



PHOKWANE
Local Municipality

OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF HARTSWATER LANDFILL SITE



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As Phokwane Municipality, we are mindful of the progress made in building a stable and financially viable and sustainable Municipality. Democracy in South Africa is underpinned by a contract between the citizens and the authority that governs them.

FOREWORD

BY THE HONOURABLE MAYOR

This is especially true at Municipalities because we are the closest sphere of government that is mandated by our constitution to ensure that our communities are provided with efficient and sustainable services that will improve their lives for the better.

In terms of this social contract, we as elected public representatives are required to involve our community in decisions regarding their own government, including the determination of priorities and other programmes of the Municipality.

This sphere of government is tasked to create the participatory framework that enhances the social contract between the representatives and the

ordinary community members. This contract dictates that the leadership of the municipality provides regular reporting on programme performance as well as the general state of affairs of the municipality. We have to look back on what we have achieved, where we have failed and the areas that we still have to improve to better the lives of our people.

We have to admit that although we have managed to achieve a number of milestones, there is more to be done. We have now appointed the Chief Financial Officer who in the short period that he has worked for our Municipality has been able to turn around the Finance Department. We

believe that with time, we will be able to close the skills gap that is sometimes hindering our performance as a Municipality. In the year under review, we have managed to improve the solid foundation that has already been built since the transformation of the local government sphere in 2000.

We will not rest on our laurels but will work very hard and tirelessly to make the necessary improvements where we experience shortfalls. We will achieve a lot if we, as public representatives work closely with our community as the government's slogan goes **'WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE'.**

'UNITY CONQUERS'



WORD FROM

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

Our communities are the most important pillars of local government. Our focus for this year is to improve the lives of people of Phokwane in eradicating poverty, decreasing unemployment rate, fighting crime by implementing programmes that will help in making them to be actively involved in community's events that educate and make them aware.

Our focus as the municipality is taking forward a range of measures to improve opportunities for women in the workplace and wider society and the role they play is vital in the community. Skills training and greater access to financial assistance are strengthened so that the whole society becomes stronger.

Women should not be disrespected, as they are vital source of support, learning and encouragement for the community of Phokwane. We also call upon community members to fully participate in events or gatherings called by government and should play as source of change to help transform municipality.

The office of the speaker will want to challenge local business to improve and set a high tone for improving their business and creating jobs that help in taking their business forward more especially young people. The municipality will fully support these young people, as we want to

change the situation of having many young people who do not have jobs and do not have money to go study further.

The ward committee member's role is to increase the participation of local residents in municipal decision-making through the integrated development planning, the annual budget, municipal performance management, council projects and other key activities and programmes as all these impact directly to local people. As ward committees are direct and unique link with the council; they should at all times be the representative of local ward without being politically aligned.

At all times, ward committees should be visible, accessible and be involved in all community events as they are the link between the community and Council. Every ward committee member is expected to have knowledge of key issues in his / her respective ward as this is one of important components for ward committees.

As we join our hands

together, Council, Municipal Officials, Ward Committees and our community at large in defeating the elements that seek to undermine democratically elected structures, we will collectively defeat greed, opportunism and self-interest as we make local government work for all our people through our rollout plan to accelerate service delivery. We encourage all community-based organisations to continue with the great job they have been doing last year, this year the office of the speaker as it works more closely with community members are focusing in all the organisations that work with people to give them support in the good work they are doing for our members

Let me take this opportunity to salute all our people, let us be focused and work towards for better service delivery for all, as our theme for this year is **WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE.**



OVERVIEW

BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The Municipal quarterly article depicts improvement, in delivering services to the community. On the other hand, there are still backlogs in service provisioning and other challenges such as of achieving clean audit. Phokwane Local Municipality, is still struggling with historical issues in finance.

Policies

Council approved policies in this financial year, in order to improve internal controls and to strengthen accountability. In the main these policies contribute to effective and efficient running of the institution. Council approve policies regulating finances and human resources.

Governance

Council, Executive Committee and Portfolio Committees were having meetings periodically according to schedules. It

shows clearly that elections are taking time from governance every time they come. It is expected that the new Council will have to close the gap created by the elections on governance in the next financial year.

Administration

The appointment of the Director-Finance and 5 Financial Interns brought meaningfully changes and improvement to the finance department. These appointments made an impact in the finance department in a short period although the audit report did not change.

The municipality established an Internal Audit function, where the Internal Audit Manager is appointed. Staff in the internal audit unit is appointed and this unit has started to function late during the last financial year. The municipality advertised on papers inviting the public to serve in the Audit Committee. The municipality advertised and filled key vacancies that were budgeted for in the financial year. Labour matters were also attended to in this financial year and the municipality succeeded in reducing the list of cases in this regard.

