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Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality - Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji

MEET THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

On 1 December 2022, the Sekhukhune District Municipality council elected Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji as the new Executive Mayor. Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji is surely not a newcomer to local government.

In 2000, she was elected as councillor for Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality.

In a space of five years, between 2000 and 2006, she became chairperson of the community services committee, chairperson of local AIDS council and member of executive committee at Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality.

Following the March 2006 municipal elections, she moved to Sekhukhune District Municipality as councillor. Here, she became chairperson of the finance portfolio committee and later infrastructure portfolio committee.

Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji was member of the provincial executive of the South African Local Government Association, as chairperson for the finance working group.

On the political activism front, Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji was a branch executive committee member and branch treasurer of the ANC at her branch in Luckau, between 1996 and 1998.

From 1999 to 2001, she was executive committee member and chairperson of the ANC Women League branch.

She became executive committee member of the regional executive committee and regional working committee of the ANC in Sekhukhune Region from 2002 to 2005.

From 2006, Executive Mayor Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji was regional secretary of the ANC Women's League.

Between 2010 and 2015 she was provincial secretary for the ANC Women's League in Limpopo and the following year, she became executive committee member of the ANC's Charlotte Maxeke branch.

A teacher by profession, Executive Mayor Maleke Mokganyetji trained at Mamokgalake Chuene College, where she graduated with a primary teacher's certificate in 1985.

She later obtained a Diploma in Education (primary education) from the erstwhile Rand Afrikaans University (RAU).

She went in to obtain the municipal finance management certificate from the University of Pretoria in 2008.

During her teaching career, Mokganyetji taught at Makgopheng, Luckau and Makeke primary schools, during a career that spanned over 17 years.

Notably, between 2016 and 2019 Mokganyetji was a Special Advisor to Education Minister, Angie Motshega, on equality and equity issues.

Furthermore, Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji was a Member of the Mayoral Committee responsible for Budget and Treasury and Leader of Government Business in the previous administration before she was elected as the executive mayor.

All these reaffirms Council's commitment to gender parity at strategic level.

As Executive Mayor, Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji's role is to provide democratic and accountable government for local communities, ensure sustainable services to communities, promote social and economic development and encourage communities and their organisation to become involved in local government matters.



ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR **CLLR MALEKE MOKGANYETJI** ON THE OCCASION OF HER ELECTION AND SWEARING IN

Khomotso Ndhlovu

Honourable Council Speaker, Kgwediebotse Chego Council Chief Whip, Cllr Choris Phokane, Chair of Chairs Cllr Peter Rankoe, MPAC chairperson, Cllr Mabatane Mathale, Chairpersons of section 79 committees, Chairpersons of standing committees, Leader of the official opposition party, Cllr Matsetela, Honourable leaders of other political parties represented in Council.

The Acting Regional Chairperson of the ANC, Cde Mynah Bahula together with the Regional Secretary of the ANC in Sekhukhune, Comrade Tala Mathope, Magoši a gešo, maapara Nkwe, Speakers, Mayors and Chief Whips of Local Municipalities, Former Executive Mayor, Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe in absentia. Former Members of the Mayoral Committee, Acting Municipal Manager, Danger Matumane and section 57 managers. Our friends from the media fraternity, Ladies and Gentlemen, Sechaba sagešo sa selete sa Sekhukhune.

Thobela! Dumelang

Honourable Speaker, first and foremost, i wish to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Executive Mayor, Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe, in whose Mayoral Committee I have had the honour to serve these last few months.

I know that I speak on behalf of all the people of Sekhukhune when I say that we have been privileged to have you as our Executive Mayor these last 10 months. There is no value that we can place on the service you have rendered to our district, nor any tribute that can adequately capture your contribution to building this district.

For all that you have done for the people of Sekhukhune and notably the recent houses that you have handed over, and for the advancement of community development, we remain forever indebted to you.



Honourable Speaker,

I also wish to express my gratitude to members of the Mayoral Committee who will be shortly announced hereafter, most of whom were appointed by the former Executive Mayor in my presence, and with whom I have been part of as a team in this district municipality. I am grateful to the African National Congress for the tasks and responsibilities it has given me over several years, for providing the political and analytical grounding that is so essential for effective public service. I am therefore both humbled and elevated by the honour and privileged that the ANC has bestowed on me as the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality.

