



# THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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**THABA CHWEU  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

# **VACCINATE**

## **AND PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST COVID-19**



“If we can vaccinate a large enough proportion of our population, particularly the adult population, we can avoid another devastating wave of infections and restrictions on the economy”.

**President Cyril Ramaphosa**

# FOREWORD BY CLLR. MOGOTLE FRIDDAH NKADIMENG, EXECUTIVE MAYOR



Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng,  
Executive Mayor

The electorate has once again given us a resounding mandate to champion their needs and aspirations as expressed during the 01 November 2021 local government elections. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the voters who exercised their democratic right by participating in the elections. As the Council we will do our utmost to improve on the levels and quality of service that is rendered to our people. Let me also be prompt to congratulate the newly elected Council and reiterate the importance of working together to create a better life for our constituencies. I would like to congratulate Cllr. Hens Trower for his election as Speaker of Council and Cllr. Sabina Manzini as the Chief Whip.

A competent and functional Mayoral Committee is essential in performing an oversight role to ensure optimum service delivery and good governance. The following Councilors were elected as members of the Mayoral Committee:

Cllr. Dikeledi Sibanyoni, MMC for Community Services, LED and Planning,  
Cllr Quintin Lawrence, MMC for Finance and Technical,  
Cllr. Granny Raphiri MMC for Corporate Services.

I would like to wish them well in their election and look forward to a robust working relationship as we discharge our service delivery mandate.

My office initiated a Bursary Fund to assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds to further their education at institutions of higher learning. The Fund offers assistance in the following fields of study:

- Engineering & Environment (Roads and Storm Water, Water and Sanitation, Electricity, Waste Management.
- Town Planning, Human Settlements, Land use management, Agriculture and Forestry.
- Finance, Human Resources, Accounting, Stores and Logistics Management.
- Travel and Tourism.
- Information Technology

Since its inception the Bursary Fund assisted a total of 10 students with their studies. We would like to encourage more learners to apply for the Fund.

HIV/AIDS remains one the critical social and health issues in Thaba Chweu. To this effect, the Municipality established the Thaba Chweu Aids Council. The Council is collaborating with the Department of Health to run awareness campaigns and programmes aimed at curbing the spread of the virus. Through the campaign the public is encouraged to regularly test for HIV. A targeted approach has been adopted with programmes designed for adolescents and other sexually active groups for a more impactful outcome. We have seen an increase in patients regularly taking their treatment because of the collaborative interventions. This does not only assist in the de-stigmatisation of the epidemic, must give a glimmer of hope towards its imminent defeat. My office continues to host the World AIDS Day Commemorations in December, to raise awareness and remember those who have lost their lives to the pandemic.

The advent of COVID-19 has affected world economies and Thaba Chweu is not an exception. This has led to job losses, compounding the already high unemployment rate. My office has initiated engagements with the surrounding mines to come up with creative ways to revive the local economy. Through our economic recovery plan, core sectors such as tourism, forestry will be repositioned to ensure that they respond to the economic imperatives of the Municipality, and most importantly create the much-needed jobs.

The Municipality is experiencing unacceptable distribution losses for electricity and water due to illegal connections. The current distribution loss for electricity is 34% and water at 65% which is above the acceptable norm. Some of the interventions to address this challenge, the Municipality will fast-track the formalisation of informal settlements so that they can be electrified. The need for the installation of meters in all receiving points to track the flow of electricity is critical. The exponential growth in the Municipality is leading to the demand for more services which our current infrastructure is struggling to supply. This calls for the upgrade of all our infrastructure to be able to offer sustained services for our communities. We have entered a new era, where a renewed vision is needed to collaborate more than ever before with the community and other stakeholder to turn our Municipality around. It is when we work together that we can be able to go far and achievement more.

# SPEAKER'S CORNER



Cllr. Hems Trower, Speaker

I would like to welcome all new councillors who were elected by the electorate of Thaba Chweu on the 1st of November 2021 and inaugurated on the 23rd of November 2021. Let me also express my appreciation and commend the IEC for delivering a free and fair election.

For the Council to ably deliver on its mandate, the establishment of effective and functional Council Committees is essential. TCLM has established all Council Committees and are constituted as follows:

Executive Mayor: Cllr. MF Nkadimeng

Speaker: Cllr. H. Trower

Chief whip: Cllr. SA Manzini

MPAC Chairperson: Cllr ML Netshirembe:

MMC for Corporate Services: Cllr. GP Raphiri

MMC for Finance & Technical Services: Cllr. QPB Lawrence

MMC for Community Services, LED and Planning: Cllr. MD Sibanyoni

TCLM conducted the 2021-2026 Budget & IDP public consultation meetings on the 05th of January 2022 and concluded on the 19th of January 2022. All Wards have been covered except for Ward 6 due to the resignation of the ward councillor in December 2021. The political leadership and officials visited various wards to gather inputs and service delivery priorities which will find expression in the five-year plan. Communities and stakeholders especially in Ward 6 are still allowed to submit their inputs before the final strategy document can be tabled to council. Inputs can be submitted to any TCLM offices. The IDP will be reviewed annually as compelled by legislation governing local government.

