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GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT LAUNCHES ROAD RE-GRAVELING PROGRAMME

Gert Sibande District Municipality launched a road re-graveling programme to deal with all the terrible internal gravel roads within the municipality that sometimes make traveling on them an awful experience. The district Executive Mayor together with his entourage descended to Dipaleseng to launch this programme on Tuesday, 08th August 2017 at Siyathemba Stadium.

The program which is the Premier's initiative in conjunction with the Department of Public Works was launched a year after the local government elections of the 3rd August 2016 where commitments were made by the ruling party. "We are here to fulfill some of those commitments, through the maintenance of roads which is also a crucial element of service delivery," said the Member of Mayoral Committee from the district responsible

for Infrastructure Services, Cllr NS Nhlapo. She also observed that they are cognizant of the fact that this kind of a program is not a long-term solution but only offering a short-term remedy while financial resources do not allow for a more permanent solution.

This is in line with the district's mandate to assist all seven local municipalities within its jurisdiction to effectively render services to its communities. The aim is to rotate the district's, the Department of Public Works' as well as the relevant local municipality's yellow fleet to all the municipality to assist them with the roads not yet paved and/or tarred.

A total of seven graders, two tipper trucks, a TLB and other machinery will be deployed to work in Di-

paleseng for the whole month of August covering a total of approximately 51 km² of gravel area to gain maximum impact. A work program has been developed in consultation in Ward Councilors which identifies all the street and roads that require attention.

The Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng Local Municipality, Cllr Mafunda Makhubu was very appreciative of the efforts made by the district in support of the municipality and its service delivery endeavors. He further requested ward councilors to be fully involved with this programme in their respective wards.

"The district is also looking at

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rolling out pothole patching as well as renovations of community halls in Siyathemba and Grootvlei" said the district Executive Mayor, Cllr Muzi Chirwa.

An amount of R 1 million has been set aside for this double-edged pothole patching project targeting poverty alleviation and infrastructure maintenance which aims to touch many people through the utilization of cooperatives in the implementation. The district Executive Mayor went on to echo words of encouragement to the youth and women to establish these cooperatives to allow them to benefit from such programs in the future.



Residents receive title deeds



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The District Executive Mayor, Cllr. Muzi Chirwa, Dipaleseng Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mafunda Makhubu together with councilors from both municipalities were in attendance when a total of two hundred and thirty seven (237) community members from various areas in ward 1, 2 and 4 in Siyathemba, Balfour were handed over title deeds to their properties at an event that took place at

Thusong Service Centre in Siyathemba on Monday, 04th September 2017.

"This is one of the greatest achievements of the current democratic government in restoring the dignity of black South Africans by giving them opportunity to own property, even going the extra mile by acquiring the services of conveyancers to conduct the process of transferring these deeds from the state to the relevant beneficiaries and then paying them, said Councilor Muzi Chirwa, the district Executive Mayor.

It goes without saying that the beneficiaries were full of excitement and jubilation, especially the senior citizens who had long awaited the realization of this day.

A further two hundred and eight (208) more title deeds will be handed over to citizens from ward 6 in Nthoroane in the near future.

"Today we are here to fulfill Section 25 of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, which gives citizens of the country the right to own their own properties and are proud that we are still keeping to the principles of OR Tambo though our mandate of serving our communities", concluded Chiwra

The district Executive Mayor further placed emphasis on the role and responsibilities of public servants including municipal employees, sector departments, EPWP workers, Community Development Workers and Ward Committees to serve the community with due diligence and put the needs of the community first at all times.

COUNCILLORS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

During November 2016, the South African Local Government Association conducted training programmes for new councillors to prepare and capacitate them for the new term.

The five day training programme covered nine modules in areas of Municipal Governance, Policy & Legislation, Municipal Role players & Stakeholders, Municipal Procedures & Protocols, Municipal Planning & Strategy, Municipal Finance, Municipal Performance & Accountability, Municipal Councilor as a Skilled Leader and Municipal Councilor as an Ethical Leader.