We know it better that it is not an easy task to lead, but it is the task I will undertake and do to the best of my ability. In the same vein I am inspired by President Oliver Reginald Tambo when he reminds us of the huge responsibility on our shoulders when said I quote, " Comrades, you might think that it is very difficult to wage a liberation struggle.

Wait until you are in power. I might be dead by then. At that stage, you will realise that it is actually more difficult to keep the power than to wage a liberation war. People will be expecting a lot of services from you. You will have to satisfy the various demands of the masses of our people. In the process, be prepared to learn from other people's revolutions. Learn from the enemy also.

The enemy is not necessarily doing everything wrongly. You may take his right tactics and use them to your advantage. At the same time, avoid repeating the enemy's mistakes." Close quotes. His words were as correct then as they are today.

The African National Congress (ANC) is a movement with a rich political tradition. While conditions have changed, and tactics have had to be adapted, the policy orientation of the ANC has remained consistent for over the past 50 years. The vision espoused in the Freedom Charter remains at the core of the work of this movement, reflected in the mandate of this government.
Honourable Speaker

We are meeting here today during the World Aids Day commemoration. This year's theme for World AIDS Day is "Rock the Ribbon." The National AIDS Trust is committed to stopping new cases of HIV, securing the rights of people living with HIV, and fighting HIV stigma and discrimination. Lets all stop the spread of HIV\ AIDS through campaigns such as Cheka Impilo

In the same breath we are meeting here today during the 16 Days of Activism Against Women and Child Abuse. Our country is going through one of the most serious challenges since the dawn of democracy as a result of the second pandemic after Covid- 19. This second pandemic is gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) that unleashes havoc in our communities, instils deep fear and rob women and children in particular to fully enjoy their rights as enshrined in the Constitution.

What has to be said is that GBVF is a violation of human rights – it denies victims of their human rights including their right to freedom of movement and freedom of association. As Executive Mayor I am deeply worried about this challenge, and I am sure this is the feeling shared by other Mayors across the length and breadth of this great country.

I however wish to re-assure our citizens that as a municipality we will play our part in dealing with this scourge.

It is my wish and goal as the Executive Mayor that residents of our municipality live a life free of fear of being attacked because they are women.

It is my wish that no parent or parents have to bury their young children because they are victims of this scourge.

Honourable Speaker

It is for this reason that I call upon all residents of this municipality to work with us in fighting this scourge where-ever it rears its ugly head.

We will continue to work with all stakeholders in the municipality and beyond including media to raise awareness about this scourge and encourage positive and healthy gender attitudes.

Although we are facing many other challenges and pressures such as service-delivery we cannot afford to ignore GBVF as it stands directly against our values as people and as a democracy. My call to all men in our district is to stand up and say enough is enough, not in my name."

There can be no true and full development when women and children live in constant fear for their lives. Revolution loses its meaning when it cannot defend the most vulnerable in society!

Honourable Speaker

OPERATION TLEMA TEKKE-RE NWE MEETSE is still relevant today as it was then when it was launched by the former Executive Mayor. We will leave no stone unturned to ensure that it becomes successful. The people of Sekhukhune deserve better and for this reason it is important that we outline targets that we believe are attainable over the next 100 days.

Top on the list in terms of OPERATION TLEMA TEKKE-RE NWE MEETSE.

* is to ensure that going forward, we prevent conditions that make us to forfeit conditional grants back to the fiscus. We will ensure that we convene war room meetings every two weeks to get progress in terms of water project implementation and put acceleration plan in place. Our inability to spend at the required level on capital infrastructure in particular conditional grants must be a thing of the past.

* Some of the interventions in this regard, include making sure that all critical posts in the IWS and Community service department as well as BTO are filled as a matter of urgency. Lack of personnel with adequate skills hampers our planning and implementation efforts.

* As part of stakeholder engagement, we will also continuously meet our traditional leaders, business

forums, ward councillors and local mayors to ensure proper implementation of water projects. This we will do in the spirit of inter-governmental Relations.

