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MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: A BEACON OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE

A vision that is both a promise and a source of direction to the community it serves, one that shines as a light of service excellence in the dynamic world of municipal governance. Examining the of our local government's progressive initiatives makes it clear that pursuing excellence is not only a commendable objective but also a fundamental commitment to the prosperity and welfare of our people.

The Msukaligwa Local municipal vision is more than just a set of goals; it is proof of the dedication of our municipal employees to creating an environment where community needs are not only met but exceeded. The main objective of this vision is to foster a culture of service excellence.

Providing exceptional service in the municipal space transcends traditional notions of governance. It includes a commitment to responsibility, open communication, and openness. The key is accessibility: ensuring that every resident feels heard and participated in the processes leading to the creation of the neighborhood they call home.

In the next pages, we explore the many aspects of this progressive commitment to offering first-rate service. Every facet of growth is interconnected, from innovative urban planning initiatives that prioritize sustainability to community engagement programs that offer residents a voice.

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As we support this municipal aim, let us never forget that excellence is achieved via ongoing improvement. It requires being open to learning from both successes and setbacks, adapting strategies to meet the changing demands of our culture.

Ultimately, this editorial journey asks us to picture a municipality where every service provided isn't merely a necessary bureaucratic formality, but rather a purposeful, significant increase to everyone's quality of life. Through these stories and ideas, we hope that readers will gain a deeper understanding of the transformative potential found in a municipal vision that aspires to be a beacon of service excellence.

Umbono oyisithembiso kanye nomthombo wesiqondiso emphakathini owusebenzelayo, okhanya njengokukhanya kwenkonzo esezingeni eliphezulu emhlabeni oguquguqukayo wokubusa komasipala. Ukuhlola ubuqili bezinhlelo eziqhubekayo zohulumeni basekhaya kwenza kucace ukuthi ukuphishekela impumelelo akuyona nje inhloso encomekayo kodwa futhi kuwukuzibophezela okubalulekile ekuchumeni nasekuphileni kahle kwabantu bakithi.

Umbono kamasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa ungaphezu nje kwesethi yemigomo; kuwubufakazi bokuzinikela kwabasebenzi bakamasipala wethu ekwakheni indawo lapho izidingo zomphakathi zingagcini nje ngokufezwa kodwa zeqiwe. Inhloso enkulu yalo mbono ukugqugquzela isiko lokusebenzela elisezingeni eliphezulu.

Ukunikeza izinsiza ezihlukile endaweni kamasipala kudlula imibono ejwayelekile yokubusa. Kuhlanganisa ukuzibophezela ekuzibophezeleni, ukuxhumana ngokukhululekile, nokuvuleleka. Okubalulekile wukufinyeleleka: ukuqinisekisa ukuthi wonke umhlali uzizwa ezwile futhi ubambe iqhaza ezinqubweni eziholela ekwakhiweni kwendawo abayibiza ngokuthi yikhaya.

Emakhasini alandelayo, sihlola izici eziningi zalokhu kuzibophezela okuqhubekayo ekunikezeni inkonzo yezinga lokuqala. Zonke izici zokukhula zixhumene, kusukela ezinhlelweni ezintsha zokuhlela amadolobha ezibeka phambili ukusimama kuya ezinhlelweni zokubandakanya umphakathi ezinikeza izakhamuzi izwi.

Inhloso enkulu yalo mbono ukugqugquzela isiko lokusebenzela elisezingeni eliphezulu.

Njengoba seseka le nhloso kamasipala, masingalokothi sikhohlwe ukuthi ukusebenza kahle kufinyelelwa ngokwenza ngcono okuqhubekayo. Kudinga ukuvuleka ekufundeni kukho kokubili impumelelo kanye nezithiyo, ukulungisa amasu ukuhlangabezana nezidingo eziguqukayo zesiko lethu.

Ekugcineni, lolu hambo lokuhlela lusicela ukuthi sifanekisele umasipala lapho yonke isevisi enikeziwe ingeyona nje inqubo yokuphatha edingekayo, kodwa iwukukhuphuka okunenjongo, okuphawulekayo ngokwezinga yempilo yawo wonke umuntu. Ngalezi zindaba nemibono, sithemba ukuthi abafundi bazothola ukuqonda okujulile kwamandla oguquko atholakala embonweni kamasipala ofisa ukuba isibani senkonzo esezingeni eliphezulu.

Our focus in these third quarter of 2023/2024 financial year South Africa will this year commemorate Human Rights Month under the theme "Three decades of respect for and promotion of Human rights".

This year pays tribute to the 30th Anniversary freedom and democracy, the whole month will be used to reflect on our achievements to promote respect for basic human rights and restoring human dignity in line with the bill of rights.

During this quarter our Municipality held a 2024 Strategic Planning Session from the 8th to the 9th of February 2024 which was successfully. We took several resolutions which are going to change the lives of our communities and must be implemented by all our departments, I have put in place a monitoring committee which comprise of all the Mayoral Committee Members which is going to make sure that all these resolutions taken from the Strategic Planning Session are implemented.

"Three decades of respect for and promotion of Human rights"

During this Strategic Planning Session, I also pronounced an operation called "SAKHA SONKE" which means we must build our Municipality together and this operation is going to guide all Departments in terms of implementing their resolutions.

On the 24th of March 2024 our country has joined the World by commemorating the World's Tuberculosis (TB) Day through the theme "Yes we can end TB". Tuberculosis is still one of the World's deadliest disease and recent years has seen a worrying increase in drug resistant TB. Let us encourage our communities to ask to bring forward those are affected by this diseases and they should be encouraged to continue to taking their medication.

