



FETAKGOMO TUBATSE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**MAYOR`S ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY CLLR EE
MAILA AT THE INAUGURATION OF COUNCIL, MOSES MABOTHA
HALL, 22 NOVEMBER 2021**

Madame Speaker

Former Mayor Ralepane Mamekoa, Malope a Hlabirwa

Former Speaker Tlakale Phala, Nareadi a Ngoato

The Chief Whip of Council

Members of the Executive Committee

The Chairperson of MPAC

Councillors

Magoshi le bafelegetsi ba bona

Former Councillors

Municipal Manager and Senior Managers

Representatives from SALGA, COGHSTA and the IEC

Security Cluster

Invited guests

Our officials

Media

Fellow citizens of Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality

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It gives me great pleasure to stand in front of you as the newly elected Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality. I must acknowledge Madame Speaker, that this task endowed on me from today is a great task that comes with huge responsibility and expectations, as a servant of the people I gladly accept this challenge.

I would like to thank my political party “African National Congress” and the house at large for having confidence in my abilities to lead this institution.

Our immediate task and mandate as the newly elected council is to deliver services to our communities, and we can only achieve that if we work together as a collective. During campaigns leading to the elections, we visited and interacted with many people who raised service delivery issues like lack of water, electricity, access roads and bridges, housing, cemeteries, unemployment and other socio-economic challenges that they confront on daily basis. .

In the midst of the challenges that they raised, the electorates have unequivocally shown during the recent elections that they still have confidence in local government and our responsibility is not to disappoint but to work towards the provision of basic and quality services to them.

We also need to increase the pace at which services are provided and stick to the agreed turnaround time. Our role as politicians is to play oversight over Administration and ensures that service delivery happens. We cannot afford the collapse of service delivery in our hands, if that is the case history will judge us harshly. Our communities have shown patience enough with a slow pace of service delivery and we cannot take advantage of their patience and delay fulfilling the clear mandate given to us.

Madame Speaker we must prioritise the socio-economic challenges that we are facing daily in our communities. Poverty, unemployment and inequality are rampant in our society and the victims in this instance are women and youth. This term of Council is committed to youth development and empowerment in all spheres. We want to see young people being involved in entrepreneurship and others benefitting from bursaries, internship and learnerships in order to equip them with skills to compete in the job market.

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The mobilisation of all sectors inclusive of Mining industry in contributing towards the achievement of the afore-said goal remains critical.

As a responsible government we want to make a call to all our communities to be vigilant against gender based violence which is now a serious pandemic after Covid19 as declared by the President of our country. We must not allow men to abuse women and children while we are not doing anything. We must breed young boys who must become responsible men in future by respecting the rights of women and children. We call upon everyone of us more especially men to refrain from such cowardly acts. Violence breeds violence and we cannot afford violent communities.

Madame Speaker, When addressing the nation at the occasion of the announcements of local government elections results on the 04th November 2021,

President Cyril Ramaphosa gave marching orders which should be our blueprint for this term of Council. He said 'I quote' "The people have spoken, those in which they placed their trust, elected councillors now need to get down to work. They want their lives improved, they want better services. They want their representatives to be responsive and accountable. Local government must be a force for good, for development and for progress" closed code.

By taking this oath today, we must affirm what the President has said by being visible and active in our communities.

For me as the Mayor, it will be a great pleasure and experience to lead men and women who will dedicate their lives to improve the lives of our communities. Our immediate duty is to go out there and do good to humanity.

We are honoured by the presence of Maaparankwe, our traditional leaders. During campaigns, we presented this men and women to you as our representatives and you gladly accepted them. Today we are presenting them as elected leaders who will work hand in glove with all our traditional authorities to bring services to the communities. We hereby commit ourselves that we will work with you and our doors are open for engagements that will improve the lives of our people.

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Let me also take this opportunity to thank all political parties and independent candidates who participated in the elections in the manner which they have conducted themselves. We had peaceful elections and this can be attributed to the maturity of all contestants and their quest for peace to reign in our society.

Ladies and gentlemen let me remind all of us that Corona virus is still prevalent and it is our collective responsibility to reduce its spread by following all the health protocols of, washing hands regularly, sanitizing, wearing masks at all times and keeping social distance. Of great importance is for us to be vaccinated in order to reach the required immunity and for our lives to return back to normal

Honourable Speaker, furthermore allow me to introduce members of the Executive Committee and their portfolios;

Cllr Moeng Queen Head of Budget and Treasury

Cllr Mphethi Dorah Head of Infrastructure and Technical Services

Cllr Mashego Maria Head of Corporate Services

Cllr Mashego Owen Head of Local economic development and tourism

Cllr Radigoane Release Head of Community Services

Cllr Mabelane Morussia Head of Development Planning

Cllr Makofane Thabo Deputy Head Local economic development and Tourism

Cllr Malepe Tsheko Deputy Head of Corporate Services

Cllr Mengwai Dolly Deputy Head of Infrastructure and Technical Services

I thank you !!!

Kea leboga !!!