This process will assist the municipality to find the best solutions to achieve short- and long-term development objectives.

Ward Committees were also re-established in all wards, except in Ward 6 due to the same reason mentioned above. The selection of Ward Committee members in Ward 6 will be conducted immediately after the bi-election scheduled for March 2022.

The Ward Committees will work closely with various communities to ensure that service delivery concerns of our people reach the municipality. These structures are non-political and will assist all communities regardless of political affiliation.

I call upon all councillors to be accessible to the public in the spirit of participatory democracy, effective public interaction, and accountability. Our people have entrusted us with the responsibility to serve them with pride and we commit that we are not going to fail them. It may not be easy but together we will make it possible.

# ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW BY MS. SS MATSI, MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Thaba Chweu Local Municipality has adopted the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) during a Special Council meeting on the 28th of May 2021. The IDP is the Municipality's five-year strategy which captures the needs of the Community and is reviewed on an annual basis.

To ensure the implementation of Community needs the Executive Mayor approves the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) which is a tool that has actionable and measurable activities that will ensure that Community needs are attended to. As at 31 December 2021 the Municipality has achieved milestones on the below listed projects and programmes:

- Installation of 6 boreholes
- 6 KMs of AC Pipeline replaced at Sabie
- 1 KM of road paved at Matibidi (Didimala Village)
- 1 Awareness Campaign on GBV
- 1 Disaster Management Awareness Campaign
- 1 Disability Campaign
- 1 Civil society meeting
- 8 Local Aids Council meetings

The next two quarters of the financial year the Municipality aims at fully achieving all its targets as set in the SDBIP to meet the needs of the Community.

On the 23rd of November 2021, The Local Magistrate inaugurated 27 Councillors. The representation of Councillors is as following:

- 16 ANC Councillors
- 6 DA Councillors
- 3 EFF Councillors
- 1 AUM Councillor
- 1 VF Plus

Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng was elected as the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Hens Trower was elected as the Speaker of Council and Cllr. Sabina Manzini was elected as the Chief Whip.

The Municipality has six (6) Section 56/7 positions, of which four (4) are filled and two (2) are vacant. The two vacant positions are filled on acting basis. The Municipality is staffed with 440 Municipal officials who are placed in the respective departments to ensure service delivery. The Municipal staff is continuously trained through the Work Skills Plan to ensure that they are capacitated with relevant skills.

To improve institutional transformation and resources management the Municipality implemented employee wellness programmes, awareness campaigns on Disciplinary Code & HR Policies for all employees and OHS Workshops.

The management will strive to work tirelessly to steer the wheels in the right direction to achieve the predetermined objectives effectively and efficiently. However, this can only be realized through sound teamwork, hence Henry Ford once said: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much".

The Municipality is also capacitated with 91 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants. The participants are responsible for providing support in all technical services maintenance, cleaning Municipal areas, patching of potholes and cleaning of parks & cemeteries.

The office of the Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) started the audit for the 2020/21 financial year on the 31st of August 2021 after the Municipality submitted to the office its Annual Financial Statements and its Annual Performance Report.



Ms. Sphiwe Matsi, Municipal Manager

During the previous financial year 2019/20 the municipality maintained a qualified audit opinion which had ten (10) matters that led to the opinion. The Municipality developed an Audit Action Plan to ensure that all AGSA findings are resolved. As at 31 December 2021, the audit is still in progress and should be concluded before then 31st of January 2022. To ensure a smooth audit the Municipality hold weekly Audit Steering Committee meetings with AGSA where requests for information (RFIs) and Communication of findings (COMAFs) are discussed. The Municipality is hopefully that the audit opinion for the 2020/21 audit will be an improved one.

My office would like to thank the administration for the commitment and dedication, and the political leadership for the support, undivided guidance, and wisdom. The contribution by is also commended for their strides to ensure transparency and fairness in municipal operations.

We would like to appeal to the community to adopt a culture of payment of services. The Municipality can only do much with the grants we receive from government. To provide quality and sustained service delivery the payment of services by the community becomes essential. Theft and vandalism of public infrastructure is also a major drawback because the Municipality is forced to stretch the limited budget to replace the damaged infrastructure. We appeal to members of the public to refrain from acts of vandalism and report such to the authorities.

# EDITORIAL

We warmly welcome you to the second quarter edition of our official newsletter. We are presenting this bulletin amidst what we have become accustomed to as the new normal. The covid 19 pandemic is unrelenting with the new variant Omicron driving the surge of infections throughout the country. There are still restrictions on human interactions, wherein we still need to wear our face masks, sanitize, observe social distancing and more importantly to be vaccinated at designated sites. It is not yet time to drop our guard especially at the workplace like ours where clients walking in to access services. The institution continues to fumigate all public buildings on a regular basis to ensure the safety of all.

