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Her Worship Mologadi A Mphela

Welcome once again in this last edition of the Fetakgomo Quarterly Newsletter known as Modiredi because after the 03rd August 2016 Local Government Elections, Fetakgomo and Greater Tubatse would launch a new publication. In terms of the Provincial Gazette no 2727 dated 24th June 2016 the Limpopo MEC for Coghsta Mme Makoma Grace Makhurupetje issued a notice titled disestablishment of existing municipalities and establishment of new municipality that classified Fetakgomo-Gretaer Tubatse Local Municipality as a new category B municipality. The council of the new local municipality will consist of 77 councillors of which 38 are proportionally (PR) elected councillors and 39 are ward councillors as determined in the Provincial Notice 323 of Gazette 2599 dated 28 September 2015. The seat of the municipality for purposes of the first meeting of council shall be at Fetakgomo municipal offices until otherwise determined. President Jacob Zuma has declared 03 August 2016, the date of the 2016 Municipal Elections, a public holiday. The purpose is to enable all South Africans who are eligible to vote to exercise their right on 30 August 2016. We therefore encourage all residents to exercise this hard won democratic right. When the electorate put the current council into office in 2011, they did so by giving us an unambiguous mandate of "working together to build better communities." We have since hit the ground running in our work of ensuring that our communities have much needed services and amenities because we fully understand that the sole justification of our existence as government and local government especially is to serve the people. I wish to extend my appreciation and that of the governing party the ANC for the hard work done during this term. We worked as a collective and we succeeded as a collective of public representatives. We also wish to extend a word of appreciation to the hardworking men and women who make up the administration team. Indeed Fetakgomo Municipality is better place to live in than it was in 1994/2000. We have done well and we will continue to do well until we reach our destination-a truly united, continue to strive hard to create a non-racial, non-sexist and prosperous South Africa as envisioned in the National Development Plan. This task of ensuring a better life for all South Africans is not an easy one. Municipalities across the length and breadth of the country are faced with many daunting and sometimes seemingly insurmountable challenges.

These include spending allocated MIG budget.

The year 2016 marks exactly twenty two (22) years of freedom, democracy and the fifth democratically elected government of the Republic of South Africa. This presents an opportunity to all South Africans to make an assessment of the gains we have made as a Nation in achieving the South African Constitution's vision of a prosperous, democratic, non-sexist, non-racial and equal society. The year 2016 marks exactly 61 years since the Freedom Charter was adopted by the people of South Africa in Kliptown, Soweto in 1955 as the vision for the future democratic and prosperous nation.

The Freedom Charter remains a beacon of hope for all South Africans and a source of inspiration for the attainment of prosperous, democratic, non-sexist, non-racial and equal society. This historic document continues to be the bedrock and blueprint of our policy orientation as the ANC led government.

Principal in the contents of the Freedom Charter is the need to ensure that all South Africans live in dignity and enjoy equal rights and opportunities. It is contained in the preamble of this historic document and I quote, *“We, the People of South Africa, declare for all our country and the world to know: that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white, and that no government can justly claim authority unless it is based on the will of all the people*

In terms of major achievements, Fetakgomo Local Municipality remains number one in the Sekhukhune District in terms of the provision of free Basic Electricity. At the time of printing this last edition we were sitting at 91.3%. We would like to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work invested by our employees in achieving this important milestone.

An overview of the Fetakgomo infrastructure projects indicates that several substantial infrastructure projects were completed as at 30th June 2016. The MIG expenditure recorded at least 100% completion rate. The table below captures the current projects and their completion levels.

