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# Dipaleseng News



## VISION

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

## ***FOREWORD.....***

The appointment of Mr. Lwazi Cindi as the Municipal Manager of Dipaleseng Local Municipality has been a masterstroke as he is a master workaholic of extraordinary.

There is an attempt to introduce a breeze of fresh air in Siyathemba together with all other areas of Dipaleseng.

Immediately after his appointment as Municipal Manager, Mr. Cindi brought some tangible changes in the municipality.

He has introduced a new work ethic to all municipal employees across the board which embroils collective efforts from all municipal departments, political wing and the community.

On Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Mr. Cindi led municipal employees in a cleaning campaign at Ward 1 in Siyathemba which is a continuation of the work started a few weeks back.

This cleaning campaign will be a permanent feature in the calendar of Dipaleseng Local Municipality in order to make a lasting impact in the minds of the people that making Dipaleseng clean is everyone's responsibility.

All residents of Dipaleseng are encouraged to join forces with the municipality in this noble mission. We are making a clarification call to all our people to refrain from illegal dumping because it poses a serious risk to everybody's health and the entire environment.

Effective cleaning was done in the illegal dumping sites at the corner of Malape



**MR. LWAZI CINDI  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

and Nkosi streets as well as adjacent spaces. Thorough cleaning was also done around the area near Siyathemba Stadium and Phiri Street.

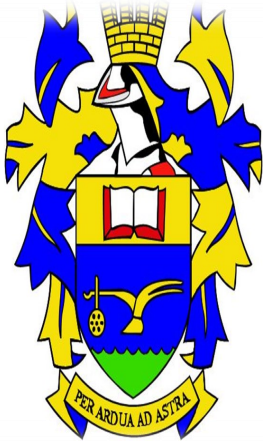
The municipal political leadership under the stewardship of the Troika, the Honorable Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi, Hon Speaker, Cllr. Xolani Shoji and Honorable Chief Whip, Cllr. Tryphina Shabalala joined the Municipal Manager and his team. This was a successful initiative jointly executed by the administrative wing and the political wing of Dipaleseng Local Municipality.

In order to keep this momentum, the cleaning campaign targeted Grootvlei in ward 5 and followed by ward 4.

Dipaleseng Local Municipality will never be the same after the appointment of the new Municipal Manager Mr. Lwazi Cindi as he gears in making this municipality a better place to live in.

Join the Municipal Manager in his noble mission of changing Dipaleseng Local Municipality for the better.





## ***MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!***



**CLLR. KHETHIWE MOEKETSI  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

***We've come to the end of the year 2022, a year that brought about its own share of trials and tribulations.***

***The municipality experienced various challenges in varying forms and degrees which often caused distrust in us by the community.***

***We will forever be grateful to our community's ongoing support and understanding during such misfortunes of time. The level of cooperation we received from out constituencies resembles an admired level of harmony that subsists in our locality. Siyabonga mphakathi wakithi!***

***We are equally appreciative to all our internal and external stakeholders that have been part of our continuing journey. Your support will not only be recorded in our books but also imprinted in the hearts of our community.***

***As we take out to rest with our families and loves one, let us take time to introspect on the year that has been, measure progress while claiming achievements. More importantly is to explore ways of redirecting and repositioning where we have experienced failures.***

***I can never over emphasize the importance of socially responsible behavior, on the road, when consuming alcohol more especially during this time of the year. men are once more prevail on to be the protectors of women and children and refrain from partaking in any acts that continue to spike the menace of Gender Based Violence in our society.***

## ***HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!!!***

The second leg of Dipaleseng Local Municipality's cleaning campaign landed political leadership in Nthoroane in Ward 6.

On Monday, 10th October 2022 a total of four illegal dumping sites including those in Welase, Zenzele Informal settlement and next to the railway line were targeted.

This was a continuation of the campaign that was initiated in Ward 2 in Siyathemba, which subsequently directed every Monday to such activities around the municipal jurisdiction.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi led the activities together with her Members of Mayoral Committee, Cllr. Miya and Cllr. Carrim. Also part of the campaign was the Speaker of Council, Cllr. Xolani Shoji and Chief Whip and Ward Councilor for the area, Cllr. Tryphina Shabalala.

