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GTM Imbizo



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World Aids Day



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Ba ba tlilego pele ga nna le wena mo go le la ga Jehova ba be ba fela ba re – “Do not allow **being reasonable** to hamper your purpose” meaning, Do what you say you will do when you say you will do it – even if the promise is to yourself. I am referring to the promises made by the Local sphere of government through their IDP and Budget of 2007/08, the new financial year has already started, all the



processes of public participation has taken place were different communities have made their inputs and budget has been approved.

The questions that remains with you and me are, are we going to allow being reasonable to hamper the purpose of service delivery by refusing some developments that the government is delivering in our communities? Are we reasonable enough to stop the government on the process on doing what they promise to do? As we all now know that our Municipality is situated at one of the most exclusive roads in South Africa that connects three towns namely Polokwane, Middleburg and Nelspruit. Will we be able to handle development of building South Africa's first democratic platinum city? This question are indeed challenging but with the hope that both the people and the government will continue to work hand in glove to achieve service delivery.

There are certain things you can never have too much of, yet which, thankfully, are available in limitless supply. For example, the heavenly design of this remarkable Municipality of ours, that creates an extension of the spectacular views of mountains, rivers, sky and Strydom Tunnel. It is a haven of tranquility with lush of sub-tropical water falls forming the perfect natural setting for the minerals like Platinum.

This is the place where “Kalana ya Kgosikgolo Sekhukhune 1 e wetsego gona, e tloba e se kae ge e se ka Tjate “. I am talking about the man with the hands of stone and the mind of steel. Ntshwareng, ke seke ka elela bjalo ka noka ya Tubatse kere, amogelang sengwalwa se sa rena sa 2007 gomme le epsineng ka sona.

Warm Regards....

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DAVID MAGABE - DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE SUPPORT



- Provide strategic leadership for the execution of the key business of the office of the Mayor and the Speaker
- Provide strategic leadership and effectively manage the Corporate Communication Unit
- Manage the Council Support Unit, ensuring that it is legally compliant with the council records and resolutions
- Ensures the efficient utilization of resources allocated in line with applicable legislation and practices
- Ensure compliance with statutory and protocol requirements

LESLEY MOKOENA - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



- Design and implement sound financial management strategy and practices
- Prepare financial statements for council
- Prepare financial budget, monitor and ensures that spending is within prescribed legislative requirements
- Ensures compliance with National Treasury reporting standards
- Advise the Accounting officer on the exercise of powers and duties assigned to the Accounting Officer in line with the MFMA

P.K. LEGODI - DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES



- Lead and manage the business of the division
- Oversee the effective management of Human Resource, Training & Development, Labour Relations, Employment Equity, and Legal Services
- Ensures corporate compliance with legislative requirements
- Provides support service to municipal council

BRUCE MOHLABA - DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES



- Lead and manage the senior technical services team to ensure achievement of targets and objectives
- Plan and manage infrastructural development and related projects
- Electrical Services
- Engineering Services
- Water and sanitation
- Refuse Removal & Waste Management
- Roads & Storm Water

KGAKI BOSHEGO - DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES



- Provide social services to the community
- Manage traffic services and promoting road safety
- Lead sporting activities of the municipality
- Protection services
- Environment and Parks Recreation
- Oversee to the general upkeep of cemeteries

ROSEMARY MOLAPO - DIRECTOR: STRATEGIC SUPPORT SERVICES



- Lead and manage Strategic Planning Unit
- Performance Management Services
- Intergovernmental Relations Unit
- Develop IDP and ensure occurrence of developmental programmes within the institution
- Ensures alignment of the institution's IDP to the District's IDP as well as the provincial plans for development
- Work with Internal Audit to ensure adherence to the institution's spending programmes to those of the District, the Provincial as well as the national governments

HERBERT SHAI - DIRECTOR: ECONOMIC AND LAND DEVELOPMENT (ELD)



- Identify & Promote areas of Economic development for the municipality
- Build relations and partnership with local Chambers of business & related forums
- Build relations and partnership with District, Provincial, National and International Chambers of business
- Legislate where necessary on matters that would promote economic development and job creation
- Develop and manage special programmes pertaining to LED



It was on the 18th of October in the morning, when the Mayor of Greater Tubatse Municipality, Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa left the comfort of his office to visit the village of Taung as part of the Municipal Imbizo Programme. The mayor was accompanied by EXCO members.