PROJECT NAME	PHYSICAL PROGRESS AS AT 30 JUNE 2016	MITIGATION/COMMENTS
Construction of internal street 640m Hoeraroep Portion 2-next to Sport Complex	Progress stand at 100% inclusive of drainage system and pedestrian walkways	Completion certificate in place
Construction of Traffic Testing Station Route with tar	Progress stand at 100%	Completion certificate in place
Upgrading of Cemeteries (phase 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↻ 10 cemeteries in total. ↻ Ward1- Matlou Cemetery- Palisade fence and gates are complete. ↻ Ward 2- Magagamatala- Palisade fence and gates are complete. ↻ Ward 3- Maebe- Palisade fence and gates are complete. ↻ Ward 4-Mohlala cemetery- Palisade fence and gates are complete. ↻ Ward 5- Magakala cemetery- Palisade fence and gates are complete. ↻ Ward 6-Makurwaneng cemetery- Palisade fence and gates are complete. ↻ Ward 7-Strydkraal B cemetery- Palisade fence and gates are complete. ↻ Ward 8- Ditheljetjaneng cemetery- Palisade fence and gates are complete. 	NONE
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Supply and Delivery of TLB and Tipper Truck	Progress stand at 100% TLB and Tipper Truck have been supplied ,registered and delivered	NONE
Construction of 12 Culvet Drainage Structure across all nodal points	Atok,Apel and Mphanama nodal points, -sites establishment completed Strydkraal nodal point-100% practical completion	NONE

In addition to these MIG projects the Fetakgomo Local Municipality through the Local Economic Development (LED) has embarked on the Request for Proposals (RFP) application process aimed at supporting emerging local cooperatives. Below are the details:

1. Retswelapele Poultry & Multi-Purpose Cooperative which is located at Malogeng village, ward 09 received a funding support in the form of the construction of ablution facilities and erection of fence as a start-up capital to the value of **R79 347.41**.

The erection of fence and construction of ablution facilities was implemented through the EPWP approach and **ten (10)** members of the cooperative were employed for **eight (08) days** to implement the project with a **total salary bill of R10 720 00.00**.

2. Ikhlofeleng Agricultural Cooperative which it is located at Ga Radingwana village, ward 04 of the Mphanama received funding supporting for the erection

of fence and construction of ablution facilities as a start-up capital to the value of **R97 111.05**.

The erection of fence and the construction of ablution facilities were conducted through the EPWP approach and **ten (10)** members of the cooperative were employed for **eight (08) days** to implement the project with a **total salary bill of R10 720 00.00**.

3. Tswelang Pele Drop-In Centre which is registered as a Non-Profit Organization in terms of the Nonprofit Act, 1997 located at Pelangwe village, ward 09. The Cooperative was supported through the procurement of one-bread-baking machine to the value of **R 29 714.10** and facilitation of registration as a cooperative with CIPC for baking business purposes.

4. Ikemeleng Disability Group Project which is registered as a Non-Profit Organization in terms of the Nonprofit Act, 1997 located at Ga Radingwan village, ward 04. The Cooperative was supported through the

erection of fence, installation of jojo tank with stand as a start-up capital to the value of **R80 476.40** and facilitation registration as a cooperative with CIPC for baking business purposes. The erection of fence and construction of ablution facilities was conducted through the EPWP approach and **twelve (12)** members of the cooperative were employed for **eight (08) days** to implement the project with a **total salary bill of R12 400 00.00**.

Lastly we would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated employees/staff to have obtained position one in the Limpopo Province in terms of completing the Performance Management System Projects with the National Department of Monitoring and Evaluation. Keep up the good work. However there are areas that required further improvement and please pay attention to those for splendid performance.





EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTEPAD

Rachidi Ngoato

A warm welcome to all our avid Modiredi

Newsletter readers. This is the last quarterly newsletter edition under the Fetakgomo Local Municipality. This is informed by the fact that the merger between the Fetakgomo Local Municipality and the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality have been concluded and we eagerly and patiently await the establishment of the new entity after 03 August 2016 Local Government Election. We also want to assure our communities that all our offices will still provide the services they daily require. No satellite office will be closed. You will still access all your usual services without hassles. Communities and stakeholders are also called upon to suggest the name of the new municipality. However in the interim we will use Fetakgomo-Greater Tubatse Local Municipality abbreviated as FGTM as a transitional name. This publication coincides with International Mandela Day celebrations in recognition of the globally acclaimed doyen of

democracy, reconciliation and freedom for all - our very own loyal and royal son of Mzansi: the late Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela of the famous Rivonia Trial. His august birthday is 18 July 1918. The world is united in commemoratively celebrating his life throughout the month of July and has streets and various institutions named after him. The emphasis is that we emulate him and make each day a Mandela Day. #BEMOREMADIBA is a rallying, clarion call to all humanity to restore human dignity and spread goodwill to the indigent, vulnerable, feeble and less fortunate. This includes but is not only limited to the downtrodden, historically marginalised, children and widows.