This instalment of our newsletter is presented to you during very exciting times. The Local Government Elections have come and gone, and new councillors were inaugurated, which means we well into the 6th term of council. Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadi-meng was elected as the Executive Mayor, Cllr Hems Trower as the speaker of council and Cllr Sabina Manzini returning as the Chief Whip. We are introducing the rest of the council members in this bulletin including members of the Mayoral Committee with opposition councillors increasing to 11 as opposed to the 7 in the previous council. This is a clear demonstration that our democracy is maturing, and political parties must embark on backbreaking campaigns to garner votes for representation in council.



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The new councillors had to hit the ground running because they came in at the time when IDP consultations were in full swing across our area of jurisdiction and they had to go and consult communities on their service delivery needs and priorities which will assist the institution to map out the plan and strategise on how to achieve these deliverables, like true soldiers they went out on the ground to engage citizens even when they are still getting a grip of the ropes. We thank them for providing leadership, with the support of administration surely more will certainly be accomplished.

We are still calling upon residents who qualify as indigent contact their ward councillors in their respective wards to be assisted with registration on the indigent register. With the closure of the smelter some 3 years ago and covid-19 has not made it any easier for the job market, our local economic development has been negatively affected and the municipality had to bear brunt as more and more people struggle to pay for services. It is therefore very important that we recognize the fact that our people need to be cushioned from this misery hence we say take the opportunity to register and benefit from these subsidies on different services from the municipality. We have included an article inside which clearly shows the qualifying criteria.

The Executive Mayor has established good relations and partnerships with the private sector especially on issues of building and maintenance of our infrastructure which has seen mining companies like the Booyendal Platinum Mine assisting in the construction of the road infrastructure and the incubation of local SMMEs.

We hope that Her Worship will continue to maintain these mutually beneficial relations and draw in other sectors through our intergovernmental project. It is imperative to mobilise resources everywhere we can to better the lives of our people.

Lastly, we have been experiencing a spike in theft and vandalism of the infrastructure. There is evidently a high rate of cable theft. The Mashakeng stadium was completely stripped off electrical components, the change rooms have been completely vandalised, geysers stolen fencing completely ripped off at the courts. The electrical network experiences the worst kind of these acts.

Communities need to assist the municipality in dealing with these heinous crimes which in many occasions had plunged our communities into darkness and days without water thus forcing the municipality to use money it didn't have to purchase new cables and spares to fix the damages. All these are factors that hamper consistent provision of services and depletes the little finances there is. This shameful behaviour of destruction and anarchy must be condemned and those responsible must face the full might of the law. We call upon residents to guard the infrastructure jealously and not to allow criminal syndicates to take over our lives in this manner, the municipality does not afford to continuously replace infrastructure, we need to move on to other community impact programmes.

Corporation with citizens in this regard is very key, report suspicious and illegal activities to law enforcement or contact the municipality as soon as you realise them. This will serve as a deterrent to would be criminals but if we continue turning a blind eye, we are aiding the criminals. We want to continue providing services in a sustainable manner but until we arrest this dire situation, we all become losers. We need to bear in mind that the municipality does not afford to post security guards at every single point on our infrastructure.

**WE APPRECIATE THOSE CITIZENS WHO CONTINUE PAYING FOR THEIR SERVICES.  
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# A NEW MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AT THE HELM



Cllr. HERN TROWER handing over the Mayoral Chain to the newly appointed Executive Mayor

Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng emerged as the Executive Mayor of Thaba Chweu Local Municipality during an inaugural council meeting of the fifth term of Council held on 23 November 2021 at the Lydenburg Civic Centre town hall.

Cllr. HERN TROWER was elected as the Speaker of Council, while Cllr. Sabina Manzini was elected as the Chief Whip. A total of 27 councillors took an oath of solemn affirmation before the local Chief Magistrate Mr. Molate Moselela. Political parties that have representation in Council are the ANC, DA, EFF, VF plus and the AUM.

“We also need to continue to harness the relationship already forged with local mines to facilitate job creation and business opportunities for local communities and SMMEs. Local mines have positively responded to the call to assist the Municipality in certain service delivery priorities through their Social Responsibility Programmes. The Municipality is forever indebted to such gestures”, said Cllr. Nkadimeng.

The Executive Mayor also said that other areas of urgent focus will be the provision of water in water stressed areas, the upgrading of the waste-water treatment plants and electricity networks to be able to carry the high demands due to population growth.

The newly elected Speaker, Cllr. TROWER said that councillors must work together despite their political differences to serve the communities they represent.

Cllrs. Nkadimeng and Cornelias Mohlala of the African National Congress and Cllr. Spiridon Couvaras of the Democratic Alliance were elected to represent TCLM at the Ehlanzeni District Municipality.



