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As we celebrate Africa Month, we honor the continent's rich heritage by embracing its diverse cultures, languages, cuisine, and traditions. Unity in diversity remains our strength, and we continue fostering an inclusive society that reflects Africa's spirit.

Msukaligwa Local Municipality successfully conducted the Budget and IDP public consultations for the 2024/2025 financial year from 18-23 April 2024, allowing communities to voice concerns and contribute to municipal planning. Their input has been noted and will be addressed.

Key mayoral programs this quarter included the Letsema Programme in Ward 1 (5 April) (Cleaning stormwater drains and removing illegal dumping), Oversight visits (12 April) (Monitoring Msheveni Street project and Lothair Oxidation Ponds handover), Infrastructure inspections (16 April) (Assessing Ermelo Town Hall renovations and municipal security gates), Completion of road projects [Final handover of Lothair Oxidation Ponds (23 April), Gwebu Street (17 May), and Msheveni, Thenjekwayo, and Gwebu Streets (22 May)].

"we encourage all, especially first-time voters, to exercise their democratic right and shape our future through voting."

Other significant municipal events included School uniform donations (2 May) with MEC Lindiwe Ntshalintshali to Bashele, Evulinqondo and Torbanite Primary Schools as well as the School Governing Bodies inauguration: A democracy education program led by MEC BA Majuba. Challenges remain in electricity and water losses. Our Financial Recovery Plan (FRP) is under review, and we are engaging with the Department of Water and Sanitation to manage debts through a payment plan.

On a positive note, Eskom has extended operations at Camden, Grootvlei, and Hendrina Power Stations until 2030. We commend the Ministry of Electricity for increasing energy availability to 70.8%, reducing load shedding impacts.

We also welcome the approval of the National Health Insurance (NHI), a significant step toward universal healthcare. The upcoming three-year municipal budget will potentially fund essential service delivery projects when approved, and residents are urged to stay involved.

Lastly, as the 29 May 2024 elections approach, we encourage all, especially first-time voters, to exercise their democratic right and shape our future through voting.

Together, let's build a stronger, prosperous Msukaligwa.



ALDERWOMAN MP NKOSI
EXECUTIVE MAYOR



ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI
EXECUTIVE MAYOR



ALDERWOMAN C.E MSEZANE
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EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The primary functions of the Executive Mayor among others is to promote the image of the municipality, Preside over Mayoral Committee meetings, leads and promote social and economic development in the municipality, Promote intergovernmental and inter-institutional relations.

MAYORAL COMMITTEE

The primary functions of the Mayoral Committee, are to render assistance to the Executive Mayor in exercising of his/her authority. To identify the needs of the Municipality; review and evaluate those needs in order or priority. To recommend to the Municipal Council strategies, programmes and services to address priority needs through the Integrated Development Plan and estimated revenue and expenditure taking into account any applicable National and Provincial development plan; and recommend or determine the best methods including partnership and other approaches to deliver those strategies, programmes and services to the maximum benefit of the Community. Mayoral committee is appointed by the Executive Mayor and dissolve if the Executive Mayor ceases to hold.



CLLR N.S XABA
SPEAKER



ALDERWOMAN P.T SIBEKO
WHIP OF COUNCIL



CLLR M.A NZIMANDE
MPAC CHAIRPERSON

SPEAKER

In terms of Section 37 of the Municipal Structure Act as amended the functions.
The speaker of a municipal council:

- presides at meetings of the council;
- performs the duties and exercises the powers delegated to the speaker in terms of section 32;
- must ensure that the council meets at least quarterly.
- must maintain order during meetings:
- must ensure compliance in the council and Council committees with the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 5: and
- must ensure that council meetings are conducted in accordance with the rules and orders of the council.

WHIP

In terms of Section 41B of the Municipal Structure Act as amended the functions of the Whip of a municipal council:

- liaises with the different political parties to ensure representation in council and council committees;
- maintains sound relations between the various political parties;
- informs the whips of all parties on important matters on the council agenda;
- assists the speaker to count votes in the council meeting;
- facilitates the interaction between the executive and legislative oversight structures in the municipality; and
- resolves disputes between the speaker, mayor or executive mayor, or members of the mayoral committee.

