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ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



EDITORIAL TEAM NOTE

Welcome to our first quarter newsletter.

Communication and access to information are essential to health of democracy as it insures that citizens make responsible, informed choices rather than acting out of ignorance or misinformation.

In a participatory, democratic and ethnically homogenous society such as the municipality a conflictual, tension-ridden relationship may not be normal, hence this newsletter remains critical in disseminating accurate information as a way of mediating, educating, informing, sharing between the municipality and facets of society.



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The newsletter is complementing the existing communication channel to contribute meaningful in to public participation mechanisms within the municipality and it will also play a crucial role in documenting, maintaining and presenting the municipal history for future generation.

Among other things the Mayor has promised an increased focus on electrification, building of roads and rolling out refuse-removal services over the new five year term.

Thanks ... Enjoy the read!



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MAYORAL NOTE

EMLM MAYOR JULIA MATHEBE READY TO GET HER HANDS DIRTY

GROBLERSDAL – Newly-sworn in mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Clr. Julia Mathebe, has promised an increased focus on electrification, building of roads and rolling out refuse-removal services over the new five year term. Clr Mathebe was elected unopposed (on Friday 19/08/2016) as mayor to begin her term as mayor of the municipality, which is one of four local municipalities that make the Sekhukhune District Municipality in the Limpopo Province.

The occasion included the election of Speaker of Council, Chief Whip and Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), also saw the swearing in of 61 councilors from the six political parties represented in council. The parties represented in council are African National Congress (ANC-41), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) with 10 seats are the official opposition in council. Democratic Alliance (DA – 5); Bolshevik Party of South Africa (BPSA -3); Mpumalanga Party (MP – 1) and South African Maintenance and Estate Beneficiaries Association (SAMEBA-1).

The municipal chambers were packed to the rafters as invited guests, dignitaries and members of the public graced the occasion in large numbers. Guests included traditional leaders, a number of outgoing councilors, and other councillors from neighboring municipalities within the

Sekhukhune District. The public gallery was filled to capacity with most of the guests were forced to watch the proceedings standing with all the available seats taken. Clr. Mathebe first became mayor of the municipality mid-way through the previous term in July 2014, however she said the new term was the beginning of a “mammoth task” for the ruling party. “I need to ensure that the collective I am leading is committed to the level that my organisation needs them to be,” she said.

Clr. Mathebe said receiving a renewed mandate from the communities within the Elias Motsoaledi was humbling. “The previous council tried to put systems in place, in the IDP that we’ve adopted has incorporated the most pressing needs of our communities... our challenge remains the limited financial resources.”

She said despite the limited financial resources that the municipality faces, they would be consulting the communities more and in instances where financial difficulties are being experienced everyone within the municipal boundaries would be aware.

Mayor Mathebe said the highlights of the new term will be the construction and maintenance of roads across the villages and townships in the municipality. “Our main focus will be building roads and



that's where we are going to spend much of money so that our communities get proper roads.”

She said they remained focused on the empowerment of SMMEs and as a result they have reached agreement with developers of shopping malls within the municipality to ensure that space is reserved for smaller local businesses. “We are very much committed to make sure that our local business people grow so that they assist us in helping to deal with poverty,” she said.

Councilor David Tladi was also elected - unopposed as Speaker of Council. His first task as the presiding officer was to allow the vote for the appointment of the chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee and Clr Makunyane was elected for the portfolio.

Clr. Tladi said as a speaker presiding over a multi-party council he needed to ensure that he works well with all the political parties represented. “I need to be like a fair referee so that all parties can have a good working relationship with me.

In councils where the speaker isn't playing fair, the councils are not able to operate to the best of their abilities,” Tladi said.

Councilor Tebogo Phahlamohlaka returned for another term as the chief whip of council. The EFF, with 10 seats, are the official opposition in council.

The New EMLM Councillors sworn in at Municipal Chamber



MANDELA DAY LIVES ON

By Tebele Makhuthudise
The Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July) might be over and dusted.

