



Dipaleseng News

September 2024



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

MUNICIPALMANAGER'S FOREWORD.....

As we conclude the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year, it is fitting to reflect on the significant developments that have shaped our municipality's path forward. This period has been marked by both leadership transition and continued efforts to strengthen service delivery.

The successful conduct of the National and Provincial elections earlier this year was a testament of our democracy's resilience. Our former Executive Mayor, Councillor K.B. Moeketsi was elected to the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature and appointed as the Member of the Executive Committee responsible for Social Development. Her departure marked a chapter for her political career, and we wish her well in her new role. In response, the Dipaleseng Council proudly welcomed Councillor N.B. Khanye as our new Executive Mayor on the 25th July 2024. Councillor N.B. Khanye's leadership will undoubtedly usher in fresh and a renewed commitment to serve our communities.

In the spirit of continuity, the Council has also ensured the approval of all statutory compliance planning literature for the 2024/25 financial year, notably the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SBDIP) as well as the conclusion of Performance Agreements of its senior managers. These plans and agreements serve as a crucial contract between the municipality and its constituents, outlining how we intend to meet our service delivery obligations and ensure fiscal responsibility.

Furthermore, we are also pleased to announce the appointment of two new Directors, Mr T. Dlamini as Director of Community Services and Public Safety, and Mr. TN Shabangu as Director of Infrastructure Services. Their wealth of experience and dedication will play a pivotal role in our efforts to accelerate service delivery and implement key infrastructure projects.

Critical elements of our swift actions have been the weekly Letsema Programs, championed by the Chief Whip of Council. These well organized initiatives are held in each ward and have provided a structured platform to respond to service delivery issues at ward levels.

We also took pride in the successful celebration of Mandela Day, an event that brought together various stakeholders to make positive impact in our marginalized and vulnerable communities. Through this event, we were able to deliver essential services and support



MR. LWAZI CINDI
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

to those most in need, reinforcing our commitment to social upliftment.

Furthermore, the municipality made significant strides in progressing the long-awaited Social Labor Plan of Sibanye Stillwater Mine. This plan is crucial in driving social and economic development in our municipality, and we are optimistic that its implementation will bring about tangible benefits to our communities.

We are fully conscious of the socioeconomic challenges that continue to affect our municipality. Issues such as unemployment, inequality and social ills have long plagued our communities. We strongly believe that through the effective implementation of the SBDIP and the collective actions of our citizens, these challenges can be steadfastly addressed. It is only by working together, in partnership with our people, that we can overcome these hurdles and create a better tomorrow for Dipaleseng.

As we move forward, we remain committed to upholding transparency, accountability and excellence in service delivery as the municipality hosts the Auditor General of South Africa to audit its books during the second quarter of 2024/25 financial year. Together with the newly appointed Directors and leadership of the Executive Mayor, and the active participation of our communities, Dipaleseng Local Municipality is well-positioned for continued growth and success.



**CLLR. NB KHANYE
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S MAIDEN SPEECH

Honourable Speaker and Councillors as I assume this huge responsibility I would like to urge all of us be mindful of the fact that we are here occupying these positions for a reason. We are entrusted with this responsibility to be servants of the people and we should at all times put their interests ahead of our own.

The Honourable Speaker of Council, Cllr Xolani Shozi

Honourable Councillors

Leaders of Political Parties

Municipal Manager and all municipal officials

Distinguished guests

Residents of Dipaleseng

It is with greatest humility and honour that I accept this responsibility bestowed upon me as the Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng this morning. This is a responsibility that I do not take for granted and I appreciate the confidence that has been shown by my political party, the African National Congress.

The first ever female to be elected as a head of state in Africa, Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said, "The future belongs to us, because we have taken charge of it".

I am certain that all of us in this house are aware that we found ourselves without the Executive Mayor after the election of our former Mayor to the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature. She was subsequently appointed as the MEC for Social Development in our province. The honourable MEC, Khethiwe Moeketsi, my sister and comrade in your absence, I wish you all the best in that responsibility.

As mandated by our political movement, the African National Congress through the manifesto that we presented to the community in 2021 we will continue to ensure that we improve the lives of our communities.

The local government is at the coalface of service delivery and the first point that communities make to reach government. We should remain focused on the Key Performance Areas for local government which I like to briefly touch on each of them.