The Imbizo started with the mayor visiting some poverty stricken families. Then, a meeting with different political structures within the community of Taung was held. The structures representative outlined some of the challenges the community is faced with. Amongst others, poor road conditions, water shortage, the unavailability of network coverage (cellular phone coverage) and the electrification of Taung.

The same issues were also raised by the community members at large during their meeting with the Mayor and the EXCO members. Though community members were outspoken about their challenges, but they indicated that they were happy to meet with their

Mayor and Exco members. They regarded the Mayor and the EXCO members' gesture of visiting their village, Taung as a positive and encouraging one. The Mayor and the Executive Council told the gathering that as Greater Tubatse Municipality, they are doing everything in their power to ensure that communities have access to basic services. It was also indicated that municipality does not only visit communities during elections campaigns only, but the visits to various communities are done throughout.

The meeting ended up on a positive note as community members had an opportunity to get more information on how the municipality is operating like working with the Department of Minerals and Energy and ESKOM regarding electricity provision, provincial department of Roads and Transport on improving the roads conditions and the Sekhukhune District Municipality on water provision to communities. Regarding roads maintenance, the municipality told the gathering that is intending to buy its own equipments like (sekgorapata).





The Greater Tubatse Municipality held its EXCO Lekgotla on the 8th to the 11th October 2007, outside Phalaborwa. The main objective of the meeting was to assess the progress made by various departments within the municipality in terms of service delivery.

The Mayor of the Greater Municipality, Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa, Executive Council members, Municipal Manager Simon Malepeng and the entire management team of the municipality gathered for three days to look back at their performance, assess the success and the failure of department and also to come up with a better way forward.

The Greater Tubatse Municipality is working towards developing and empowering the communities. During the EXCO Lekgotla, the Mayor Ralepane highlighted the importance of the municipality to ensure that all developmental projects implemented benefit the local based businesses. The seven departments of the GTM presented their progress reports. Lepelle Northern Water also took part during Lekgotla. Representatives from Lepelle Northern Water briefed Lekgotla on their involvement with the municipality. Presently, the Greater Tubatse Municipality has no authority over water provision that's the reason it has a contract agreement with Lepelle Northern Water. The contract entails water provision to the local communities, maintenance water pipes, reducing pipes leakages, meter reading, re-connection, and waste water treatment (sewage). The Lepelle Northern Water also indicated that is working very hard to increase its capacity especially in those developmental areas, where there are developmental projects going on. According to the mayor the 30 year contract between GTM and Lepelle Northern Water must benefit the local municipalities. In his closing remarks, the mayor indicated that EXCO members are satisfied with the progress made thus far. He said it is a sign that the municipality is on the right track. Some of the resolutions taken at the end on Lekgotla, include the speeding of the process of building a civic centre (municipal offices), land identification, the establishment of intermodal transport facility and encourage mining companies to put more efforts in developing local communities.

Greater Tubatse Municipal Council met for the first time on Sunday, 30 September 2007, since the closure of the September floor crossing window period. African National Congress was the only party that benefited from the September floor crossing window period by welcoming a new member Cllr D. J. Napo of AZAPO and his supporters.

During the meeting PAC representative Cllr Elvis Molapo, congratulated all councillors who did not cross the floor but remained with their parties and also raised a concern about the floor crossing Act. He said the Act is only benefiting the ruling party and South Africa will end up being a one party state which will be harmful to democracy. The IEC was also present during the meeting, to facilitate the election of the new members who will represent GTM at the Sekhukhune District Municipality level.