But Philadelphia Hospital in partnership with Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality on Wednesday, 20 July celebrated Mandela Day through a cleaning campaign of the hospital. This initiative drew members of the Expanded Public Workers Programme, Community Workers Programme, surrounding communities, Manciza Dlamini LTD Company and Philadelphia staff.

More than 200 people could not be deterred by the ever changing weather of the day. They cut the grass and cleaned the yard of the hospital in unison. The day was filled with excitement and determination to make a Mandela Day to be remembered. The driveway of the hospital was meticulously swept by cleaners and there was lot of cheering from the patients who witnessed the occasion.

When addressing the people Chief Executive Officer of Philadelphia Hospital, Alco Mahloele said "Former President Nelson gave himself to serve the country with humanity and for South Africans to enjoy the fruits of democracy. This is not the day to expect any material reward, but pride that the hospital belongs to all of us. We can emulate the beloved former statesman, Dr Nelson Mandela by cleaning the hospital and dedicate our time



EPWP officials

to this public institution for it serves all of us, he said. The message was loud and clear that they have to make a difference as they were closely monitored by their taskmasters. Ms Fekile Makgopa, Site manager of Community Works Programme of said "we felt that there is a need for us to participate as we are aware that



EMLM workers with superiors light T-shirt during Mandela day

the hospital is currently understaffed. We are proud of the difference that cleaning team has made, because everyone is excited about the contribution. On behalf of the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Municipality, Hon. Cnr. Julia Mathebe the team echoed its collaborative message indicating that the activity demonstrate the



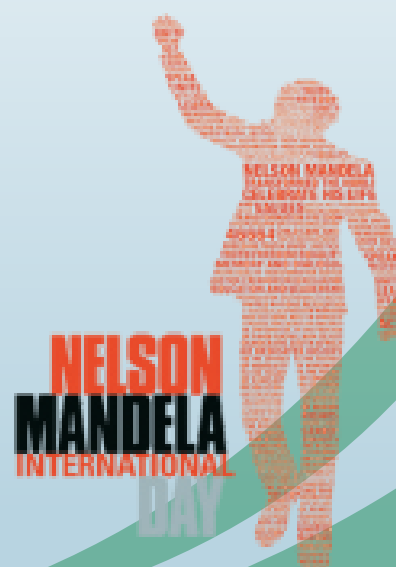
EPWP workers during Mandela day

commitment of the local sphere of government to inter-governmental collaborative partnership.

The municipality as a coordinating platform for integration of community services to ensure quality of life to all its citizenry, appreciated the stakeholders' joint effort in honouring the servant leadership acumen of Tata Mandela, and could not miss participating in the cleaning campaign.

The day was not only reserved for cleaning as some of the hospital beds were fixed by a Manciza Dlamini LTD company that is owned by young men from the Moutse Community. They did the repairing work with their own cost and willing to sacrifice for the success of Mandela Day.

An elated Ms Valencia Mahlafunya, a resident of Ntšwelemotse (Ward 4) was beaming with pride for her participation. She said "it feels great to participate in the Mandela Day. Because a healthy living it starts with a healthy environment".



Mayoral Lekgotla to discuss the future of the Municipality held at Loskop Dam.



From Left to Right: The Mayor Cllr Julia Mathebe, MMC Machipa, MMC Phetla and MMC Mashilo at Mayoral Lekgotla

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality's new Mayora Committee held its first Lekgotla at Loskop Dam on the 8th September 2016 to map out the future direction for the Municipality. The Lekgotla will identify the medium term priorities for the Municipality including the provision of quality services, job creation and improving the basic requirements for a functional, responsive, accountable, effective, and efficient developmental local government.

It will also enable new leadership to address some key transitional issues and commence with the processes of developing important programmes for its term of office. The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Cllr Julia Lata

Mathebe and her executive committee conducted a comprehensive evaluation of organisational mandate, service-delivery and developmental challenges to develop a programme of actions.

