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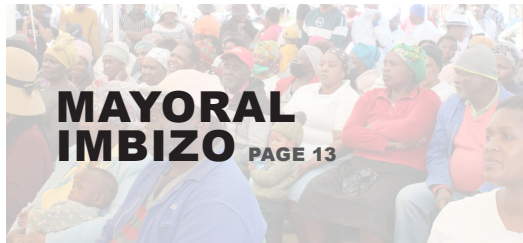


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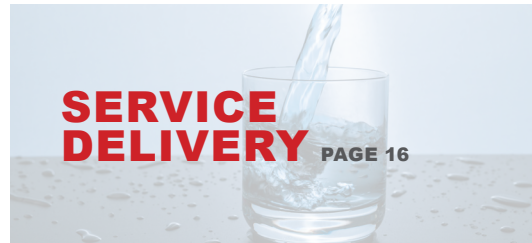
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A BEACON OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE



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“He who blames others has a long way to go on his journey. He who blames himself is halfway there. He who blames no one has arrived.”- Chinese proverb.

It is human nature to blame: we blame the government, previous generations, weather, education system, management, leadership and everybody else except ourselves. Local Government renders a plethora of services to the citizenry as enshrined in Schedule 4, Part B of the Constitution of South Africa and applicable legislations.

The services are distributed through kilometres of “live” infrastructure to different households / destinations. The “live” infrastructures include water and sewer pipelines, electricity cables and roads and stormwater.

The aging infrastructure, theft, illegal connections, vandalism, and occasionally a lack of regular preventative maintenance cause residents to encounter a variety of sporadic unplanned disruptions.

Recognising these interruptions, the municipality devise (established) mechanisms, process, and procedures for the community to lodge and/or report interruption or infrastructures. A 24hours inbound contact centre was established for the citizens to lodge complaints.

In the dynamic space of the Contact Centre, where communication is both an art and a science, we are reminded of the profound wisdom encapsulated in the Chinese proverb, “He who blames others has a long way to go on his journey. He who blames himself is halfway there. He who blames no one has arrived.”

As we navigate the intricate landscapes of customer interactions and problem resolution, it becomes evident that the path to excellence lies not in pointing fingers, but in self-reflection and collective responsibility. Each challenge is an opportunity for growth, and success in the Contact Centre arena is not just measured by metrics and numbers but also by the strength of character exhibited in times of adversity.

“In the dynamic space of the Contact Centre, where communication is both an art and a science”

Let us embrace the ethos of accountability and collaboration, for it is in this spirit that we truly elevate our service to unparalleled heights. The journey to exceptional customer care begins with acknowledging our individual roles and progresses through a shared commitment to continuous improvement.

May the words of the ancient proverb guide us in our endeavors, reminding us that the Contact Centre is not merely a destination but a journey— one where responsibility, self-awareness, and a blame-free ethos pave the way for lasting success.

Quoting the wisdom of the ages, we invite you to join us on this transformative journey, where accountability meets excellence, and together, we chart new horizons in the space of customer service.

Best regards,



MR M.A.J ZWANE

As we now enter the first quarter of the financial year 2022/2023 it can only be important to encourage the assessment of the first year of our five-year term in office. This is done with the purpose of increasing our capacity to provide quality services for our communities in Msukaligwa Local Municipality.

When we commence the first quarter for 2022/2023 financial year, we indicated that that our purpose is driven by providing quality services to the communities of Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which is clean water, proper sanitation, electrification, road construction and that the community of Msukaligwa Local Municipality has access to clean water.

The financial budget which has been tabled before the Council of Msukaligwa Local Municipality for approval is still to date informed by the same purpose with more emphasis on clean water, proper sanitation, provision of electricity in our rural areas and fixing our roads in our Municipality. We have realized that for us to improve on service delivery, we must ensure that we strengthen the co-ordination and implementation of our integrated development plan (IDP).

We need also to enforce our capacity to by increasing involvement of communities and ward committees through participatory democracy capacitated LED forums and the development of co-ops in our Municipality.