GTM LAUNCHES IDP FORUM

The Mayor of GTM, Ralepane Mamekoa launched IDP Representative Form at the municipal offices in September. The Mayor indicated that IDP is an important document that contains all plans that the municipality is intending to roll-out over a period of five years. Mamekoa said the municipality is compelled by legislation to establish a structure that is representative of all sectors of the society, hence the launch. He explained on how the municipality came up with the names of IDP Representative Forum.

He said the municipality placed adverts and letters inviting various stakeholders to submit names of representative to serve in the IDP committee. He said the structure that is going to represent the interests of their constituency in the formulation and review of the IDP. "As stipulated in the municipal System Act, the IDP representative forum should serve as a link between the municipality and the community" he said. He has also appealed to those who are going to serve in the forum to clearly understand and adhere to their roles and responsibilities.

WHO ARE THOSE SERVING IN THE FORUM?



The Mayor said the IDP Forum is constituted by members of the Executive Committee, councillors, Magoshi, Ward Committee members, Municipal heads of departments, government sector departments, mining houses, organized business, informal business, CBO's, NGO's, representatives of the organized groups and community representative. He said the main aim, is to accommodate the needs and views of diversified group in the municipality.

WHAT IS IDP FORUM'S ROLE?

The role of the IDP Representative Forum is to provide feedback to the communities and to provide the municipality with community related needs for consideration by all spheres of government. The Mayor said this kind of Forums will minimize protests that are engulfing the country. In conclusion, the mayor welcomed IDP members as partners in their quest as the municipality to develop Tubatse as South Africa's first democratic platinum city in an integrated manner to improve the quality life for all.



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SCHEDULE 3		C	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY GFS		Approved Budget (Rand) B	Ad
Cemetries - Upgrading in Praktiseer, Mapodile, Ohrigstad, Burgersfort		1,700,000	
Sport Field - Ntwampe sports field Upgrade		50,000	
Roads & Stormwater - Praktiseer		3,500,000	
Roads & Stormwater - Orighstad		3,500,000	
Roads & Stormwater - Ga Mapodile		2,500,000	
Roads & Stormwater - Burgersfort		5,000,000	
Roads maintainance (rural access roads)		6,750,000	
Street & Communal Lights		3,000,000	
Steelpoort Registration Authority (Purchase of Land and Buildings)		400,000	
Electrification (households)		-	
Roads & Stormwater - R37 Eastern Link By-pass Road(Burgersfort)		-	
Roads & Stormwater - Ngwabe		-	
Civic Center		-	
Traffic Lights		700,000	
Public Transport Infrastructure Projects		-	
Small Access Bridges		-	
Purchase of Land		-	
Establishment of Parks and Gardens		-	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY GFS		27,100,000	

Column Definitions:

- A. The audited actual for 2005/06 as per the audited financial statements.
- B. The original budget approved by council for the 2006/07 budget year.
- C. The budget for 2006/07 budget year as adjusted by council resolution in terms of section 28 of the MFMA.
- D. An estimate of final actual figures for the 2006/07 budget year at the point in time of preparing the budget for the 2007/08 budget year.
- E. The amount to be appropriated for the 2007/08 budget year.
- F. The indicative projection for 2008/09
- G. The indicative projection for 2009/10

SUMMARY OF BUDGETED OPERATIONAL

		EXPENDITURE				
VOTE	DEPT	LABOUR COST	COUNCIL COST	GENERAL COST	REPAIR & MAINTEN	CONTR TO FUNDS
0510	MUNICIPAL MANAGER	2,014,928		1,233,500		-
0520	EXECUTIVE SUPPORT	2,514,960		-	-	-
1010	COUNCIL GENERAL EXPENCES	-	9,661,368	14,189,000	80,000	-
1020	CORPORATE SERVICES	8,735,690		5,213,500	250,000	318,000
2010	COMMUNITY SERVICES	1,499,397		1,645,000	30,000	-
2020	TRAFFIC & PROTECTION SERVICES	3,701,231		320,000		-
2030	CEMETRIES	269,558		10,000	40,000	-
2040	LIBRARIES	457,416		13,750	5,000	-
3030	FINANCIAL SERVICES	5,304,976		9,410,000	26,500	-
4010	TECHNICAL SERVICES ADMIN	3,353,956		7,978,750	21,200	
4020	WATER SUPPLY	773,913		2,060,000	1,000,000	-
4030	SEWERAGE DISPOSAL	526,378		50,000	850,000	-
4050	TECHNICAL SERVICES ROADS	1,190,898		50,000	2,100,000	
4060	REFUSE REMOVAL	2,172,966		3,241,500	110,000	-
4070	MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS			-	400,000	-
5010	STRATEGIC PLANNING	2,777,025		3,005,000	2,650	-
6010	ECONOMIC & LAND DEVELOPMENT	4,169,698		3,240,000	10,000	-
TOTAL		39,462,990	9,661,368	51,660,000	4,925,350	318,000

