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# Dipaleseng News



## *VISION*

*“Centre of quality, affordable service,  
good governance and  
sustainable economic opportunities”*

## ***MEET THE MAN BEHIND THE TITLE.....***



### **MR. LWAZI CINDI MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

Mr. Lwazi Cindi has been appointed as the Head of Administration and Accounting Officer of Dipaleseng Local Municipality effective from 01 October 2022 after he had acted in the position for the past six (6) months.

The appointment of the new Accounting Officer is partly attributed to the vast and relevant experience within the sphere of local government which stems as far back as 2003 where he worked in Lekwa Local Municipality as a Technical Services Administrator also assigned the functions of Municipal Integrated Development Planning (IDP) and Local Economic Development (LED) practitioner after which spell he assumed the role of an Executive Manager of Technical Services and Acting Municipal Manager.

He further ploughed his professional trade as a consultant for the Mpumalanga Department of Roads and Transport before assuming the role of the Executive Manager Technical Services and Acting Municipal Manager in eNdumeni Local Municipality.

He holds a Bachelor of Architectural Studies – NQF 7 (undergraduate degree) and Bachelor of

Architecture – NQF 8 (Post Graduate Degree) from the University of Witwatersrand and other related short courses that are relevant in the local government environment.

Mr. Lwazi Cindi is highly capable of discharging his duties as the Accounting Officer as prescribed in the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 as amended and as may be delegated by the Dipaleseng Council in achieving the strategic objectives in order to fulfil the objectives of local government which are provided for in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and any other legislative framework that governs local government.

As an incumbent directly appointed by Dipaleseng Council, he will be the link between Council and the administration and will account for the municipality's income and expenditure, assets and other obligations such as proper adherence to all legislation applicable to a municipality and further be subject to the municipal council's policy directions.

His role is to provide strategic leadership and direction to the overall organization and will be responsible and accountable for the following key performance areas:

- Basic Service Delivery;
- Local Economic Development;
- Municipal Financial Viability and Management;
- Municipal Transformation and Organization; and
- Good Governance and Public Participation

As the Head of Administration, he commits to upholding the values of honesty, integrity, transparency, and community centered, performance excellence and cooperative governance.

"I am honored and delighted to be appointed in this position wherein together with my entire management team, will do our utmost best for the community of Dipaleseng Local Municipality" said Mr. Lwazi Cindi.



## UPDATE!!

# 2021/22 SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO AUDITOR GENERAL OF SOUTH AFRICA DUE 31 AUGUST 2022

## GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES

Gert Sibande District Municipality	Submitted on time
Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality	Submitted on time
Dipaleseng Local Municipality	Submitted on time
Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Municipality	Submitted on time
Govan Mbeki Local Municipality	Submitted on time
Lekwa Local Municipality	Submitted on time
Mkhondo Local Municipality	Submitted on time
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Submitted on time



## GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



## ***A WORD FROM THE TOP ....***

We commence the new financial having concluded the previous one which this political administration landed in post the local government elections in November 2021 relatively well.

As mandated in our manifesto which binds us with our constituencies, along with local service delivery and development advancements, reviving good governance which improved audit outcome is a great indicator of, we maintain our commitment to richly impacting the lives of our communities through accelerated fulfilment of community needs.

At the beginning of the quarter, we successfully concluded the preparatory phase in terms of our IDP & Budget Process Plan for the 2022/23 financial year.

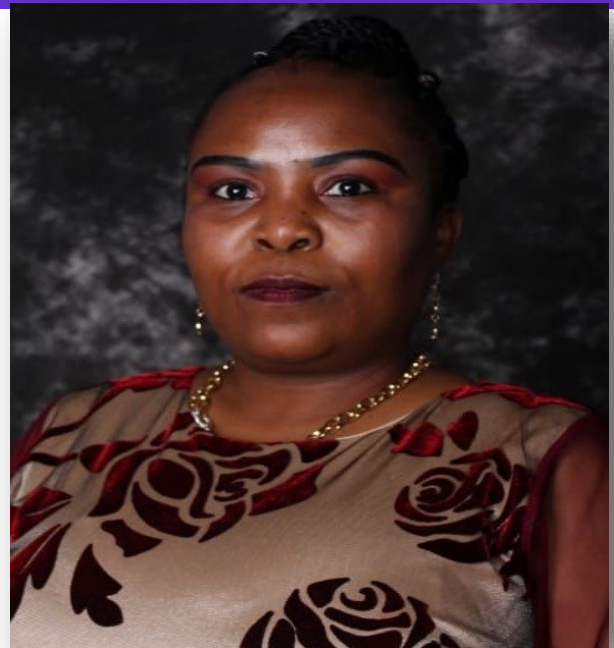
A process that included the reviewal of previous year's IDP/Budget process with the inclusion of Medium Term Expenditure Framework provision of political guidance over the budget process and priorities that informed the preparations of the budget.