Ukugxila kwethu kule kota yesithathu yonyaka wezimali wezi-2023/2024 iNingizimu Afrika kulo nyaka izogubha iNyanga Yamalungelo Abantu ngaphansi kwendikimba ethi "Iminyaka engamashumi amathathu yokuhlonipha nokukhuthazwa kwamalungelo abantu".

Lo nyaka uhlonipha uMgubho Weminyaka engama-30 yenkululeko kanye nentando yeningi labantu, inyanga yonke izosetshenziselwa ukukhombisa impumelelo yethu ukukhuthaza ukuhlonishwa kwamalungelo abantu ayisisekelo kanye nokubuyisela isithunzi somuntu ngokuhambisana nomthethosivivinywa wamalungelo.

Kule kota uMasipala wethu ube neSeshini yokuHlela amasu ka-2024 kusukela mhla ziyisi-8 kuya ziyisi-9 kuNhlolanja wezi-2024 nobeyimpumelelo. Sathatha izinqumo ezimbalwa ezizoshintsha izimpilo zemiphakathi yethu futhi okumele zisetshenziswe yiyo yonke iminyango yethu, ngimise ikomiti lokuqapha elihlanganisa wonke amaLungu eKomidi leMeya elizoqinisekisa ukuthi zonke lezi zinqumo ezathathwa. kusukela kuSeshini yokuHlelwa kwaMasu kuyasetshenziswa.

"Iminyaka engamashumi amathathu yokuhlonipha nokukhuthazwa kwamalungelo abantu"

Ngalesi Seshini Yokuhlela Ngamaqhinga, ngiphinde ngamemezela umkhankaso obizwa nge-"SAKHA SONKE" okusho ukuthi kumele sakhe uMasipala wethu ndawonye futhi lo msebenzi uzoqondisa yonke iMinyango mayelana nokufeza izinqumo zayo.

Mhla zingama-24 kuNdasa wezi-2024 izwe lethu selijoyine umhlaba ngokukhumbula usuku lomhlaba lweSifo Sofuba (TB) ngesiqubulo esithi "Yebo singayiqeda i-TB". Isifo sofuba sisengesinye sezifo ezibulala kakhulu emhlabeni futhi eminyakeni yakamuva nje sibone ukwanda okukhathazayo kwe-TB engazweli emishanguzweni. Masikhuthaze imiphakathi yethu ukuthi icele ukuletha phambili labo abakhahlanyezwe yilezi zifo futhi kufanele bagqugquzelwe ukuthi baqhubeke nokuthatha imithi yabo.



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M.P NKOSI
EXECUTIVE MAYOR



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MMC FINANCE



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CLLR S.E NGOVENE
COMMUNITY & SOCIAL
SERVICES

EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The primary functions of the Executive Mayor among others is to promote the image of the municipality, Preside over Mayoral Committee meetings, leads and promote social and economic development in the municipality, Promote intergovernmental and inter-institutional relations.

MAYORAL COMMITTEE

The primary functions of the Mayoral Committee, are to render assistance to the Executive Mayor in exercising of his/her authority. To identify the needs of the Municipality; review and evaluate those needs in order or priority. To recommend to the Municipal Council strategies, programmes and services to address priority needs through the Integrated Development Plan and estimated revenue and expenditure taking into account any applicable National and Provincial development plan; and recommend or determine the best methods including partnership and other approaches to deliver those strategies, programmes and services to the maximum benefit of the Community. Mayoral committee is appointed by the Executive Mayor and dissolve if the Executive Mayor ceases to hold.



CLLR N.S XABA
SPEAKER



ALDERWOMAN P.T SIBEKO
WHIP OF COUNCIL



CLLR M.A NZIMANDE
MPAC CHAIRPERSON

FUNKSIES VAN SPEAKER

Ingevolge artikel 37 van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale strukture, soos gewysig, behels die pligte van die speaker van n Munisipale raad, die volgende:

- Voorsit by vergaderings van die raad
- Voer pligte uit en oefen die bevoegdhede uit wat aan die speaker ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 32 gedelegeer is
- Moet verseker dat die raad minstens kwartaalliks vergader
- Moet order haadhaaf tydens vergarderings
- Moet voldoening van die raad en raadskomitee verseker volgens van die gedragskode soos uiteengesit in skedule 5: en
- Moet verseker dat raadsvergaderings in ooreenstemming met die reels en instuksies van die raad gehou word

FUNKSIES VAN SWEEP

Ingevolge artikel 41b van die Munisipale Strukture, soos gewysig, is die funksies van die sweep van n munisipale raad, die volgende:
Skakel met die verskillende politieke partye om verteenwoordiging in raad en raadskomitee te verseker

- Goeie verhoudings tussen die verskillende politieke partye te handhaaf
- Lig die sweep van alle partye in oor belangrike sake op die raadsagenda
- Help die Speaker om stemme in die raadsvergadering te tel
- Fasiliteer die interaksie tussen die Uitvoerende en wetgewende oorsigstrukuur, in die munisipaliteit en;
- Besleg geskille tussen die speaker en burgemeesters komitee

MUNISIPALE OPENBARE REKENINGE KOMITEE (MORK)

Ingevolge artikel 79 A Subartikel (3) van die Munisipale Strukture, moet die munisipale raad die Funksies van die Munisipale Openbare Rekeninge Komittee bepaal, wat die volgende moet insluit