* To this end we need a revenue enhancement strategy that is credible and implementable for us to have financial muscles to implement our plans. The provision of basic services will not be in a sustainable manner, unless if we pay special attention to revenue collection.

* It is imperative that Planning and Economic Development Department should also support the SMMEs, farmers and Co-operatives owned by young people and women.

* There is also a need for district mining Indaba in order among other things to unpack the role of the mining companies operating in our district. We will sit down with captains of this sector, to discuss if the existing social labour plans are indeed inclusive and successful in bringing labour, government, business and communities into agreement.

* The SDA should also come on board in terms of attracting investors with the aim to create jobs and grow the district's economy-beyond the mining, tourism and agricultural sectors.

* The health of the people of Sekhukhune should come first. Municipal Health Services should continue monitoring compliance of premises throughout the district. Premises not complying must account for their non-compliance as they have been warned and given opportunities to comply.

* Acts of corruption, fraud, maladministration and nepotism go against everything this administration stands for, and these will not be allowed to happen under our watch.

Honourable Speaker, for all these to happen, we need a responsive and capable administration. We therefore call on our administration to pull up its socks and do everything in its power for provision of basic services to our people.

We shall at the end of the 100 days in office, give an update on how far we would have gone on all the above-mentioned programmes.

Honourable Speaker, in accordance with the powers vested in me as the Executive Mayor of

Sekhukhune District Municipality in terms of the Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998 section (60), sub-section 1 (a), I hereby take this opportunity to announce members of the mayoral committee and allocate them responsibilities in various portfolios:



1. MMC for Budget and Treasury: Cllr Jan Mohlala
 2. MMC for Infrastructure and Water Services: Cllr Bella Kupa
 - 2.1. Deputy MMC for IWS: Cllr Merriam Malatjie
 - 2.2. Deputy MMC for IWS: Cllr Lizzy Lekoatsipa
 3. MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr Frank Ratau
 4. MMC for community Services Cllr Orginia Mafefe
 5. MMC for Planning and Economic Development Cllr Baatseba Leshaba
 6. MMC in the Office of the Executive Mayor, responsible for Youth, Sport, Arts & Culture Cllr Kuki Sefala
 7. MMC in the Office of the Executive Mayor responsible for Women, Children, the Aged and People with disabilities, Cllr Samson Nkosi
- I further designate the following 5 MMC's as full-time councillors in line with the MEC Gazette No:3201

1. MMC Frank Ratau
2. MMC Bella Kupa
3. MMC Baatseba Leshaba
4. MMC Jan Mohlala
5. MMC Orginia Mafefe

I also hereby designate MMC Frank Ratau as the leader of government business.

Honourable Speaker, I am convinced that these are men and women, who are up to the task and capable of assisting our municipality to provide services to our people. We wish them all the best. There is no time to waist. The time is now to hit the ground running. The people of Sekhukhune deserve better.

Thank you very much.



Children's Month Celebrated

Khomotso Ndhlovu



GA-MASHABELA - Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) held an event in commemoration of

Children's Month at the Mante Crèche in Ga-Mashabela Village within the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality on Friday, 18 November 2022. Sekhukhune District Municipality in partnership with Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality held a children's day celebrations, the main purpose of the event was to celebrate childhood and promote awareness about children's welfare, wellbeing, and the upliftment of children's social rights.



SDM MMC for Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation, Cllr Bella Kupa, attended the commemoration and was joined by Makhuduthamaga Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula.

"I am so happy that the district municipality, the Executive Mayor and her entire office chose to celebrate Children's Day here with us and our beautiful children. We are also thankful for the gifts they have brought for our children," said Mante Crèche Principal, Mme Sello. Sello said that they wished that the



commemoration of Children's Day would be an annual event and reach more Early Childhood Development Centers in the district to further enhance the awareness on children's rights. Speaking on behalf of the Executive Mayor, MMC Cllr Bella Kupa reiterated the need for protection of children, especially with the recent spate of the killing of children in the country.

"The need for their protection must be met with functional policing and justice systems wherever children are in the district. Their learning needs must be met with reviewed ECD and school systems that guarantee academic success. Their hunger must be met with viable surrounding, playgrounds and sporting codes. So even at an early stage, we as adults must continue to advocate and raise awareness on the rights of children," said Cllr Kupa.