Councillors waiting to be sworn in the chief Magistrate, Mr Molate Moselela

Speaking during her acceptance speech, the Executive Mayor said that the municipality must move with a neck-breaking speed to address all the urgent and outstanding service delivery priorities. “Let us hit the ground running, roll-up our sleeves and serve our people with all the diligence and commitment we can muster”, said Cllr. Nkadimeng.

The Executive Mayor outlined as urgent the fast-tracking of the municipality’s road infrastructure rehabilitation plan to improve on the road network which is currently a deterrent towards tourism and investment attraction.



Councillors waiting to be sworn in the chief Magistrate, Mr Molate Moselela

# MEET THE NEW LEADERSHIP



**Cllr. HERN TROWER**  
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Executive Mayor  
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**Cllr. Q.P.B. LAWRENCE**  
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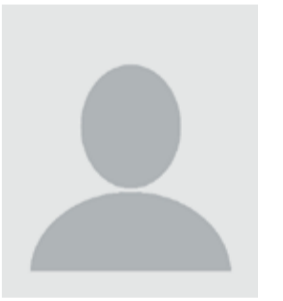
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**Cllr. P.D. MAROBELA**  
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# ROAD CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY IN LYDENBURG MOREMELA AND MATIBIDI



The Municipality has embarked on road construction projects in Lydenburg, Moremela and Matibidi. One such project in Lydenburg is on the rehabilitation of Potgieter and De Beer Streets. The scope of work amongst others entails the refurbishment of a 1,1km portion using 40mm hot mix asphalt, construction of paving blocks, installation of kerbs, paving of walkways, installation of road signs and road markings.

The project is funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and is managed by the Municipality's Project Management Unit. Minathi Consulting Engineers was appointed as the consulting engineers for the project with Taola Construction as the main contractor.

An additional scope of work was approved to include the construction of the Voortrekker and Potgieter Streets junction, as well as the corner of Voortrekker and De Beer Streets proceeding to the corner of Viljoen and Voortrekker Street.

The project was envisaged to be completed at the end of January 2022 but has been delayed due to heavy rains, community protests and other technicalities experienced during construction.

As part of the preventative maintenance of tarred road and storm water infrastructure, phase one of the paving of Joubert street was completed as well as a portion of Mohlala road leading to the Extension 6 and Kellysville intersection in Mashishing.



## PAVING OF TSHIRELANG ROAD, MATIBIDI

The paving of the 0,7km road at Tshirelanga in Moremela was successfully completed in November last year. The project was funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant. HBN Building and Civil Works were appointed to construct the road which also included the construction of pipe culverts, a retaining wall, concrete drains and drifts, construction of speed-humps, installation of road signs and road markings. Despite experiencing delays due to community protests, the project was completed on time.

# UPGRADED STADIUM TO ENCOURAGE SPORT DEVELOPMENT



The Municipality recently completed the upgrade of Leroro Stadium. The project started in the 2019/2020 financial year and was stopped due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic that forced the country into a hard lockdown. Funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant, the project included the construction of a 2,1m high boundary wall, refurbishment of existing ablution facilities and change rooms, the refurbishment of the grandstand, mass earthworks, the installation of artificial grass and security gates. Completed on 09 December 2021, the stadium will play a significant role in the development of various sporting codes, the promotion of the cultural industry as well as the hosting of community events. The community is urged to take full ownership of the stadium and jealously guard against acts of theft and vandalism.



## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

**Lungile Mlombo** of the National Youth Development Agency conducting job-preparedness training for unemployed youth in Thaba Chweu. Facilitated by the Municipality's LED Unit, the workshops were held in Lydenburg, Sabie, and Graskop. The focus was on professional CV compilation and how to prepare and conduct oneself for and during interviews.

# NEW BOREHOLES TO AUGMENT WATER SUPPLY

The Municipality has initiated phase two of the borehole installation project in a bid to augment water supply. The project will see the drilling of 13 new boreholes, installation of a parameter fence, 10kl Jojo tanks and solar panels. The boreholes are currently installed in Brondal, Matibidi, Spekboom, Ohrigstad dam, Goedehoop, Lydenburg town, Lydenburg Ext 2, Majubane (Mashishing), Beltkop, and Bosfontein and are nearing completion

Phase one of the project saw the drilling of 12 boreholes, to effectively bring the total number of installed boreholes to 25.

Cllr. Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor has urged the community to refrain from vandalising public assets. "Theft and vandalism are criminal and counterproductive as they deny communities their right to services and future development because resources are reinvested to replace destroyed infrastructure instead of being channelled towards other priorities", said the Executive Mayor.



The provision of basic services such as water, sanitation and electricity get interrupted because of vandalism and theft of critical cables, panels and components at water treatment plants, borehole pumps, sewer plants and electrical substations. The project is funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant and it is envisaged to be completed by mid-February 2022.