During our State of the Municipal Address which was held on the 30th of May 2023 at Silindile Community Hall in Lothair the following was raised that:

“It is crucial for all of us to pay for municipal services to enable the municipality to collect more revenue to be able to provide quality services for all in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality. We also called on qualifying households with a combined income of less than R5 000 a month to apply for inclusion on the municipality’s indigent register”.

I would like to take this opportunity to send my condolences to the families of two ward Councillors who lost their life during this quarter they are Cllr NR Nkosi of Ward 13 in Breyten and Cllr TP Zulu of Ward 9 of Khayelihle.

One official by the name of Mr. SM Zulu who was working in the Community and Social Services Department, may their soul rest in internal peace.

It is very important that we create a culture of commitment in our administration so that we continue to deliver the quality service for better life for all and we should continue to capacitate our employees as well to enable them to perform their duties diligently.

I would like to reiterate our commitment as Msukaligwa Local Municipality that we will continue to strive for the delivery of quality services for our communities.

A better life for all.



ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI EXECUTIVE MAYOR



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The primary functions of the Executive Mayor among others is to promote the image of the municipality, Preside over Mayoral Committee meetings, leads and promote social and economic development in the municipality, Promote intergovernmental and inter-institutional relations.

MAYORAL COMMITTEE

The primary functions of the Mayoral Committee, are to render assistance to the Executive Mayor in exercising of his/her authority. To identify the needs of the Municipality; review and evaluate those needs in order or priority. To recommend to the Municipal Council strategies, programmes and services to address priority needs through the Integrated Development Plan and estimated revenue and expenditure taking into account any applicable National and Provincial development plan; and recommend or determine the best methods including partnership and other approaches to deliver those strategies, programmes and services to the maximum benefit of the Community. Mayoral committee is appointed by the Executive Mayor and dissolve if the Executive Mayor ceases to hold.



CLLR N.S XABA
SPEAKER



ALDERWOMAN P.T SIBEKO
WHIP OF COUNCIL



CLLR M.A NZIMANDE
MPAC CHAIRPERSON

SPEAKER

In terms of Section 37 of the Municipal Structure Act as amended the functions.

The speaker of a municipal council:

- presides at meetings of the council;
- performs the duties and exercises the powers delegated to the speaker in terms of section 32;
- must ensure that the council meets at least quarterly.
- must maintain order during meetings;
- must ensure compliance in the council and Council committees with the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 5: and
- must ensure that council meetings are conducted in accordance with the rules and orders of the council.

WHIP

In terms of Section 41B of the Municipal Structure Act as amended the functions of the Whip of a municipal council:

- liaises with the different political parties to ensure representation in council and council committees;
- maintains sound relations between the various political parties;
- informs the whips of all parties on important matters on the council agenda;
- assists the speaker to count votes in the council meeting;
- facilitates the interaction between the executive and legislative oversight structures in the municipality; and
- resolves disputes between the speaker, mayor or executive mayor, or members of the mayoral committee.

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC)

In terms of Section 79A Subsection (3) of the Municipal Structure Act. The municipal council must determine the functions of the municipal public accounts committee, which must include the following:

- review the Auditor-General's reports and comments of the management committee and the audit committee and make recommendations to the municipal council.
- review internal audit reports together with comments from the management committee and the audit committee and make recommendations to the municipal council;
- initiate and develop the oversight report on annual reports contemplated in section 129 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act;
- attend to and make recommendations to the municipal council on any matter referred to it by the municipal council, executive committee, a committee of the council, a member of this committee, a councillor and the municipal manager; and
- on its own initiative, subject to the direction of the municipal council, investigate and report to the municipal council on any matter affecting the municipality.

(4) Reports of the municipal public accounts committee must be submitted to the speaker who must table such reports in the next meeting of the municipal council.



