie bins for your health and for you to safe the environment.

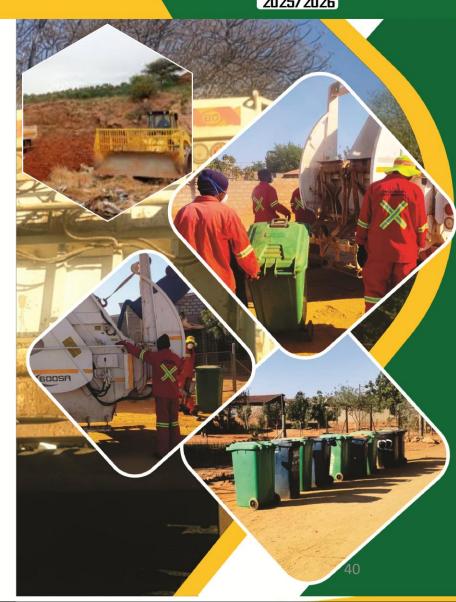




ILLEGAL DUMPING



- The municipality resolved to offer a 12-month landfill dumping permit, which can be obtained from the Community Services
 Department. To apply, individuals must provide a copy of their ID, company registration certificate (CK), proof of address, and vehicle registration documents.
- The fee ranges from R283 for a 1,000 kg load to R8,248.80 for a 20,000 kg load, depending on the weight being disposed of.





ILLEGAL DUMPING



- The municipality has cleared illegal dumping sites between Extension 17 and Hospital View, as well as in Moshongo near the old cemetery in Mahwelereng. To prevent future dumping, skip bins have been installed in affected areas.
- Refuse removal services are carried out daily in Mokopane town, Mahwelereng, and Rebone.
- Street cleaning and litter picking operations also take place daily, especially in the industrial areas and around Mokopane.
- Ongoing educational campaigns are in place to raise awareness about the dangers and consequences of illegal dumping.





TOWN POOL



- Mokopane town pool upgrade project is now approximately 90% complete. After 15 long years of disuse, we have 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. We have also refurbished the changing rooms to cater for both genders, while the entire building has been renewed with new roofs, ceilings, toilets, and paving.

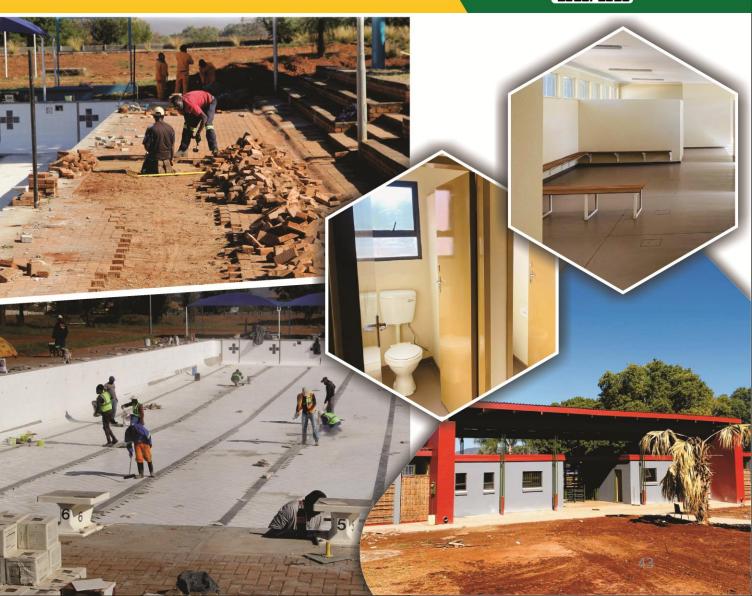




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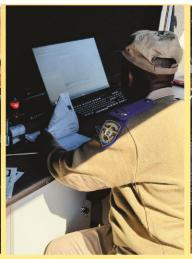


TRAFFIC DIVISION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY



- One of their important duties of MMTDs is conducting stop-and-search operations. These operations are vital in reducing crime, detecting unroadworthy vehicles and ensuring motorists comply with the law. They make it possible to remove unsafe vehicles from the roads and to uncover illegal activities such as the transportation of stolen goods or the use of fraudulent documentation.
- Traffic officers also issue on-the-spot fines, which play a key role in enforcing immediate accountability.











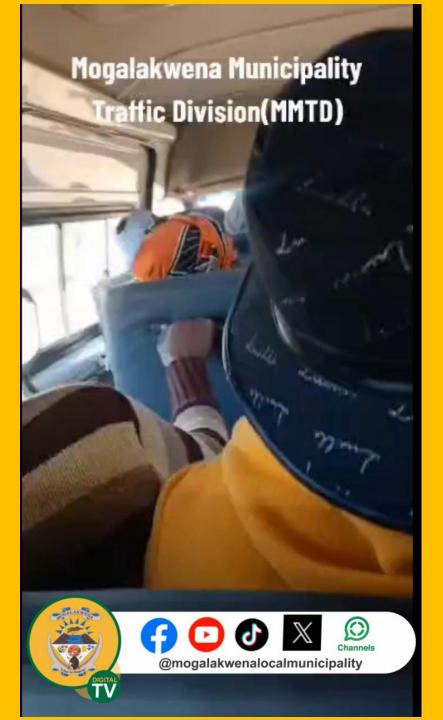


TRAFFIC DIVISION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY



 To strengthen law enforcement and improve public safety, the municipality has invested in technology by installing cameras in the CBD. The first phase of installation was carried out at the municipality premises and surrounding areas. This proved effective when CCTV footage helped identify and arrest suspects after a robbery at Post Office.