- Hersien van die Ouditeur – Generaal verslae en kommentaar, die bestuurskomitee en ouditkomitee en maak aanbevelings aan die munisipale raad
- Hersien interne ouditeursverslae saam met kommentaar van die bestuurkomitee en die ouditkomitee en maak aanbevelings aan die munisipale raad
- Die oorsigverslag oor Jaarverslae beoog in artikel 129 van die wet op plaaslike regering ; Munisipale Finansiele Bustuur te Inisieer en ontwikkel
- Aandag te gee aan en aanbevelings aan die munisipale raad te maak oor enige aangeleetheid wat verwys word deur die munisipale raad, Uitvoerende komitee, n komitee van die raad, n lid van hierdie komitee , n raadslid en die munisipale bestuurder en;
- Op eie inisiatief, onderworpe aan die opdrag van die munisipale raad, enige aangeleentheid wat die munisipalitiet raak, te ondersoek en aan die munisipale raad rapporteer

Verslae van die munisipale komitee vir openbare rekeninge moet aan die speaker voorgele word wat sodanige verslae in die munisipale raad tetafel moet le.



MR M KUNENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

As we reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year, it is with great pleasure to present yet another edition of our municipal newsletter. From additions to emergency response capabilities to on-going enhancements in infrastructure and service delivery all the details are contained in this issue. As we continue our journey as a nation and celebrate 30 years of freedom in 2024; the municipality's commitment to upholding human rights as enshrined in Chapter 2 of the Constitution remains unwavering. Through the issuance of title deeds, installation of street lights and high masts, procuring a new vehicle for fire and rescue services the municipality has promoted property rights and access to adequate housing, enhanced security and safety thus contributing to the right to freedom and security as well as aligned with the right to life, the right to access essential services during emergencies amongst a few.

On another note, It is with transparency and accountability that the public is informed that the institution has received a Qualified Audit Opinion for the 2022/2023 financial year, with specific concerns such as Irregular Expenditure, Material distribution losses of electricity & water as under spending of the conditional grant to name a few. A Qualified Audit Opinion means the auditor has identified some limitations or exceptions in the financial statements or internal controls of the municipality. This could be due to issues such as incomplete records, discrepancies, or failures to comply with accounting standards or regulations.

Despite these challenges, I am pleased to note a significant improvement in our performance compared to the previous financial year. With a total of 77 findings identified, this marks a substantial decrease from the 185 findings in the 2020/2021 financial year. These findings are categorized across various departments as detailed in full the full report obtainable on the municipality's website.

Let's also recognized the collective efforts that have propelled the institution forward

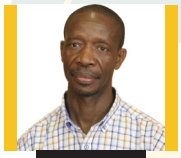
In response to the Auditor General's findings, great care has been taken in developing a comprehensive Audit Action Plan, which includes monthly progress monitoring, regular reporting from management, and quarterly follow-ups conducted by both internal audit and the Audit Committee. Msukaligwa Local Municipality remains steadfast in its dedication to effective governance and fiscal responsibility.

Most recently the municipality hosted the Strategic planning meeting aimed to charting a course for the future. The strategic planning meeting was a productive session that set the scene for transformative change. The commitment of stakeholders to work together towards a common vision was evident. Throughout the discussions this forward-thinking approach yielded positive outcomes for Msukaligwa Local municipality in the days ahead.

In closing, all residents and stakeholders are urged to delve into the contents of this newsletter with enthusiasm and curiosity while celebrating the significant achievements highlighted within. Let's also recognized the collective efforts that have propelled the institution forward, From the finding by the auditor general to the strategic planning sessions, each milestone represents a step closer to realizing our shared vision for a thriving community. By staying informed and engaged, we empower ourselves to actively contribute to the on-going progress and prosperity of Msukaligwa local municipality. Together, let's continue to build upon successes, undertake transformative projects, and envision a brighter tomorrow for generations to come.



MR M KUNENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



MR PS MABUZA
DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES



MS H MAGANYA
DIRECTOR: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



MR K NHLABATHI
DIRECTOR: FINANCE / CFO



MS PZ DUMA
DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES



MR MS LUKHELE
DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The purpose of the Office of the Municipal Manager is "To coordinate and manage the provision of service delivery in accordance with the legislation governing local government." and the functions are as follows:

- Manage technical services;
- Coordinate the provision of community services;
- Coordinate municipal planning and economic development;
- Manage financial matters;
- Manage corporate services;
- Manage communication, IGR and contact centre services
- Render internal audit services;
- Render risk management services;
- Manage integrated development plan and organisational performance management system; and
- Manage and coordinate the provision of municipal services in the service delivery units.

DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The purpose of the Department is "To coordinate the provision of community services" and the functions are as follows:

- Render disaster, security management and law enforcement services;
- Coordinate waste management and environmental services;
- Coordinate the maintenance of parks, sports and cemeteries;
- Render traffic management services;
- Render fire management services;
- Manage the provision of drivers and motor vehicle registration and licensing services; and
- Render library and information services.

DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES

The purpose of the department is "To manage corporate services" and the functions are as follows:

- Render human resource management and development services;
- Render legal services;
- Render secretariat and records management services;
- Manage information and communication technology services;
- Provide maintenance to municipal buildings;

DIRECTOR (CFO): FINANCE

The purpose of the department is "To manage financial matters" and the functions are as follows:

- Manage municipal budget and financial reporting;
- Manage municipal assets, insurance and fleet management services;
- Manage expenditure services;
- Render supply chain management services; and
- Render revenue, credit control and cash management services

DIRECTOR: PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the department is "To coordinate municipal planning and economic development" and the functions are as follows:

- Render spatial planning and land use management services;
- Render sustainable and integrated human settlements planning and property management; and
- Promote local economic development services.

DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES

The purpose of the department is "To manage technical services" and the functions are as follows:

- Render vehicle and plant mechanical services;
- Manage municipal infrastructure development programmes;
- Manage roads and storm water services;
- Manage water and sanitation services; and
- Render electricity services.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES: A DAY IN WESSELTON

On 17 January 2023, the Executive Mayor, Alderwoman M.P Nkosi, embarked on a meaningful visit to Wesselton, engaging with community members in two impactful projects, namely the Impiloyethu and the Siyafeza. Accompanied by members of the Mayoral Committee and dedicated councillors from the visited wards, the Executive Mayor connected directly with the community through a hands-on approach that allowed for a deeper understanding of the needs and aspirations of our residents.

The Executive Mayor encourages community-driven initiatives like the Impiloyethu and Siyafeza Projects to continue playing a crucial role in the development of communities in Msukaligwa

A highlight of the day was the active participation of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs contributing significantly by generously providing vegetable seedlings and other essential planting materials. Ms Sindi Ndlela, the Agricultural Advisor serving both projects, played a pivotal role in educating attendees on proper vegetable planting and growth. Her detailed insights into effective agricultural practices empowered community members to further their agricultural endeavours. The gathering saw enthusiastic participation, with attendees actively engaging in planting onions, spinach, and other crops. Under the guidance of Ms Ndlela, community members learned first-hand the proper techniques for cultivating a successful and sustainable harvest.

The Executive Mayor encourages community-driven initiatives like the Impiloyethu and Siyafeza Projects to continue playing a crucial role in the development of communities in Msukaligwa. Despite the health benefits of eating vegetables they grow themselves, they can also sell them locally to neighbours, street hawkers or shops and make extra income. This does not only address immediate needs but also pave the way for sustainable growth and self-sufficiency within our communities.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI TOOK PART IN PRACTICAL PLANTING LESSONS AT THE GATHERING.

