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Days in office



Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila's



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Executive Mayor's first 100 Days in Office will be remembered as a period that ushered an era of building people's power for accelerated service delivery. This period is used to measure the successes and accomplishments of the Executive Mayor during the time that his power and influence is at its greatest, and when there are so many expectations from different stakeholders. In the first 100 days of his administration Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila met with staff members, General Managers of different mining houses, South African Police Service Commanders, Business Community and Chambers of Commerce, Traditional Leaders, Sector Departments, the Mayors of the four local municipalities and other stakeholder engagements. Some of the highlights in this marathon of engagements include unlocking the challenges relating to the release of land from Pedi-Mamone Traditional Authority and the Re-engineering of Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA).

The Executive Mayor stepped into this new role in the midst of change management processes including the amalgamation of Fetakgomo and Greater Tubatse Municipalities, managing change

in general, adoption of new systems and practices specifically, as an example, the Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA).

Our assessment affirms that more attention is drawn to the Principal's performance during the first 100 days in the office. At this stage well-wishers and detractors are watching for signs of long term success of failure. In this period leaders will need to be highly visible, pragmatically optimistic, action oriented and willing to listen to others, and this publication captures exactly how the Executive Mayor met this expectation.

100 Days in Office also afforded the Executive Mayor a platform to communicate his vision of a better district capable of delivering on its mandate, and make sure employees and all stakeholders understand how to attain this vision. The Executive Mayor also used this period to convey basic values that will serve as his framework for making future decisions. And he illustrated this by being punctual, present and demonstrating sincerity and competence in all his encounters and interactions with stakeholders.

On behalf of the staff compliment, we remain steadfast to supporting the Executive Mayor to achieve the overarching vision of positioning Sekhukhune as the Development Oriented Leader in Service Delivery.

Ke a leboga



Tloga tloga e tloga kgale...

This Sepedi adage signify the importance of starting early with the effort to connect, collaborate and innovate in setting the District on a right path. In the past 100 days we hit the ground running with a simple plan, well executed, with a sense of urgency. Our plan was to meet all the stakeholders. You will realise that these interactions with different role players and stakeholders were not an empty courting but rather geared towards implementation at an accelerated pace that sparks accountability, adaptability, urgency and initiative.

We've also used these stakeholder interactions to effectively unleash the collective intellect, energy, passion and focus to ensure measurable results for the benefit of the entire District. While the primary focus of the first 100 Days in Office was Stakeholder Communication, we have done so to with an interest to act speedily, invest in building an emotional commitment, as well as active measurement of commitment to achieve visible and tangible results.

In the first 100 Days in Office we have been on the road and strived to make major decisions on unlocking the challenges relating to securing land for relocating government offices to Jane Furse. It was crucial that we pushed these decisions to communicate our resolute stance on the outstanding issues inherited from the previous council. At the core of our approach was listening to other's views and directing our efforts towards building the people's power for accelerated service delivery.

As we close the chapter of the first 100 days we seek to break new grounds and one of the key areas that enjoy my passion and focus is deriving permanent solutions to address the water supply shortcomings in the District. We have to fast track the implementation of a Water Master Plan that will demonstrate our effectiveness and capability as the Water Services Authority to respond adequately to the water requirements.

Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila

100 Days Milestone

100 Days in Office marks the period between Friday 26 August 2016 and Monday 05 December 2016. A Programme of Action was crafted by the Office of the Executive Mayor to facilitated pragmatic actions towards setting the tone for success of the council term 2016 - 2021. The first port of call was meeting with the 75 traditional leaders and the support structures of traditional authorities on 09 September 2016. At the level of council the traditional leaders that form part of the council were also inducted. A workshop on the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA) was also organised to ensure that traditional leaders as the inherent land custodian give credence to the act. The consultation took place on Thursday 24th November 2016. The underlying objective is to mainstream Traditional Leadership in the System of



Governance and building their capacity to form the integral part in the development affairs of the District.

In pursuit of accelerating local economic development, the Executive Mayor identified the acquisition of land at Jane-Furse as the core priority. The land is under the authority of Pedi-Mamone Traditional Council where formal discussions were held on 10 November 2016. The meeting was part of the implementation of the Council Resolution to restart negotiations.

