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MPAC OF SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY PLAYS ITS OVERSIGHT ROLE

In carrying out its constitutional mandate to perform oversight function on the executive functionaries of Council, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) of Sekhukhune District Municipality held a public hearing at Ga-Maphopha village today.

Today's hearing, attended by restricted number of commute members for compliance with COVID-19 regulations, focused on a water project in the area, particularly the construction of the command reservoir.

During a previous visit by MPAC members to the area in September, they discovered that the project was incomplete.

In today's public hearing Executive Mayor, Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila, as the municipality's political head, along with municipal manager Ms Maureen Ntshudisane and senior officials from the Infrastructure and Water Services Department, (IWS) were made to answer questions about the delayed project.

Members of MPAC wanted to know why completion of the project was delayed, the contractor missed the revised 21 November 2020 deadline and what the new deadline for the commissioning of the project was.

In response, Executive Mayor Ramaila said the project is 95 percent complete and the contractor is currently making finishing touches.

Ramaila said the project was delayed, mainly due to intermittent disruptions by concerned groups.

Director of IWS committed that the command reservoir will supply the people of the area with water by the end of March next year.

Once this particular project is totally complete, it will benefit ten villages in the Ga-Maphopha and Ga-Malekana areas, particularly in wards 27, 28 and 29.

MPAC vowed to keep monitoring the project. “Our main interest is for this project to be completed. We are there for urging every role player to prioritize the project,” said MPAC chairperson Kukie Sefala.

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