MR M KUNENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Welcome to another astute issue of our newsletter. In this issue we focus on giving insight, accurate and transparent information on development and service delivery aimed at improving the lives of our people in Msukaligwa. As we begin the financial year that commenced in July 2023, we are pleased to present to you the sixth issue of the Msukaligwa newsletter.

We start this issue with delight as we welcome five traffic motor vehicles to bolster and improve the safety of road users. Furthermore, two construction heavy machines were added to assist and improve the infrastructure development. This will undoubtedly enhance our ability to provide efficient and effective services.

Collaboration, once again proved that working together yields excellent results as the Gert Sibande District Municipality (GSDM) joined hands with Msukaligwa Local Municipality, to rehabilitate Merino Street, John Vorster Street and Naude Street. These roads rehabilitation comes after the Municipal recognition to improve and upgrade the infrastructure.

In this issue we also celebrate August, which is women's month with our wonderful Izimbokodo. The Municipality takes pride in celebrating women, as the Executive Mayor and all female employees congregated in a colorful high tea event with the ladies. Additionally, in September we celebrated Arbor Day with great enthusiasm, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation and the planting of trees for a greener future.

One area of utmost importance is the provision of clean and safe drinking water. We remain committed and are confident about the quality of drinking water supplied to each and every tap. Clean water is not just a necessity; it is a fundamental right, and we are dedicated to safeguarding it for all.

In addition, I would like to urge all residents to keep paying on time for all municipal services rendered. The importance of paying municipal rates is contained within THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES ACT NO.6 OF 2004 - Section A; which states that the rates are a crucial source of general revenue for municipalities as they enable them to provide basic services. As of 1 August 2023, the Municipality embarked on a debt reduction/discount to all residential rate payers. This once – off incentive will come to an end on 31 December 2023, we encourage residents to take advantage of this five months offer.

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On a more sombre note, we extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of Cllr TP Zulu of ward 9 and Cllr NR Nkosi of ward 13, who have recently passed away. Their dedicated service to our municipality has left an indelible mark, and they will be remembered with respect and gratitude.

Additionally, we mourn the loss of our own municipal employees, whose contributions were invaluable. Our thoughts are with their loved ones during this difficult time. As we continue to navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, we assure you that the office of the Municipal Manager remains committed to serving you to the best of our abilities. We hope that you will enjoy this publication. Msukaligwa is not just a municipality; it's a collective effort of its people.



MR M KUNENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



MR PS MABUZA
DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES



MS H MAGANYA
DIRECTOR: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



MR K NHLABATHI
DIRECTOR: FINANCE / CFO



MS PZ DUMA
DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES



MR MS LUKHELE
DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The purpose of the Office of the Municipal Manager is “To coordinate and manage the provision of service delivery in accordance with the legislation governing local government.” and the functions are as follows:

- Manage technical services;
- Coordinate the provision of community services;
- Coordinate municipal planning and economic development;
- Manage financial matters;
- Manage corporate services;
- Manage communication, IGR and contact centre services
- Render internal audit services;
- Render risk management services;
- Manage integrated development plan and organisational performance management system; and
- Manage and coordinate the provision of municipal services in the service delivery units.

DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The purpose of the Department is “To coordinate the provision of community services” and the functions are as follows:

- Render disaster, security management and law enforcement services;
- Coordinate waste management and environmental services;
- Coordinate the maintenance of parks, sports and cemeteries;
- Render traffic management services;
- Render fire management services;
- Manage the provision of drivers and motor vehicle registration and licensing services; and
- Render library and information services.

DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES

The purpose of the department is “To manage corporate services” and the functions are as follows:

- Render human resource management and development services;
- Render legal services;
- Render secretariat and records management services;
- Manage information and communication technology services;
- Provide maintenance to municipal buildings;

DIRECTOR (CFO): FINANCE

The purpose of the department is “To manage financial matters” and the functions are as follows:

- Manage municipal budget and financial reporting;
- Manage municipal assets, insurance and fleet management services;
- Manage expenditure services;
- Render supply chain management services; and
- Render revenue, credit control and cash management services

DIRECTOR: PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the department is “To coordinate municipal planning and economic development” and the functions are as follows:

- Render spatial planning and land use management services;
- Render sustainable and integrated human settlements planning and property management; and
- Promote local economic development services.

DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES

The purpose of the department is “To manage technical services” and the functions are as follows:

- Render vehicle and plant mechanical services;
- Manage municipal infrastructure development programmes;
- Manage roads and storm water services;
- Manage water and sanitation services; and
- Render electricity services.

RADIANT RENEWAL: MSUKALIGWA WELCOMES NEW CHAPTER AS EXECUTIVE MAYOR UNVEILS FLEET AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICE DELIVERY MACHINERY

August 14 2023, at the Municipal premises, Executive Mayor, Alderwoman M.P Nkosi of Msukaligwa Local Municipality (MLM) proudly handed over a fleet of five traffic vehicles to the Traffic section, along with two construction machines, a Grinder, and a tractor loader backhoe (TLB). The event marked a significant step towards bolstering both traffic management capabilities and infrastructure development. The Mayor, in her address during the handover ceremony, emphasised the importance of a well-equipped and agile traffic section in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community. Additionally the two construction machines speak the municipality's

dedication to infrastructure development. These machines, carefully selected for their versatility and efficiency, will play a pivotal role in ongoing and future construction projects, from road maintenance to new infrastructure initiatives. The Mayor joined by members of the municipal council, officially handed over the keys and equipment to the respective sections. The handover ceremony not only marks a material investment in municipal resources but also signifies a collective commitment to fostering a safer, more connected, and thriving community. The residents of Msukaligwa can look forward to the positive impacts these additions will bring and the continued development of the municipality.



(FLTR) DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES MR M LUKHELE, MUNICIPAL MANAGER MR M KUNENE, EXECUTIVE MAYOR ALDERWOMAN MP NKOSI, MMC FOR COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES CLLR SE NGOVENE WITH TRAFFIC OFFICIALS.



FIVE (5) MOTOR VEHICLES HANDED OVER BY EXECUTIVE MAYOR.



NEW GRINDER FOR THE MSUKALIGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FIELD/ONSITE WORKERS.

BREWING BRILLIANCE: MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SALUTES WOMEN OF FORTITUDE

The Msukaligwa Local Municipality (MLM) rounded-up the Women's Month celebrations/commemorations on a high note with the hosting of a 'High Tea' event at the Cassim Park Community Hall in Ermelo on 31 August. The Executive Mayor, Alderwoman M.P Nkosi, Speaker of Council, Councillor N.S Xaba and the Whip of Council Alderwoman P.T Sibeko hosted female/women councillors and officials as well as other invited guests at the event held under the theme: "Sweet and Simple just like how a woman's life should be".



[IN PHOTOS]



ERMELO ROADS REVITALIZED

In a continuous effort to address ageing and damaged infrastructure, Msukaligwa Local Municipality undertook the road rehabilitation project in Ermelo. On the 8th of August 2023 the re-construction of these roads began and was set to be completed on the 3rd of September 2023. In a cooperative effort between Gert Sibande District Municipality (GSDM) and Msukaligwa Local Municipality (MLM); the District Municipality made the provision of initial funds through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant as well as resources such as a fleet of construction vehicles, machinery and operators.

Msukaligwa on the other hand co-funded the project to cover the shortfall of funds and also provided available resources & general workers in order for the project to be completed within the stipulated 26 day period. The rehabilitation of these roads began simultaneously in different locations around Ermelo. The roads in question include; Naude Street in Ermelo central business District (CBD) which stretches for 366 meters in length with a width of 15 meters, John Vorster Avenue in John Vorster park which stretches for 1.1 km with a width of 15 meters and Merino Street in Netherland park which stretches for 1.3 km with a width of 15 meters. The decision to rehabilitate these roads is followed by the municipality's recognition of the need to upgrade damaged infrastructure around Ermelo.