The new councillors received certificates after they successfully attended the Integrated Councilor Induction Programme, which was

supported by Local Government Sector and Education Training Authority (LGSETA).

"These programme are aimed at increasing the efficiency of councils of local government in the day to day running of institutions.

It is against this background that it is appreciated that our councillors are well capacitated to take informed decisions that will take this institution forward," said the Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng, Cllr. Mafunda Makhubu when asked to comment on his fellow councillors' certification.

LGSETA believes that as a developing country, South Africa's workforce plays a key role in

service delivery due to the significance of having a skilled and capable workers cannot be over accentuated to assist local government structures in meeting their constitutional mandate and also improve the lives of South Africans.



Housing development visible in DLM

The 500 Housing units are distributed among 4 wards, being ward 1, 2 and 4 in Siyathemba and ward 5 - Grootvlei. Prospective beneficiaries are currently being sourced and filling the housing subsidy applications which will be evaluated for approvals.

Contractors have been appointed for both housing projects being Prince of Tides Developers for the 1 500 units at the Ridge View development which is already on site as well as Deep Space Construction for the 500 units which is



anticipated to establish site in the beginning of August 2017.

The Department of Human Settlement is celebrating 4.6 million houses and subsidies which have benefited more than 20 million people since 1994.

The department aims to build partnerships towards 6 million houses and subsidies by the year 2019, fortunately enough Dipaleseng is also part of this massive development.

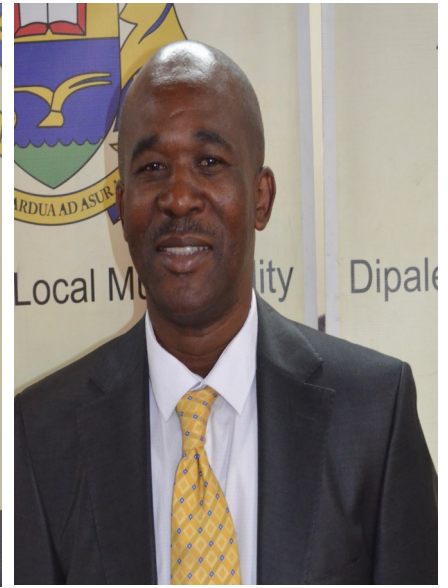
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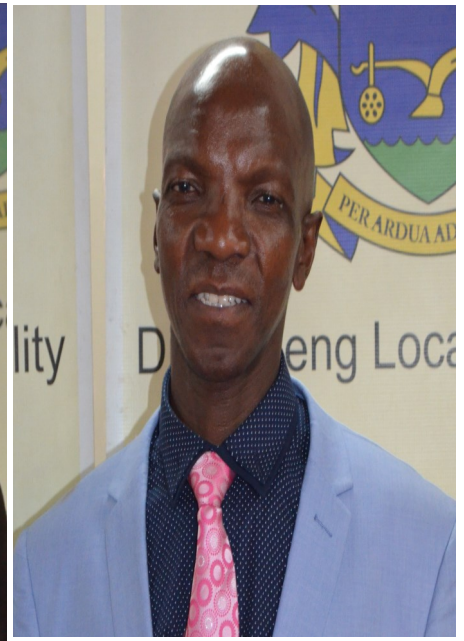
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INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Every financial year, the municipality rolls out projects in order to address infrastructure development backlogs of the locality. While it is understood that the community might complain about the slow paced delivery of infrastructure development, cognizance of the fact that these projects demand massive financial backing which the institution does not have at its disposal should be viewed as a major contributing factor to this. Some of these capital pro-

jects are funded through the annual Municipal Infrastructure Grant allocation received annually specifically for this reason, while others come from sources such as government sector departments and other external sources.