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC)

In terms of Section 79A Subsection (3) of the Municipal Structure Act. The municipal council must determine the functions of the municipal public accounts committee, which must include the following:

- review the Auditor-General's reports and comments of the management committee and the audit committee and make recommendations to
- the municipal council.
- review internal audit reports together with comments from the management committee and the audit committee and make recommendations
- to the municipal council;
- initiate and develop the oversight report on annual reports contemplated in section 129 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act;
- attend to and make recommendations to the municipal council on any matter referred to it by the municipal council, executive committee, a committee of the council, a member of this committee, a councillor and the municipal manager; and
- on its own initiative, subject to the direction of the municipal council, investigate and report to the municipal council on any matter affecting the municipality.

(4) Reports of the municipal public accounts committee must be submitted to the speaker who must table such reports in the next meeting of the municipal council.



MR M KUNENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

As we approach the conclusion of the 2023/2024 financial year, I am pleased to present this newsletter that reflects the hard work, progress, and achievements of the Msukaligwa Local Municipality during the fourth quarter (April-May). This period marks the final stretch of our fiscal year, where we focus on consolidating efforts, ensuring the effective delivery of services, and laying the groundwork for the upcoming year.

In this quarter, we continue to prioritize the sustainable development of our municipality, with a focus on improving service delivery, maintaining fiscal discipline, and addressing the needs of our communities. Our key priorities include:

Financial Management and Accountability: As the financial year draws to a close, we are focused on completing our financial reporting with accuracy and transparency. Ensuring that all budgets are properly managed, and expenditures are aligned with the objectives of the municipality.

Infrastructure Development: Significant strides have been made in improving key infrastructure projects across the municipality. From upgrading roads and water supply systems to enhancing electricity distribution, we are committed to improving the living conditions of our people through well-planned infrastructure investments.

Service Delivery Enhancement: We continue to work towards improving the delivery of basic services, including waste management, public health, and community safety. Our commitment to meeting the needs of our residents remains unwavering, as we respond to both immediate and long-term challenges.

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Community Engagement and Stakeholder Relations: Engaging with the community and our stakeholders is vital in ensuring that our plans and actions are aligned with the needs of those we serve. The fourth quarter has seen continued efforts to strengthen our communication channels and improve the responsiveness of the municipality to community concerns.

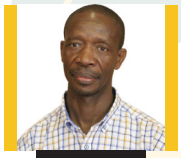
Monitoring and Evaluation: With the end of the financial year approaching, we are placing a strong emphasis on evaluating our performance, identifying areas for improvement, and ensuring that lessons learned are integrated into our future plans.

I would like to express my gratitude to all staff, councillors, and residents of Msukaligwa for your continued support and collaboration. Together, we have made great strides toward building a municipality that is responsive, efficient, and capable of addressing the needs of all its people. As we close out this financial year, we look forward to an even more productive and prosperous year ahead.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to the growth and development of Msukaligwa.



MR M KUNENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



MR PS MABUZA
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MS PZ DUMA
DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES



MR MS LUKHELE
DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The purpose of the Office of the Municipal Manager is "To coordinate and manage the provision of service delivery in accordance with the legislation governing local government." and the functions are as follows:

- Manage technical services;
- Coordinate the provision of community services;
- Coordinate municipal planning and economic development;
- Manage financial matters;
- Manage corporate services;
- Manage communication, IGR and contact centre services
- Render internal audit services;
- Render risk management services;
- Manage integrated development plan and organisational performance management system; and
- Manage and coordinate the provision of municipal services in the service delivery units.

DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The purpose of the Department is "To coordinate the provision of community services" and the functions are as follows:

- Render disaster, security management and law enforcement services;
- Coordinate waste management and environmental services;
- Coordinate the maintenance of parks, sports and cemeteries;
- Render traffic management services;
- Render fire management services;
- Manage the provision of drivers and motor vehicle registration and licensing services; and
- Render library and information services.

DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES

The purpose of the department is "To manage corporate services" and the functions are as follows:

- Render human resource management and development services;
- Render legal services;
- Render secretariat and records management services;
- Manage information and communication technology services;
- Provide maintenance to municipal buildings;

DIRECTOR (CFO): FINANCE

The purpose of the department is "To manage financial matters" and the functions are as follows:

- Manage municipal budget and financial reporting;
- Manage municipal assets, insurance and fleet management services;
- Manage expenditure services;
- Render supply chain management services; and
- Render revenue, credit control and cash management services

DIRECTOR: PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the department is "To coordinate municipal planning and economic development" and the functions are as follows:

- Render spatial planning and land use management services;
- Render sustainable and integrated human settlements planning and property management; and
- Promote local economic development services.

DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES

The purpose of the department is "To manage technical services" and the functions are as follows:

- Render vehicle and plant mechanical services;
- Manage municipal infrastructure development programmes;
- Manage roads and storm water services;
- Manage water and sanitation services; and
- Render electricity services.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ROAD PROJECTS IN WESSELTON

On May 22, 2024, the Executive Mayor of Msukaligwa Local Municipality, Alderwoman MP Nkosi, along with Municipal Manager Mr. M Kunene and municipal support staff, proudly facilitated the handover of two significant road projects in Wesselton. The projects included the construction of Msheveni and Thanjekwayo Streets, as well as the resurfacing of Gwebu Street.

According to Executive Mayor Alderwoman MP Nkosi, "It is the duty of every resident to make sure that these roads are not damaged, whether through burning substances on the surface of the roads or pavements, or drilling through the surface when putting up support beams for tents during community events, in order to ensure their longevity".

Located in Wesselton Ward 17, Msheveni and Thanjekwayo Streets project addressed critical infrastructure issues. The existing roads were riddled with potholes and the culvert bridge had reached the end of its design lifespan, leading to heavy traffic build-up as road users sought alternative routes. After a careful assessment of current and future traffic demands, the municipality initiated the construction of Msheveni Street, spanning 1.17 km, and Thanjekwayo Street, covering 0.62 km. The project also included the installation of a pedestrian walkway, upgrading the culvert bridge, and enhancing the stormwater drainage system.

This comprehensive project cost R16,293,638.77, created 25 work opportunities, and significantly benefited the local economy by allocating 30% of the project to 16 small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs). Despite numerous challenges, the project was completed within the revised deadline of May 9, 2024.

Similarly, in Wesselton Ward 5, Gwebu Street was in dire need of repair, exacerbated by heavy rains in December and January that further eroded the road. The municipality undertook the milling and resurfacing of Gwebu Street and repaired the pavement, ensuring safe and smooth travel for residents. This project was completed on May 17, 2024, at a cost of R5,000,000.

> *"It is the duty of every resident to make sure that these roads are not damaged"*

As these vital infrastructure projects are handed over, The Executive Mayor and whip of council Alderwoman PT Sibeko emphasized the community's role in maintaining the new roads. It is essential for all residents to avoid activities that can damage the road surfaces, ensuring their longevity and continued usability. These projects represent a significant investment in the future of Wesselton, enhancing mobility, safety and economic opportunities for all residents. Msukaligwa Local Municipality remains committed to improving local infrastructure and looks forward to further developments that benefit the community.



GWEBU STREET



MSHEVENI STREET



THANJEKWAYO STREET



A CELEBRATORY MOMENT AT MSHEVENI STREET WHEN THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI OFFICIALLY DECLARED THE STREET OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE LOTHAIR OXIDATION PONDS

Msukaligwa Local Municipality is thrilled announce the successful completion of the Lothair Oxidation Ponds refurbishment project, an essential upgrade designed to meet the growing needs of the community of Silindile in Lothair. This project, which began on January 23, 2024, and was completed on April 11, 2024, marks a significant milestone in the municipality's efforts to enhance local infrastructure and improve the quality of life for over 9000 households.