Residences submitted numerous complaints regarding the municipal roads; therefore under the leadership of the Executive Mayor, Alderwoman MP Nkosi and the Municipal Manager M Kunene the

initiative to address these concerns was taken. Without much delay they facilitated this process smoothly and the project to rehabilitate some of the busiest roads in the region was made a success. Through constant visitations to the construction sites the Executive Mayor made sure that the projects are right along on schedule; in order to ensure that the roads are re-opened for public use as soon as possible without inconveniencing residents for prolonged periods.

It is common knowledge that damaged roads have a number repercussions, some of them being that they pose a danger to the general public as they can lead to accidents, cause traffic jams, damage vehicles in a sense that a rough jolt from a pothole damages vehicles and can harm bystanders in close proximity. Furthermore, these roads lead in and out of the Ermelo with one of them being in the heart of the CBD, which means they receive a lot of traffic than others. Having these roads rehabilitated and open to the public means there will be ease of traffic movement, efficient transportation of goods and safety for the residents of Msukaligwa.

There are a number of other on-going construction projects in Msukaligwa; the municipality continues to build, repair, and pave roads in and around Msukaligwa and all areas that fall under its jurisdiction and they will keep on providing excellent service delivery to all residents of the Msukaligwa Region. The rehabilitated roads now stand as reminder of Msukaligwa's commitment to service delivery and its devotion to addressing the issue of ageing infrastructure.

JOHN VORSTER AVENUE



NAUDE STREET



MERINO STREET



MAYOR NKOSI HOSTS IMBIZO IN WARD 16

Msukaligwa Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Alderwoman M.P Nkosi hosted community members of Extension 33 and 34 in Ward 16 to an Imbizo on 13 August. During the Imbizo, members of the community made their voices heard through inputs on issues of service delivery that affects them, which included amongst others the bad conditions of the roads, lack of waste removal, sewer spillages and inconsistent water supply in the area. Alderwoman M.P Nkosi and the Executive Mayor of Gert Sibande District Municipality, Cllr

M.W Mngomezulu responded promptly to the issues raised, outlining the municipality's plans on addressing and improving service delivery. They made the community members aware that measures were in place to cater for water through a water tanker during interruptions in the supply as well as that the municipality was working tirelessly to collect solid waste, clearing of illegal dumping site and unblock sewer pipes in the area. Alderman M.P Nkosi also used the platform to officially handover title deeds to beneficiaries in the area.



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GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MAYOR, CLLR W MNGOMEZULU



COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAME IN NUMBERS TO THE IMBIZO



COMMUNITY MEMBERS PAYING ATTENTION TO THE MAYOR'S ADDRESSES



CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF NATURE: MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (MLM) AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY (GSDM) UNITE IN CELEBRATION OF ARBOUR MONTH



WHIP OF COUNCIL, ALDERWOMAN P.T SIBEKO AND A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL PLANT TREE DURING THE ARBOUR MONTH CELEBRATION IN WARD 7.

Arbour month (September) is an annual event that serves as a reminder of the vital role trees/Nature plays in our lives. The collaboration between the MLM and GSDM in celebration of the occasion hosted a tree planting ceremony in Ward 7 in Ermelo on this date. The ceremony highlighted the importance of working together to protect our environment. The theme “Forests and Health” emphasized the positive impact of Nature on our wellbeing.

Through a range of activities and events led by Cllr Nomkhosi Zulu from Gert Sibande District municipality of, and CE Ngovene of Msukaligwa local municipality, individuals of President Fouche streets were encouraged to actively engage in the planting and environmental conservation, aim being to educate, Inspire and to engage. The success of this initiative is a way forward to reaping what was sown. Let us continue to embrace arbour month as an opportunity to celebrate the beauty of nature.



(FLTR) SPEAKER, CLLR. NS XABA, MLM EMPLOYEES WITH MMC OF FINANCE ALDERWOMAN CE. MSEZANE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES MR MLUKHELE, MMC OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLLR BG MOTH, WHIP OF COUNCIL ALDERWOMAN PT SIBEKO.