This was followed by the timeous submission of the 2020/21 Annual Financial Statements to Auditor General as well as the 2020/21 cumulative Performance Report to Auditor General and relevant Council Structures.

The next phases over the coming months will eventually culminate the production of this current administration's very first guiding documents in terms of developmental priorities and objectives, against which as Council we will be collectively measured upon.

Also bearing in mind the rather long stretch still to be travelled with however many spiteful bends and turns along the way, it is equally pleasing to note the significant strides made thus far.

We continue to look forward to great working relations through all our structures in our service delivery quests and spirit of building and maintaining active citizenry. Public participation and stakeholder relations are crucial in these endeavours which is why we aim to create inclusive government that is not only people driven but also very responsive to community needs.



**CLLR . KHETHIWE MOEKETSI  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

The municipality also note the instability of our electrical network in all nodal areas and Council being supported by CoGTA and DBSA, have subsequently undertaken a condition assessment of the entire electrical network infrastructure and identified critical preventative maintenance work that must be undertaken. This work is envisaged to be carried out as and when the liquidity position of the municipality allows and with the collaboration of the private sector who want to work with the municipality.

The municipality is also on the brink of forging strategic partnerships with the private sector within its area of jurisdiction. BJK and the municipality are at advanced stages of concluding a MoU in respect of technical support to man the Greylingstad Waste Water Treatment Works owing to shortages of human capital and relevant expertise to operate the plant.

Due to some of the matters noted above, the municipality suffers service delivery disruptions and/or challenges from time to time and I would like to appreciate the continued patience and understanding from our community. The institution will continue to address these in the quickest turnaround time as possible.



# IDP & BUDGET PROCESS PLAN

Section 28 of the Municipal System Act (Act 32 of 2000) requires that each Municipal Council adopts a process plan that would guide the planning, drafting, adoption and review of the IDP, Budget and Performance.

The process plan should have clear and established mechanism, procedures and processes to ensure proper consultation with the local communities. It should indicate clearly how the IDP process will work, who will be responsible for what, time frames and milestones will be set and a budget will be aligned to the programme.

This quarter's implementation is depicted below and we will confidently move in a

direction that will improve service delivery efforts across all spheres, implement our set priorities to address accelerated local economic stimulation and create sustainable jobs.

Resources will be economically and effectively utilized to provide services in an impartial, fair and equitable manner. Our efforts will be to serve all people with fairness and integrity while ensuring no one is left behind.

MONTH	ACTIVITY	Target date
<b>PREPARATORY PHASE</b>		
<b>July 2022</b>	Review of previous year's IDP/Budget process with MTEF included.	1-31 July 2022
	EXCO provides political guidance over the budget process and priorities that must inform preparations of the budget.	1-31 July 2022
	Tabling of the draft 2022-2023 IDP and Budget process plan to IDP steering committee/technical committee for comments and inputs.	15 July 2022
	Tabling of the 2022-2023 IDP and Budget process plan to council structures for approval	29 July 2022
<b>August 2022</b>	Ward-to-Ward based analysis data collection	17 August 2022 -30 September 2022
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Lekgotla	17 August 2022
	Submit AFS (Annual Financial Statements) for 2020/21 to AG.	31 August 2022
	Submit 2020/21 cumulative Performance Report to AG & Council Structures	31 August 2022
<b>ANALYSIS PHASE</b>		
<b>September 2022</b>	Council determines strategic objectives for service delivery through IDP review processes and the development of the next 3-year budget (including review of sector departments plans).	01 September 2022-December 2022
	Determine revenue projections, propose tariffs, and draft initial allocations per function and department for 2023-2024 financial year.	
	Electronic Consultations with provincial and national sector departments on sector specific programmes for alignment (schools, libraries, clinics, water, electricity, roads, etc).	
	Finalize ward based data compilation for verification in December 2022	

## LETS GET CLEANING !!!!

Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 saw the beginning of the municipality's weekly cleaning campaign specifically targeting illegal dumping areas throughout the municipality.

Ward 2 in Siyathemba is where the high contingent of both political and administrative leadership gathered to cleanup and to create a clean, healthy and habitable environments for the locals.