# LYDENBURG WATER WASTE TREATMENT PLANT REFURBISHED



The Lydenburg Waste-Water Treatment Plant is in the process of refurbishment. A new 600kw mini substation will be installed which include the refurbishment of the motor and pumps to increase efficiency.

The scope of work also entailed the bolstering of security after episodes of theft and vandalism. To this effect a Clear-View fence was installed throughout the perimeter of the plant. For a better night vision, high mast lights will also be installed. The project is funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant.





## THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

# PLAY YOUR PART SAVE WATER

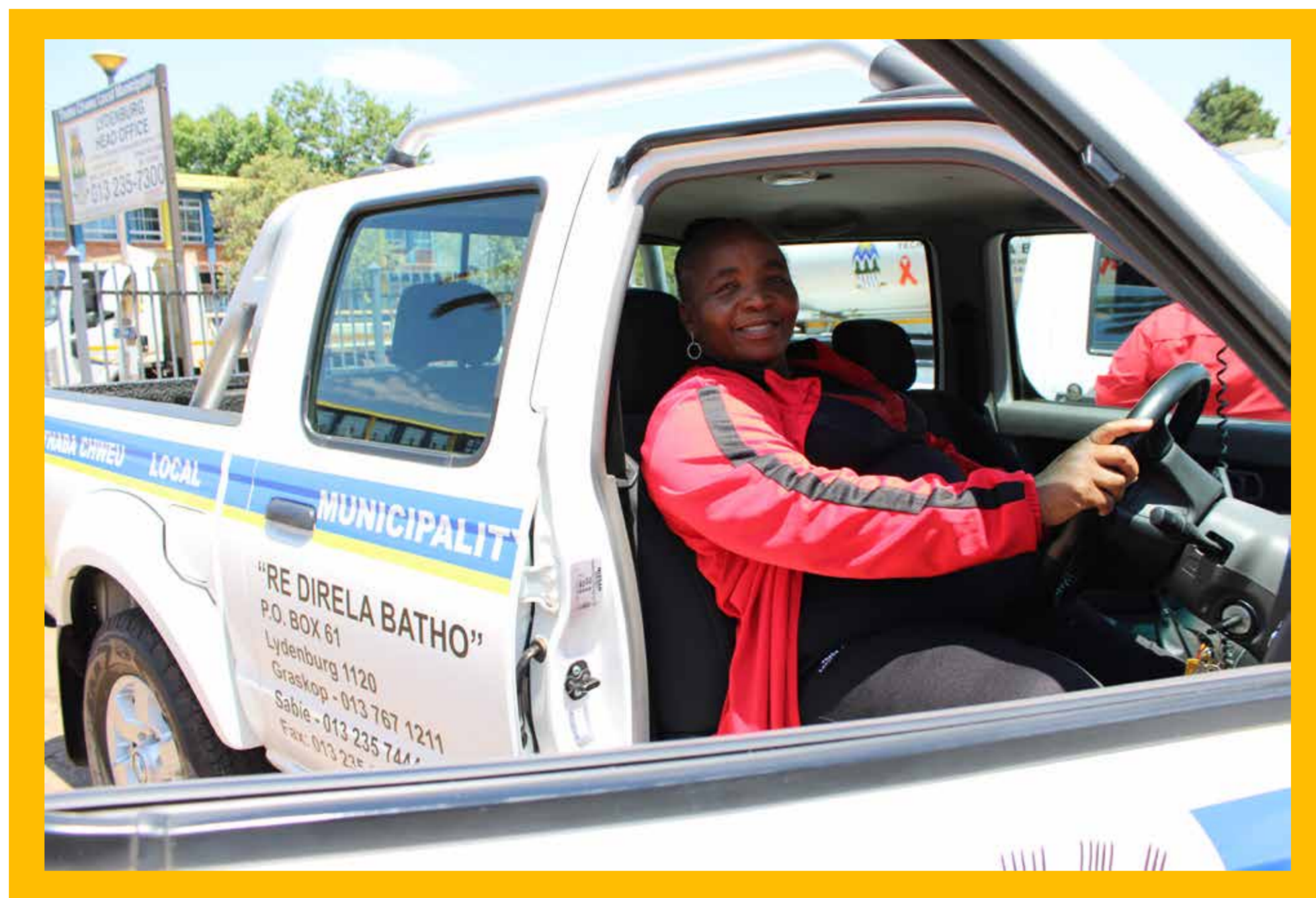
Thaba Chweu Local Municipality has introduced water restrictions in a bid to address the current water shortages. Residents are urged to observe the following restrictions to ensure a sustained supply of water:

- **NO WATERING OF GARDENS & LAWNS**
- **NO FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS**
- **NO WASHING OF CARS AND HARD SURFACES SUCH AS PAVEMENTS USING HOSEPIPES**
- **NO USAGE OF CLEAN WATER TO WASH CARS (CAR WASHERS)**

Let us all make saving water a part of our lifestyle by taking short showers, washing cars using buckets, turning off taps while brushing teeth, repair all water leaks in our households and report the municipal ones to the Municipality respectively.