GSDM MMC FOR COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES, COUNCILLOR N.N ZULU KEYNOTE ADDRESS DURING THE ARBOUR MONTH CELEBRATIONS IN WARD 8.

EXECUTIVE MAYOR COMBATS THE COLD FRONT: DONATES BLANKETS TO DISADVANTAGED, ELDERLY WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Temperatures are significantly low in the Msukaligwa areas during winter season, which demands residents to fight the cold and keep warm. On Monday 10 July 2023, Ermelo and some areas in the range of Msukaligwa dominion witnessed a strong cold front with a snowfall.

Snowfall is a rarity in this region, the recent winter magic has sparked a wave of excitement amongst residents, creating an unforgettable experience. While others were in a better position to fight the cold front, some residents especially the elderly disadvantaged and disabled were left vulnerable to the freezing cold.



Reacting to the freezing cold, Msukaligwa Executive Mayor, Alderwoman MP Nkosi donated blankets to elderly disadvantaged and disabled residents in Ermelo, Sheepmore, Khayelihle, Breyten and extension 32, 33 & 34 respectively. The recipients of the warm and fluffy blankets were astonished by the act of affection displayed by the Mayor.



BACK ROW (FROM LEFT) MMC FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES, CLLR T.C MOTHSA, SPEAKER OF COUNCIL, CLLR N.S XABA, EXECUTIVE MAYOR, ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI, WHIP OF COUNCIL, ALDERWOMAN P.T SIBEKO AND MMC FOR FINANCE, CLLR C.E MSEZANE WITH THE PROUD BENEFICIARIES AT SHEEPMOOR



FROM LEFT: MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (AD MALEKA), BENEFICIARY, EXECUTIVE MAYOR (CLLR MP NKOSI), AND MMC FINANCE (CE MSEZANE)



(FLTR) COMMUNITY BENEFICIARY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (AD MALEKA), BENEFICIARY, EXECUTIVE MAYOR (ALDERWOMAN MP NKOSI), AND MMC FINANCE (ALDERWOMAN CE MSEZANE)



QUALITY OF OUR DRINKING WATER

This report indicates an overview of water quality status for the past 3 months (i.e. July 2023 to September 2023) across Msukaligwa local municipality jurisdiction area. The report is generated from the monthly water results received from Gert Sibande District Municipality water quality laboratory.

Msukaligwa local municipality serves as the water service authority (WSA) as well as water service provider (WSP). The municipality provides access to clean water for the communities within its jurisdiction in accordance with the Constitution of the republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996, the municipal structures (Act 117 Of 1998).

Approximately 35% of the population of Msukaligwa local Municipality reside in rural areas (farms or villages). The municipality uses both the internal and external expertise and capacity to provide water services to the communities within the six supply schemes, namely Ermelo/Wesselton scheme, Davel/kwaDela scheme, Breyten/kwaZanele & Chrissiesmeer/kwaChibikhulu scheme, Lothair scheme, Sheepmoor scheme and rural scheme.

ERMELO/WESSELTON SCHEME

The Ermelo water supply scheme abstract raw water from Jericho, Douglas and Brummer Dams for the treatment in two water treatment works namely Southern treatment plant (Jericho Dam) at 13 Mega litres per day and Northern treatment plant (Douglas Dam & Brummer Dam) at 14 Mega litres per day with a combined capacity of 27 Mega litres per day and distributed to 114 097 of the populations which covers areas like the whole of Ermelo.

BREYTEN/KWAZANELE & CHRISSIESMEER/KWACHIBIKHULU SCHEME

The Breyten/kwaZanele & Chrissiesmeer/kwaChibikhulu scheme water supply scheme abstracts raw water from the Torbanite dam and Usutu – transfer pipeline via the upper Komati pipeline for treatment in Breyten treatment work with a design capacity of 3 Mega litres per day and distributed to a population of over 21 113 in Breyten / kwaZanele and Chrissiesmeer / KwaChibikhulu.