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			INCOME				SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)
CAPITAL COST	CONTR TO CAPT OUTLAY	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	RATES / SERVICES	GRANTS	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME	
-	-	3,248,428	-	-	-	-	-3,248,428
-	-	2,514,960	-	-	-	-	-2,514,960
-	1,239,440	25,169,808	28,000,000	47,569,000	10,002,800	85,571,800	60,401,992
-	-	14,517,190	-	-	-	-	-14,517,190
-	-	3,174,397	-	-	-	-	-3,174,397
-	300,000	4,321,231	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	5,678,769
-	-	319,558	30,000	-	-	30,000	-289,558
-	-	476,166	5,000	-	-	5,000	-471,166
-	500,000	15,241,476	-	-	-	-	-15,241,476
-	-	11,353,906	-	-	-	-	-11,353,906
1,696,000	-	5,529,913	6,678,492	-	4,000,000	10,678,492	5,148,579
1,200,000	-	2,626,378	4,034,580	-	-	4,034,580	1,408,202
1,810,000	-	5,150,898	-	-	-	-	-5,150,898
-	50,000	5,574,466	2,351,560	-	-	2,351,560	-3,222,906
-	250,000	650,000	-	-	19,080	19,080	-630,920
-	-	5,784,675	-	-	-	-	-5,784,675
-	-	7,419,698	-	-	-	-	-7,419,698
4,706,000	2,339,440	113,073,148	41,099,632	47,569,000	24,021,880	112,690,512	-382,636

The Greater Tubatse Municipality has launched Children's Advisory Council at an event that was held Dr. C.N. Phatudi FET College on the 13th of October 2007. The Children's Council will advise the municipal council on issues relating to the protection of the rights of the children. The event was graced by the Mayor of the Greater Tubatse Municipality, Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa, EXCO members, representative from the Premier's Office, District Municipality, and GTM officials. Guests of honour which were children aged 0- 18 from all wards around Tubatse Municipality came in a very large number to honour and witness the formation or the establishment of the GTM Children's Advisory Council.

The children who attended the event showed that there are the real leaders of tomorrow as they performed various activities from traditional dance to modern dance, some performed poems and others highlighted issues that affects the children of today such as rape, teenage pregnancy and drug abuse. They all pleaded with government to do more in curbing all those problems.

Who forms part of the Children Advisory Council?

It was crucial for the Municipality to engage children with the Forum as it will focus on challenges faced by the children. The children from different wards around GTM were elected to be part of the Children's Advisory Council and representative of various government departments such as Education, Home Affairs, Health and Social Development, South African Police Services, NGO's such as Child Aids in Tubatse and Teen Alive. But the major part of the council is the children. It is expected that more departments are still to come on board to become part of the Children's Advisory Council.

What is the role of Children's Advisory Council?

According to the constitution of the South Africa, the Greater Tubatse Municipality as part of government has the role to play in protecting the rights of the children and to ensure their safety within communities. The Advisory Council will be the mediator between communities and the municipal council. It will also ensure that the needs of the children and their protection are considered when establishing community projects.