The district municipality donated balls, Toys, colouring books, skipping ropes, puzzles and a refrigerator to the crèche. International Children's Day is celebrated yearly on 05 November.

Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji addresses 16 Days of Activism



Khomotso Ndhlovu



The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji Addresses 16 Days of Activism. The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune district municipality Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji visited Apiesdoring Village in Fetakgomo Tubatse local municipality, on the 06 of Dec 2022 in a quest to build a better society for Women and Children as well as Men.

16 Days of activism for no violence against women and children campaign continues to be coordinated each year, it serves as awareness to call for prevention and elimination of violence against women and children.

The community of Apeisdoring came in numbers to honour the event and attain information presented as the Village is known to have the highest-ranking numbers of gender-based

violence in Burgersford police station. Sister Malatji Tsiamo from the department of health reiterated in her statement that "being abused causes premature death, depression, and suicide. When we experience such patients, we refer them to the relevant departments that would help the victim. As the department of health, we are tired of increasing cases of Gender Based Violence". Sister Malatji Tsiamo concluded by saying "Men can make a difference in their women and children's lives. Fase ka hloriso ya basadi fase". According to statistics from the South African Police Services, at least 10 818 cases have been reported during the first three months of 2022 because of domestic abuse and 15% of GBV assaults are carried out by an intimate partner or spouse, with close family members accounting for close to 50% of all GBV assaults.

"In this exact area we had a case of a man killing his girlfriend and child, and to show that we do not take GBV lightly, this man has been charged with two counts of murder and sentenced to two lives in prison. We want to ensure the community that we do not only arrest the culprits but ensure that they get sentenced." Said Spokesperson Sergeant Ntonga.

According to stats SA 7400 cases of GBV have been reported and these are between the second quarter, which is an increase of 13.6% from the previous year. This is a scary reality because it raises the question of "How safe is this country for women?" states Ms Joyfa Matloug "it is important for one to understand their emotional intelligence to prevent irrational behaviour that could lead to an abusive manner" concludes social worker Joyfa Matloug. Mr Malatjie Morale a survival victim of GBV commented to say that it is not easy loving someone who hurts you and knowing very well that if I abuse them the same way, I could go to jail. "I was afraid of reporting the abuse because of the stigma that men are strong, and men don't cry."



The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune district Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji in closing addressed the event stating that "Gender based violence stubbornly remains one of the world's most pervasive human rights violations. It is an ignored pandemic that needs intersectional response more than ever, because as women and children we have no idea what is the real reason for men's violence and cruelty"

in addition Executive Mayor Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji mention that, this year marks 22 years since 16 days of activism against gender based violence was adopted by the parliament, this was supposed to be a time to reflect on gains, however we are still at the same place. "We plead with men to educate themselves on the root causes of violence" concludes Executive Mayor Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji.





Motsepe Foundation donates to schools and churches of Sekhukhune region

Khomotso Ndhlovu



The founder and chairperson of Motsepe Foundation Dr Patrice Motsepe and the CEO Dr Precious Motsepe, on the 10th of November 2022, visited Tafelkop at Dipakabakeng Apostolic Faith Mission church to make donations to schools and churches of the Sekhukhune region. The Motsepe foundation, together with MMC for budget and treasury Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji handed over cheques that amounted approximately to R4 520 000 in total.

endeavours to improve situation and advancing philanthropy to the people of Sekhukhune” Motsepe Foundation lives on a principle that Dr Patrice Motsepe was taught by his father while he was growing up. “My father was a businessman and he used to say ‘I have to help out, because if the nation does not have a future, that means my family does not have a future’ that same principle is advised at the heart of these humble donations that bring us here today” said Dr Patrice Motsepe.



This is part of the Motsepe Foundation roadshow, which is designed to assist communities and institutions to improve their infrastructures. Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji addressed the roadshow stating that “On behalf of the leadership of Sekhukhune district municipality, I express my gratitude to your kind presence to witness this very inspiring progress being presented here today. It has been our fortune to find distinguished presence of an extremely busy leadership in the Motsepe foundation, Dr Patrice, and his lovely wife Dr Precious Motsepe’ in the most of collective

Among the 16 beneficiaries from churches and schools, the principal of Bopedi Bapedi Secondary school thanked the Motsepe foundation for their support and said that this donation will help the school get a generator to use in times of loadshedding.