The second highest priority in the acceleration of economic growth through the Re-modelling of Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA) which include an appointment of a consultant for review of the business model, advertise for position of CEO and advertise for new SDA Board. There is lots of ground covered in these three strategic actions. And there is an on-going engagement with the remaining members of the board. In the area of investment attraction is the revival of De Hoop Dam Resource Development Plan and invites possible investors for proposals. Presentations were made by Department of Water and Sanitation on De Hoop plan.

In terms of Inter-governmental Relations and stakeholder relations the core focus is to encourage participation



and partnerships with the view of strengthening inter-governmental relational in the District, engage stakeholders and forge partnerships. The stakeholders engaged in the 100 days period include traditional leaders, local mayors, SDM staff, District Heads of Sector Departments, SAPS Cluster Commanders, Business community etc.

In pursuit of driving the Infrastructure Maintenance program there are efforts directed at improving the Operations and Maintenance capacity as well as review of the operations and maintenance strategy. In the light of this review process there are recommendations to relocate Institutional Social Development (ISD) officers from Infrastructure and Water Services (IWS) to Office of the Executive Mayor (OEM). This will also be realised through introducing monthly meetings, formally meet with Lepelle to address



areas of concerns and engage Eskom CEO to unlock electricity constrains inhibiting SDM projects. The meeting with Eskom CEO was penned for 09 November 2016.

To put impetus on acceleration of Infrastructure Development Program the District strives for 70% spending on infrastructure grants. The expression of this bold objective was heightened at the meeting with IWS and BOT held on 13 October 2016. The meeting unlocked challenges relating to the adoption of a Turn Around Plan and communicating the targets with all contractors and consultants.

100 Days Milestone

Good Governance enjoys priority status in the new administration, in the area of strengthening governance and accountability the Executive Mayor



met with the Chairperson of the Audit Committee PMT to strengthen political oversight, consulted with the MEC of CoGHSTA and Minister of COGTA for interventions relating the appointment of the CEO and proposals on review of alternative governance model served before council and referred to portfolio committee for further processing.

The development of young people through deliberate projects and programmes that holistically advance their interest remain at the core of the District's approach. In the first 100 Days in

Office the District will strive to strengthen youth mobilisation and engagement. This will be achieved through the revival and re-launch of District Youth Council, re-establishing the District Youth Desk by advertising the post of the Youth Officer as well as enabling young people to have access to the powerful resource of broadband connectivity in strategic youth focus areas. The Executive Mayor has also been briefed about the challenges encountered by the District Youth Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the strengthening of the organisation to champion the cause of young people.

The plan is to refocus public procurement towards the youth and engage the mines on the youth opportunities such as entrepreneurship, enterprise development, learnerships and skills development. The draft youth council policy has been developed and will be taken through consultation processes. There are concerted efforts to engage private sector funders to explore roll out of broadband connectivity.



We are one Sekhukhune

Joint Inauguration of Sekhukhune Mayors was a historic public ceremony where the five newly elected mayors were introduced to the people of Sekhukhune. This colourful affair took place on Saturday 22 October 2016 at Hlogotlou Stadium in Monsterlus. The five mayors took turns in the programme with Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Cllr Minah Bahula rendering an introductory speech that ushered the Executive Mayor to a thrilled audience of 7000 well-wishers and community members. Additional audiences were reached instantly through live broadcast on SABC Thobela FM, community radio stations and social media platforms.

This was the official public inauguration ceremony for Cllr Julia Mathebe – the new Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Cllr Bella Kupa – the new Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Johannes Phokane – the new Mayor of Fetakgomo/Greater Tubatse Municipality, Cllr Bahula of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality and Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila – the new Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality.

In his keynote address Cllr Ramaila accentuated the message that the joint inauguration is a platform to showcase the four walls of Sekhukhune District whose

foundation is unity and service to the people of Sekhukhune.

"It must be taken to heart that the people of Limpopo come first and nothing and no one else. As I stand before you, I wish to remind you that these are the leaders that you have elected – please support them to execute their duties" said Premier Mathabatha

After being presented to the community, the newly elected Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Mathabatha underlined the importance of intensifying the unmediated and constant communication with communities. He said this will become a unique feature in promoting effective and efficient communication with stakeholders which in turn propels social cohesion and give concrete expression of the theme "Advancing the People's Power in Every Community".

The Executive Mayor said the event is the first public inauguration ceremony following the August 3rd Local Government Elections. He said the essence of joining together the inauguration of leaders is motivated the need to foster the unity of the people of the district as one. He said it is also the fourth Inauguration of Mayors since the establishment of wall-to-wall local government system in South Africa.