She added Municipality will redouble its efforts to improve the quality of interaction with residents and clients. This Mayoral Lekgotla was attended by the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Cllr Julia Mathebe, the Speaker of Council, Cllr David Tladi, Chief whip of Council, Cllr Thebogo Phahlamohlaka, Committee, Senior management team and all section 79 Chairpersons.



EMLM section 79 Chairpersons at Mayoral Lekgotla



EMLM Senior Managers as part of the Mayoral Lekgotla at Loskop dam

COUNCILLORS UNDERGO INDUCTION

Newly elected councillors of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality began a five-day Integrated Councillor Induction Programme held at Loskop Dam .

The induction programme is rolled out by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) through SALGA Centre for Leadership and Governance (SCLG) as its implementation arm for leadership development. The programme is tailored for both new and returning councillors.

The objectives of this programme is to ensure that councillors are competent in the areas of leadership and legislation that is applicable to local government, key municipal processes and developmental local government as well as service delivery.

Sessions for newly elected councillors will be over five consecutive days to orientate them on their roles and responsibilities while returning councillors will be given a refresher induction offered through contact sessions or e-learning.

Delivering her opening welcome address to the Councillor Induction Workshop held at Loskop Dam resort on 12 – 16 September 2016, The Mayor Councillor Julia Mathebe said “ This induction workshop seeks to orientate and familiarise councillors with the tasks that lie ahead of us in terms of our mandate.”

The workshop was the first of its kind in the aftermath of the municipal elections for the fourth Local Government term of office. Amongst the



Councillors attended the Integrated Councillor Induction Programme

issues dealt with were the following:

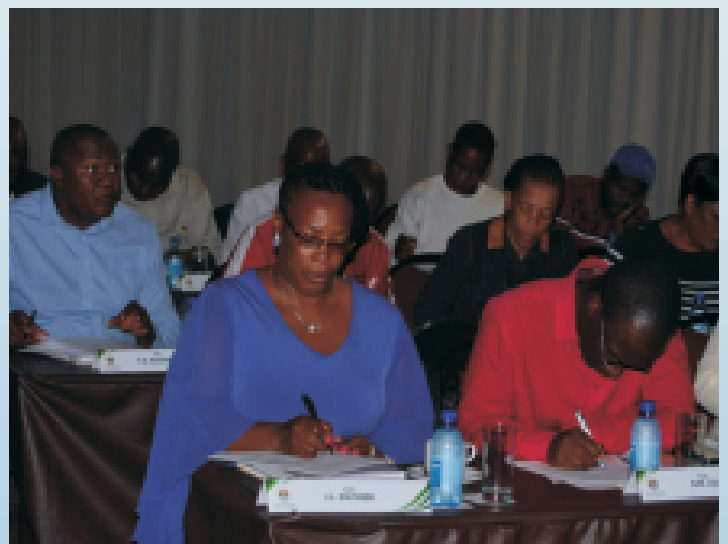
- Current Policies of the municipality
- How the local sphere of government operates
- Integrated Development Plan (IDP)
- Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors

Leaders shared the platform and emphasized the significance of serving the Local community with diligence, respect and dignity. The leaders stressed that community participation on the programmes of the municipality must be prioritized at all material times.

Linked to this was the fact that public representatives (i.e Councillors) must be rooted in their communities. They thanked the municipality for the bold steps it took to organize the induction workshop immediately after assuming office.