According to Section 28 of the Bill of Rights, entitled "Children", says:

1. Every child has the right to -
 - a. a name and a nationality from birth;
 - b. family care or parental care, or to appropriate alternative care when removed from the family environment;
 - c. basic nutrition, shelter, basic health care services and social services;
 - d. be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation;
 - e. be protected from exploitative labour practices
 - f. not be required or permitted to perform work or provide services that -
 - i. are inappropriate for a person of that child's age; or
 - ii. place at risk the child's well-being, education, physical or mental health or spiritual, moral or social development;
 - g. not be detained except as a measure of last resort, in which case, in addition to the rights a child enjoys under sections 12 and 35, the child may be detained only for the shortest appropriate period of time, and has the right to be -



- i. kept separately from detained persons over the age of 18 years; and
 - ii. is treated in a manner, and kept in conditions, that take account of the child's age;
 - h. have a legal practitioner assigned to the child by the state, and at state expense, in civil proceedings affecting the child, if substantial injustice would otherwise result; and
 - i. not be used directly in armed conflict, and to be protected in times of armed conflict.
2. A child's best interests are of paramount importance in every matter concerning the child.
3. In this section 'child' means a person under the age of 18 years.

This section gives children the right to a name, citizenship and some form of care. Children need food and shelter, and should be protected from abuse, neglect and degradation. No child should work when under-age, or do work that would interfere with his or her education or development.

Children should be jailed only as a last resort and should not have to share a cell with adults. They should not take part in wars and should be protected during conflict.

The second sub-section, a very important clause, says a child's interests are the most important consideration in any matter concerning the child.

Waiting Images



The project was started by group of women and men in Tjate village in order to assist the community with fresh agricultural produce. In 2005, The Greater Tubatse Municipality funded the project with an amount of R23 081, 25. To date, the project has won several agricultural awards including the 2007 District farmer of the year.

The chairperson of the project Ms Mankgate Phala indicated that at present the project is having 31 members who have each adopted needy families. The needy families and other charities are the recipients of the proceeds from the sale of the produce. Members have received training from Tompi-Seleka Agricultural College which focused on the following aspects,

- Financial management
- Marketing
- Marketing and Production

They have also received training on ABET and on canned products. They have canned Carrots jam, Chutney and Curry which are all sold at R10 per jar. Ms Mankgate Phala said that their main challenge is to expand the farm and to find markets where they can sell their fresh produced products. Most of the products are

sold at the villages nearby.

They are grateful of the support that the project is getting from their ward councilor, Ms Pholoana Reneilwe who is always on their side. They are appealing for the Municipality to assist in linking them with retail business and local mines in order to supply them with fresh agricultural products.



The Greater Tubatse Municipality employees celebrated wellness day in style at Tubatse Chrome Club. All employees of GTM had an opportunity to attend the special day which was graced by the Mayor, Ralepane Mamekoa, the municipal manager Simon Malepeng, representative from various institutions including ABSA, SANLAM, OLD MUTUAL, LETSEMA LA SETSHABA and others. The main purpose of the event was to take care of the wellbeing of the employees physically, emotionally, financially and other wise.

Various speakers who took part during the event encouraged and motivated employees on various issues including stress and financial management. Tubatse Wellness Day celebration was a day also to give employees an opportunity from all municipal directorates to know each other better, interact and network at a social level outside the office environment.

The Chairman and Coordinating Director of Letsema La Setshaba, Professor A Ngwezi educated the staff about the causes of human stress, its origin and on how it can be managed looking at today's lifestyle. Prof. Ngwezi said stress is a number one cause of diseases of lifestyles and poor health states, of the modern workplace, community and society. It is the number two killer after HIV/AIDS related deaths, claiming the lives of over 115 South Africans per day, this result in a South African citizen suffering a heart attack every eight minutes. It affects people regardless of their gender status, age, education, culture, wealth status, religious or political affiliation, etc.

On the financial side of it, Mr Ranape advised the employees on how to manage their finances responsibly. Ranape said good financial management lead to good and healthy lifestyle. He encouraged staff members not to get involved in loan sharks business but learn to manage their finances based on their earnings. He also outlined the importance of saving money as saving helps in the future planning of one's life. It was a great day for both management and employees.