The fourth quarter of the 2015/16 financial year has gone by. The enthusiasm displayed by the communities of this municipality in the past have been an encouragement for the Council to work harder in accelerating qualitative and quantitative service delivery. Our development plans are always centered on the needs of the communities. The Fetakgomo Local Municipality valued the participation of our communities in all our activities as

part of strengthening Back to Basic programme. On the 27 June 2016 the Council have adopted the IDP/Budget for 2016/17 financial year which covered pro-development, service delivery and job creation. Once again I am grateful to the communities who attended the Open Council meeting and the State of the Municipality Address. They witnessed the Council commitment regarding the betterment of the lives of the communities. Therefore communities have the responsibility to oversee the performance of the Council in implementing the IDP/Budget that was adopted. Subsequently the Service Delivery Budget and Implementation Plan was developed and adopted which gave details to what communities would expect from the municipality regarding service quality and level. Copies of both are available for public at municipal offices, satellite offices and also municipal website (www.fetakgomo.gov.za under documents). I hope the implementation of the IDP/Budget will really change the lives of the communities for the better. Your voice and your views are of great values to us.



MANDELA DAY SNAPSHOTS



MAKING READING FASHIONABLE

National World Book Day



The Deputy Minister Mabudafhasi together with the National Library of South Africa (NLSA) celebrated the second session of World Book Day in Fetakgomo under the theme, *“My Treasure, My Story”*. The theme highlights that when one reads a book, one accumulates treasure of mind, knowledge, skills and understanding.

The World Book Day was aimed at raising awareness about the importance of books and reading; reach out and give people access to books; educate the citizenry on the significance of safeguarding their libraries as well as to celebrate the authors of the books and encourage the youth to make reading and writing fashionable.

During the formal programme school children were afforded an opportunity to showcase their talents in reading and reciting poems. “As communities we need to adopt and adopt the culture of reading and learning to become knowledgeable and informed” said the Mayor Cllr. KRE. Sefala of Fetakgomo Local Municipality Mayor

“A reading nation is a winning nation; therefore we must

make reading fashionable. Reading never made Jack a dull boy” said Deputy Minister Rejoyce Mabudafhasi.

23 April is a symbolic date for world literature which was earmarked since 1616, commemorating Cervantes, Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega death. This day also marks the date of birth or death of other prominent authors such as William Shakespeare, Maurice Druon, Haldor K. Laxness, Vladimir Nabokov, Josep Pla and Manuel Mejía Vallejo.

It was a natural choice for the UNESCO's General Conference, held in Paris in 1995, to pay a world-wide tribute to books and authors on this date. This is to encourage everyone especially youth, to discover the pleasure of reading and to gain a renewed respect for the irreplaceable contributions of those who have furthered the social and cultural progress of humanity. In this respect, UNESCO created both the World Book and Copyright Day and the UNESCO Prize for Children's and Young People's Literature in the Service of Tolerance.



2016 WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE awards





KING THULARE III FOUNDATION COMMEMORATES BAPEDI WARRIOR KINGS

The Bapedi nation from across the country celebrated the first annual commemoration of the late Bapedi Kings at Tjate III, Sekhukhune District.

The King Thulare III Foundation which has been established in 2010, organised the memorial lecture and the commemoration of the following Kings :Sekhukhune I, Sekwati I and Thulare I. The Foundation is the brainchild of the members of the community. The aim of the Foundation is to work closely with the community, particularly the youth of Bapedi nation. Amongst other things, it is aimed at addressing unemployment, empowering youth with skills, education, health and social & economic development.