The campaign was rounded off with a

# LET'S GET CLEANING!!!

handover of equipment as part of local youth development.

A young lady by the name of Sthembile Tshabalala who studied and completed her qualification in Clothing Construction back in 2018 at the Central Johannesburg College was handed over an industrial sewing machine with a table to assist her in the daily operations of her small business.

The Executive Mayor encouraged the young lady to grow and expand her business to possibly employ others in the future.

The donation was made possible by the Youth component of the Gert Sibande District Municipality.









Dipaleseng Local Municipality handed over another 25 housing units in Ridgeview in Siyathemba as part of the ongoing housing subsidy project in the area.

The 25 units totals the development to 1250 of the 1500 subsidy housing units initially planned for the area.

The mixed development planned for the area will include housing, business, schools and other necessary amenities.

Cllr. Mojalefa Miya congratulated the beneficiaries on the ownership of their houses. He further urges them to pay for services rendered in order to empower the institution to continue rendering them with these services.

Speaker of Council, Cllr. Xolani Shozi reiterated MMC Miya's words for the payment of services.

Mr. Howard Mourton from the contractor

## CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY FOR NEW RIDGEVIEW HOME OWNERS

responsible for the on-site construction of the units appreciated the good working relations that enable the smooth rollout of the project.

Due to a vandalized sewer pump station which causes backflow of sewer and causes hygienic challenges in some parts of Ridgeview.

With intervention from the Provincial Department of Human Settlements, the municipality facilitated the procurement of a sewer package plant as a remedial tool to the issue.

It is anticipated that the installation and commissioning of the plant will take place approximately two weeks bringing the complete operation of the plant to life.





The Early Childhood Development Centre construction site was also visited to assess project progress.

The targeted completion for the project is December 2022 and has yielded about 12 local job opportunities. The building boasts a reception area, kitchen,



administration block, medical room, store-rooms and 3 classrooms.

The leadership present were content with progress witnessed in the projects visited.





## DIPALESENG LED BY PURE EXCELLENCE

Dipaleseng Local Municipality seems to have made a sterling job in appointing the Chairperson Audit Committee, Jane Masite, as she has proven her worth in the institution and recognized country wide.

She joined our institution on 01<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to date and her leadership style has soon been realised with changes in audit operations and rollout within the institution.

### Highlights for our municipality are:

- \* Her extensive experience in Local government is continuously assisting the municipality in effective engagement with the Office of the Auditor General to improve Audit Outcome.
- \* She gave life to the Enterprise-wide risk management (ERM) within the municipality as all major functions and activities were properly aligned to risk management to the municipality strategy.
- \* The municipality's performance management systems improved, as clear processes and procedures were recommended by the Committee under her leadership.
- \* The Municipality's internal audit activity started to work SMART under her guidance which resulted in an improved value adding recommendations to the organisation.
- \* Other oversight structures within the municipality are tapping on her experience in fulfilling their oversight and governance responsibilities.

She was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up for Professional and Support Services at the Standard Bank Top Women Leadership Award for 2022 by judges for all the categories of nominations drawn from industry experts, academia, professional bodies, government departments and the sponsoring companies at the event held at on the 10 November 2022. The recognition was based on her contribution to gender empowerment and transformation journey in South Africa.

This remarkable women is the Vice President of Chartered Institute Audit Governance Oversight Leadership (SA) and the Executive Director of Institute Control Institute of South African Chapter and brings experience and extensive qualifications such as; Chartered Internal Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, and Certified Internal Control Professional.



These Annual Awards honoured outstanding Leadership, Inspiration, Vision and Innovation individuals and organisations that play a vital role in advancing women in driving gender empowerment in South Africa.

Several women trailblazers in South Africa in the public and private domains involved in the empowerment and upliftment of other women in various sectors including entrepreneurship and academic and professional development through this annual event that is supported by both South African Local Government Association(SALGA) and the Private Sector companies.

The municipality congratulates the Mrs. Masite “the Trailblazer” on this great achievement and hope she will continue climbing the success ladder. It therefore goes without saying that through her leadership, the Dipaleseng Local Municipality is in virtuous hands and en-route to greener pastures of good governance, enhanced service delivery and improved audit outcomes.





## LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MOURNS THE PASSING OF ONE OF ITS COUNCILORS



Scores of people from all walks of life attended his funeral service that was held at the same venue on Saturday the 7th January 2023. From near and afar, people came to pay their last respects to this humble soul.

The municipality sends its heartfelt condolences to his family and friends and pray that the Lord shower them with his grace and mercy during this time. May the spirit of this humble soldier and people's combatant rest in eternal peace.

*MAY HIS SOUL*

Dipaleseng Local Municipality sadly mourned the passing of one of its councilors on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. The last few days of his life saw him being hospitalized where Cllr. Kent Nyamade finally succumbed to his illness after he suffered ill health for a rather long period of time.

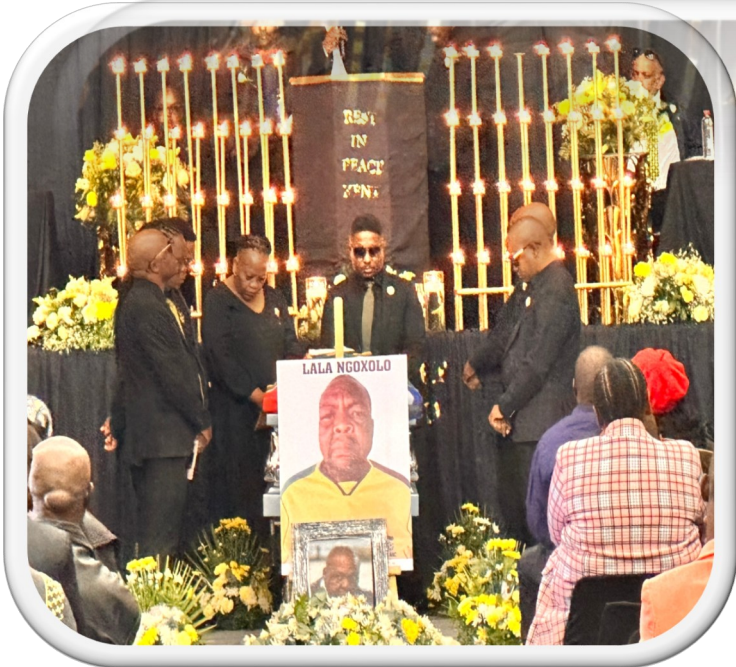
He was the ANC Councilor for Ward 5 in Grootvlei and also the Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) which is an oversight committee of Council. Cllr. Kent Nyamade was re-elected to both these portfolios post the Local Government Elections which were held in November 2021.

Homage was paid to the African National Congress Councilor for Ward 5 in Grootvlei and also the Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) at a service that was held at Da Mandi Hall in Grootvlei on Friday, 06<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10H00.



*REST IN ETERNAL PEACE*









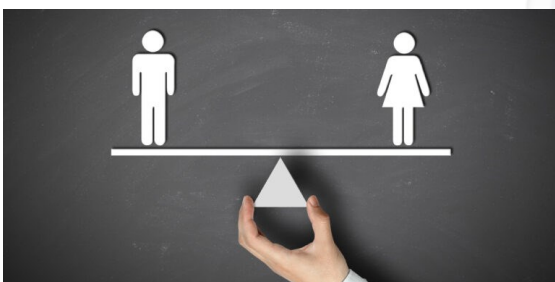


# ***GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME***

The Commission for Gender Equality hosted a Gender and Development Program in Dipaleseng Local Municipality as part of their public education mission under the vision of creating a society that is free from gender oppression and all forms of inequality. The Commission for Gender Equality is a constitutional body that was created to strengthen constitutional democracy. It is an independent body that makes sure that gender equality in South Africa is achieved, promoted and protected.

Mixed group of stakeholders from different segments of our society formed part of the two day program which concluded on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 in an effort to empower them with knowledge and skills to address issues of gender equality within the society.

Part of the aims of the program was to empower communities to arrive at optimum gender mainstreaming levels where women and men have equal access and control over resources, development benefits and decision-making, at all stages of the development process and projects, programmes and policy throughout all sectors of our society.



Ultimately, this would enable them to be able to constructively, positively and intentionally contribute towards gender planning within the community environment through the different influential roles they play within the various community forums they represent.