Service delivery

The improvement of service delivery should be what bothers all of us as politicians and administrators when we think of our responsibilities. Equally, when we receive remunera-

tion at the end of month, we should pause and reflect on whether we deserve it.

Local Economic Development

We have a responsibility that we attract investment into our municipal area while at the same time ensuring that businesses in our area can thrive. We must work with all relevant government departments, agencies and stakeholders to support all Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises. Developments that are taking place in Dipaleseng should benefit and empower local businesses and the community.

Good Governance

There should never be any doubt among community members about our commitment to good and clean governance. The transparency and accountability of government is non-negotiable. I am making a commitment on behalf of both the political and administrative leadership of this municipality that we shall always uphold good governance.

Public Participation

Engagements with the community, stakeholders and all formations are one of the important KPAs for us as the municipality. The task to improve the lives of the people of Dipaleseng is one that we should fulfil while taking all stakeholders through the

EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S MAIDEN SPEECH



journey. We will continue to engage all role players to share not only our successes but even our challenges.

Efficient Financial Management

As politicians and government officials, we are executing our duties on behalf of the people. It is public funds and those generated through rendering of services that are placed at our disposal to achieve the ultimate goal of improving residents' lives. It is also through the efficient use of municipal resources such as equipment and vehicles that we can do justice to this important performance area.

MM and the senior officials, we also have a responsibility to improve the Audit Opinion outcomes as a measure



to demonstrate our commitment to clean and good governance.

Honourable Speaker, I would like to make an appeal to all our officials, irrespective of the levels to commit ourselves to upholding Batho Pele principles. It is very interesting that it has become standard that all people who prepare for government job interviews one of the first things they focus and memorise is the Batho Pele principles.

These principles were adopted by government to put people and their interests first. It is therefore expected that all government officials should invest the same energy in practising these principles like they did when preparing for interviews. Our communities should look forward to visiting municipal offices and so with confidence knowing that they will be assisted.

We must love our jobs and our people for us to serve them with humility and the respect that they deserve.

My fellow Councillors in the house, I am confident that we will all work together irrespective of our different political ideologies and affiliations. When we are in this chamber, our obsession should be the improvement of the lives of the people of Dipaleseng.

As I conclude and on a lighter note, it feels good to be back at home!

May the good Lord bless Dipaleseng and all of us.



DIPALESENG ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE MAYOR

Dipaleseng Local Municipality Inaugural Council Meeting wherein the Executive Mayor of the institution was elected was held on the 25th July 2024, at the municipal Council Chambers.

Cllr. Nomacala Busi Beryl Khanye took over the reigns following the resignation of her predecessor, who has since joined the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature as part of the Executive Committee serving as MEC for the Department of Social Development.

Cllr. B Khanye is no stranger to local government leadership, seeing that she served on the same position back in 2001 until the year 2006.

Congratulations are in order to the newly elected Executive Mayor and the institution extends a warm welcome to her





Honouring Madiba

Community members who gathered to form part of the Nelson Mandela celebration in Nthoroane warmly welcomed the delegation led by the MEC of Social Development, Mrs Khethiwe Moeketsi along with the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Nomacala Khanye with praises and song displacing true jubilation.

This year's Nelson Mandela Month is celebrated under the theme, "It is still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity", and takes place after the commencement of the 7th administration, furthermore as the

NELSON MANDELA DAY Celebration



CLLR. NB KHANYE
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

29 JULY 2024

Nthoroane

Activities - Donation of Furniture, Blankets & Groceries

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LET'S GET INVOLVED
NELSON MANDELA DAY
18 JULY

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country celebrates 30 years of hard earned democracy.

The celebrations for Dipaleseng Local Municipality directed focus to the Kheswa family in Nthoroane, Extension 1, Ward 6. The family comprises of an unemployed mother of two children living with disabilities and extended family members with no source of income was identified as in need of intervention.



Donations of household furniture, grocery, and other forms of support were extended to the family, including the social intervention program offered by the government.

In moving forward, the Department of Social Development will zoom closer to the family and provide stakeholder support as might be required.



The delegation also took time to engage with members of Zama Luncheon Club, the local older person's organization in Nthoroane. They were handed over blankets and groceries to help sustain the centre..