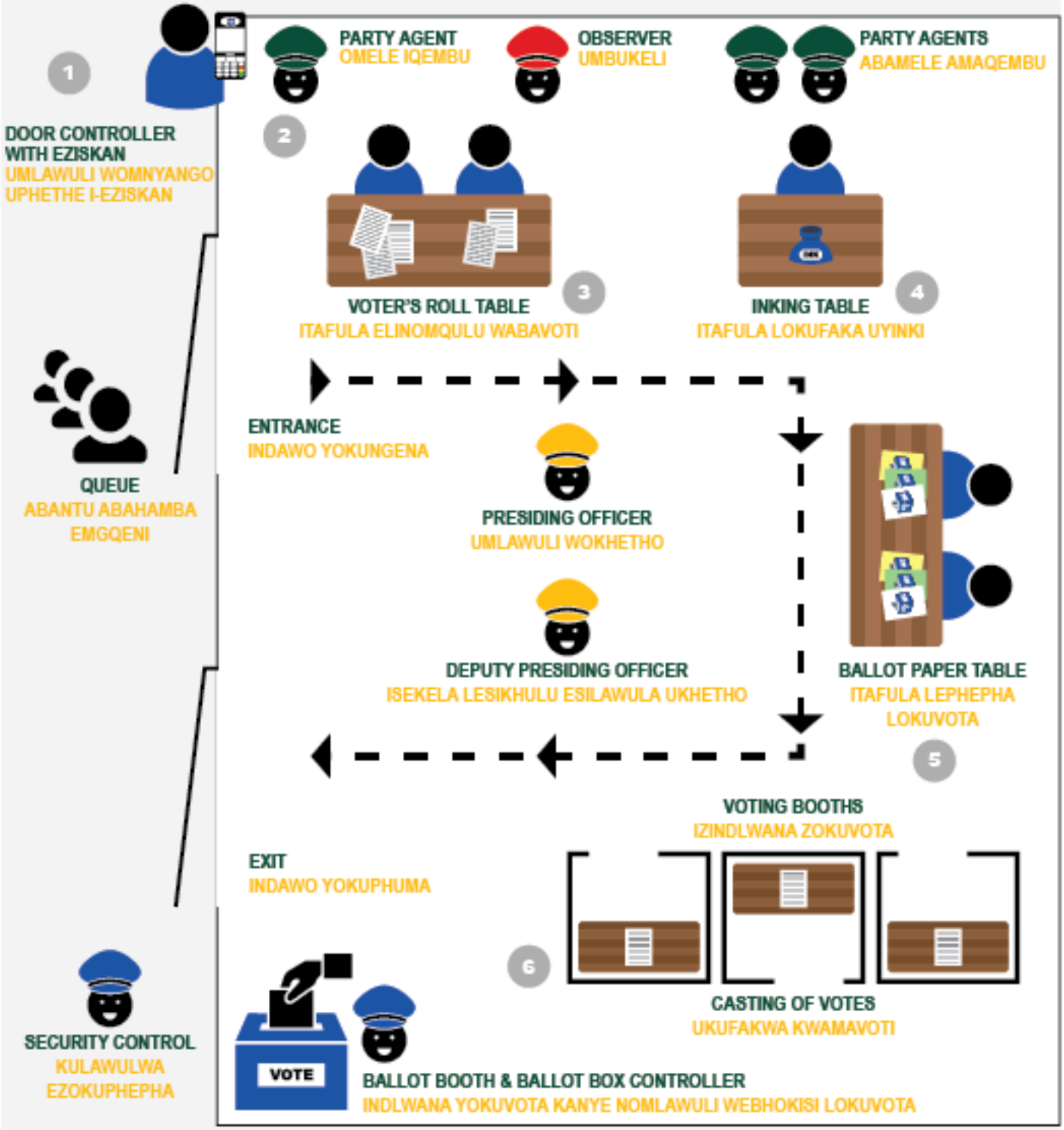


MS S.H NDLELA (FAR RIGHT) GAVE PRACTICAL PLANTING LESSONS TO THE ATTENDEES.



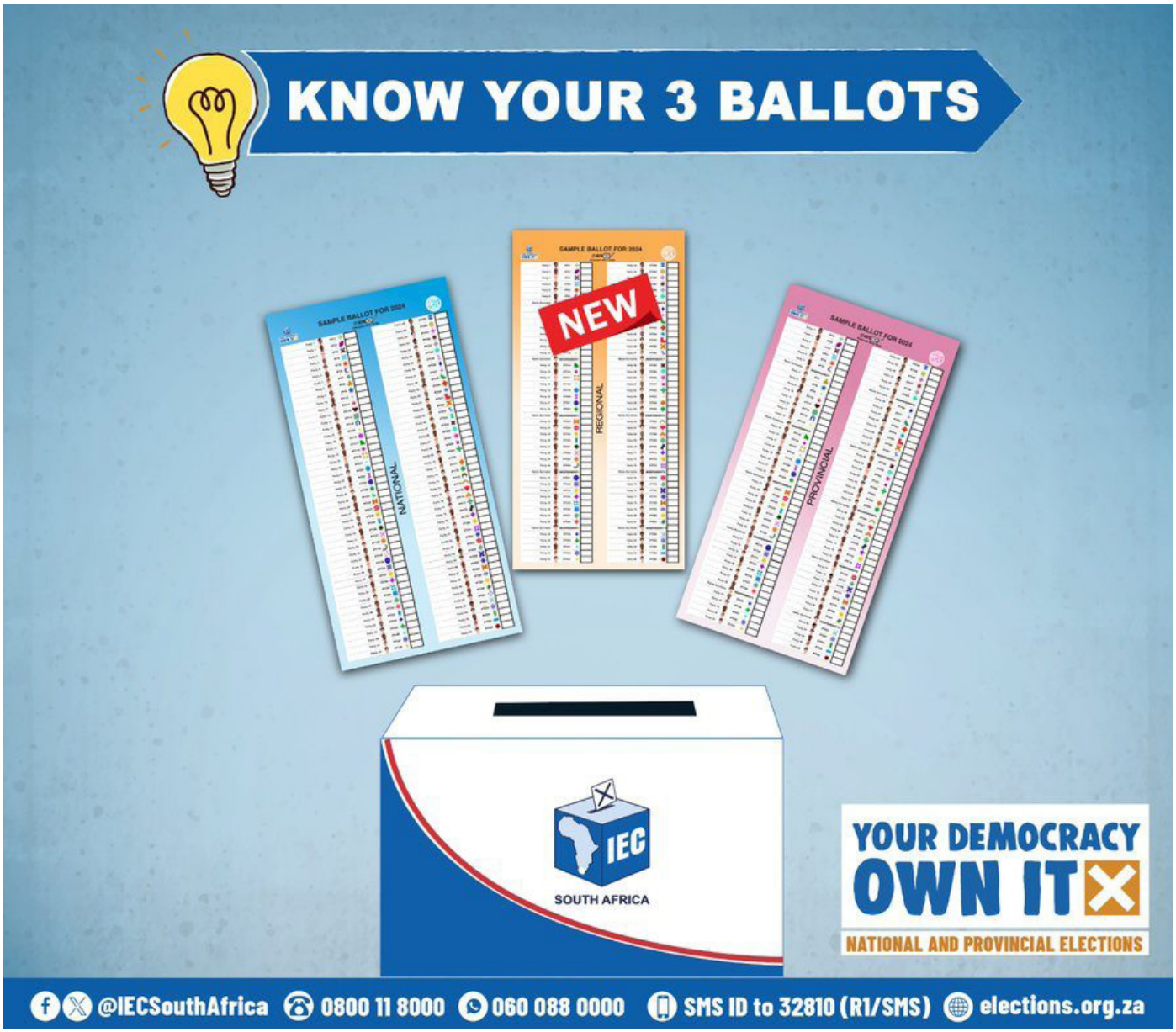
MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF IMPILOYETHU PROJECT.

THE VOTING PROCESS
UHLELO LOKUVOTA



1. In the queue: An election official will check your ID to make sure you are registered
   Emgqeni: Isikhulu sokhetho siyohlola umazisi wakho ukuze siqiniseke ukuthi ubhalisile.
2. At the door: An election official will scan your ID with the zip-zip machine (eZiskan).
   Emnyango: Isikhulu sokhetho siyoskena umazisi wakho sisebenzisa umshini we-zip-zip (okuyi-eZiskan).
3. At the voters' roll table: You will give your slip to the voters' roll officer.
   Etafuleni elinomquu wabavoti: Uyonika isikhulu esibheke umqulu wabavoti sakho isiliphu sephepha.
4. At the inking table: An election official will make a small mark on the nail of your left thumb with ink.
   Kwithebula lokufaka uyinki: Isikhulu sokhetho siyokwenza umaki omncane ozipheni lwesithupha sakho sangokwesinxele ngoyinki.
5. At the ballot paper table: You will be given three ballot papers.
   Kwitafula lephepha lokuvota: Uyobe usunikwa amaphepha amathathu okuvota.
6. At the voting booth: You are now ready to vote.
   Kwindlwana yokuvota: Njengamanje usukulungele ukuthi ungavota.