For all your water related queries please contact the Control Room at 013 235 1788/ 013 767 1611.

# NEW FLEET LAUNCH



The Municipality recently launched a new service delivery fleet to enhance the provision of services to the public. The fleet was launched by Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor. The fleet includes 3 water tankers, a refuse removal compactor truck and 3 bakkies. Speaking at the launch the Executive Mayor said that the fleet will assist to lessen the service delivery backlogs experienced by the Municipality.

# THABA CHWEU CELEBRATES NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS DAY

TCLM celebrated the National Disability Rights Awareness Day at an event held at the Lydenburg Civic Centre town hall on 02 December 2021. The event was hosted by the Office of the Executive Mayor. Stakeholders in attendance were the Thaba Chweu Disability Forum, the Mpumalanga Mental Health Society, Greater Rape Intervention Project (GRIP), and the Disabled People South Africa (DPSA).

Speaking at the event, Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadi-meng, Executive Mayor said that the Municipality gives equal opportunities to everyone including people living with disability. She said that disabled people must be treated with dignity and be accorded the opportunity to participate in societal activities including the economy. This is consistent with this year's theme which is: "To Create and Realise an Inclusive Society Upholding Rights of Persons with Disabilities".

Ms. Matshidiso Sebulele of the Mpumalanga Mental Health and Society said that people living with disability must be treated as equals at the workplace and not to be looked down upon. She encouraged parents to send children with disability to stimulation centres where they can be developed and prepared to effectively participate in various sectors of society.

Ms. Suzan Maphanga of Disabled People South Africa (DPSA) said that her organisation assists with identifying people with disability in communities and assist them to access services from the various government departments and other institutions. "We even assist with the assessment and placement of children with special needs to special schools", said Ms. Maphanga.



Ms. Cynthia Ntsele of GRIP



Ms. Suzan Maphanga of Disabled People South Africa



Members of the Thaba Chweu Disability Forum in attendance



Pastor David Mohlala

People living with disability are susceptible to become victims of gender-based violence. Ms. Cynthia Ntsele of GRIP said that her organisation provides counselling to victims of abuse. She encouraged victims to report cases of abuse within 72 hours.

Present also at the event was the Cllr. Hems Trower, Speaker of Council who was the programme director and Cllrs. George Sangxu and Tshepo Mokoena.

# WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION



Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor, Pastor David Mohlala and Cllr. Quintin Lawrence lighting a candle of hope to remember those who died due to HIV/AIDS

“HIV/AIDS is not just a health issue but a social, developmental and economical issue that needs both proactive and reactive multi-sectoral strategies to confront”. This was the message by Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor at the commemoration of World Aids Day, held at the Lydenburg Civic Centre on 03 December 2021. The Executive Mayor also said that the commemoration day should be used as an opportunity to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS, and to show support to people living with HIV and remember those who lost their lives to the pandemic.

Under the theme: “Working together to end inequalities, AIDS, TB, Covid-19 -Get Tested. Get Vaccinated. Adhere to Treatment”, Cllr. Nkadimeng encouraged the public to get tested for HIV/AIDS and get vaccinated for Covid-19. The Executive Mayor also used the opportunity to raise awareness on the impact of gender-based violence and teenage pregnancy.

Candles were lit as a symbol of hope, to those infected and affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.





# SKYWALK PROJECT TO ENHANCE TOURISM IN THE AREA



Cllr. Mogotle Driddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor, TV and radio personality Ms. Kedibone Mkhabela, Mpumalanga Premier Ms. Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane and Mpumalanga Tourism Ambassador Mrs. Pretty Mhlongo all upbeat about the Skywalk project

Mpumalanga Premier, Hon. Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane, MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport Ms. Mohita Latchminarain, Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng and other dignitaries attended the SOD turning ceremony of the SKYWALK project at God Window.

The Premier said that the SKYWALK project is a unique Public Private Partnership initiative that will enhance tourism in the area. With a community focus, the project will be handed back to the community after 27 years for full ownership. The Executive Mayor said that the project will play a significant role in the promotion and growth of the tourism industry in the area.

God's Window is part of the world-renowned Panorama Route which includes areas such as Sabie, Pilgrim's Rest and Graskop with Lydenburg as the gateway.



# PANNING FOR GOLD

## Pilgrim's Rest Host the National Gold Panning Championships



MEC for Culture, Sports and Recreation Ms. Busi Shongwe and Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor paying their respect to the athletes who recently lost their lives.

The National Gold Panning Championships took full swing recently in a drizzling morning in Pilgrim's Rest. In her welcome address, Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor said that the event will play an important role to revive the local tourism industry adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The beautiful tradition of gold panning has been preserved to foster social cohesion and bolster our local economy. Events hosting plays an effective and strategic role in the promotion of destinations. It is for this reason that the National Gold Panning Championships will undoubtedly inject life into the tourism industry and the local economy in general”, said the Executive Mayor. The MEC for Culture, Sport and Recreation, Ms BT Shongwe said that her department is determined to develop and promote gold panning to assume the same status as the other sporting codes. She said that more people must be encouraged to participate in the sport. The MEC also said that she is excited by the fact that Pilgrim's Rest will be hosting the World Gold Panning Championships in 2023.