On the 23rd of April 2024, the Executive Mayor, Alderwoman M.P. Nkosi, along with members of the mayoral committee, representatives from the Department of Water and Sanitation, and other relevant stakeholders, officially handed over the refurbished Lothair Oxidation Ponds to the community. This handover event marks the beginning of a new era of improved sanitation and infrastructure for Lothair.

> *The refurbishment project also created 25 work opportunities for local residents and SMMEs*

The existing oxidation ponds in Lothair had become inadequate due to the rapid development of Silindile and the accumulation of sludge. Vandalism had further compromised the facility, with electrical equipment, pipes, and fences being stolen, rendering portions of the treatment plant non-functional. To address these issues, a comprehensive refurbishment was undertaken, which included:

Refurbishment of Ablution Facilities, Refurbishment of Administrative Building and Storage Container, De-sludging and Disposal, HDPE Lining Installation, Irrigation System Replacement, Lighting and Safety Improvements, New Dosing Facility, Access Road Re-gravelling, Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades, Concrete Apron and Walkway Installation and New Palisade Fence and Gates.

Despite facing several challenges, including delays from material suppliers, community disruptions by local SMMEs demanding work, and inclement weather, the project was completed successfully.

The refurbishment project not only meets its intended purpose of improving the sewage treatment capacity but also created 25 work opportunities for local residents and small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs). This initiative has significantly contributed to local economic growth, skills development as well as provide 5 aspiring students with practical work experience within the field of process control because "as it stands we tend to lack suitably qualified individuals within this field and preference is given to people within Msukaligwa in order to empower them with life changing opportunities" the Executive mayor remarked during her address at the handover.

The Speaker of council, Councilor NS Xaba also extended her heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the project, including the dedicated municipal team, contractors, and the community members who supported the municipality throughout this journey. "Your cooperation and resilience have been instrumental in bringing this vital project to fruition" she said in closing.



A DEMONSTRATION OF THE AERATORS RUNNING INSIDE POND NUMBER 3



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR (RIGHT) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION (DWS) REPRESENTATIVE (LEFT)



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE AND DWS REPRESENTATIVE OFFICIALLY DECLARE THE OXIDATION PLANT OPEN.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AS SHE ADDRESSED THE 5 STUDENTS THAT BENEFITED WITH WORK OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE PROJECT.


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water & sanitation
NDP















WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MONKEYPOX (MPOX)

SOURCE: Sky News

MYTH
You can get mpox by being in the same room with an infected person.

FACT
The virus is contracted through direct physical contact or contact with clothing/ bedding used by someone who has tested positive for mpox. Anyone can contract mpox.

WHAT IS MPOX?

- Mpox is a virus that can make you sick and can be severe for children, pregnant women, or person with weak immune system.
- The current risk to the general public is low, but anyone can get mpox. It is good to be aware of signs and symptoms to keep you and others safe.
- The virus is more often spread through close, skin-to-skin contact.

HOW TO STOP THE SPREAD OF MPOX?

- Talk to your sexual partner(s) about any recent illness or symptoms, possible exposures to mpox, and new or unexplained sores or rashes.
- Limit close contact with people who have symptoms, like sores or rashes, and people who were exposed and are in their 21-day monitoring period.
- Cover rashes to avoid spreading and avoid touching rashes/scabs.
- Stay at home until all scabs fall off and new layer of skin forms.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- A rash that can look like pimples or blusters that appear on the face, inside the mouth, and on the other parts of the body, like the mouth, and on other parts of the body, like the hands, feet, chest, genitals, and anus.
- High fever, intense headache, chills, Muscle Aches, Swollen Lymph
- Nodes and Rash. Illness lasts for 2- 4 weeks.

WHAT DO IF YOU SUSPECT THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE MPOX?

- Consult your healthcare practitioner if you see any new rashes or sores, or feel unwell.