Illegal dumping site along Sebeloane street adjacent Mangweni Tarven was the first target, followed by the one at the intersection of Monareng and Mthethwa streets, lastly was the illegal dumping area near the old cemetery in Siyathemba.

All other dumping sites will follow as the week progresses.



Environment is no one's property to destroy; it's everyone's responsibility to protect. ...





To ensure that this initiative adequately reaches all areas of the locality, the program will rotate weekly as follows;

10<sup>th</sup> October – Ward 6

17<sup>th</sup> October – Ward 1

24<sup>th</sup> October – Ward 4

31<sup>st</sup> October – Ward 5

07<sup>th</sup> November – Ward 3

Post the cleaning and clearing of these sites, the community is further urged to refrain from engaging in illegal dumping.

To achieve this, where the cleaning campaign started in Ward 2, the municipality has identified a potential project of initiating a small park.

The institution together with the ward councilor is going to assemble interested young people within the ward to explore greening the public open space that was cleaned and possibly establish a car wash and/or some other related activities in order to reclaim open space and maintain clean and safe space.





# PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S DAY



In her welcoming address, the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi set the tone for the proceedings at the Provincial Women's Day event hosted in Dipaleseng Local Municipality by rendering acknowledgement of women who play various leading roles in today's society.

The day is celebrated against the backdrop of many challenges that women face such as inequalities in employment sector, poverty, unemployment as well as the scourge of gender based violence.

Scores of women from the breadths and depths of the Mpumalanga province gathered to witness this special day in celebration of women in the entire province.

The Premier of Mpumalanga, Relifwe Mtsweni Tsipane rendered the key note address commencing with highlighting the importance of celebrating women, particularly on this day.

She played homage to the sacrifices made by those twenty thousand odd women who marched to the union building all those years ago.

On that day, the apartheid regime sharply learned that, 'Wathint'abafazi wathint'imbokodo,' cited the Premier.

She acknowledged that women are not immune to challenges even today but further urged women to continue holding on to their values untainted by societal conforms. Women must continue to fight and pioneer for the interest of women in the midst of gender parity landscapes.

She saluted the enormous power, courage and zeal possessed by women through the vast tasks women accomplish on a daily basis as women are the ones that bear the brunt of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

Under the theme 'Women's Socio-Economic Rights and Empowerment: Building Back Better for Women's Resilience', the Premier advocated for drastic and extra ordinary measures in an effort to close these gaps to be implemented.







*Premier Mtsweni Tsipane concluded by harshly undermining the escalating rate of Gender Based Violence and regrettably noted that Mpumalanga as a province is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the country in terms statistics of violence against women and children.*

*She called on our justice system to take firm stand against this by apprehending perpetrators and ensuring that they face the full might of the law.*



# LAND TENURE FOR MANDELA MONTH

As part of the Nelson Mandela Day celebrations, Dipaleseng Local Municipality took the opportunity to hand over title deeds to beneficiaries in Siyathemba.

The Speaker of Council, Cllr. Xolani Shozi together with both MMC's Cllr. Ahmed-Nazir Carrim and Cllr. Mojalefa Miya, Cllr. Muzikayise Makhoba as well the Acting Municipal Manager, Mr. Lwazi Cindi handed over more than 90 title deeds to the community at Siyathemba Thusong Service Centre.

Many of the residents in attendance were excited to be there and to receive their title deeds.

Fikile Annah Nhlapo from Extension 5 in Siyathemba expressed her gratitude for receiving the ti-



tle deed to her house after waiting for almost a decade for it.

"Thank you very much, this is my home now," said an elated Ntombifuthi Dorah Nhlapo after being handed her document.

Residents are encouraged to visit the housing unit at the municipality should they have any housing related issues that they might have.







## DIPALESENG COMMEMORATES HERITAGE DAY THROUGH SERVICE DELIVERY



The 24th September was previously known as Shaka's Day for most people, in commemoration of Shaka, the Zulu king on the presumed date of his death on this date in 1828. Shaka played an important role in uniting the disparate Zulu clans into cohesive nations.

Heritage Day is a South African public holiday celebrated annually on 24 September. On this day, South Africans celebrate the day by remembering the cultural heritage of the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa. Various events are staged throughout the country such as braai to commemorate and remember this day.

The municipality chose to commemorate

this day through the delivery of much needed services to the community, and will commence with celebrations on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September with handing over of a housing unit to a destitute family.

The gesture of building a low cost house is made possible through a





partnership between Dipaleseng Local Municipality and Gert Sibande TVET College. While the beneficiary identification was made jointly with the two stakeholders including local sector departments.