“Our school is a boarding school and during loadshedding our students struggle to study, with these donations we will buy a generator that will accommodate the whole school and with the remaining amount we will get instruments for singing competitions” said the principal.



Candles lit at Ga-Mampuru in commemoration of the World Aids Day

Aggrey Khosa

The Office of the Premier hosted a World Aids Day commemoration on December 1st, 2022, at Ga-Mampuru in Fetakgomo - Tubatse local municipality. Candles were lit, and a moment of silence was observed in memory of those who had passed away due to HIV and AIDS and Covid-19. This year's theme was "Equalize and Integrate to end Aids"

The department of health had stations for testing HIV, TB screening and screening for non-communicable diseases as well as for Covid-19 vaccination. The 1st of Dec is a day that provides opportunity for communities to unite in the fight against HIV&AIDS. It sets as awareness to encourage citizens to check their health status through checka impilo campaign. There is nothing that is so empowering and liberating than to know your HIV and AIDS status, which contributed to the objective of the day on educating the youth and supporting people living with HIV&AIDS. Ga-Mampuru tribal council representative Mapitsi

request that you take care of yourselves as the surveys indicate that the youth is the most infected in the country".

"As a sector that supports people living with HIV and AIDS, we will continue to emphasize the importance of communities accepting people that have HIV and AIDS and the one's affected by HIV and AIDS." Reiterates Mr Lawrence Sengwane.



"This is a period when we should reflect on the numerous lives lost to AIDS, such activities have aided in eradicating stigma in our communities as well as increasing knowledge of HIV. The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is another initiative to engage localities and spread awareness about HIV and AIDS." Added Ms Khensani Mavasa.



"Today we are not addressing Sekhukhune but the whole province" comments Mr Chupu Mathabatha "On this day we reflect on the lingering challenges that continue to Ault our fight against HIV and AIDS pandemic. We also use this day to contribute to the health workers, NGOs, and Activists who have been on the forefront in a fight against this pandemic."

Mashego mentioned in her welcoming address that Ga-Mampuru citizens feel greatly honoured and privileged to be visited by the Premier of Limpopo Mr Chupu Mathabatha and local councillors. She then concluded by mentioning that the youth should take good care of themselves. "We have a lot of taverns, and our youth are the regular patrons that populates these places, we humbly



Breast Cancer Awareness

Launch of Cancer Awareness month and handing over of Radiology equipment at St Rita's Hospital



Khomotso Ndhlovu

In fulfilment of the Provincial Premier's State of the Province Address (SOPA) commitment that "No rural district should not be equipped with high-tech medical equipment," Mr. Stanley Chupu Mathabatha and the Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla, joined by the MEC for Health in Limpopo Dr Phophi Ramathuba handed - over the advanced diagnostic and screening radiology machines to the St. Ritas Hospital on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Because Sekhukhune is the last region in the province to have CT scans outfitted with a PACS RIC system indicates that the project's goal to reduce referrals to tertiary hospitals has been achieved.

the help they required, and it saddened us that patients would wait until some pass away without receiving the help that would have saved their lives. With these machines, at least now, the longest period the patients can wait is less than 4 weeks and after the biopsy and confirmation is done it will take a patient less than a week to receive the necessary care from the Specialist". Comments Dr



Phophi Ramathuba.

The local Acting Mayor of Makhuduthamaga and Tribal Authority Kgoshi Madihlaba D. J., who was present to witness the handing over of Radiology equipment, acknowledged the work done by the MEC for Health. The delivery of the radiology equipment serves as evidence that "rural health matters" which marks the start of an amazing journey for Limpopo health.