DAVEL/KWADELA SCHEME

The Jericho scheme/Usutu pipeline water supply scheme abstracts raw water from the Jericho dam for treatment in Davel water treatment plant with a design capacity of 1 Mega litres per day and distributed to a population of 4607 in Davel and kwaDela.

LOTHAIR SCHEME

The Lothair water supply scheme abstracts raw water from Impuluzi River for the treatment in capacity of 1 Mega litre per day and distributed to over 6803 population in Slindile and Lothair.

SHEEPMOOR SCHEME

The Sheepmoor scheme abstracts raw water from Jericho dam for the treatment in Sheepmoor water treatment works with the capacity of 1 Mega litre per day distributed a population of 3130. RURAL SCHEME Drinking water is provided to farms and villages through the maintenance and operation of over 100 boreholes and 8 water tankers for fifty-two farms and villages.

RURAL SCHEME

Drinking water is provided to farms and villages through the maintenance and operation of over 100 boreholes and 8 water tankers for fifty-two farms and villages.

WATER LABORATORY IN USE

Water samples are collected by the water samplers from Gert Sibande District laboratory for analysis once a month at all our water treatment plants to be tested at their accredited laboratory. The results are then sent to the municipality to be analysed by the samples technicians & water quality supervisor to check if the drinking water quality complies with the standards set by SANS 241: 2015.

WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS

The following Water quality parameters are taken into consideration when analysing the quality of drinking water: Microbiological properties (presence of bacteria, viruses and pathogens); Physical properties (conductivity, PH and turbidity) Chemical properties (fluoride, chloride, nitrate, sulphate, iron, manganese, dissolves salts, metals etc.)

WATER QUALITY OVERVIEW

During the 3 month period from July – September 2023, over 79 water samples were taken. The samples were taken from different locations of water supply schemes which include the treatment works, reservoirs, household's taps, schools and boreholes. Over 79 analyses were done from those samples.

Month	No. of samples	Chemical failures	Percentage chemical compliance	Microbial failures	Percentage microbial compliance
July	57	3	95%	3	95%
August	61	5	92%	5	92%
September	56	2	96%	4	93%

No of samples	174 samples and/or represent
Microbial failures	10
Chemical failures	12

10 (Ten) samples (Microbial) points failed to comply with class 1 SANS 241: 2015 and thus equated to 94% compliant.

12 (Twelve) samples (Chemical) points failed to comply with class 1 SANS 241: 2015 and thus equated to 93% compliant.

CONCLUSION

The municipality remains committed in safeguarding public health through continuously and consistently monitoring of drinking water quality. The municipality is confident about the quality of drinking water supply at each and every tap. Clean and drinkable water in line with SANS the municipality will ensure the following:

- That all unacceptable sample result at various points will be monitored weekly until they improved.
- Gert Sibande District Municipality will take samples once every month for all water treatment plants to be analysed at their accredited laboratory.



UKUQONDA UKUBUYEKEZWA KWEZIKWELETU... INGABE UYAKUDINGA?

UMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa usuqale uhlelo lokwehliswa noma isaphulelo sezikweletu kubo bonke abakhokhi bentela yezindlu zokuhlala, ngokwenza kanjalo UMasipala ulindele ukuthuthukisa ubudlelwano nosomabhizinisi, kanye nokufinyelela ubudlelwaneni ngamakhasimende. uMkhandlu dolobha ukhuthaza isiko lokukhokhwa kwezinsizakalo futhi uthuthukise ukuqoqwa kwezimali.

Lesi sikhuthazo esigunyazwe uMkhandlu kaMasipala Wendawo waseMsukaligwa siqale mhla lu-1 kuNcwaba futhi sizoqhubeka kuze kube umhla zingama-31 kuZibandlela wezi-2023.

AMASU AZOSETSHENZISWA AMI KANJE:

OKWEZINDAWO ZOKUHLALA:

- Kuzodingeka inkokhelo yangaphambili engu-50%.