The administration gave support to Council to approve the Integrated Development Planning and the budget for the Financial Year 2011/2012. The SDBIP for 2011/2012 was implemented by administration.

The organizational structure of the municipality was also reviewed to focus it to service delivery. The exercise of reviewing the organizational structure is done yearly every time when the IDP and Budget processes plans are implemented.

Public participation

The municipality had public participation activities ranging from consultations, public meetings, stakeholders meetings, imbizos and ward meetings. The municipality consulted communities on IDP review, Proposed Budget, Policies, and Projects Implementation. On the other hand, Ward Councillors are holding community meetings in different wards. For those who could not attend meetings, the municipality is publishing documents, e.g. IDP, Budget and policies at different offices for public comments. The municipality had 9 functional ward

committees that enhance public participation.

Youth Development

The municipality reviewed the organizational structure and included the Youth Development unit. This unit is responsible for youth issues. The said unit is now fully established with staff appointed. It has started working on focusing the municipality on youth development, HIV Aids Programmes and Vulnerable groups. In the year 2011/2012, the unit is fully functional.

Conclusion

This article outlined activities which reflect departmental success, achievements and challenges. Some of these departments like the finance still face serious challenges even after appointing key personnel. However, we believe all is on the right track in achieving the strategic objectives of the new developmental local government. I would like to thank the Mayor, Speaker, Councillors, Colleagues, Staff and the Community for their support and patience and believing that we shall overcome.

I thank you.



EDITORIAL

Where do I even begin? Well firstly I got to say this brings a relieve to one soul. It was a rough ride with my boss reminding me everyday when is the publication printing and on the other side not getting cooperation from stakeholders in making this publication a success; however I am glad that Phokwane is finally printing the publication.

Getting into business, since we have just started a new financial year we thought it will be important that we publish the new municipal rates and tariffs so as the community of Phokwane know how much are they paying for and one should also remind the reader that the community was consulted for inputs during Budget consultative outreach program. Also in the publication we outline our newly launched projects in this financial year, as Phokwane Municipality is committed in ensuring that it brings services to the people.

As we are celebrating women's month I was delighted and privileged to be invited at The Women in Environment Dialogue in Johannesburg under theme ***"56 years of Women United against Unemployment, Poverty and Inequality: together contributing towards the progressive future for women"***. The Dialogue explored solutions to the current challenges (whether local or global), and the opportunity to increase impact and benefits of their programme and projects, through building, strengthening relationships with government, experts, academics, business leader and other women in South Africa.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS



MAYOR – VUYISILE KHEN



SPEAKER – DIEKETSENG MOEKETSI

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From left to right: Municipal Manager: Moeketsi Dichaba, Horatius Modiakgotla, Flora Pitso, Sinah Lewis and Vuyisile Khen

COUNCILLORS



WARD 6:
PETRO NEL



PR COUCILLOR:
DAWIE MEYER



WARD 3:
FREDDY MOJAPELO



WARD 7:
CROCKETT ADAMS



WARD 8:
MOLEFI CHAKANE



WARD 4:
SANDY MOKOENA



WARD 6:
DIBUENG MEZA



WARD 2:
FLORA PITSO



PR COUNCILLOR:
DAPHNEY MASHORIE



PR COUNCILLOR:
PASEKA MONA



PR COUNCILLOR:
ANNA MOREMONG



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KGOMOTSEGO MOKALE



PR COUNCILLOR:
GAOPALELWE MOTEBE

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER



MOEKETSI DICHABA

DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES



MORGAN MOTSWANA

DIRECTOR: FINANCE



TIMOTHY SEDITI

PROJECTS LAUNCHED

The community of Pampierstad outcry will soon be over. For previous months the community has been complaining about the water provision, frequent pipe burst and poor quality of water due to the Old asbestos cement pipes that were installed way back in 1970s and these pipes will be replaced with PVC pipes as required by the legislation.

The municipality heard the plea and recently a sod turning was done to launch the Pampierstad refurbishment of internal water worth R45 million. The phase is divided into 3 phases. This project will not only put smiles on the residents but also create job opportunities. The project is expected to be completed by June 2013. The project is funded by DWA.

