



DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

STATEMENT OF COMMUNICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, CLLR. NB KHANYE AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON THE 31ST OF OCTOBER 2024 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THANK YOU HONOURABLE SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY

GREETINGS TO

THE MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE, THE CHIEF WHIP &

THE MPAC CHAIR

FELLOW COUNCILORS

THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER & HIS MANAGEMENT TEAM

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

OFFICIALS

WARD COMMITTEES, STAKEHOLDERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

SAFE TO SAY, ALL PROTOCOL OBSERVED

I GREET YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AMEN

Condolences & Loss of Life

Honourable Speaker, allow me to start off with the acknowledging the conspicuous remembrance of the fallen heroes of both our movement and country, who served the nation of South Africa with pride and dignity, former members of parliament, Mr. Tito Mboweni and Mr. Membathisi Mdladlana. Their assiduous spirits will live on to guide and navigate the trails of our country into the future. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

A bit closer to home, we remember the life of our former employee and colleague in the institution, Ms. Phindile Thenjekwayo, who diligently served the community of Dipaleseng through the local economic development unit, under the ped department. Likewise, may her soul also rest in peace.

We have also learnt of the news of the passing of one of our electrical team members, Mr. Daniel Mokokeng, who sadly passed away yesterday afternoon. We pray away the demon of death that is slowly attacking our institution.

Equally our heartfelt condolences go to all those that suffered bereavement during this time, may they find solace in the arms of our graceful Savior.

Matric Examination

We meet during a time when over 800 000 matriculants across the country have commenced penning their final examinations. We wish them well as they face one of the most daunting tasks of their lives, one which will shape their lives and brighten their future beyond measure. In support of our matriculants, I implore our delivery departments to ensure that all matric exam centres are always provided with the required basic services without disturbances.

Children's Food Safety

Speaker, our country is facing a challenging time, with increasing concerns over children's food safety in schools and in societies. We urge parents and communities to always remain vigilant and cautious and discourage children from taking and consuming foods from unknown places and people. While our environmental health practitioners should be on the ground more often conducting inspections to ensure our local vendors only sell food items that are suitable for human consumption, we call for more stringent regulatory measures to be imposed on all operators of these informal and spaza shops in our societies.

The TIID program

As the TID Rollover key change process is nearing its cutoff date, our revenue section has made significant progress in upgrading the prepaid meter software and implementing the TID Rollover compliance plan. To date, over a total of 70% of prepaid meters have been upgraded, however an intensified program of action needs to be applied to ensure meters are reached entirely before the conclusion date.

Transport month, road safety improved road maintenance

Transport in all its varied forms contribute 8% of South Africa's Gross Domestic Product, demonstrating the significance of transportation to the national economy. Regarded as one of the best on the continent, South Africa's transport infrastructure not only connects people to jobs, children to schools, and the sick to hospitals but also markets and businesses with producers and consumers.

Dipaleseng being strategically positioned also has role to play to positively contribute to this and equally benefit from ripple effect economic approaches in line with the strategic road corridor of our geographical located area.

Cancer Awareness

In South Africa, October is deemed as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” and echoes a nationwide initiative by public and private healthcare structures to raise awareness of this devastating disease across all races and class structures. Dipaleseng Local Municipality also played a role in increasing awareness for this purpose by jointly hosting a cancer awareness fun walk in Siyathemba. Speaker, the number of cancer survivors living amongst us is proof that early detection can really save lives!

16 Days of Activism

We are fast approaching the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children Campaign which is a United Nations campaign which takes place on an annual basis from 25 November to 10 December.

Given the scourge of Gender-Based violence in the country, government is implementing the Emergency Response Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, which was announced by President Cyril back in September 2019. I am pleased that Dipaleseng Local Municipality also followed suit by successfully launching the GBVF Rapid Response Team to also address local matters related to this pandemic.

The 16 Days Campaign forms the centre point of government’s comprehensive 365 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children.

During the 16 Days period, government together with civil society and the private sector, through community-based activities to foster a collaborative effort in dealing with GBVF.

Service delivery

As I close Somlomo, I cannot emphasize the importance and need of consistent and improved service delivery to our constituents. While observing and without any modulating both the infrastructure and structural challenges faced by the institution, the provision of quality water throughout our jurisdiction is now non-negotiable.

We need to go back to basics, focusing on our core institutional mandate, that of basic service delivery, of a consistent and sustainable nature, I believe we can achieve it.

As with Wilbur and Orville Wright, through their shared vision and relentless collaboration, achieved the first successful powered flight. Their teamwork success is a reminder of Henry Ford's words when he said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Dipaleseng Local Municipality, “Centre of quality, affordable service, good governance and sustainable economic opportunities”

Thank you.