Candles were lit in memory of gold panning participants who recently lost their lives. The event has attracted participants from provinces such as Gauteng, Kwazulu Natal, Northern Cape and Western Cape.



# INDIGENT SUBSIDY

## Who Qualifies and How to Apply

The South African Constitution states that all indigent persons have the right to access basic services such as water, electricity, and decent housing. An indigent can be defined as a person/poor household who do not have access or cannot afford basic Municipal necessities and services such as sufficient water, basic sanitation, refuse removal, basic electricity to name just a few. Such households must have a combined income not exceeding R3 820.

To qualify for the indigent subsidy, individuals must register on the Municipal indigent registry. The application goes through a vetting process to determine whether an applicant meets the criteria and conditions set in the Indigent Policy.

### WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA USED TO QUALIFY AS AN INDIGENT?

- a) The applicant must be a natural adult person. (South African Citizen).
- b) The gross total monthly household income of all persons ordinarily residing at the premises concerned from all sources may not exceed an amount of the combined older person grant as stipulated in the national budget for two senior citizens or as may be determined by the council from time to time.
- c) The applicant must be the registered owner of the property/in possession of the letter of authority, for which application is made. If the applicant has more than one property, he/she will only be subsidized for one (1) property.
- d) The applicant must ordinarily reside at the premises concerned.
- e) The amount written off will be reinstated should the owner sell the property.

### WHAT ARE THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION?

The following are documents to accompany the application:


- (a) A sworn affidavit stating the gross total monthly household income of all persons ordinarily residing at the address concerned.
- (b) A copy of a three month's bank statements.
- (c) The applicant's latest pay slip, if he/she is employed and the latest pay slips of any other persons ordinarily residing on the property concerned who are employed.
- (d) A certified copy of the applicant's identity document; and certified copies of all persons above eighteen years who ordinarily reside at the address concerned.
- (e) A certificate issued by the applicant's Ward Councillor that the applicant is entitled to be registered as indigent.
- (f) In case of one partner being deceased or divorced the following documents may be used:
  - (i) a letter of authority obtained from the court of law and or;
  - (ii) a certified copy of a marriage certificate
  - (iii) a decree of divorce documents

- f) Employment verification form signed or issued by the Department of Labour.
- g) A letter and or a report from SASSA confirming the status of child headed family.
- h) An indigent debtor must immediately request de-registration if his/her circumstances have changed to the extent that he/she no longer complies with the requirement set out in the definitions.
- i) A letter from Social Services confirming the status of child headed household.

A completed application, together with the certificate issued by the Ward Councillor concerned and other documents required, must be handed in at any office of the Municipality (except for Thusong Service Centre). No indigent application will be approved if the electricity meter is tampered with. A replacement of such meter will be done before any approval.

For more information please contact Mr. Enos Maunye on 081 320 5663 or Mary Mabelane on 013 235 7300.

**ELECTRICITY**



**First 50 kwh Free**  
Must be on pre-paid meter. Using more than 300 kwh p/month will lead to reviewal of indigent status.

**WATER**




**First 10 kl Free**  
Usage of more than allocated and non-payment will lead to restrictions.

**REFUSE REMOVAL**




**100% Rebate**

**SEWERAGE**



**100% Rebate**

**PROPERTY RATE**



**First R15 000 of property value is tax free**

# MINISTER OF SPORT, ART AND CULTURE HANDOVER A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORT FACILITY TO MEMEZILE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SABIE



MEC for Culture, Sport and Recreation MS. Busi Shongwe showing how it is done

The National Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Honourable Nathi Mthethwa officially handed over a multi-purpose sports facility to Memezile Secondary School in Sabie. The facility is designed to accommodate five sporting codes which are soccer, netball, volleyball, basketball, and tennis.

Speaking at the handover event, the Minister said that his Department through the National Sport and Recreation Plan has amongst others identified the need to develop school sport as a backdrop of sport development where future talented sports stars will emerge. "If we are not strong at development level, we are not going to have winning teams" said minister Mthethwa.

MEC for Culture, Sport and Recreation, Ms BT Shongwe, applauded the Department for having chosen a peri-urban area for the construction of such a facility. She said that most of the time these areas are overlooked when it comes to developmental priorities.

Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor said that the role of sports in the development of character in children is critical. She said that sports teach discipline, teamwork, and humility. The Executive Mayor also said that the facility will harness competitiveness in the various sporting codes which will ultimately revive the glory of our national teams.

The Department also donated sports attire and equipment to local school teams and clubs.