EZINDAWENI ZOKUHWEDA NOMA ZOKUTHENGISA:

- Kuzodingeka inkokhelo yangaphambili engu-70%.
- Amalungiselelo okukhokha kufanele enziwe zingakapheli izinyanga ezisihlanu (5) kusukela ngomhlaka-1 kuNcwaba.

QAPHELA: UMasipala unxusa wonke amakhasimende ezindawo zokuhlala (residential areas) kanye nezindawo zokuhweba (businesses) noma zokuthengisa ukuthi asebenzise ithuba lokwehliswa kwezikweletu, kodwa ufuna ukukubeka kucace ukuthi uma ikhasimende lihluleka ukwenza izinhlelo okuvunyelwene ngazo ithuba lokuphuma noma lesibonelelo lizoholela ekubeni libe yize.

ISAZISO Ama-akhawunti enyanga ephezulu (current account) azokhokhwa ngokugcwele.

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REMEMBERING THE EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY OF COUNCILLOR TP ZULU

It was with a heavy heart to learn of the passing of Councillor T.P Zulu of ward 9 in Ermelo. On the 15th of October 2023 she passed after a short illness. The young councillor was born in Mpumalanga, Ermelo 1986. Growing up as a young activist, she served in the Young Communist League of South Africa, the ANC's youth league, also for different positions in the ANC's branch executive committee before serving as the school governing body treasurer at Reggie Masuku. Furthermore, she contributed to building society as a secretary for the clinic committee before being elected by the community of ward 9 as their councillor. They did so because her contributions to society did not go unnoticed. Even as a councillor she continued to be an inspiration and positively impacting the lives of people in communities by imparting her knowledge, sharing her ideas and ultimately giving back to those who put their faith in her. On the 18th of August 2023 a memorial service was held in her honour. The Community of Ermelo and neighbouring areas met at Vivian Malinga community Hall (1948) to support the family, pay their final respects and most importantly to celebrate the life of the late councillor. Alderwoman MP Nkosi also passed her condolences on behalf of Msukaligwa local municipality "their loss is our loss and councillor T.P Zulu shall continue to be remembered by all of us" she remarked during her address to the community of ward of 9 at the ceremony.



WE HONOUR THE LEGACY OF COUNCILOR NR NKOSI: A PILLAR OF SERVICE DELIVERY IN WARD 13



In the heart of Msukaligwa Local Municipality, the community of Ward 13 mourns the loss of a dedicated public servant, Councilor NR Nkosi. With heavy hearts, we take this opportunity to reflect on the impactful legacy left behind by a true pillar of service delivery. Councilor NR Nkosi, known for his unwavering commitment to the community of ward 13 in Breyten, played a pivotal role in shaping the development and progress his community. "He has contributed positively towards a better life and development of his community; we will continue to learn from his positive actions" MMC TC Motha remarked during a council meeting in July 2023. His tireless efforts were not only confined to the political sphere but extended deeply into the lives of those he served. He is remembered fondly by residents for his genuine concern for the well-being for his community. Whether addressing infrastructure needs, advocating

for educational opportunities, or championing local economic initiatives, he consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of the diverse challenges faced by Ward 13. As we bid farewell to Councilor NR Nkosi, we acknowledge the significant impact he had on the landscape of Ward 13. His legacy will continue to inspire future leaders and community members to prioritize service, collaboration, and compassion. Let us honor his memory by carrying forward the values he upheld and continue working together to build a brighter future for our communities. On behalf of Msukaligwa local municipality we would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and community of Breyten.



THE PHOENIX

The rebuilding of Ermelo after the destruction of almost all buildings during the 1899 to 1902 war.



THE UNIFORMED BLACK AND WHITE TRIANGLES

The mining and coal industry in the immediately vicinity of Greater Ermelo and the integration of the two towns.



THE CROSSED SHOVEL AND SHEEP SHEARS

Representing the two most important farming operations - horticulture and sheep farming.



THE MOTTO

"Stabiliter Progrediens" which means stable progress.