*Right: Mayor Khen sod turning at the recent project launch.
Below: Ward 2 Cllr Mojapelo*



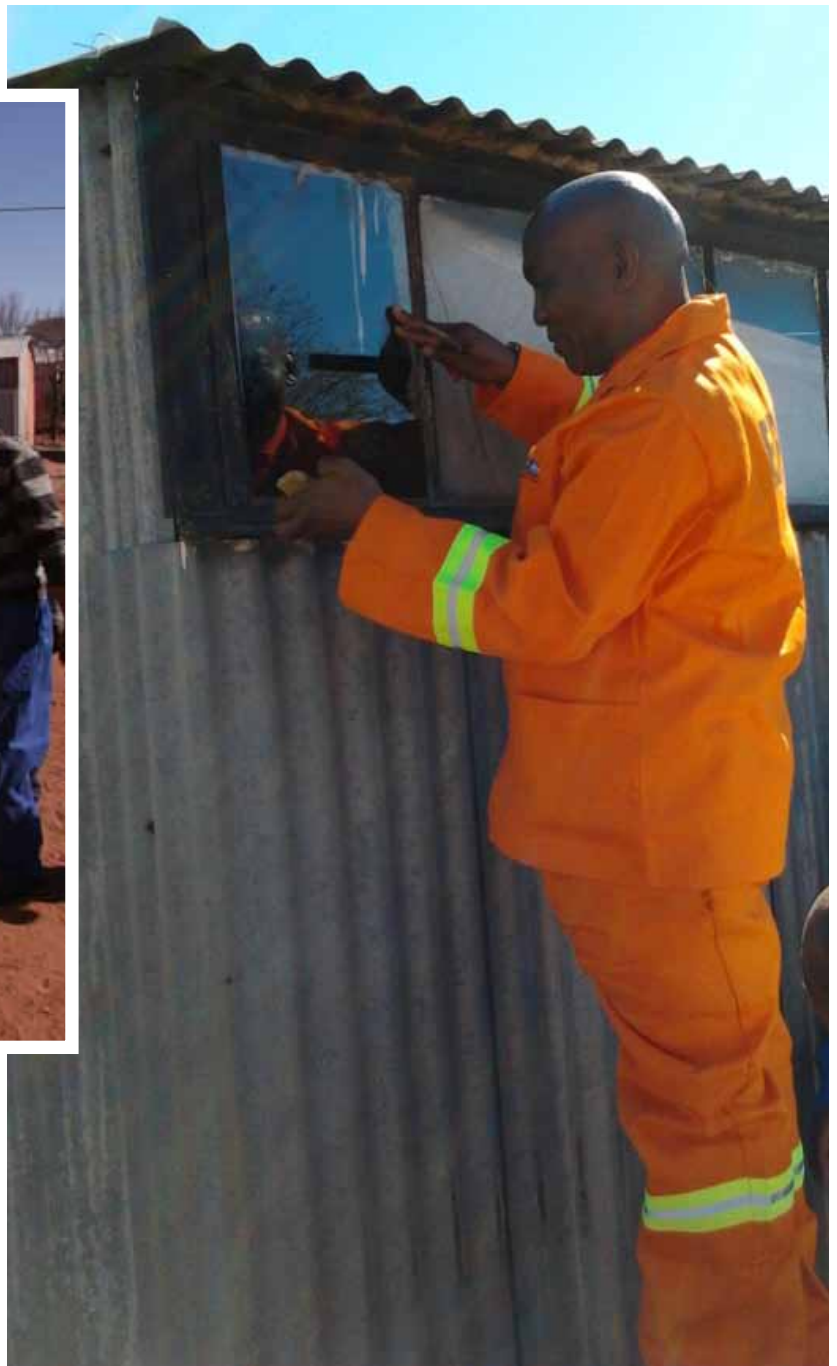
MANDELA DAY CELEBRATION

Phokwane municipality and Department of Health, Department of COGHSTA and Department of Safety celebrated Mandela day at Pampierstad. The groups were divided in three one with MEC Kenny Mooimang, other group went with MEC M Sokatsha and last group with MEC P Mabilo. 5 houses were painted, 100 bicycles were given to the school children who walk distance to get to school and blankets were also given away to the needy. It was happy moment for the beneficiaries and could not contain the excitement.



*Above: MEC of COGHSTA,
Kenny Mooiemang*

Right: MEC of Safety liaison, Patrick Mabilo



MANDELA DAY

DOING IT FOR MADIBA





THE DEVELOPMENT & LAUNCH OF THE NEW LANDFILL SITE

On the 2nd August 2012 Minister of Environmental Affairs Hon Mme Edna Molewa launched a R15, 2 million landfill site in Hartswater.

The construction of the 2KM site included leachate control, fencing of the landfill, constructing of the leachate septic tank and pipe-work, guard house, storage shed, access road and storm water management for surface water turnoff. Added to these the will be drilling of

three boreholes to monitor groundwater conditions.