I am aware of the work done by the health



"In the past, patients had to travel to Polokwane for Monogram and biopsy surgical procedures since here in St Ritas Hospital, the procedure would take up to 6-18 months for a patient to receive



department, and it excites me to hear that our local doctors are trained to use these machines which shows more growth, and this is investment that the province will benefit from, Comments Premier Mr Stanley Chupu Mathabatha. "I am glad to be here today and to join this community in emphasizing the

impact that cancer has on our lives and the value of routine screening to find it early and treat it effectively. The province has also purchased CT scanners for the four regional hospitals, St Ritas,

Letaba, Tshildzini, and Mokopane, to oversee trauma patients in each catchment area. This lessens the hardship of long-distance patients' scheduled transportation to Polokwane and Mankweng, which influences the result of patients negatively. With the use of the CT scanner, St. Rita's will be able to oversee orthopaedic surgery patients better and prevent surgical complications. Without having to move the patient, pictures may be examined at a higher level when the CT scan is combined with a picture archiving and communication system (PACS)." The Minister of Health Dr Joe Phaahla reiterated.





HOUSE HANDOVERS

Families' lives dignified

Zanele Khumalo

SEKHUKHUNE - Three destitute families in Phahla Manoge, Tambo and Ntwane villages within Fetakgomo Tubatse and Elias Motsoaledi local municipalities respectively have been handed over three fully furnished newly built five-roomed houses as part of former Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Executive Mayor's housing program in conjunction with the business community.

an ongoing program which involves businesses in lending a helping hand for the vulnerable in our communities," further said Mathebe.

The joy overwhelmed 84 year-old Bokgobelo thanked the efforts of business and government in ensuring that she finally got a dignified house while still alive.

"I thank you very much for remembering me. I will keep you in my prayers for got to give you more power to help many others who are in need. I thank you from the bottom of my heart," said the elderly Bokgobelo.

Mashupye Mogaladi, Ngoato Group of Companies Director, said they were pleased to have been involved in a program which changed lives of people.

"It is imperative that we all work together to ensure we help those in need as a partnership between of government and business. We as the Ngoato Group of Companies are willing to work with government to improve the lives of communities," added Mogaladi



A pensioner-headed family who has for years been living in a dilapidated mud structure in Phahla Manoge Village received a life changing donation when they were given a five-roomed newly built house with furniture through the program.

After she was alerted of the family's plight, former SDM Executive Mayor, Julia Mathebe contacted Ngoato Group of Companies to seek help in building the elderly Tlakale Bokgobelo and her mentally disabled son a house to change their lives for the better.

"When I first saw the conditions in which the family was subjected to, I was deeply touched and in tears, I contacted Ngoato for help and I got so happy when Ngoato, without hesitation, promised that he was willing to carry me help the family," said former Executive Mayor Mathebe.

Mathebe reflected that they were given the task of ensuring that lives of people were better, a task which was not an easy one, making it important to have businesses that helped them fulfill that mammoth task.

"We are here today to say to the Bokgobelo family that they cannot be looked down upon by people when we are still alive. It is not only here, we have



On the same month, two families, the Mamosadi family of 11 and the Ramphisa family of six in EMLM's Tambo and Ntwane villages respectively were also dignified by the program when they were handed over fully furnished and five-roomed houses on the same day.

Mathebe thanked the businesses community for ensuring that the program was a success.

The program has identified other families in Makhuduthamaga Local and Ephraim Mogale local municipalities that were in dire needed of help.

FESTIVE SEASON ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Zanele Khumalo

Ga-Masemola – As Sekhukhune District Municipality was preparing for an influx of festive season visitors, MMC for Youth Cllr Kukie Sefala and MMC for women, children and people with disabilities, Cllr Orginia Mafefe, urged the Sekhukhune district security cluster to be tough on the road transgressors.



Cllr Kukie Sefala represented the Mayor of Sekhukhune District, Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji by leading a festive season road safety campaign at Apel Cross, Ga-Masemola on the 14th of Dec 2022 under Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. The launch of the festive season road safety campaign was aimed at preventing the seasonal increase of road fatalities as Apel Cross intersection is one of the highest accident zones. It is very crucial that motorists and pedestrians adhere to road rules to reduce the number road fatalities.