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE AND HEALTH WITH OUR LOCAL HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Community facilities play a vital role in enhancing the well-being of residents in Msukaligwa, the local libraries and clinics are two essential resources that offer a wide range of service to community members. From providing access to information and education to offering healthcare services, these facilities are necessary in improving the quality of life for residents.

The local libraries and clinics in Msukaligwa are invaluable assets that offer a wide range of benefits to community members

LOCAL LIBRARIES

The local libraries in Msukaligwa offer a excess of resources for community members. Dedicated librarians are available to assist individuals in finding relevant materials and conducting research on:

- Books on various topics that provide to different interests and age groups.
- Access to computers and internet to help individuals search for information and work on projects.

The libraries also host events that promote education and literacy, where story telling for children can foster a love for reading at a young age, and where adult education sessions can help individuals improve on their skills and knowledge. The libraries also provide a quite space for studying and research, benefiting students and professionals alike.

LOCAL CLINICS

The local Clinics in Msukaligwa provide essential health care services to community members. Skilled health care professionals are hands on to diagnose and address various health concerns, like:

- Medical check-ups and consultations that are available for individuals seeking medical attention.
- Immunizations and vaccinations offered to promote public health and prevent the spreading of diseases,

The Clinics also offers counseling services and referrals to specialists for more complex issues, regular health screenings and educational programs that help raise awareness about common sicknesses and diseases promoting healthy lifestyle choices.

The local libraries and clinics in Msukaligwa are invaluable assets that offer a wide range of benefits to community members. From promoting education and literacy to providing essential health care services, these establishments contribute to the overall well-being of the community. It is important for residents to take advantage of these resources and support their continued growth and development.





NEW ACCESS CONTROL FOR MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OFFICES

On the first of July 2024 at the Msukaligwa Local Municipality (MLM) offices (Taute street) Alderwoman, Executive Mayor MP. Nkosi joined by Members of the Mayoral Committee, Municipal Manager Mr. M Kunene, and Technical services Director PZ Duma, MLM Project Manager B Nhlengetwa, MLM PMU Technician T. Motsepe, Contractor V. Zwane and community members were part of the official handover of the new Access control system, marking the culmination of months of hard work and dedication from all involved parties.

The new Access control system will allow the control and monitor of access to the premise, creating room for safety and proper coordination within the municipality. Four phases took place in the implementation of the system.

- Installation of the access control devices at the key entry points
- Installment of the fence around the Msukaligwa building (Taute, Smut,Breytenbach and Church Street).
- Building of three (3) bricked guard houses for the securities that will be controlling the system.
- Sewer and electrical power lines connection from Church
- Street, assisting the operations of guard houses.
- Signage: Municipal Msukaligwa logo

Two local SMMEs: Lotha Trading and Armadillo benefited from the first phase, with a total of 14 hires for the period of the project, thus providing job opportunities.

After the completion of the infrastructure on the 20th of June 2024 a dry run took place where securities were placed at the different entrances for testing and integration, completing Phase 2. Phase 3 followed which was the training of employees on how to use the New Access control system, Monitoring and maintenance to ensure the system's ongoing reliability and effectiveness.

During the hand-over, which was the final phase, Alderwoman Executive Mayor MP. Nkosi expressed her gratitude to the team for their hard work in implementing the new Access control system. "This marks a new era of security and efficiency for our municipality, we are thrilled to unveil the new system which will greatly improve safety and streamline access to municipal facilities for our residents. We also hope that we will work together in maintaining the infrastructure as this is a way of ensuring safety internally and externally. We thank everyone who contributed, from the contractor, project manager, our employees and the community".

The contractor Mr. Zwane from ASGINC, Highlighted the challenges they faced during the project, but praised the team for overcoming them. "It was a tough journey, but we made it through together" he remarked. When asked how he felt about the system Mr. M Kunene Municipal Manager of Msukaligwa expressed his excitement and said "We are excited to use the new access control system and see how it streamlines our day-to-day operations, we also hope that the community will assist us in ensuring smooth operations".