Awaiting Bricks Making Project



The Greater Tubatse Municipality was the host of this year's International Week of Deaf Persons which was held at Dr C. N. Phatudi FET College. The disabled persons from all over Limpopo Province gathered to celebrate the day of the Most Valuable Persons (MVP's) as they identify themselves. This annual event which is held in September has been celebrated in different Districts around the Province. The disabled learners from various schools such as Bosele, Setotlwane and others showed those who attended the event that they are capable, talented and open minded like any other learners at the 'so called' normal schools. They entertained the crowd with traditional to ballroom dancing.

During the celebration, the learners highlighted the challenges they are facing with regard to access to information at Magistrate courts and other public sectors. Provision of braille material is still a challenge in most institutions and also the sign language is not highly recognised. The learners also spoke about the difficulties and challenges that the deaf learners are faced with in relation to access to information at large.

EXCO members Lemon Phala delivered a keynote address on behalf of the Greater Tubatse Municipality. He said in the past, the disability was regarded as a curse, but the constitution of the new South Africa is giving the disabled the recognition they deserve. He further said that it is important to host and honour the disabled with public events as they help in encouraging the public at large to view the disabled persons as normal human beings who deserve to be respected and be treated with dignity.

Phala also spoke about the power of language. He said through language a nation can be united and work as one.



The Greater Tubatse Municipality hosted its annual beauty pageant and local designer competitions on the 26th August 2007 at Tubatse Chrome club. The occasion was blessed by the presence of the Mayor Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa, the first lady Mrs. Mamekoa, members of the Executive Committee and Councillors. Entrants to both events were drawn from all the 29 wards and after grueling elimination session, the contestants were reduced to 10 ladies, 7 gentlemen and 3 designers.

The following emerged as the winners in the three categories;

BEST DESIGNER

- Third position – Matlala Lindiwe
- Second position – Manyaka Elsie
- Best designer – Moraba Ernest

MR GREATER TUBATSE

- 2nd Prince – Tswaledi Tshepo
- 1st Prince – Serwale Michael
- Mr Greater Tubatse – Hlatswayo Samuel

MISS GREATER TUBATSE

- 2nd Princess – Maroga Thato
- 1st Princess – Matheso Nelly
- Miss Greater Tubatse – Mokoo Motlatso



The three female contestants have qualified to represent Greater Tubatse Municipality in the Miss Greater Sekhukhune beauty pageant that was held on the 21st September 2007. Matheso Nelly who came second in the Miss Greater Tubatse beauty pageant



was crowned the 2007 Miss Greater Sekhukhune beauty pageant. GTM News and the entire Municipality would like to congratulate Nelly for her achievements and her new role as the ambassador for the youth in Greater Sekhukhune.



The Greater Tubatse Municipality celebrated Abor week by planting a tree at Bogwasha Primary School in the Praktiseer area. Abor Day celebration was a day to remind the citizens of Tubatse on the importance of planting a tree. The event was graced with activities at school whereby learners' performance was an eye opener to the community regarding the importance of planting and conserving trees.

Councillor Reneilwe 'Pheladi' Pholwana delivered a keynote address on behalf of the GTM Mayor Ralepane Mamekoa. Councillor said trees are a resource that requires protection and are to be used for the benefit of all people, not just urban communities but also the rural communities who often live in barren areas, in the context of sustainable development and poverty alleviation.



The councillor called upon the educators and parents respectively to teach the upcoming generation about the importance of trees in their lives. She said that trees give us oxygen which sustains our lives and they are aware that the planet earth is under a serious threat of global warming.

"We come from a background where trees are used for different things which are important in our lives. The mistake that we committed and still committing is that the trees which are chopped are not replaced and this is dangerous to our environment. We must learn from our mistakes and be vigilant in our efforts to green our nation" she said.



In conclusion, Councillor Reneilwe Pholwana said the municipality want to give towns and townships a new face and pattern which will transform them into beautiful settlement which we all aspire. She made a call to the learners to join parents to make sure that we breathe life into trees, because they give us oxygen which is sustaining our lives.





In Camera...

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