On the 29th of May 2024, South Africa is voting. These are the ballot papers you will be getting on the day.



BALLOT 1 is the national ballot where you will vote for a political party to represent you in the National Assembly.

BALLOT 2 is the regional ballot; this is a new ballot to vote for political parties or independent candidates contesting in your region (province) for elections to the National Assembly.

BALLOT 3 is the provincial ballot where you will vote for political parties or independent candidates contesting elections of the provincial legislature in your province.

#SAELECTIONS24

MAYOR KICK-STARTS THE 2024 BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

The Executive Mayor of Msukaligwa Local Municipality, Alderwoman MP Nkosi accompanied by Members of the Mayoral Committee embarked on a school visitation at Lindile Secondary School in Wesselton Ermelo, on 17 January 2024, as part of government Back to School Campaign, which is meant to motivate and encourage learners, educators and parents as they kick start the school calendar.

"Schools should be a free from litter, drugs, corporal punishment, crime and bullying environment"

The Mayor started her address by welcoming the learners, teachers, and non-teaching staff who display high level of commitment and dedication to the mandate of delivering teaching and learning as a development tool for our beloved province. About one million learners from grade R to 12 admitted for the 2024 school year in Mpumalanga. Part of the Mayor's visitation was to check the state of readiness of the school and to outline government's plans for the year.

In her address, the Mayor pleaded with the parents, learners, SGB and community at large to all play a vital role in protecting the school infrastructure against vandalism and theft of property. Schools are expected this year as well to embrace the Rhandza Xikolo Xa Wena Campaign by the Department of Education that advocates for schools to be kept crystal clean at all times through its pillar of the Cleanest School Programme.

"Schools should be a free from litter, drugs, corporal punishment, crime and bullying environment," said the Executive Mayor. She further applauded the Department of Education on the school nutrition programme as 924 015 learners around the province, including those from Msukaligwa dominion will benefit from this noble programme. This programme goes beyond providing just a meal but empowers learners and parents to adopt healthy lifestyles through education and promoting community driven initiatives like school vegetables gardens.

Executive Mayor praised the Department of Education and Public Works, Roads and Transport for the hard work and commitment shown to learners who has to walk long distances to school. In some areas of the Msukaligwa especially in rural areas, learners are provided with scholar transport to school. This arrangement allows learners a fair opportunity to attend schooling.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI DURING HER ADDRESS TO THE LEARNERS OF LINDILE SECONDARY SCHOOL.



MMC CORPORATE SERVICES, COUNCILLOR T.J MADLALA (LEFT) AND WHIP OF COUNCIL, ALDERWOMAN P.T SIBEKO (RIGHT).



LEARNERS OF LINDILE SECONDARY SCHOOL AS THEY LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO EXECUTIVE MAYOR ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI'S WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT DURING HER VISIT TO THE SCHOOL.

A MOMENTOUS OCCASION AS THE FIREFIGHTER VEHICLE IS OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER

In a significant (remarkable) development for the communities safety, aimed at enhancing the fire rescue capabilities of the Msukaligwa substation in Breyten, On Tuesday, 23 January 2024, The Breyten Fire and disaster management team received keys for a new fire vehicle. The ceremony was held at the Msukaligwa Local Municipality (MLM) lawn near the main entrance.

Among the dignitaries attending, were the Executive Mayor Alderwoman MP Nkosi, of mlm, the Municipal Manager, Mr. Kunene and the Director of Technical Services Ms. PZ Duma. The handover process involved a detailed inspection and verification of the vehicles condition, ensuring compliance with the safety standards. Spectators marveled at the vehicles sleek design and state-of –the-art feature of which it's robust engine and advanced firefighting equipment will enhance the firefighter's capabilities in responding to emergencies swiftly and effectively.

The executive mayor expressed a heartfelt gratitude to the manufacturers and dealers who made this handover possible. She said "We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the dedicated service delivery team for their unwavering commitment and hard work in making this acquisition possible. Their tireless efforts have ensured that our community is equipped with necessary resources to respond effectively to fire emergencies".

Msukaligwa dedicated team collaborated closely with the fire fighter section/ department to identify the specific requirements and ensure the vehicles suitability for the Breyten substation. This efficient communication and partnership further underlined the commitment of the administration to serve the community to the best of their ability.

The representative, Mr. BJ Sidu expressed his gratitude and explained how such a vehicle would be of assistance to the community. He said '' the new fire vehicle is a state of the art addition to our firefighting fleet, equipped with exceptional features that will significantly aid us in tackling emergences.

Firstly, it boasts a powerful and fuel- efficient engine, ensuring swift response times to incidents, the vehicles compact design allows for easy maneuverability even in narrow and congested areas, often encountered during rescue operations. Moreover, the water pump capacity is unparalleled, enabling us to combat fires of varying intensities. On behalf of the entire firefighting session, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the MLM for their unwavering support and trust in our ability. These opportune additions to our fleet will undoubtedly strengthen our firefighting capacity and, ultimately, save more lives".