Ramaila's election as SALGA Deputy Chairperson

In the 100 Days in Office, Sekhukhune District Municipality's councillors participated in the SALGA Limpopo Province's Integrated Councillor Induction Programme (ICIP) for Councillors of the 4th democratic term of local government in September 2016. The Councillor Induction programme has been tailored for both new and returning councillors to be capacitated in focal areas of Leadership; Legislation that is applicable to Local Government; Key Municipal Processes; and Developmental Local Government and Service Delivery. The induction programme demonstrated SALGA's commitment to its role of transforming local government and steering the sector to deliver on its development mandate through various programmes aimed at complementing the ICIP throughout the current term of local government.

Sekhukhune District Municipality's Councillors again joined their

counterparts from other parts of the province at Protea Hotel Ranch Resort on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 September 2016. They attended the South African Local Government Association (Salga) Limpopo's flagship event of the year, the Limpopo Provincial Conference. The theme of the conference was 'Ushering in the 4th term of democratic and people-centered local government' and the key note address was delivered by the Premier Stanley Mathabatha.

On the first day a round table discussion with 'Planning paradigm: Key considerations for the next five year horizon' and 'Capacity building and support to the Local Sphere' as topics, took place. The participants were Nkaro Mateta, Provincial Electoral Officer of the Independent Electoral Commission Limpopo, Yvonne Mashele, acting Chief Director of Statistics South Africa, Muhammed Essa, Deputy Business Executive at the Office of the Auditor-General SA, Jane Thupana, Chairperson

of the Municipal Demarcation Board, Ben Mphahlele, Managing Director of Limpopo Development Agency, Sylvia Ravhutulu, Business Development Director of Spectrum Utility Management, Simon Mpamonyane, Head of Communications and Marketing of Lepelle Northern Water and Bongwe Khorombi, Chief Director of the Department of Energy. Seana Nkhahle, Executive Manager at the Office of Salga facilitated a discussion on Salga's Draft Strategic Framework.

In the afternoon, delegates joined four commissions that addressed the topics of 'Promoting sustainable, inclusive economic growth and spatial transformation', 'Sound and enabling policy, fiscal and institutional framework for integrated development', 'Strengthening the pillars of good governance and building resilient municipal institutions' and 'Inspiring revenue enhancement and sound financial management'. The facilitators were members of Salga Limpopo's Provincial Executive Committee Nakedi Sibanda, Orginia Mafeke, Kgaretja Lekalakala and Sizwe Ramaremele.

Key among the activities of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) held its Limpopo Conference was the election of the new SALGA Limpopo Provincial Executive Committee. The Executive Mayor of Polokwane Municipality Cllr Thembi Nkadimeng was elected as the new Salga Limpopo

PEC Chairperson. Sekhukhune District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotseng Stanely Ramaila was elected to the position of Deputy Chairperson. Other PEC members are Cllrs Moris Mataboge and John Mpe. Additional members are Julia Mathebe, Jack Marlo, Kromwel Ntlemo, Nkakareng Rakgwale, Joyce Pila, Sophy Makhubela and NEC Member, Florence Radzilane.

The core message from the PEC was that they aim to train and skill councillors on issues of local government and to give support to municipalities on issues of service delivery and good performance. Delivering his speech after the PEC election, Limpopo Premier, Stanley Mathabatha outlined the new committee's mandate.

Among these was to address the service delivery backlog in terms of water, roads and sanitation; addressing poor communication channels between councillors and their constituents; addressing the challenges of a political and administrative nature; to tackle rampant fraud and corruption and dealing decisively with violent service delivery protests.

He further said the appointment of competent and qualified people was paramount and attending to matters of resources and financial management constraints was also a key priority.

Ready to handover



A major boost to 100 Days in Office is the completion of Capital Projects that were funded through the Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant (MWIG) Programme. Residents of Swale village in Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality have found great relieve as they no longer have to travel long distances to fetch water. The R2 843 507 billed water reticulation project include yield and quality testing of 2 existing boreholes, replacement of submersible pump HDPE pipes with steel pipes, construction of pump houses, 1700m rising mainline, 60kl elevated steel tank and 2800m reticulation with approximately 21 standpipes.



In Majaditshukudu at least 256 families will benefit from the R3 500 000. The scope of the project include testing and equipping of existing borehole, rehabilitation of existing mainline, construction of reticulation lines and standpipes and 50kl storage tanks.