As the gates in Taute streets were officially opened, one could see the joy from the community members. It was evident what the opening of the gates meant for them. One over joyed community member said "We had been struggling with the routes and we thought we were being punished, but seeing the final product makes us very happy, the improved security measures provided by the access control system will make our neighborhood safe and more secure for all residents".

"This marks a new era of security and efficiency for our municipality"

The handover marked a significant step forward in improving security and efficiency within the community. Through teamwork, perseverance, and dedication this system will benefit the community for years to come.



ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE (FRONT GATE).



ONE OF THE GUARD HOUSES THAT THE SECURITIES ON DUTY WILL USE.

MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY LAUNCHED A SUCCESSFUL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN IN THUSI VILLAGE

In a remarkable display of community spirit and dedication to environmental health, the Executive Mayor of Msukaligwa, Alderwoman MP Nkosi, Members of the mayoral committee led a comprehensive clean-up campaign in Thusi Village, Ward 1. The initiative, held on 04 April 2024, brought together enthusiastic volunteers from the community, diligent municipality staff, CWP workers and the technical services section, equipped with a TLB (tractor-loader-backhoe) and tipper truck, to tackle the pressing issue of waste and blocked stormwater drains.

> *Illegal dumping poses significant health risks, especially to our children who play and learn in these areas*

The day commenced with a focused effort on clearing the v-drains that channel stormwater to the main drains. Over time, these v-drains had become obstructed by debris and litter, with some sections intentionally filled with sand to create makeshift pathways for wheelbarrows and other equipment. These obstructions hindered the proper flow of water, leading to waterlogging and potential health hazards.

With a concerted effort, the team successfully cleaned and unblocked the v-drain running from Reggie Masuku High School to Khanyisa Day care center, restoring its functionality. The TLB and tipper truck proved invaluable as the campaign turned its attention to a significant illegal dumping site near Reggie Masuku High School. This site, situated adjacent to a playground and a Day care center, had become an eyesore and a health risk for the surrounding community.
The clean-up extended to the other side of Thusi village community Library, where another substantial accumulation of waste had blocked the v-drains. These areas, bordered by the school, playground, Day care center, and library, are heavily trafficked and crucial to the community's daily life, including local taxi routes.

Throughout the day, Alderwoman Nkosi emphasized the severe health risks posed by illegal dumping, particularly for children and residents in the vicinity. She urged the community to take collective responsibility for maintaining cleanliness and safeguarding their environment. "This campaign is not just about cleaning up today; it's about fostering a culture of cleanliness and responsibility," said Alderwoman MP Nkosi. "Illegal dumping poses significant health risks, especially to our children who play and learn in these areas. We must work together to keep our community clean and safe."

The success of the clean-up campaign in Thusi Village is a testament to what can be achieved when the community and local government join forces. Msukaligwa Local Municipality extends its heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, staff, and technical services team members who contributed their time and effort to this important cause. The municipality encourages ongoing vigilance and community participation to prevent future illegal dumping and ensure a healthier, cleaner environment for all.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ALDERWOMAN MP NKOSI AND ALL PARTICIPANTS AS THEY WORKED TO REVITILISE THE AREA.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, THE SPEAKER OF COUNCIL, THE WHIP OF COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE, WARD COUNCILLORS AS THEY CONVENED TO DISCUSS THE PREVALING ISSUE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING



DURING THE REMOVAL OF WASTE BESIDES KHANYISA DAY CARE CENTRE.

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DRAFT BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS HELD IN MLM WARDS

The Msukaligwa local municipality recently held a series of IDP consultative budget meetings from Eighteen (18) to twenty three (23) April 2024. Executive Mayor, Alderwoman MP. Nkosi joined by Speaker NS. Xaba, MMC of Community and Social Services SE Ngovene, Cllr PH Sibiya and Employees of the municipality took part as they too wanted to find out what the community needs and how they can help.