These are over and above the other daily maintenance tasks that are continually taking place in and around the locality through the internal Operations and Maintenance (O & M)

budget of the municipality. Another significant aspect to the municipality is the upliftment of the local community in the implementation of these projects is in the form of subcontracting to local SMMEs and creation of local job opportunities. The municipality is of the view that job creation, poverty alleviation and local business support are crucially important in the development of the local economic landscape.

Some of these projects have already been completed like the Provision of Sewer reticulation for 450 households in Grootvlei in ward 5 which created fifty four (54) local job opportunities and a total of four (4) local SMMEs were appointed while others are still in implementation phase.

Project Description	Location	Implementation Agent	Project cost	Planned Completion Date	Project Status	Service Provider	WO Created	Local SMMEs Appointed
Construction of new Balfour substation	Balfour (ward 3)	DLM	R60 million (INEP)	June 2019	Planning Stage	F & A Consulting Engineers	0	0
Upgrading of old feeder lines in Dipaleseng	Balfour, Grootvlei & Greylingstad	DLM	R3 million (INEP)	April 2017	completed	Imbawula Technical Services	34	0
Turnkey design and construction to improve water pressure in Siyathemba	Siyathemba (Ward 1,2 & 4)	GSDM	R7 million	March 2017	Completed	MK Dube/ Lefiso Consulting	18	4
construction of a new 250mm uPVC pipeline to convey clear water from Siyathemba to Grootvlei	Grootvlei and Siyathemba	Rand Water/ GSDM/ DLM/DWS	R78 million	October 2017	Physical progress: 73%	Tiger Business Enterprise	38	4
Reconstruction & Upgrading of intersection between R23 and R51 and 3 bridges	Balfour & Greylingstad	SANRAL	R 18 million	December 2017	49%	SMEC Consulting Engineers and Fountain Civil Engineers	42	9

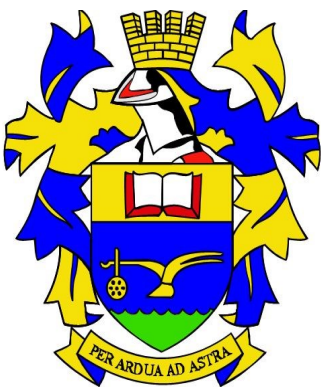
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Upgrading of Monareng, Lefokotsane and Nkonkoni Street	Siyathemba (Ward 2 & 4)	DLM	R20 million (MIG)	December 2017	Monareng Street: 100% Completed Lefokotsane: 37% Physical Projects Nkonkoni: 25% Physical Project	Consultant: GMH Engineers Contractor: Maduludi Cc	35	5
Upgrading of Grootvlei WWTW	Grootvlei (Ward 5)	DLM	R37 million (MIG)	April 2018	Civil and Structural works completed. Mechanical & electrical contractor appointed.	Consultant: Mott MacDonald Contractor: Khanya Engineered Projects	59	0
Provision of sewer reticulation in Grootvlei Ext. 21	Grootvlei (Ward 5)	DLM	R9 million (MIG)	March 2017	completed	Consultant: Mott MacDonald Contractor: Wax Engineering	54	4
Upgrading and renovation of Municipal office building	Balfour (ward 3)	CoGTA	R16 million	September 2017	Physical progress: 73%	Consultant: Monde Consulting Engineers Contractor:	84	6
Upgrading Of Balfour MV System, 6.6kv and The Existing Substation	Balfour (ward 3)	DLM	R6 million (INEP)	May 2017	Completed	Mothapo Consulting Engineers	8	0



“It is also important that we foster inclusive development throughout all the wards within the locality so that all our people know and understand that our government cares for all”, said the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mafunda Makhubu.

There are also other projects that will benefit a big portion of our communities like the construction of low-cost housing units in Siyathemba and Grootvlei. The construction of the stimulation centre in Nthoroane and the Skills Development Centre in Bal-





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