The Foundation commemorated Bapedi warrior kings who defended the autonomy, hegemony and power of the kingdom in the then Transvaal, Lekwe-Bepe. King Thulare I laid the basis of the Bapedi power and during his reign the Bapedi kingdom was united and even revered by many neighbouring tribes outside the areas where Bapedi held sway. King

Thulare I was regarded by many tribes as a father figure, hence the proverbial expression today “Ka moka re Setšhaba Sa Thulare/ Ka moka re Šaba la Thulare”. Just like King Thulare I, King Sekwati I the father of King Sekhukhune I continued to defend and consolidate Bapedi power during his reign. King Sekhukhune I defended the supremacy of Bapedi kingdom against the Voortrekkers, the Boers, the British settlers and against other encroaching tribes in the Transvaal. King Sekhukhune I continued to hold sway over most parts of the then Transvaal/ Lekwe-Bepe thereby defeating and subjugating other tribes in his kingdom, the kingdom of Bapedi nation. One of the regions Sekhukhuneland was named in honour of King Sekhukhune I. Sekhukhuneland region hosts the Great Place of Bapedi Nation as a whole and the region is the gem of the rich mining deposits in the Republic of South Africa. During the reign of King Sekhukhune I the Boer Republic and the British built many forts to keep an eye on the Bapedi warriors under King Sekhukhune I.

The following forts were built; Fort Weeber, Victoria, Olifants, Edward, Alexandra, Rowlands, Kruger, Wilhelm, Funk, Faugh-a-Ballagh and the popular Fort Burgers (Burgersfort). The death of King Sekhukhune I on 13 August 1882 was commemorated in Britain by the former enemies. Thousands(throngs of our constituency) and dignitaries attended this auspicious event, including former Limpopo premier and MP, Cassel Mathale, Sekhukhune District Municipality Executive Mayor cllr Mogobo Magabe, local councillors, provincial executives, King Zwelonke Sigcawu of the Xhosa nation and King Makhosonke II of Amandebele nation and Contralesa President Kgoshi Setlamorago Thobejane. The event was one of the largest gatherings of the Bapedi nation, who were dancing,clapping(applauding)and ullulating enthusiastically when the vintage and venerated Bauba a Hlabirwa Morekereke wa lebotsa (King Thulare III) was addressing them.

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Bauba a Hlabirwa, King Thulare Victor was speaking to the youth about the importance of unity and the need to inherit their forefather's bequest (heritage and legacy).

He said the youth is the future of the nation, therefore he made an appeal to them to preserve their culture, uphold the dignity of Setshaba sa Thulare and to fight against unemployment. The Foundation is going to work with youth structures to address the challenges that the youth is facing, said King Thulare III.

The commemoration will be held annually on the third Sunday of March.



LEARNERS COMMEMORATE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF JUNE 16



The Limpopo Department of Education and Department of Basic Education jointly organised the commemorative celebrations of June 16 (the student struggle of 1976) that were held on the 15th of June 2016 at Fetakgomo High School. The total of 500 learners from 93 schools around Sekhukhune accompanied by their teachers attended the event.

The theme of the June 16 commemoration this year is “*Youth moving South Africa forward*”. This year June 16 marks exactly 40 years since the tragic “June 16” Soweto student uprisings which claimed the lives of hundreds of protesting youth. It was on this day that the youth of our country decided to challenge the edifice of the Apartheid regime and vowed never again to live under conditions of perpetual slavery.

Apartheid was no longer reformable but had to be confronted head-on through whatever means the youth had at their disposal. It is estimated that no less than 600 students and young people were brutally killed by the Apartheid security forces during that fateful day.

The uprisings left many injured whilst others were imprisoned and tortured. The event marked a turning point in the history of the anti-Apartheid struggle, as scores of young people were forced to flee the country and join exiled liberation movements.