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With the new fire rescue vehicle, the Msukaligwa Breyten substation's ability to protect the community during emergencies will be significantly enhanced. The Executive Mayor voiced confidence, and working together with the community ''It is crucial that we all play our part in ensuring the longevity and effectiveness of this valuable asset. We request that our dedicated respond team exercise utmost care and responsibility when operating the fire vehicle, regular mentanence and adherence to safety protocols are essential to keep it in optimal condition, ready to serve our community whenever needed. Equally important is the cooperation of our community members. I urge you all to work hand in hand with our dedicated workers, who tirelessly serve to protect and assist us during emergencies. Please be mindful of their presence and give them the space they need to carry out their duties efficiently. By doing so, we can collectedly create a safer environment for everyone''.

This milestone event signifies a new era for the fire safety in the region, positioning the Breyten Substation as a beacon of efficiency and resilience in the face of emergencies. The community can rest assured, knowing that their well-being remains a top priority for the Msukaligwa.





MSUKALIGWA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES RECEIVED A FULLY BRANDED AND EQUIPPED FIRE FIGHTER VEHICLE FROM MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

MLM EXECUTIVE MAYOR REWARDS MATRIC CLASS OF 2023

Msukaligwa Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Alderwoman MP Nkosi hosted a prestigious event, the Matric 2023 Mayoral Excellence Awards Ceremony at the Gert Sibande District Municipality on Tuesday 27 February 2024. This Mayoral Excellence Awards is an initiative by the Office of the Executive Mayor and potential stakeholders who joined hands in celebrating the best Matric performing learners within the Municipality and assist them to further their studies.

The Executive Mayor was accompanied by her entourage in Speaker, Cllr NS Xaba, Whip of Council, Alderwoman PT Sibeko, Alderwoman MMC Technical Services TC Motha, MMC Community and Social Services, Cllr SE Ngovene, MMC Corporate Services, Cllr TJ Madlala, Municipal Manager, Mr M Kunene, Director Corporate Services, Mr PS Mabuza and Municipal officials.

Stakeholders who attended the ceremony amongst include, from the Department of Basic Education District Director, Mr PP Magagula, Dr D.R Mango and Ms Vilakazi, Circuit Managers from Breyten, Msukaligwa 1 and 2 Circuits, School Principals together with the Matric Class of 2023 learners, Parents, SGB members, Eskom, Old Mutual, Cell C and other stakeholders.

"I am excited to announce that in the academic year 2022, 4 learners received a full bursary"

The Matric Class of 2023, in Msukaligwa has improved and obtained 2nd best Municipality in the Gert Sibande District with an 84, 8% pass rate according to statistics from the Department of Basic Education. "We want to encourage the Grade 12 Class of 2024 to takeover where the previous class has left and aim at least a minimum of 90% pass rate", said the Executive Mayor during her address.

Learners who came out top performers in the Municipality received gifts in forms of laptops, travelling bags, kitchen appliances, trophies and certificates courtesy of the Executive Mayor's Office. Potential stakeholders are invited to come on board and join hands with the Municipality in assisting the youth of Msukaligwa through sponsorship and bursaries to further their studies.

"Since 2022, the office of the Executive Mayor partnered with the Overlooked Colliery initiated a full bursary programme meant to assist top performing learners to cover tuition fees, accommodation, books and a monthly stipend to the student, I am excited to announce that in the academic year 2022, 4 learners received a full bursary each and they are studying towards Bachelor of Accounting, Bachelor of Science, Electrical and Civil Engineering," said the Executive Mayor.

Executive Mayor assured learners of Msukaligwa that her office is working very hard to support them and plead with potential stakeholders to play a role in developing and improving lives of the people of Msukaligwa through education as she quoted the late former President Nelson Mandela when he said "Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, which a child of a farmworker can become the president of a great nation".

The Municipality is committed to empowering the youth of Msukaligwa through education, hence the Office of the Executive Mayor once again this year advertised bursaries in the following fields of study; Mining, Mechanical, Electrical Engineering, Boilermaker, Motor Mechanics, Financial Accounting and Filter & Tuner. Through experiential learning and internship programme, the Municipality recruited graduates and placed them in various sections in the Organization to gain work experience for future employment.

"We are proud of the Matric Class of 2023, with the outstanding performance, we encourage and applaud all those who contributed to the success of these learners, teachers, SGB members, principals, circuit managers and parents to continue do the same with the current Grade 12 learners." Conclude Executive Mayor.



CERTIFICATES, GIFTS AND TROPHIES AWARDED TO THE SCHOOLS, CIRCUITS & LEARNERS AT THE CEREMONY.

[IN PHOTOS]















TITLE DEED HAND-OVER "RESTORING DIGNITY"

The Mayor and attending dignitaries embarked on a remarkable journey on February 7, 2024. They seized the opportunity to connect, share, and uplift the souls of those who helped shape the community of Kwadela. Their first stop: Thandanani older person care center, a sanctuary of wisdom and memories where they were met with open hearts and radiant smiles. The Mayor stood before them, reminding them of the profound importance of engaging in a democratic process. She urged everyone to exercise their right to vote and celebrate 30 years of democracy. The heartfelt gathering became a testament to the power of unity and inclusivity within a diverse community.