Further to that, another 25 housing subsidy houses will be handed over to beneficiaries from Siyathemba.

A housing subsidy is a grant by government to qualifying beneficiaries for housing purposes. One of the Department of Human Settlements' areas of responsibility in the delivery of human settlements relates to the bottom-most end of the market, where it provides housing subsidies to the poor. This is where the bulk

of the housing backlog exists, affecting mainly those who are regarded as part of the low income bracket.

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996 enshrines the right of everyone to have access to adequate housing; and makes it incumbent upon the State to take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve progressive realization of this right.

It is against this background that the municipality rounded up the commemorations with the registration of title deeds program in Ridge View in Siyathemba, on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



Dipaleseng Local Municipality encouraged community members to enjoy the braai day responsibly, within the confines of the law while protecting themselves and those around them.



# GSDM IDP CONSULTATION

The Gert Sibande District Municipality held its first consultation for the 2022/23 IDP Review in Dipaleseng Local Municipality on Wednesday, 07th August 2022.

The District conducts rounds of consultations through the district local municipalities. \\

The purpose of the stakeholder engagement is to commence analysis of the planning phase in terms of the Integrated Development Plan.

Also of note is to have critical look at information gathered and assess status of these challenges taking into consideration challenges experienced and ultimately set priorities in terms service delivery needs based on available budgets limits.

Some of the projects that were implemented by the District Municipality in Dipaleseng include;

- Water quality testing which is ongoing
- Rehabilitation of Roads
- Operation and Maintenance of Balfour WWTW
- Re-gravelling and Blading
- Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant projects

Community as represented by the stakeholders present were able to actively participate in the deliberations in an effort to give clear perspective into community needs particularly in changing landscapes such as community growth and so forth.





Issues of illegal dumping site within the locality, refuse removal, finalization of Sizanani land issue and the speedy implementation of project that seeks to address water issues within the area as well as desludging of VIP toilets in rural areas.





## INTER- GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ALIVE IN DIPALESENG

On the 16th August, 2022 the municipality convened sector departments through an inter-governmental framework to create a multi-sectoral platform that seeks to have round-table discussions on service delivery issues within the municipal jurisdiction.

This meeting was facilitated by the Office of the Speaker as mandated by its Public Participation arm and legislative ambit.

Sector departments included; Department of Health ,Gert Sibande TV Balfour Campus College, South African Social Security Agency, COGTA, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, Department of Culture, Sports and Recreation.

The existence of such structures become important for every political administration in the sense that it paves a way for the Creation of a multi-sectoral platform for sector departments, through the municipality to engage on service delivery affecting local communities, and further proposed remedial actions where challenges are identified.

Furthermore this forum that is chaired by the Speaker, Cllr. Xolani Shoji seeks to apprise councillors for future ward consultation meetings in terms of responding to sector department issues raised by the community members.

Through this platform, Departments are able to voice their concerns and proper solutions are developed through the robust deliberations and/or interventions.





# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - PROJECTS

The Municipality is implementing various capital projects on sanitation, electricity, water roads and storm water to address backlogs on services delivery issues.

The projects are funded and implemented by various departments including CoGTA, Department of Energy, SANRAL, Department of Water & Sanitation, Department of Higher Education, Department of Human Settlement and Sasol.

Council approved establishment of Project Management Unit (PMU) which is mandated for the Planning, Financial Management, Contract and Project Management; for the implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting sequence of actions with Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), Municipal Capital Projects, and other sectors projects also ensuring functions and activities are aligned towards Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) and also aiming accomplishment of key service delivery objectives.

The department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional affairs (CoGTA) did approve the 5% of PMU operational budget of R 1 047 150.00 and the total approved budget for the implementation of MIG registered projects to the total value of R 20 943 000.00 for the 2022/23 FY. However, due to good performance on both MIG and INEP the municipality was re-allocated an additional budget of R 7 753 000.00 and R 4 500 000.00 respectively in the 2021/22 financial year.

However, the Municipality could not spent the entire R 7 753 000.00 on MIG but managed to spent R 4 500 000.00 on INEP. The municipality will apply for a roll-over of R 3 432 434.00 on the MIG programme.



## MIG

The PMU business plan was approved for the total amount MIG allocation of R 20 943 000 (including R 3 432 434.00 which will be applied as roll-over from the previous financial year), the 5% allocation of PMU operations which is R 1 047 150.00.