Paying for services by the residents who can afford is now a reality. In the Platinum City of Burgersfort the communities around Modikwa Mine will start getting prepaid water service. The installation will cover 351 prepaid meters at Modikwa

mine residents.

In the mountainous terrain of Ga-Maphopha, Ga-Malekane and Maepa villages there will be an extension of reticulation and installation of street stand pipes which will also extend to Ratau, Rantho and Masha villages. The massive reticulation project is billed at R7 038 356.38 and is at 98% completion as the Contractor finalizing the Snag-list and testing.



Tipped at R467 150.34 the Phokwane Water Reticulation Project which included the construction Pump house, rising main and equipping of the borehole is complete and functional. This is also the case with Ga-Masemola Water Treatment Works Refurbishment which is valued at R249 608.70. The scope of Masemola Water Treatment Works includes replacement of the sand-filters and nozzles, refurbishment of the electrical and mechanical components of the pump station.

Better life is a reality to 5428 residents of Malokela who are now drinking clean water as a result of the Malokela Water Intervention. The scope of the project include the testing of 3 existing

boreholes, sting drilling and equipping of 2 new boreholes, installation of 217kl steel tank. The same experience is share in Mantlhanyane village where R4 000 000 was invested in the raising of the main. Buffelskloof Borehole Storage and Reticulation at a tune of R 2 000 000 is ready to be handed over to the 14 families of Buffelshoek. The scope include borehole development equipping in Buffelshoek 1 and powered by generators, 1200m rising mainline and reticulation with 5 communal standpipes and 1x10kl Jojo tank. The community of Shakung is also ready to welcome the Shakung Bulk Water Supply valued at R4 276 000.



The project scope include the development of two water source, installation of mono pump and concrete pump house, construction of 3300m raising main line and the sealing of existing reservoir and installation of package plant. At least 651 families will benefit from the project.

Capital projects ready to be handed over as part of the 100 days plan: municipal water infrastructure grant programme

Project	Planned scope of works	Budget	Targeted Beneficiaries	Progress
Swaale Water Reticulation	1700m rising mainline, 60kl elevated steel tank	R2 843 507	Swaale village	Complete
Majaditshukudu Water Reticulation	Equipping of existing borehole	R3 500 000	Majaditshukudu 256 Households	Complete
Burgersfort (Modikwa Mine) Prepaid	Installation of 351 prepaid meters		Modikwa Mine residential area 400	Complete
Ga- Maphoha, Ga-Malekane, Maepa water reticulation contract A	Installation of street stand pipes	R7 038 356.38	5574 Households	98% Complete
Phokwane water reticulation	Construction Pump house	R467 150.34		Complete
Ga-Masemola Water Treatment Works Refurbishment	Replacement of the sand-filters	R249 608.70		Complete
Malokela Water Intervention	Equipping of new boreholes		5428 Households	Complete
Mantlhanyane Water Reticulation	Rising Main	R4 000 000		Complete
Buffelshoek borehole storage and reticulation	Borehole development equipping	R2 000 000	14 Households	Complete
Shakung Bulk Water Supply	Development of water source	R4 276 000	651 Households	Complete
Burgersfort package plant	Installation of prepaid meters in Modikwa			Complete
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As we bid the year 2016 good bye, we the Sekhukhune citizens must do so with a sense of accomplishment - but remain grounded by the knowledge that much more still needs to be done.

The people of Sekhukhune have played a significant role in placing the District among the best by ensuring that they participate in crucial developmental programmes such as IDP/Budget processes, Imbizo and other public participation programmes. It is through you that Sekhukhune District has come to be known for concrete expression of the "Development Oriented Leader in Service Delivery".

Let's make it our business to save lives by observing the rules of the road and take time to rest with our families.

We hope to continue joining hands with the community of Sekhukhune in the hosting of an array of community driven initiatives and events that serve to sell our District to the world.

In the meantime, I encourage both Sekhukhune citizens and visitors to take some time out during this festive season to visit our website on www.sekhukhunedistrict.gov.za to find places where you can explore the diverse cultural, leisure and many more lifestyle activities that make us a place for many reasons and the Kingdom Destination of Limpopo.

May you all have a safe and pleasant festive season, Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Cllr Stanley Ramaila
Executive Mayor

Sekhukhune District Municipality

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