Council Induction in progress



EMLM Cllrs during Council Induction held at Loskop dam

The Official Faces of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality



Cllr Tladi Magetle David
(Speaker of Council)



Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe
(The Mayor)



Cllr Phahlamohlaka Tebogo Mafereke
(Chief Whip of Council)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe
(The Mayor)



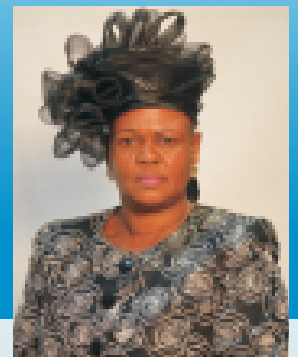
Cllr Matjomane Germinor Delly
(Political Head Infrastructure)



Cllr Phatlane Alfred
(Political Head Corporate Services)



Cllr Machipa Toudi Aron
(Political Head Budget and Treasury)



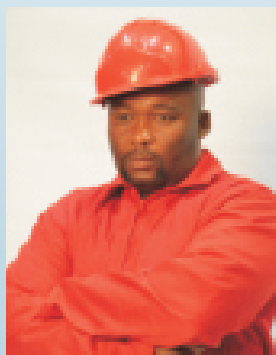
Cllr Mashilo Samaria Malope
(Political Head Community Services)



Cllr Phetla Mannyana Grace
(Political Head Executive Support)



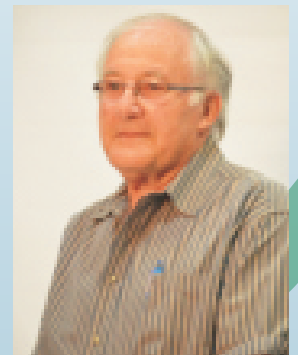
Cllr Mmutle Thabo Nelson
(Political Head Development Planning & LED)



Cllr Maloba Alpheus Matome
EXCO Member



Cllr Shai kweletsi Collen
EXCO Member

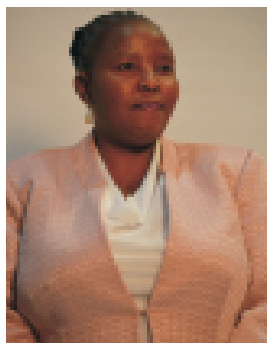


Cllr Kotze Johan Pieter
EXCO Member

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Party Representations



Cllr Makunyane Hlako Justice
(ANC)



Cllr Matsepe Thapelo Stephina
(ANC)



Cllr Mehlape Salminah Hlaole
(ANC)



Cllr Makitla Ramotlogeli Johannes
(ANC)



Cllr Mogotji Fanie Motshela
(BPSA)



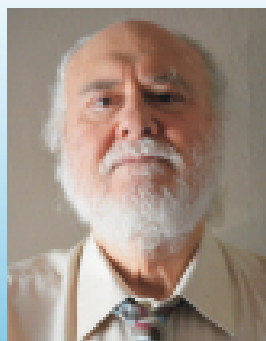
Cllr Madondo Vernatia-Claudia Philile
(BPSA)



Cllr Mohlala Moses Themba
(BPSA)



Cllr Tswivhula Murati Pat
(DA)



Cllr Alberts Rots
(DA)



Cllr Mathebe Chipane Norman
(DA)



Cllr Zodwa Ngwenya
(EFF)



Cllr Mthombeni Vensile Lea
(EFF)



Cllr Ranala Maselopi
(EFF)



Cllr Mosotho Mooimane Tatane
(EFF)



Cllr Ntuli Mamotale Brenda
(EFF)



Cllr Ntheko Tshupo Mokgobo
(EFF)



Cllr Lecheko Virginia Morotse
(EFF)



Cllr Hlathi Margaret Zodwa
(EFF)



Cllr Ramphisa Motiba William
(MP)



Cllr Mathunyane Nthabiseng
Topsisong (SAMEBA)

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality

Ward Councillors



Cllr Mphela Mojabeng Amelia
Ward 01



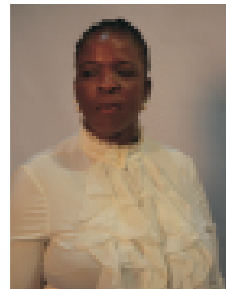
Cllr Phatlane Alfred
Ward 02



Cllr Mamakoko Mokgohlwe Lettie
Ward 03



Cllr Moima Lizzy Mahlatse
Ward 04



Cllr Makweane Agenes Mapetle
Ward 05



Cllr Ndlovu Raymond Ndimiso
Ward 06



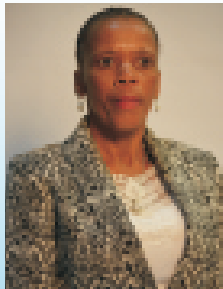
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Ward 07