EXTENDED NELSON MANDELA MONTH *Celebration*



CLLR. NKOMO KHANYE
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

05 AUGUST 2024



Activities - Donation of blankets
& Wheelchair



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NELSON MANDELA DAY
18 JULY



The last leg of donations to local older persons organizations, which saw the conclusion of the municipality's Nelson Mandela Month celebrations, took place today.

The delegation led by the Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng Local Municipality, Cllr. NB Khanye visited Masibambane Olders Person's Center in Siyathemba, where blankets were donated to the



Center within the vicinity.

In a compassionate and philanthropic state, which truly aligns to Mandela's values, the company vowed to assist these centers wherever possible.



EXTENDED NELSON MANDELA MONTH

Celebration

Activity- Donation of
blankets

14 AUGUST 2024

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CLLR. NB KHANYE
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

members.

Similar to the others, this donation was also made possible by Mpumalanga Valves Supplies led by Mr. Tshepo Mabona as the Chief Executive Officer.

The delegation also saw an opportune chance to visit Bophelong Stimulation



Rapid Response Team Launched

In a quest to actively fight against GBVF in Dipaleseng Local Municipality as well against the backdrop of the continuous rise of this scourge in the country.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr. NB Khanye chaired the launching of the local GBVF Rapid Response Team, which will integrate and collaborate in coordinating a multi-stakeholder planning and effectively respond to gender-based violence and femicide related issues in Dipaleseng Local Municipality.

In the presence and concurrence with the multitude of stakeholders relevant



to the cause, the Executive Mayor as the Chairperson of the structure signed the pledge where they committed to collectively eliminate gender-based violence and ensure a safe and a GBVF free environment in the Dipaleseng Local Municipality.

This structure is linked to the Local Aids Council as the same stakeholders also partake in, which the GBVF Rapid Response Team is a subcommittee of, meeting monthly and reporting the broader structure on a quarterly basis.

Deliberations led to the identification of numerous implementable means of tackling this scourge of GBVF, which leaned heavily towards sustainable women empowerment initiatives.



The Executive Mayor's passion for the subject matter was then quickly revealed when she gave her speech, recommitting her role, the structure, and the Dipaleseng Local Municipality as an institution right up to the extent of financial support.

She also gave tasks to members from the various stakeholders that serve on the structure in preparation for the next meeting.



LEDF Wheels



Keep Moving

Dipaleseng Local Municipality led by the Executive Mayor, Cllr.NB Khanye, as the chairperson hosted the first Local Economic Development Forum meeting for the 2024/25 financial year.

The focus of the forum is to streamline efforts of developing the local economy in a coordinated manner.

The municipality led the process of revisiting the previous LED Summit resolutions, the LED Strategy review process as well as presenting the



consolidated capital projects for the current financial year.

The multi-stakeholder planning posture of the forum allowed other partners' participation in relation to their contributory programs to the broader scheme.

Apart from brainstorming means of stimulating the local economy, issues of economic growth, sustainability factors amongst others, find expression in these sessions.



The session also took the opportunity to confirm the elected chairpersons who continue to be tasked with providing guidance in their respective portfolios to give way to a catapulted economic landscape through breakthrough opportunities and sustained and ripple effect bearing activities.





Know?

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The Annual Thusong Week was piloted in September 2014. Integrated with Public Service Month, the year 2024 is therefore noteworthy as this milestone represents the tenth (10th) anniversary and seeks to showcase success stories and to mobilize more partners and stakeholders to support the programme.
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ANNUAL THUSONG SERVICE CENTRE WEEK

DATE: Wednesday, 18 September 2024
TIME: 09H00
VENUE: Siyathemba Thusong Service Centre, Community Hall.

Services to be offered
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Did You Know?

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Thusong Centres continue to change lives. As the country commemorates 30 years of Freedom and Democracy, the Programme boasts 25 years of existence, improving livelihoods through economic opportunities aimed at assisting individuals to become active players in the economic life of South Africa have been made available through the centres.

#Thusongweek2024.



DIPALESENG CELEBRATES PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH THROUGH SERVING COMMUNITY



PRE-PAID ELECTRICITY METER SOFTWARE UPDATE PROGRAM

The current pre-paid electricity metering software will expire in 2024 for all prepaid electricity meters in South Africa and Dipaleseng Local Municipality will be embarking on a pre-paid electricity meter update program in response to the TID (Token Identifier) roll-over that affects everyone in South Africa who owns a Standard Transfer Specification (STS) electricity pre-paid meter.