The event was graced by the presence of Deputy Minister of Basic Education Envy Surty, Member of Executive Council (MEC) of education Mr. Ismael Kgetjepe, Fetakgomo Mayor Raesetja Kukie Sefala, Representatives of King Thulare Thulare III, Representatives of KK Sekhukhune, representatives from SADTU, school principals, teachers, learners from different schools in the district, teacher liaison officers, curriculum advisors and councilors and the general public.

Also in attendance was the struggle icon Mr. Mbulelo Musi (is the head of communication in the department of military veterans) who spoke about being part of the June 16 student march and the impact of taking part in that march that liberated the nation. Indeed learners were given first-hand experience when Mr. Mathakha Mashau (a 1976 student who was part of the Soweto uprising) spoke about the struggle liberation.

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Speaking to a packed audience the Deputy Minister urged young people to keep the legacy of the class of 1976 alive by embracing socio-economic benefits of the new democratic dispensation. The Deputy Minister also highlighted Government's strides to empower and give hope to young people on his keynote address. He also emphasized the role of the youth in taking South Africa forward through education. The Deputy Minister concluded by saying that History in schools would soon be a compulsory subject (and no longer an elective subject-subject of choice) to all learners because it remains the relevant epic episode of our historical struggle.

Learners received motivational talk from the telenova celebrity Mr. Putla Sehlapelo (Mnr. Magongwa of Skeem Saam TV drama) who spoke about the importance of education. We salute the youth of 1976 for their bravery and contribution they made to ensure that South Africa become a better place he concluded

June 16 1976 would forever go down the annals of history as one of the defining moments in the struggle for attainment of freedom and democracy in our country. Oliver Molteno prophetically posited that June 16 in South Africa would never be the same again. This assertion was influenced by the valour exhibited by the South African society in the face of fascist brutality that subjugated and dehumanized the African people. At the time of printing this newsletter the Fetakgomo Youth Council Members have participated in the National Youth Parliament held on the 28-30 June 2016 at Freedom Square, Kiptown Soweto



FETAKGOMO MUNICIPALITY, KALIS LODGE AND SIR PAUL GUEST HOUSE A PROUD PARTNERSHIP



Fetakgomo Local Municipality participated in the INDABA on the weekend of the 06th-09 May 2016 at Durban International Convention Centre as part of the package offering of municipalities within Sekhukhune District Municipality. **Durban is the beautiful host city of South Africa Tourism's top travel and trade show Indaba.** The delegation included the local emerging accommodation facilities that exhibited namely Sir Paul Guest Lodge located at Ga-Nchabeleng and Kalis Lodge located at Mashung Ga-Nkwana. Fetakgomo Local Municipality exposed and marketed its accommodation facilities within the municipality as the preferred

destination for Family and Recreation in response to the adopted theme of the Limpopo Tourism Agency for the 2016 INDABA. It was a weekend of chatting to passionate travel and tourism professionals, listening to what our policy makers have to say, understanding the challenges SMMEs face but then also tapping into the energy of what it means to be involved in African tourism. While they might be a dark and a gloomy economic picture for many African countries tourism actually holds the key to specular wealth creation. At the opening of Indaba South Africa Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom said "if one quarter of African countries were to implement the open skies for Africa decision and facilitate

greater air access between our countries, an additional 155 000 jobs could be generated with obvious benefits for tourism. The issue of air connectivity across Africa and the world at large is a hot debate yet unfortunately its lucrative potential to boost economies and create much needed jobs has done little to spur on the implementation of open skies for African decision he concluded". *Speaking at the end of indaba interviewed by MODIREDI official Mr Paul Moshoeane said the Indaba has taught us that tourism is about heritage and culture. It provides a great platform for buyer-seller networking opportunities, gives good opportunities to meet new business partners and maintain existing relationships. Hard work, dedication and vision will take us far not just as an organisation but together as a municipality. We are thankful to the municipality for having faith in our brand and investing in us to positively contribute to the Fetakgomo economy. The experience has broadened our understanding of the hospitality industry that we operate in and has motivated us to bring all that we saw and learnt at the Tourism Indaba home to our people.*