Complying with the road rules is an act of responsibility that each motorist and pedestrian owe to each other as the users of the road. Cllr Kukie Sefala gave a keynote address stating that in November road safety was emphasized as road rule transgression results to lives being lost,



which could be avoided if people on the road could stop being ignorant.” In November we emphasized maintenance of best road use by motorists considering people with disabilities. However, our emphasis was not only about the concerns raised by and for persons with disabilities, but general safety on our roads.”

In addition, she further continued to say “This pandemic is different because the instances are almost 100% man made and sometimes caused by deep ignorance. behaviour and attitude has a lot to do with the road carnage and accidents. Therefore, I urge the fire fighters, police officers and our traffic officers to apply law enforcement and ensure that road users comply to the road rules.”



Disabled Persons honoured

Zanele Khumalo



MONSTERLUS - Bosele Handcraft Centre in Monsterlus within the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality on Wednesday, 23 November 2022 played host to the Disability Rights Awareness campaign.



that also earn them a living. The program is receiving funding from the Department of Social Development for its immediate operations. Speaking during the awareness campaign, Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Member of the Mayoral Committee responsible for Budget and Treasury, Maleke Mokganyetji applauded the efforts of all organizations fighting for the rights of disabled persons and said that made those who were hiding at home to be brought forward be assisted by government.

The campaign was aimed at ensuring that the rights of persons with disabilities are protected, supported, and always promoted. Furthermore, the campaign encouraged putting as a top priority, the safety of persons with disability in so far as road safety is concerned.

Bosele Handcraft Centre is one of the pioneer center's that have for years been advocating for the needs and rights of people with disabilities in Sekhukhune District.

"This is a special day for the disabled persons, and we must commit ourselves to help them to set up facilities where their talents must be displayed. We must make sure that protective workshops like this one are well equipped and supported by government and private sector. We must also assist them by finding markets where they can sell the products. We should not make this event to be a talk show but forums where we take decisions to assist out disabled persons in any way possible. Our municipality will do everything within its powers to make sure that the disabled persons are assisted," said Mokganyetji.

Bosele management expressed gratitude to all stakeholders who ensured that the campaign was a success.



The centre comprises craft gentlemen and ladies who produce and sell their products to the communities and those passing by. Some of their crafts include cane baskets, cane trays, door mats and other several handwork goods imaginable.

To the participants of the program, craft is both leisure, skill and a livelihood complement



Public Notice: The 2022/23 F/Y Council Meetings

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Council Speaker
Cllr Kgwediyebotse Chego

Notice is hereby given in terms of the section 29(1) of the Local Government: Structures Act, No. 117 of 1998 as amended, that the 2022/23 Financial Year SDM Council Meetings will be held as follows:



Type	Date	Time	Venue
Ordinary council meeting	28/07/2022	10h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Special council meeting	30/08/2022	11h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Special council meeting	29/09/2022	11h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Ordinary council meeting	26/10/2022	10h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Special council meeting	13/12/2022	11h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Ordinary council meeting	30/01/2023	10h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Special council meeting	24/02/2023	11h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Extra special council meeting (SODA)	23/03/2023	12h00	To be confirmed (Taking council to the people)
Special council meeting (SODA debate)	30/03/2023	11h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Ordinary council meeting	28/04/2023	10h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Extra special council meeting (Budget Day)	24/05/2023	12h00	To be confirmed (Taking council to the people)
Special council meeting	30/05/2023	11h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal
Special council meeting	29/06/2023	11h00	SDM Council Chamber, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal

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Cllr Kgwediebotse Chego



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Chief Whip
Cllr Johannes Phokane

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Cllr Bella Kupa



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Cllr Frank Ratau



MMC: Community Services
Cllr Orginia Mafefe



MMC Youth
Cllr Kukie Sefala



MMC: Budget & Treasury
Cllr Jan Mohlala



MMC: PED
Cllr Baatseba Leshaba



MMC: Women, Children & People Disabilities
Cllr Samson Nkosi

Vision

Integrated Economic Development and Sustainable Service Delivery

Mission

To improve the quality of life for all communities through:

- Provision of a democratic and accountable government;
- Promotion of inclusive and egalitarian economic transformation
- Promotion of a safe and healthy environment
- Fostering of community involvement and stakeholder engagement
- Strengthening institutional capacity
- Promotion of social cohesion



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