The institution aims to inform community members of the TID (Token Identifier) Roll-over Program for prepaid electricity meters as well as to ensure that majority, if not all pre-paid meters within the municipal jurisdiction are re-programmed and successfully complete the TID roll-over process.

When electricity is purchased, a 20-digit code (number) is generated by the vending system. The available number range, from which this number originates, started back in the year 1993 and will run out of numbers internationally by November 2024. When this happens, all tokens/slips will be considered as obsolete and will no longer be accepted by the pre-paid meters.

The means of avoiding this situation where



pre-paid meter owners will not be able to purchase electricity after November 2024, is for their pre-paid meters to be reprogrammed and successfully complete the TID roll-over process.

In essence, TID (token identifier) Roll-over is the process of updating the pre-paid electricity meter software where the new number range will last until 2045.

The institution is projecting a full-scale mixed bag campaign encompassing a variety of communication modes that will be utilized through which even community consultations will also be taken advantage of for this purpose.

Pre-paid meter owners can do the update themselves whereby after making a purchase, a 40-digit UPDATE TOKEN will be included along with their usual

PRE-PAID METER SOFTWARE UPGRADE PROGRAM



PUBLIC INFORMATION



What is the TID Program?

The available number range for prepaid electricity meter tokens will run out of numbers internationally by November 2024 and meters that are not re-programmed will be unable to take new meter token which will lead to no power supply

Who is affected?

The TID (Token Identifier) roll-over affects everyone in South Africa who owns a Standard Transfer Specification (STS) electricity pre-paid meter.



By when must meters be updated?

By November 2024

How should meters be updated?

When making a purchase in the Dipaleseng areas, two 20-digit update codes will be included, along with the usual electricity token as soon as the programme is in your area and you are eligible for the update.

Follow the easy steps below to enter your update codes WHEN your area is scheduled for the update:

- Enter the first 20 digits update code and wait for it to accept.
- Enter the second 20 digits update code and wait for it to accept.
- Enter your 20 digits token to recharge your units as normal.

Will the update codes work on all types of prepaid electricity meters?

Yes, as soon as the codes are received, but only when an earmarked area for updating has been reached in accordance with the schedule

For how long are the update codes valid after issuing?

The two 20-digit update codes must be entered into the meter immediately after it has been supplied as no other recharge token will be accepted by the meter.



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prepaid electricity token. They should then follow these easy steps to enter your update token:

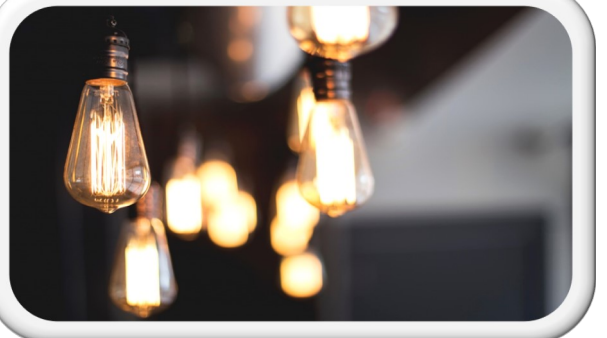
Enter the first 20 digits of the update token and wait for it to be accepted.

Enter the second 20 digits of the update token and wait for it to be accepted.

Enter your usual 20-digit token to recharge your units as normal.

Community members are welcome to contact Mr. Vusi Twala and Ms. Palesa Phakoa from the Budget & Treasury unit in person, or through the following means: 017 004 0027 and twalav

**DO YOUR PART
TO KEEP YOUR
LIGHTS ON!!!**



GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL LEADERS



KNOW YOUR COUNCILORS



Cllr. Tryphinah Shabalala
Chief Whip &
Ward 6 Councilor



Cllr. Muzikayise Makhoba
MPAC Chairperson &
Ward 2 Councilor



Cllr. Zabilon Radebe
Ward 5 Councilor



Cllr. Zakhele Maya
PR Councilor



Cllr. Sbongile Nhlapor
PR Councilor



Cllr. Carel Pienaar
PR Councilor



Cllr. Refiloe Motakane
PR Councilor



Cllr. Mojalefa Miya
MMC &
Ward 4 Councilor



Cllr. Busi Khanye
Executive Mayor



Cllr. Xolani Shozi
Speaker &
Ward 1 Councilor



Cllr. Ahmed-Nazir Carrim
MMC &
Ward 3 Councilor



Cllr. Lucky Dhladhla
PR Councilor

CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENT ASSISTS LOCAL SCHOOLS



Nelson Mandela Day remains a national and global call to activate actions for individuals, communities, and organizations to take time and reflect on Mandela's valued and principles through making a positive impact in their own communities.

