



FETAKGOMO – GREATER TUBATSE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



Mayor`s address at the unveiling of the new name of the
Municipality, Atok Thusong service centre, 09 December 2017

Programme Director

Executive Mayor of the Sekhukhune District Municipality

Maaparankwe

Madame Speaker

Chief whip

Exco Members

Councillors

Acting Municipal Manager

Senior Managers and support staff

Media

Distinguished guests

Setshaba ka moka

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody to this
to this august event in our Municipality. We are all here to witness
the making of history as we will be unveiling the new name and the
logo of our Institution. As all know this Municipality came into being

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after the 3rd August 2016 Local government elections that ushered in the Fourth Council since the establishment of Municipalities in 2000. The former Fetakgomo and Greater Tubatse Municipalities were disestablished to form a new entity LIM 476. This has created confusion amongst the communities and stakeholders who could not identify with the name LIM 476 and continue to use the old names. Council had to provisionally use the name Fetakgomo Greater Tubatse Municipality as the identity of the institution.

This necessitated Council to establish the Local Geographic name change committee with a sole mandate of driving a process to solicit a new name for the Municipality. It was important for the committee to be established as the Municipality could not continue having many identities even after amalgamation. To speed up the process, the MEC of Coghsta directed the Executive Mayor to lead the process and a Technical Task team was established to monitor the work of the Adhoc committee.

The Committee began its working and in May 2017 a programme of public participation was embarked upon to engage all stakeholders on the naming of the Municipality. We would like to take this opportunity to thank King Thulare Victor Thulare III and Kgoshikgolo KK Sekhukhune and their Councils for embracing the idea and gave us the blessings to consult with the communities as all know that our Municipality is rural and our constituencies are the subjects of the traditional authorities.

The Municipality was divided into clusters where all Executive Committee members, the Speaker and Chief whip took the lead when communities were consulted. The process was robust and emotional as communities raised issues around the amalgamation of the two Municipalities. We are happy to report that engagements

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were held with affected stakeholders to clarify things especially in the former Fetakgomo area and we were able to reach an understanding.

We would to report that during the public participation stages more than 40 names were suggested as guided by the Act and we are happy that all the events went well without any form of disturbance. We must applaud the work that was done by the Adhoc committee to authenticate the submissions made by the communities until the process was subjected to Council. We must also mention that the work of the Adhoc committee was complimented by the presence of the Provincial Geographic names committee which gave credibility to the whole process.

Names were submitted to Council and a recommendation was made to the MEC of Coghsta to publish the proposed name in the Provincial Gazette for comments, objections or inputs on the suggested name. A Provincial Gazette was issued where all parties were given a period of 30 days to make comments. We are happy to announce that no objections were received on the name that was recommended by Council.

On the same breath an administrative process was initiated to design a new logo to be used with the name of the Municipality. We cannot continue to use two logo with the new name hence there is a need of a new logo that represents the diversity, culture and the history of our Municipality. In the last Council meeting held on the 29th November 2017 a new logo was approved and it will be also be unveiled with the new name today. We also like to report that another Provincial Gazette has been published authorising the Municipality to use the new name as gazetted.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for the role played in making sure that the Municipality has a new name and an identity;

- Office of the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality for leading the technical committee
- Provincial Geographic names committee for giving advices and supporting the process
- Adhoc committee for playing a pivotal role in making sure that the process is fair and transparent
- Our Magoshis for allowing us to have meetings in their jurisdiction and also participating in the naming process
- Our communities by participating in all the consultations meetings and the level of maturity displayed during the engagements
- Our administration for supporting the process and keeping the Council up to date on all the engagements
- Our Council for allocating resources and supporting the work of the Adhoc committee until the completion of the naming process.

Allow me to unveil to you the new name and the Logo of our new baby. Welcome to FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY and we are saying `Setshaba se tla buna`.

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