FETAKGOMO FOURTH MAYOR'S MARATHON

The Fetakgomo Local Municipality in partnership with Limpopo Athletics (LIMA) held the 4th Mayor Marathon on Sunday 26th June 2016 at Moses Mabotha Civic Hall at 0700 and annual event initiated in June 2013. The Marathon was attended by over 2000 runners, councilors, representatives from Standard Bank, Bokoni Platinum Mine, delegation from Sekhukhune District Municipality. Bokoni Platinum Mine was the main sponsor at the tune of R49 000 while Standard Bank donated some promotional materials.

Addressing the runners after the race the Mayor Cllr Kukie Sefala said over the year the race attracted an increasing number of athletes and is aimed

at unearthing sporting talent among the youth and to encourage community fitness. We have started this Marathon by making sure that we have become healthy and strong in our bodies and minds through this activity. We also want to encourage the youth to take part on this marathon especially because it takes place during Youth month

There is an old adage which goes a “child in sport is a child not in court”. This means that young people who are actively involved in various sporting codes will avoid a lot of troubles that may usher them before the magistrates in the

court rooms. Through sports they would be no room for criminality that emanates from idle minds she concluded.

Below are the results:

21.1 Km Females	Joyce Netshphephe Hilda Molokomme Phaho Paulina Jane Mudau	GOLD
21.1 Km Males	Tlou Peu Jacob Khomola	GOLD
40-49 Males	Makebe Maredi Lazarus Seroka	GOLD
Male 60-69	Thokwane Jack	GOLD
10 Km Female Open	Murendwa Davhana Molapo Kamogelo Mhlongo Linah Sidibane Mokelo	GOLD
60-69 Females	Morepye Susan	GOLD
10 Km Male	Khoza Collin Khocho Thansangan	GOLD
Junior Male	Netshphephe Bethuel Ntshweni Nel	GOLD

Indeed the 2016 Mayor Marathon was a great success. This is the last marathon under the Fetakgomo Local Municipality.

FETAKGOMO SOCCER TEAM PARTICIPATED IN LIMPOPO INTER-MUNICIPAL TOURNAMENT



The axiomatic assertion that “A healthy mind in a healthy body is embraced by the Fetakgomo Local Municipality and accordingly inculcated among its employees.

Testament to this, our male soccer team had to participate for the first time in the Inter-Municipal Sport of South Africa (IMSSA) tournament. The Limpopo 10th Inter-Municipal Sport Tournament which took place on Saturday 04th June 2016 at Giyani Stadium comprised sporting activities such as soccer, netball, volleyball, snooker (pool), table tennis, golf and fishing. Only 22 municipalities participated in these games as part of employee wellness programme and included two teams from Mpumalanga Provinces (Thabachweu Local Municipality) and (Steve Tswete Local Municipality) for peer learning exercises.

Results are as follows

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These games serves as a vital platform for municipal officials to unlock their sporting potential whilst at the same time facilitating social cohesion, promoting wellness and advocating healthy living within the Local Government sphere.

Former President Dr Nelson Mandela in his speech in 2006 he said **“Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. Sport can awaken hope where there was previously only despair.** In addition sport possesses the ability to contribute meaningfully in building a better citizenry in the municipality and the country as a whole. It is also seen as a way of creating an environment in which people can come together to work towards the same goal, show

respect towards each other whilst sharing space and equipment.

Speaking during the official opening of these games Acting Chairperson Mme Mhloti Shirinda said “we are aware that this annual sporting event is taking place at a provincial level which paves the way for participation at the international tournament known as the Southern Africa Inter-Municipal Sport Association (SAIMSA) games scheduled to take place on 24th-30th September 2016 at Mahikeng Local Municipality, Northwest Province. Indeed through sport we are united in diversity” she concluded.

One of the players interviewed by Modiredi officials said “I want to thank the Fetakgomo Municipality to give this opportunity to participate as we are able to learn from other peers how they do their work, share good practice and how to obtain better audit opinion.





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