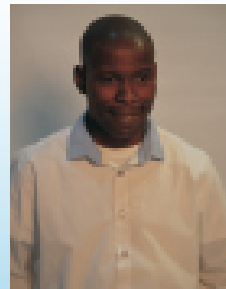
Cllr Ratlou Sefako Winter
Ward 08



Cllr Ratau Rose Mmapule
Ward 09



Cllr Madisa Kgadi Francinah
Ward 10



Cllr Namane Given Ranyaba
Ward 11



Cllr Phorothoe Thabiso Andries
Ward 12



Cllr Oosthuizen Willem Nicolaas
Saalman Ward 13



Cllr Bogopa Botha
Ward 14



Cllr Mahlangu Julia
Ward 15



Cllr Zulu Ben Madolombane
Ward 16



Cllr Ratau Tsimisi Thabiso
Ward 17



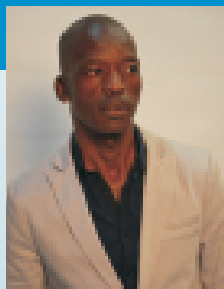
Cllr Machipa Toudi Aron
Ward 18



Cllr Masimula Phahlane
Ward 19



Cllr Skhosana Waziwa Jim
Ward 20



Cllr Makeke George Monnanana
Ward 21



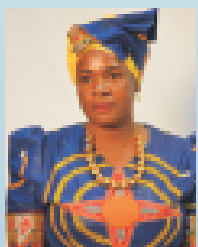
Cllr Matsepe Mottalekgomon
Maria Ward 22



Cllr Cllr Mahlangu Nomsa Ndazi
Ward 23



Cllr Mokganyetji Thomas Mareme
Ward 24



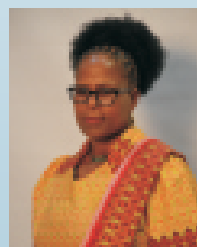
Cllr Maphoha Emily Maabele
Ward 25



Cllr Motlale Manthwaleng Girly
Ward 26



Cllr Mokwane Magdeline Kubane
Ward 27



Cllr Maipushe Sekina Manku
Ward 28



Cllr Malatji Meriam Nape
Ward 29



Cllr Kgabo Kgabo Silas
Ward 30



Cllr Msiza Mothibe Rhodes
Ward 31

THE MUNICIPALITY IS HONOURING OUR OWN MOTHERS AND SISTERS



wathint' abafazi, wathint' imbokodo' said the Mayor of EMLM Cllr Julia Mathebe

Groblersdal - The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality recently hosted the International Women's Day, co-ordinated by special programme unit.

The celebration included women from all wards within the Municipality. The day was observed through song, prayer and remembrance lectures.

"Our struggle for gender equality and women emancipation can never be complete when in both public and private sectors, executive and management positions are dominated by men.

" So, the struggle for women's emancipation continues!" These are the words of Councillor Julia Mathebe Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality , celebrating women's month at Agricultural Hall In Groblersdal .

According to Cllr Mathebe the Mayor mentioned that Municipality is making its own humble contribution in celebrating womens month by honouring our own mothers and sisters in the Council and Administration".



Our mothers and sister during woman day celebration at Groblersdal

She further explained that the fact that Elias Motsoaledi is honouring our female Councilors and employees must be understood in the proper context of the emancipation of women. However the mayor was pleased to note that women are doing well wherever they are deployed or employed. Government is prepared to assist those women organized in cooperatives, like Basadi Ipopeng cooperatives in ward 4 harvesting vegetables and moring a and in ward 10 chicken farming. Let's encourage one another to establish cooperatives.