Approved allocation: R 20 943 000.00

Total Amount transferred to date: R 7 210 000.00 (34.42%)

Expenditure to date: R 424 865.61 (2%)

## INEP

Approved allocation: R 18 000 000.00

Amount transferred to date: R 5 000 000.00 (27.77%)

Expenditure to date: R 962 325.05 (5.35%)

## EEDSM

Approved allocation: R 4 000 000.00

Amount transferred to date: R 0.00 (0.00%)

Expenditure to date: R 0.00 (0.00%)

## OVERALL PROGRESS TO DATE

The municipality has spent a total of **R 1 387 190.66** out of the **R 42 943 000.00** allocation, this means that the municipality has spent an average of **3.23%** of the total grants' allocation as at the end of August 2022.

## CAPITAL PROJECT LIST 2022/23

#	Project name	Project Budget Amount	Expenditure to date	Project Status	Challenges	Implementing Agent	Conditional Grant	Job opportunities created	Consultant	Date Appointed	Contractor	Date Appointed	Appointment amount	Target Dates
1	Upgrading of Siyathemba Stadium (Phase 3)	R1.1 m	R0.00m	Project under SAPS investigations	The Contractor was terminated	DL M	MI G	24	NKP Consultants	23-Jan-2018	Big Family Construction	13-Aug-2018	R 11.5m	Start Date: 21/05/2018 Completion: N/A
2	Construction of 10MVA Balfour Substation – Phase 3	R 0 m	R 0 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%)	Awaiting Eskom to connect Electricity	DL M	IN-EP	19	F&A Consulting	16-Oct-2015	Kgoshi Electrical	10 April 2019	R34m	Start Date: 10/04/2019 Completion: 09/03/2022
3	Electrification of 1 200 Households (HH) in Ridgeview – Phase 2	R 3 m	R 0 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 80%)	None	DL M	IN-EP	10	Melokuhle Management	12-Nov-2019	Kgoshi Electrical	03 Feb 2021	R27.98	Start Date: 03/05/2021 Completion: 03/05/2022
4	Upgrading of Fortuna Water Treatment Works (From a 6.5 Ml/day to 19.5 Ml/day)	TBA	R 0.00 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 80%)	Slow progress	G S D M	D W S	36	Vumesa	18-June-2018	Avax SA	20/03/2019	R 102.8 m	Start Date: 20/03/2019 Completion: 30/03/2022
5	Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management – Phase 3	R 4m	R 0.00	Phase 3 began	None	DL M	EE D S M	15	TJM Greentech/ Rock of Africa	30-Sep-2020	TJM Greentech/ Rock of Africa	30-Sep-2019	As per funds sourced	Start Date: 30/10/2020 Completion: 30/10/2023
6	Upgrading of TVET College	R 142 m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 89%)	None	D H ET	D H ET	186	MSW and Consulting Engineers	N/A	Shomang Construction	N/A	R142 m	Start Date: 01/08/2019 Completion: TBA
7	Balfour Community Health Centre	R299 m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 95%)	None	Do H	Do H	N/A	TBA	TBA	ENZA Construction	TBA	TBA	Start Date: 07/11/2019 Completion: 30/05/2022



8	Construction of Multi-purpose hall and childcare Centre in Dipaleseng L.M.	R 20.6 m	R0.00	Construction stage: (Physical progress 10%)	Contractor back on Site but no progress	D H S	D H S	TBA	NATHO O MBEN-YANE ENGINEERS	TBA	TSSN	07 May 2019	R2 0.6 m	Start Date: 24/06/2019 Completion: 31/01/2020
9	Balfour/ Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 3	TBA	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 90%)	Some Works cannot be implemented due to Sizanani Land agreement	G S D M	R B I G	20	Vumes a	TBA	MPFU MELE LO Business Enterprise	17 Dec 2019	R 199 m	Start Date: 13 Jan 2020 Completion: 30 March 2022
10	Construction of 802 m long Dluudu Street in Siyathemba Ward 1	R 12m	R 0m	Design and Tender	None	DL M	MI G	30	Zenkco n Engineers	15-Jan-2022	TBA	TBC	TB C	Start Date: TBC Completion: TBC
11	Upgrading of Siyathemba Sewer Pump Station	R 12m	R 0m	Design and Tender	None	DL M	MI G	20	Atiso Consulting	15-Jan-2022	TBA	TBC	TB C	Start Date: TBC Completion: TBC
12	Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 4	R166 m	R26 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 25%)	BPT land allocation	G S D M	R B I G	20	Vumes a Consulting	18-June - 2018	GPTN Trading	15-Mar-2022	R1 66 m	Start Date: 15/03/2022 Completion: 15 November 2023







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