The integrated Development Plan (IDP) is a five-year plan which local government is required to compile to determine the development needs of the municipality. The projects within the IDP are also linked to the municipality's budget. The municipality operates in a constantly changing environment and the IDP is reviewed annually to make sure it stays abreast with the latest changes. It does not only determine the status of the identified projects for the previous year, but also whether the remaining projects are still relevant and a priority.

The review process incorporates public participation, which gives residents an opportunity to highlight and priorities their development needs. Residents are encouraged to participate

The purpose of these meetings was to engage with the community members and gather their input on the development and priorities for the municipality. Community members actively participated in the consultations, sharing their ideas and concerns with the Msukaligwa IDP team.

They discussed various issues ranging from infrastructure development, social service issues and service delivery in households. The meetings provided a platform for the residents to have a voice in shaping the future of their municipality.

When asked how they felt about the meetings and involvements, the residents took the opportunity and voiced out what they wanted to say.

> *By involving the residents in decision making processes, the municipality was able to align its development plans with the needs and priorities of the community*

A community member from ward 10 (Davel) said "I am glad that the municipality is listening to our concerns and involving us in the decision -making process." another one from ward 16 (Extension 33) expressed her gratitude and said "These consultations have given us hope that our voices are being heard and that positive changes are on the way".

By involving the residents in decision-making processes, the municipality was able to align its development plans with the needs and priorities of the community. This collaborative approach ensures that the resources are allocated effectively to address the most pressing issues. The IDP consultation meetings benefited both the MLM and community members.

Executive Mayor, Alderwoman MP. Nkosi expressed her appreciation in saying "The input we received from the community members during the consultations will be helpful in shaping our development plans for the future. We are committed to working together to build a better and more inclusive municipality for all".

The IDP consultations in MLM were a success, fostering collaboration between the municipality and its community members. This participatory approach will lead to more effective and sustainable development initiatives in the municipality.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ALDERWOMAN MP NKOSI DURING HER ADDRESS AT THE DAVEL IDP AND DARFT CONSULTATIVE MEETING.



A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AS HE SHARED HIS INPUTS AND CONCERNS.



MMC FOR COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES CLLR SE NGOVENE DURING AN ADRESS TO THE COMMUNITY OF EXTENSION 33 (WARD 16).



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QUALITY OF OUR DRINKING WATER

This report indicates an overview of water quality status for the past 3 months (i.e. April 2024 to June 2024) across Msukaligwa local municipality jurisdiction area. The report is generated from the monthly water results received from Gert Sibande District Municipality water quality laboratory. Msukaligwa local municipality serves as the water service authority (WSA) as well as water service provider (WSP). The municipality provides access to clean water for the communities within its jurisdiction in accordance with the Constitution of the republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996, the municipal structures (Act 117 0f 1998).

Approximately 35% of the population of Msukaligwa local Municipality reside in rural areas (farms or villages). The municipality uses both the internal and external expertise and capacity to provide water services to the communities within the six supply schemes, namely Ermelo/ Wesselton scheme, Davel/kwaDela scheme, Breyten/kwaZanele & chrissiesmeer/kwaChibikhulu scheme, Lothair scheme, Sheepmoor scheme and rural scheme.

ERMELO/WESSELTON SCHEME

The Ermelo water supply scheme abstract raw water from Jericho, Douglas and Brummer Dams for the treatment in two water treatment works namely Southern treatment plant (Jericho Dam) at 13 Mega litres per day and Northern treatment plant (Douglas Dam & Brummer Dam) at 14 Mega litres per day with a combined capacity of 27 Mega litres per day and distributed to 114 097 of the populations which covers areas like the whole of Ermelo.

BREYTEN/KWAZANELE & CHRISSIESMEER/KWACHIBIKHULU SCHEME

The Breyten/kwaZanele & Chrissiesmeer/kwaChibikhulu scheme water supply scheme abstracts raw water from the Torbanite dam and Usutu – transfer pipeline via the upper Komati pipeline for treatment in Breyten treatment work with a design capacity of 3 Mega litres per day and distributed to a population of over 21 113 in Breyten / kwaZanele and Chrissiesmeer / KwaChibikhulu.