TECHNICAL SERVICES



 In Mahlaba Village, Bakenberg, graders have already been deployed to blade the roads, while at the same time, we assessed boreholes to guarantee their proper functionality. Our stadium has also received muchneeded maintenance, with the installation of new lights, plugs, and bush clearing. These are visible signs of progress, and they demonstrate our unwavering commitment to delivering quality services to our residents.







TECHNICAL SERVICES



- I am proud to announce that we have embarked on the upgrade of Sussex Street, a critical road for our industrial sector. This one-kilometre stretch is being upgraded to a tarred surface at an investment of five million rand, using our internal capacity. This project is not only about fixing a road it is about strengthening our local economy.
- By improving Sussex Street, we are ensuring smoother transportation, reducing vehicle maintenance costs, and supporting the businesses that keep our community alive. At the same time, we call upon the industrial sector to play its part by paying for services, as this partnership will enable us to continue improving infrastructure and delivering essential services.









REHABILATION OF SUSSEX STREET







CATCHPITS FOR STORM WATER CONTROL



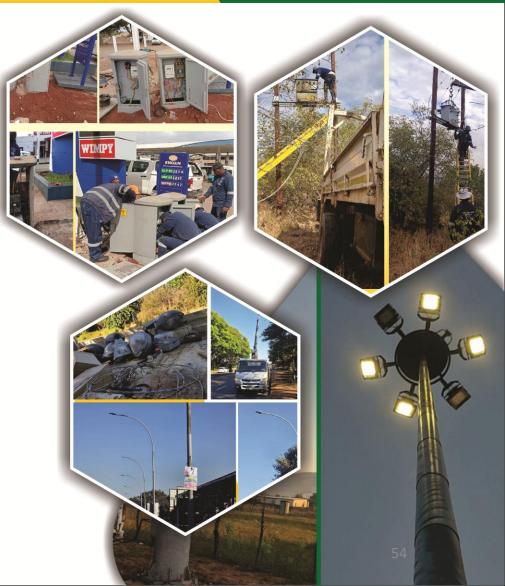




ELECTRICAL SERVICES



- Our technical and electrical teams has been hard at work repairing street lights to ensure that our neighbourhoods are well-lit and safe for residents. Where traffic lights were damaged or malfunctioning, replacements have been carried out to restore order and safety on our roads. We have also attended to the replacement of broken electricity meter boxes, ensuring that households can continue to access power without interruption.
- In addition, new cable installations and three-phase meter connections have been successfully completed in several areas, enabling residents and businesses to access reliable electricity supply.



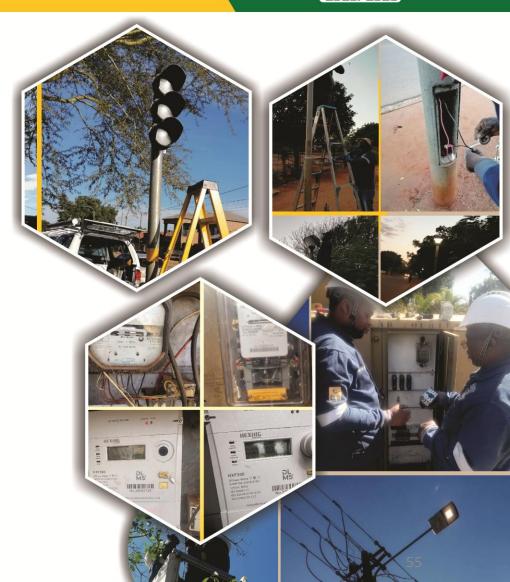


ELECTRICAL SERVICES



 The municipality has embarked on electricity meter audits to improve accountability and curb illegal connections, which often place strain on our system and affect service delivery for law-abiding residents. These actions demonstrate that we are not only responding to challenges but also working proactively to prevent them.

 Through these efforts, Mogalakwena Local Municipality is making steady progress in strengthening our electrical infrastructure.





ELECTRICAL SERVICES



• I thank our residents and consumers who diligently pay their monthly municipal accounts and would like to encourage others to follow suit and pay for their services, to make us to deliver the required basic services.

• I thank the leadership of the ANC, in our midst and all our stakeholders. I thank the citizens and organisations that made inputs in our IDP and Budget processes.









SOM BUDGET 2025

THANK YOU