This project was listed as a priority in the municipal's Integrated Development Plan 2009/2010 financial year. This is after the municipality's old dumping site was found to be in contravention of the Waste Act which resulted in the Environmental Management inspectorate serving the municipality with a notice of contravention of the Waste Act.

Also speaking at the event was the municipal mayor, Cllr Vuyisile Khen who welcomed the guests from the Department of Environmental Affairs and the guests. In his speech mayor Khen thanked the department for having had employed 288 people during the construction phase he however reiterated on the hiccups encountered during the constructions.

The landfill site is expected to be in operation for

twenty years, as a result permanent employment opportunities exist. The community will benefit from the development as it is established far from where they reside and therefore problems such as odours and health risks will be eliminated as experienced at the old dumping site.

The operation of the new landfill will start as soon as the old dumping site is closed.

Above: Mayor Cllr V Khen testing the Bull Dozer.

Right: Dignitaries from Department of Environmental Affairs looked around the Landfill Site.



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HARTSWATER LANDFILL SITE



RATES & TARRIFS

ELECTRICITY TARIFFS:

Tariffs exclude V.A.T.

Category	Basic Monthly Fee R	Kwh R	KVA R
Domestic	91.33		
0-50kwh		.7524	
51-350kwh		.8664	
351-600kwh		1.1856	
>600 kwh		1.2756	
Business < 200 Amps	351.80	1.2157	
Business > 200 Amps	2375.41	.8155	130.57
Pre-Paid < 60 Amps			
0-50kwh		.8224	
51-350kwh		.9470	
351-600kwh		1.2958	
>600 kwh		1.3942	
Pre-Paid > 60 Amps		1.5525	
Schools & Sport Clubs	80.62	1.1008	
*Pensioners (Pre-Paid)	0-50kwh 51-350kwh 351-600kwh >600 kwh	.8987 .9774	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pensioners (Conventional) 	15.00 0-50kwh 51-350kwh 351-600kwh >600 kwh	.5462 .6438 .7588 .8943	

Miscellaneous

Reconnection Fees	R 89.80
Special Readings	R 144.15
Testing of meters (If error is not on municipality supply)	R 179.65
Connection / Disconnection readings	R 89.80

Availability Charges

Residential Erf	R 48.05 per month
Other Erf	R161.60 per month

RATES & TARRIFS (CONT)

The categories of water consumers as set out below shall be charged at the applicable tariffs, as approved by the council in each annual budget.

Tariff adjustments shall be effective from 1 July each year.

Categories of consumption and charges shall be:

WATER TARIFFS:

Tariff excludes V.A.T.

Purified Water

Category	Basic Monthly Fee R	0 – 6 kl R	6-10 kl R	10-50 kl R	50-100 kl R	100kl > R
Domestic	31.28	6.05	9.25	10.61	12.24	14.78
Business	92.48	6.05	9.25	10.61	12.24	14.78
Schools & Sport Clubs	409.51	6.05	9.25	10.61	12.24	14.78
Huis Andalusia	66.00	0	0	0	0	230 kl> 14.78

All domestic water consumers registered as indigents with the municipality shall receive free the first 6 (six) kl of water consumed per month.

Thereafter a stepped tariff per kl as determined by the council from time to time shall be applicable on metered water consumption, as set out in Part 3 of this policy.

Miscellaneous

Reconnection Fees	R 91.50
Special Readings	R153.35
Testing of meters (if error is not on municipality supply)	R191.70
Connection/Disconnection readings	R 91.50

REFUSE REMOVAL

Refuse (Solid Waste) Tariff:

Tariff excludes V.A.T.

Category	Basic per Month R
Domestic households	45.90
Business, Office & Halls	71.45
Bulk Holders (Baskets)	93.40
Schools	36.48
Garden Refuse & Building Rubble*	R 149.70 per load or part thereof

** If service is available*

RATES & TARRIFS (CONT)

SEWAGE (WASTE WATER) TARIFF:

Tariff excludes V.A.T.

Water Borne

Category	Basic Monthly Fee R	Basic per Toilet per Month R	Basic per Basin per Month R
Domestic	75.31		
Business		37.21	17.22

Septic Tanks

Category	Basic per Month	per kilometer
Domestic per load or part thereof	110.50	

GRAVES

Fees:

Booking of a grave	R 59.90
Grave – were residents provide own diggings	R 35.90
Grave – were residents provide own diggings	R 35.90
Grave – were municipality provide diggings	R179.65
Grave – residents who stay beyond the municipal boundary at the time of passing away	R143.60
Grave – residents 65 years and older including digging	Free
Grave – children one year and younger	

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