This year Mandela Month is celebrated under the theme "It is still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity."

In a spirit truly epitomizing Nelson Mandela and his values, local high schools from the three nodal towns

were extended a helping hand to assist them.

Through this support, these schools will be able to implement projects according to individual and unique needs and priorities.

These are made possible through financial support from Eskom Rotek in partnership with Mpumalanga Valves Supplies as a plough back initiative.

Ecstatic at this kind gesture, the Balfour Circuit Manager, Mr. Tebogo Moloi took an opportunity to boldly appreciate the sponsorship and expressed optimism for long-term relationships.

CAPITAL PROJECT LIST 2024/25

#	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
1	Upgrading of Siyathemba Stadium (Phase 3)	R5m	R0.00m	Project to kick start under GSDM	Awaiting on GSDM	GSDM	DoSAC	0	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
2	Electrification of 1 200 Households (HH) in Ridgeview – Phase 2	R 0.0 m	R 0.0 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 97%)	Finishing off of 48 HH	DLM	INEP	0	Melokuhle Management	12-Nov-2019	Kgoshi Electrical	03 Feb 2021	R27.98
3	Upgrading of Fortuna Water Treatment Works (From a 6.5 ML/day to 19.5 ML/day)	R122,6m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%)	Testing of pipes to be done	GSDM	DWS	36	Vumesa	18-June-2018	Avax SA	20/03/2019	R 102.8 m
4	Construction of Multipurpose hall and childcare Centre in Dipaleseng L.M.	R 20.6m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 35%)	Very slow progress	DHS	DHS	25	NATHO O MBENYANE ENGINEERS	TBA	TSSN	07 May 2019	R20.6m





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5	Upgrading of Siyathembu Sewer pipe lines	R 2.5m	R 1.5m	Design stage: (progress 95%)	N/A	DLM	MIG	0	Atiso Consulting	1-Jul-2024	TBC	TBC	TBC
6	Upgrading of Siyathembu landfill site	R1m	R1.3m	Design stage (progress 50%)	N/A	DLM	MIG	0	KZM Consulting	1-Jul-2024	TBC	TBC	TBC
7	Upgrading of Charles street	R12.1m	R4.2m	Construction stage: (progress 52%)	Local labour recruitment	DLM	MIG	24	DLV Consulting Engineers	Jan 2024	Mphahlele Construction	21 Feb 2024	R23m



Messages from the Executive Mayor

In the 30 years of democracy, South Africa has made significant strides in advancing gender equality in all domains of society, including economic empowerment of women.

The day's commemoration continues to be a reminder of the important contributions that are made by women in our society, as well as a time to reflect on the advances in women's rights.

As a society, we have achieved considerable progress in many aspects of women's economic empowerment through, increases in educational attainment, labour market participation, access to credit, land and properties, reduced poverty and inequality and share of paid work.



**CLLR. NB KHANYE
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY



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HAPPY HERITAGE DAY



**DIPALESENG
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

The patriotism, heroism and sacrifices of freedom fighters will forever be honoured and remembered as part of our nation's liberation history and heritage.

Indigenous knowledge systems and living human treasures possess a high degree of knowledge, skills and history pertaining to different aspects of our diverse living heritage.

It is important to preserve our tangible cultural heritage, it is equally important to preserve and promote our intangible cultural heritage. This will allow us to understand where we are in the world, where we are, and how we can contribute to enriching world culture and economy in the age of globalization.

We must protect these systems and our living human treasures as they are instrumental in educating our youth and communities. Living heritage is the foundation of communities and an essential source of our identity and continuity.



**CLLR. NB KHANYE
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

"Our History, Our Story, Our Heritage"

**"CELEBRATING THE
LIVES OF OUR HEROES
AND HEROINES
WHO LAID DOWN
THEIR LIVES FOR OUR
FREEDOM"**



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