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Energized by the warm atmosphere at the old age home, the mayor and members of the mayoral committee marched on towards their next undertaking. Davel community hall (Kwadela) ward 10 awaited ,buzzing with anticipation, as they were about to witness a momentous occasion: the delivery of 104 title deeds, the mayor stepped forward, her voice resolute, and her eyes filled with hope of a brighter future for the community.

One by one the title deeds were distributed, each representing a dream fulfilled and a new chapter in the lives of the 104 families. The atmosphere was effervescent, as smiles radiated and tears of joy glistened in the eyes of those receiving their deeds.

Realizing the magnitude of the moment, the executive mayor acknowledged the collaborative effort that made it all possible. She thanked the dedicated team who tirelessly worked to ensure the dreams of many become a tangible reality. As the ceremony concluded, a sense of unity and pride permeated the air, Dignitaries and community members alike came together to bask in the triumph of a community that thrived on dreams realized.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI OF MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ADDRESSED THE COMMUNITY OF KWADELA AT THE HANDOVER CEREMONY.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI PROVIDED ASSITANCE TO ONE OF THE OF THE ELDERLY BENEFICIARIES.



MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE, WARD COUNCILLORS ALONG WITH THE TITLE DEED RECIPIENTS.

WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

On Sunday, March 24, 2024, Minister of Health Dr. Joe Phaahla, on behalf of RSA Deputy President and SANAC Chairperson Paul Mashatile, delivered the keynote address to officially commemorate World TB Day in Sedibeng District, Gauteng.

"YES! YOU AND I CAN END TB!"

On March 24, 1882, Dr. Robert Koch identified Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacterium responsible for TB. Since then, every year on the 24th of March, it is World Tuberculosis Day, commemorated in an effort to raise awareness about the deadly disease. This year's theme is "Yes! You and I can end TB!" This theme aims to encourage individual action to contribute to the world effort against TB.
According to the World Health Organization (WHO), tuberculosis is still one of the world's deadliest diseases, and recent years have seen a worrying increase in incidences of drug-resistant TB.

In a recent interview with the Chief Director for TB Control and Management at the Department of Health, Professor Norbert Ndjeka, and an Honorary Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Cape Town, they said, "South Africa is currently number nine among the 30 countries that have the highest burden of tuberculosis (TB) globally, accounting for 87% of global TB statistics. The BRICS, Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa countries have 38% of the global TB burden.".

TB CAUSES

- Tuberculosis is caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium tuberculosis. While the lungs are the most commonly affected organs, TB can also affect other parts of the body, such as the kidneys, spine, and brain.
- Not everyone infected with TB bacteria develops active TB disease. Instead, two conditions may arise: latent TB infection (LTBI) and TB disease. Factors such as a weakened immune system, diabetes, malnutrition, and tobacco use can increase the risk of TB disease progression.

TB SYMPTOMS

- People with latent TB infections typically do not exhibit symptoms and are not contagious. However, individuals with TB disease may experience a range of symptoms, including prolonged coughing (sometimes with blood), chest pain, weakness, fatigue, weight loss, fever, and night sweats. These symptoms can vary depending on the affected organs, as TB can target not only the lungs but also the kidneys, brain, spine, and skin.



MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ENHANCES PUBLIC LIGHTING: BRIGHTENING UP KERK STREET

Msukaligwa is thrilled to announce an exciting development in the community's infrastructure – the installation of street lights along Kerk Street in Ermelo, a vital thoroughfare forming part of the N17 route. This initiative, spearheaded by Msukaligwa Local Municipality, marks a significant step towards enhancing safety and visibility for all residents and commuters. The decision to improve public lighting along Kerk Street stems from the Municipality's commitment to prioritize the well-being and security of our community members. Recognizing the importance of well-lit streets in preventing accidents, deterring crime, and fostering a sense of security, the municipality embarked on this project with determination and enthusiasm.

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A service provider appointed by the municipality is responsible for all programs/projects of public lighting, maintenance and installation of street lights within the Msukaligwa region. To date, over 45 street lights have been installed in Kerk Street and up to 100 including high masts in surrounding areas. Old and irreparable street lights will be replaced with energy efficient & cost saving LED lights.

The installation of street lights along Kerk Street not only illuminates the pathway for pedestrians and motorists but also contributes to the overall beautification and enhancement of our town. Improved visibility during the night, enhances the functionality of public spaces, encouraging more vibrant nightlife activities and fostering a greater sense of community engagement.

Furthermore, the installation of street lights & high masts aligns with the municipality's broader sustainability goals. By utilizing energy-efficient LED lighting technologies, not only do they reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions but also ensure long-term cost savings for the municipality and taxpayers.

The municipality would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders involved in making this project a reality, including the dedicated municipal staff, contractors, and community members who provided valuable input and support throughout the planning and implementation phases.

As we bask in the glow of these new street lights, let's all remember that it is through collaborative efforts and collective vision that we continue to build a safer, more resilient and vibrant community for generations to come.



DURING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS OF STREET LIGHTS AT THE CORNER OF JULIANA AVE AND KERK STREET.



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THE PHOENIX

The rebuilding of Ermelo after the destruction of almost all buildings during the 1899 to 1902 war.



THE UNIFORMED BLACK AND WHITE TRIAGLES

The mining and coal industry in the immediately vicinity of Greater Ermelo and the integration of the two towns.



THE CROSSED SHOVEL AND SHEEP SHEARS

Representing the two most important farming operations - horticulture and sheep farming.



THE MOTTO

"Stabiliter Progrediens" which means stable progress.