DAVEL/KWADELA SCHEME

The Jericho scheme/Usutu pipeline water supply scheme abstracts raw water from the Jericho dam for treatment in Davel water treatment plant with a design capacity of 1 Mega litres per day and distributed to a population of 4607 in Davel and kwaDela.

LOTHAIR SCHEME

The Lothair water supply scheme abstracts raw water from Impuluzi River for the treatment in capacity of 1 Mega litre per day and distributed to over 6803 population in Slindile and Lothair.

SHEEPMOOR SCHEME

The Sheepmoor scheme abstracts raw water from Jericho dam for the treatment in Sheepmoor water treatment works with the capacity of 1 Mega litre per day distributed a population of 3130. RURAL SCHEME Drinking water is provided to farms and villages through the maintenance and operation of over 100 boreholes and 8 water tankers for fifty-two farms and villages.

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WATER LABORATORY IN USE

Water samples are collected by the water samplers from Gert Sibande District laboratory for analysis once a month at all our water treatment plants to be tested at their accredited laboratory. The results are then sent to the municipality to be analysed by the samples technicians & water quality supervisor to check if the drinking water quality complies with the standards set by SANS 241: 2015.

WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS

The following Water quality parameters are taken into consideration when analysing the quality of drinking water: Microbiological properties (presence of bacteria, viruses and pathogens); Physical properties (conductivity, PH and turbidity) Chemical properties (fluoride, chloride, nitrate, sulphate, iron, manganese, dissolves salts, metals etc.)

WATER QUALITY OVERVIEW

During the 3 month period from April – June 2024, over 199 water samples were taken. The samples were taken from different locations of water supply schemes which include the treatment works, reservoirs, household's taps, schools and boreholes. Over 199 analyses were done from those samples.

Month	No. of samples	Chemical failures	Percentage chemical compliaince	Microbial failures	Percentage microbial compliance
April	60	7	88%	23	62%
May	66	7	89%	24	64%
June	73	7	90%	23	68%

No. of samples	199 samples and/or represent
Microbial failures	70
Chemical failures	21

Total of 70 (Seventy) samples (Microbial) points failed to comply with class 1 SANS 241: 2015 and thus equated to 65% compliance. The main indicators of these failures were E.coli, and total coliform and also incorrect sampling methods led to some of the failures. To mitigate these challenges, the following was done.

- Increased chlorine dosage especially at various reservoirs.
- Resampling was done on samples which failed to comply and the results came back positive(the challenge was sampling mechanism performed by EHP's of GSDM).

Total of 21 (Twenty-One) samples (Chemical) points failed to comply with class 1 SANS 241: 2015 and thus equated to 89.5% compliance. The main indicators or these failures were high turbidity, high concentration of manganese and sulphates. To mitigate these challenges, the following was done

- Poly dosages was adjusted to reduce high turbidity.
- Lime was replaced with soda ash as a neutralizing agent.
- Potassium permanganate was introduced as an oxidizing agent of manganese.

CONCLUSION

The municipality remains committed in safeguarding public health through continuously and consistently monitoring of drinking water quality.
The municipality is confident about the quality of drinking water supply at each and every tap. Clean and drinkable water in line with SANS 241:2015 the municipality will ensure the following:
That all unacceptable sample result at various points will be monitored weekly until they improved.
Gert Sibande District Municipality will take samples once every month for all water treatment plants to be analysed at their accredited laboratory



THE PHOENIX

The rebuilding of Ermelo after the destruction of almost all buildings during the 1899 to 1902 war.



THE UNIFORMED BLACK AND WHITE TRIAGLES

The mining and coal industry in the immediately vicinity of Greater Ermelo and the integration of the two towns.



THE CROSSED SHOVEL AND SHEEP SHEARS

Representing the two most important farming operations - horticulture and sheep farming.



THE MOTTO

"Stabiliter Progrediens" which means stable progress.