Rendani Tshikungula from office of the Status of Women was invited as the guest speaker. She said "In this regard there are Women of great integrity and esteem who continue to inspire the nation in their efforts of bringing about change in our country".

In one of the largest demonstrations staged in this country's history, 20 000 women of all races marched to Pretoria's Union Buildings on 9 August 1956, to present a petition against the carrying of passes by women to the prime minister, JG Strijdom. The march against the pass laws was organised by the Federation of South African Women (FSAW or FEDSAW).

The Federation famously challenged the idea that 'a woman's place is in the kitchen', declaring it instead to be 'everywhere'.



EMLM Women's day celebration

Although Prime Minister J.G. Strijdom was not at the Union Buildings to accept the petition, the women of South Africa sent a public message that they would not be intimidated and silenced by unjust laws.

After the petition was handed over to the secretary of the prime minister, the women sang a freedom song: Wathint' abafazi, Strijdom! Since then, the phrase' wathint' abafazi, wathint' imbokodo' (You Strike a Woman, You Strike a Rock) has come to represent the courage and strength of South African women.

HERITAGE DAY

Celebrating our Heritage in educating young people about their African roots.



From Left to Right : The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Cllr Julia Mathebe, Kgoshi Boleu Rammupudu, Kgoshi Piet Mohlamme Mathebe and the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune district Municipality Cllr Stan Ramaila during Heritage Day celebration held at Bakgaga Bakopa Tribal Authority

storytelling, songs, languages, dance, historical buildings and our rich South African history. Heritage Day on 24 September recognises and celebrates the cultural wealth of our nation. 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 to commemorate this day. On the 17th September Elias Motsoaledi Local municipality in partnership with Bantwane tribal Authority celebrated heritage day at Nyakwaneng. Speaking during the event the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Cllr Julia Mathebe said “ It is important for youth to reclaim,



From L-R Kgoshi Rammupudu , Kgoshi Mathebe and the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Cllr Julia Mathebe during Heritege day celebration at Nyakwaneng

restore and preserve these special memorial of heritage. Our aim as government is to educate and unite the community in their diversity in order to preserve their rich historical heritage,” said the Mayor.

South Africa is a beautiful and diverse country that is alive with possibilities, the year 2016 marks 22 years of freedom and integrated diversity to embrace our heritage.



Kgoshi Matlala-lehlwelere and other dignitaries during the annual heritage day celebration held at Tafelkop .



Kgoshi Mathebe and Kgoshi Rammupudu singing “Mogobo”

Mathebe of Bantwane, other traditional leaders, traditional Healers, Poets, Dancers and other community members were present. Heritage is a full range of our inherited traditions, monuments, objects and culture, most important it is the range of contemporary activities, meanings and behaviours that we draw from them. This includes more than preserving or restoring of old things, it is both tangible and non-tangible in a sense that it includes

NEW APPOINTMENTS



FETAKGOMO DEBEILA
Acting Senior Manager Infrastructure



MASHAO BENEDICT
Information Security Officer



LEBOGANG IVY MASHABA
Employee Assistance Programme



ZANELE MAMPURU
Occupational Health and Safety



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Personal Assistance CFO



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Personal Assistance Corporate Service



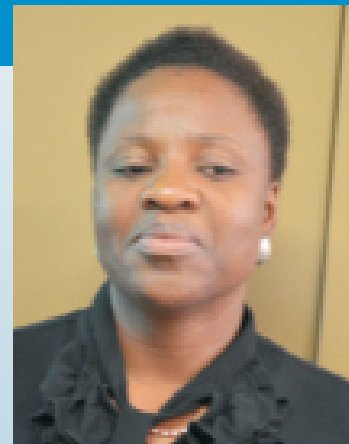
MANTWA MAKEKE
Finance Cashier



NAMANE HARRY
Finance Cashier



CHEGO ANIKIE
Finance Cashier



MTHIMUNYE BUSISIWE
Finance Cashier