# PRIVATE SECTOR COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE



MEC for Health Ms. Sasekani Manzini and Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng officially opening the Kiwi Clinic

The communities of Kiwi and Graskop were beneficiaries of the state-of-the-art clinics built by the private sector as part of their Corporate Social Investments initiatives.

Both communities previously relied on mobile clinics or had to travel long distances to access health-care.

The Kiwi Clinic was donated by the Booyesdal Platinum Mine whilst the Glory Hill Clinic was donated by SAFCOL. The MEC for Health Ms Sasekani Manzini and Cllr. Mogotle Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor were present at the official opening of both clinics.

The Executive Mayor said that she is encouraged by private companies who don't throw a blind eye to or bury their heads in the sand by becoming indifferent to challenges faced by the community.

"Access to primary healthcare is a fundamental right, and the clinics have brought dignity and hope to the community", said the Executive Mayor.

Cllr. Nkadimeng also made an earnest appeal to the community to protect public assets and refrain from acts of vandalism as they discourage both public and private investment into communities.

MEC Manzini said that the clinics came at the right time when the country is grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic. She said the community must use the facilities to also screen for TB which is a treatable disease but deadly if ignored. The MEC also reiterated the call for the public to protect public infrastructure.



Mr. Pieter Kriel of Booyesdal South Mine and Mr. Philip Phetla of Bakoni ba Phetla Tribal Authority addressing the community at the opening of the clinic



# VISION

Custodian of sustainable service delivery, economic development, and good governance.

# MISSION

Improving socio-economic conditions by improving service delivery and growing the economic through sound governance.



## THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

### **ILLEGAL ELECTRICITY CONNECTION IS A CRIME**

Illegal electricity connections are not only a safety hazard but also lead to distribution losses depriving the Municipality of the much-needed revenue to provide basic services.

Be a good citizen and report illegal electricity connections in your neighbourhood.

For all your electricity related queries please contact our Control Room at 013 235 1788/ 013 767 1611





# THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

## SERVICE DELIVERY CHARTER

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### OUR MOTTO

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### OUR OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are found in section 152 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 109 of 1996, which reads as follows:

- (a) To provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;
- (b) To ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner;
- (c) To promote social and economic development;
- (d) To promote a safe and healthy environment;
- (e) To encourage the involvement of communities and community organizations in the matters of local government

### WE PLEDGE TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GENERIC SERVICES STANDARDS

All Departments/sections shall, as a minimum, meet the following service standards:

- \* By treating all customers with courtesy and consideration at all times
- \* By wearing name tags at all times
- \* By ensuring that telephones are answered within 5 rings
- \* By acknowledging and responding to queries and complaints within 48 hours
- \* By rendering an apology within 2 working days in case a service is not rendered according to a customer's expectations
- \* By giving the public full accurate information about services they are entitled to receive at all times
- \* By responding to verbal queries from walk-in clients and referring them to relevant department(s)
- \* By ensuring that all offices are marked with the designation of the occupant

### WE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

- \* Water and sanitation
- \* Electricity and infrastructure maintenance
- \* Road construction and maintenance
- \* Waste and environmental management
- \* Coordination of the provision of human settlements
- \* Promotion of sports and culture
- \* Road safety and Security management
- \* Provision of free basics services to the indigent families
- \* Parks and cemeteries maintenance and management
- \* Co-ordination of Local Economic Development and Transversal programmes
- \* Creation of conducive environment for business to operate and thrive
- \* Consultation with stakeholders through public participation processes

# THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



## OUR CONTACT DETAILS

### Thaba Chweu Local Municipality LYDENBURG HEAD OFFICE

Cnr Viljoen & Sentraal  
Mpumalanga 1120

#### WORKING HOURS

MON-FRI : 07H30 - 16H00

FRAUD HOT-LINE : 0800 701 701

CONTACT NUMBER : 013 235 7300

24HRS EMERGENCY NUMBER : 013 253 1788

### GRASKOP SERVICE DELIVERY UNIT

Cnr Main & Louis Trichard Street  
Graskop 1270

CONTACT NUMBER : 013 253 7460

### SABIE SERVICE DELIVERY UNIT

8 Avenue Street,  
Sabie 1260

CONTACT NUMBER : 013 235 7300

### MASHISHING DELIVERY UNIT

1193, Blio Street, Mashishing, 1123

CONTACT NUMBER : 013 235 7300

### NORTHERN AREAS SERVICE DELIVERY UNIT

CONTACT NUMBER : 013 235 1195

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## ANTI-FRAUD HOTLINE

The Municipality is committed to delivering services in an open and transparent manner and has zero tolerance to fraud and corruption. The Municipality is currently using the Presidential fraud hotline and would like to encourage its employees, suppliers, and residents to make use of this anonymous facility to report any fraudulent activities whether internal or external without fear of victimisation. The hotline is anonymous and is operational 24 hours.

Blow the whistle on fraud and corruption

**0800 701 701**