At some point in the near future, we must unlearn stereotypes of gender roles which are learned behaviors in



a given society or other special groups that condition which activities, tasks and/or responsibilities are perceived as male and female. These gender roles are affected by age, class, race, ethnicity, religion and sometimes geographic, economic and political environments. Changes in gender roles often occur in response to changing economic, natural or political circumstances including development efforts.

The workshop focused on alienating these gender stereotypes, clearing societal gender norms and beliefs that have been historically groomed in order to



achieve a society as envisaged by the commission.



## ***MUNICIPALITY SUPPORTS EDUCATION***

One hundred pairs of school shoes were handed over to learners at Mlamlankunzi Primary School in Nthoroane on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

This was a result of an initiative by the office of the Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng Local Municipality who went out in search of donations to assist the needy learners.

The Acting Executive Mayor, Cllr. M Miya thanked BJK Industries, a business that has operations within the local jurisdiction for their kind gesture in assist the local community, especially the vulnerable kids who were the beneficiaries on the day. He urged the learners to take care of the shoes to ensure possible longevity for their own benefit which can ensure that are able to learn comfortably.

The Finance Manager of BJK Industries, Mr. Gavin Burger committed to the political leadership that the organisation will continue to support council and the community at large wherever possible. He reiterated the company's interest in positively changing the lives of the local community.

On behalf of the school together with the school governing body, the Principal of the school Mr. Mnyamade was equally appreciative of the gesture which not only addresses a basic need but will also go a long way in bringing back the dignity of the young ones that he is entrusted with teaching.

He further praised the virtuous working relations between ward councillor, local government and all other structures within the community as one that is productive and fruitful and critical for further progressive achievements in our communities.

Speaking at the Presidential Summit on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide held in Midrand earlier this month, the Minister of Social Development, Lindiwe Zulu urged South Africans to "Do right by women and children" and this initiative however small, is just one example of heeding the call to do just that.









# CAPITAL PROJECT LIST 2022/23

#	Project name	Project Budget Amount	Expenditure to date	Project Status	Challenges	Implementing Agent	Conditional Grant	
1	Upgrading of Siyathemba Stadium (Phase 3)	R1.1m	R0.00m	Project under SAPS investigations	The Contractor was terminated	DLM	MIG	
2	Construction of 10MVA Balfour Substation – Phase 3	R 0 m	R 0 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%)	Awaiting Eskom to connect Electricity	DLM	INEP	
3	Electrification of 1 200 Households (HH) in Ridgeview – Phase 2	R 5 m	R 0 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 80%)	None	DLM	INEP	
4	Upgrading of Fortuna Water Treatment Works (From a 6.5 Ml/day to 19.5 Ml/day)	TBA	R 0.00m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 89%)	Slow progress, Site closed due to a casualty	GSDM	DWS	
5	Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management – Phase 3	R 4m	R 940 000.00	Phase 3 began	None	DLM	EEDSM	
6	Upgrading of TVET College	R 142m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 95%)	Unreleased retentions of other subcontractors	DHET	DHET	
7	Balfour Community Health Centre	R299m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 89%)	Bulk water connection to the facility	DoH	DoH	
8	Construction of Multi-purpose hall and childcare Centre in Dipaleseng L.M.	R 20.6m	R0.00	Construction stage: (Physical progress 15%)	Very slow progress	DHS	DHS	
9	Balfour/ Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 3	TBA	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%)	Some Works cannot be implemented due to Sizanani Land agreement	GSDM	RBIG	
10	Construction of 802 m long DluDu Street in Siyathemba Ward 1	R 12m	R 3.2m	Site Establishment	Appointment of Contractor delayed	DLM	MIG	
11	Upgrading of Siyathemba Sewer Pump Station	R 12m	R 2m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 10%)	N/A	DLM	MIG	
12	Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 4	R166m	R26m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 34%)	BPT land allocation Acquiring approval for way-leaves	GSDM	RBIG	
13	Appointment of a Contractor for the Construction of 2 X 4km Feeder Lines to Ridgeview.	R40m	R8.4m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 10%)	N/A	DLM	INEP	



## December 2022

	Job opportunities created	Consultant	Date Appointed	Contractor	Date Appointed	Appointment amount	Target Dates
	24	NKP Consultants	23-Jan-2018	Big Family Construction	13-Aug-2018	R 11.5m	Start Date: 21/05/2018 Completion: N/A
	19	F&A Consulting	16-Oct-2015	Kgoshi Electrical	10 April 2019	R34m	Start Date: 10/04/2019 Completion: 30/11/2022
	10	Melokuhle Management	12-Nov-2019	Kgoshi Electrical	03 Feb 2021	R27.98	Start Date: 03/05/2021 Completion: 03/05/2022
	36	Vumesa	18-June-2018	Avax SA	20/03/2019	R 102.8 m	Start Date: 20/03/2019 Completion: 30/11/2022
	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
	186	MSW and Consulting Engineers	N/A	Shomang Construction	N/A	R142m	Start Date: 01/08/2019 Completion: TBA
	N/A	TBA	TBA	ENZA Construction	TBA	TBA	Start Date: 07/11/2019 Completion: 30/01/2023
	TBA	NATHOO MBENYANE ENGINEERS	TBA	TSSN	07 May 2019	R20.6m	Start Date: 24/06/2019 Completion: 31/01/2020
	20	Vumesa	TBA	MPFUMELELO Business Enterprise	17 Dec 2019	R 199m	Start Date: 13 Jan 2020 Completion: 31/10/2022
	30	Zenkcon Engineers	15-Jan-2022	Mpophoma Construction	21 October 2022	R 9.5 m	Start Date: 21/10/2022 Completion: 21/06/2023
	20	Atiso Consulting	15-Jan-2022	VMT Civils	08-Nov-2022	R 9.9m	Start Date: 08/11/2022 Completion: 08/07/2022
	20	Vumesa Consulting	18-June-2018	GPTN Trading	15-Mar-2022	R166m	Start Date: 15/03/2022 Completion: 15 November 2023
	20	Melokuhle Management	15-Jan-2022	Euremaro Investment	27-Oct-2022	R27m	Start Date: 15/11/2022 Completion: 15 November 2023



# PHOTO GALLERY





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# EMPLOYEES HONoured AT END OF YEAR FUNCTION

On Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Dipaleseng Local Municipality hosted its end of year function at the Farmview Guesthouse in Balfour.

The aim behind the event was to boost staff morale, building unity throughout all the three legs of the municipality while inculcating enhanced performance driven service delivery.

It is at this event that deserving employees were honored for excelling within the institution under various categories such as the best outstanding performance department/s for the first quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 as well as the best performing unit/s in each of the six internal departments.

Units such as the Human Settlements from the Planning & Economic Development, Administration & Council Support from Corporate Services, Electricity and Water Services from Infrastructure Services and Waste Management from Community Services were applauded for their outstanding performance.

There were also appreciation awards for employees who have diligently served the institution for the following periods;

- 10 Years of service
- 15 Years of service
- 20 Years of service
- 25 Years of service
- 30 Years and above

Other employees were appreciated for commendable full attendance throughout the whole year which displays nothing but commitment and dedication.

Sibanye Stillwater's Vice President for Corporate and Stakeholder Engagement Mrs. Sbongile Zikalala, was in attendance to physically handover an ash truck to the municipality's both political and administrative leadership. The donation is part of Sibanye Stillwater's Corporate Social Investment initiative as one of the leading local companies. Sibanye Stillwater further committed to continued







support and to strengthening the Public Private Partnership already in existence.

In his address on behalf of the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mojalefa Miya appreciated all efforts made by both management and employees during a year that proved to be rather exasperating. He acknowledged faults and blunders here and there along the way, however he urged for improved performance in the coming New Year.

He further appreciated the kind gesture received from Sibanye Stillwater in an effort to assist the municipality in its service rendering plight. He appreciated the committed partnerships forged with the mine and hoped for prolonged and fruitful partnerships with the mine as one of the municipality's key stakeholders.

He raised awareness on the scourge of gender based violence that the country is battling with particularly at this time of the year. He encouraged males present here to ensure to take care and protect women and children at all times.

The municipality hopes all residents of Dipaleseng have a happy, joyous and safe festive season. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!





