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Budget Speech

Summary of Budget Speech for 2025/2026 financial year presented by the Acting Mayor Cllr Dithothi Tshetlhane on the 30th May 2025, Mogwase Council Chamber, 10h00



On behalf of Mmefoana, Mayor Nketu Nkotswe, it is with a profound sense of duty to serve, that I present the Moses Kotane Local Municipality's budget for the 2025/2026 financial year to you.

This budget is more than just a financial document; it reflects our collective aspirations to do more during the 7th administration of the national and provincial governments, the time we have to further implement the Government National Unity's (GNU) Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) priorities, programs of action, and South Africa's visionary leadership in the G20 programs of action.

Through collaborative efforts between government entities and private sector partners, the municipality has initiated and completed various projects aimed at improving essential services such as water supply, sanitation, waste management, and road infrastructure as well as helping our special programs.

Water Services: We are all aware of the dire situation of Magalies water/Vaalkop dam technical glitches affecting water on time; therefore, the municipality is proactively embarking on a regional scheme, as well as collaborating with the private sector even Chinese cooperation's, to address water scarcity and improve access to clean water through the use of more groundwater sources.

Honorable speaker, Efforts are also underway to replace aging asbestos pipes, ensuring safer and more reliable water supply to residents.

Sanitation Improvements: In a bid to enhance sanitation, the municipality has implemented projects such as: VIP Toilets Construction: A number of Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) toilets have been constructed, significantly improving sanitation facilities in rural areas.

Rural Sanitation Projects: most of our villages have benefited from targeted sanitation initiatives improving hygiene standards.

Waste Management: The municipality has taken proactive steps to enhance waste management services. **Refuse Removal Services:** Efforts have been made to ensure timely and efficient collection of refuse, contributing to cleaner communities as well as being applauded by our communities that we communicate efficiently when there are interruption such as rainy, closed roads in an instances where collection is affected.

Budget Overview: Building on a Solid Foundation

As we table and approve the annual budget for the financial year 2025/2026, we need to explain to our stakeholders, and communities as a whole that Moses Kotane local municipality, like other municipalities, had to align this annual budget with the Integrated Development Plan, cost containment measures – as per MFMA Circular No. 82, Division of Revenue Bill of March 2025, and Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations.

Honorable speaker and all, For the 2025/2026 financial year

Total operating revenue budget has increased by R56.8 million, translating to a budget R1, 136 billion for the 2025/2026 budget year. This equates 5% when compared to the 2024/25 adjustments budget.

Operating revenue further estimates an increase of R31.2 million and R45.4 million for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years respectively. This translates to an average growth of 3.2% for the two outer years.

The increase is mainly due to the increase in the following line items:

- Operating grants, which comprises of equitable share allocation, EPWP, FMG, Library and MIG portion for PMU office has increased by R15 million or 2% from the current financial year.
- Property rates is projected to grow by R29.3 million or 17%, with further estimated increase of an average of R4.4% for the two outer years.
- Service charges have increased by R2 million for the 2025-26 budget year. The two outer years projected a growth of 3%.
- A total budget of R225 million is allocated to capital infrastructure, mainly funded by MIG and WSIG grants. The capital budget has substantially declined when compared to the current year's budget, this is due to a drastic reduction in WSIG allocation in 2025-26 Division of Revenue Bill.
- Total operating expenditure for the 2025/26 financial year has projected R1.4 billion which is an increase of R13.2 million or 1% when compared to the 2024/25 adjustment budget. Operating expenditure is further projected to increase at an average of 4% for the outer years.

The increase on operating expenditure is mainly due to the following line items:

- Employee related costs are expected to increase by 5.05% in accordance with SALGA guidelines and the filling of vacant positions from various departments.
- Increment of Remuneration of Councilors by 4% to provide for increase in upper limits.



Co operating Expenditure

The operating expenditure budget is projected at R1.4 million for 2025-26, with further estimated increase at an average of 4% for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years respectively.

Employee Related Costs

Increment of Employee related cost by 5.05% (SALGA Guideline) and the filling of vacancies.

Remuneration of Councilors

Increment of Remuneration of Councilors by 4% (SALGA Guideline)

Bulk Purchase: Electricity

Projected expenditure for electricity consumption amounts to R46.6 million. This item includes the electricity utilized for boreholes, streetlights and own consumption at municipal buildings.

Contracted Services

Contracted Services has declined to R184.4 million from the adjustment budget to R204.9 million, resulting in a total reduction of R20.5 million or 11%. Contracted services comprise of infrastructure maintenance, outsourced services and repairs and maintenance.

Other Expenditure

The operational cost is estimated at R108.9 million which is a decline of R5.4 million or 5% from the current year. Included in the other expenditure is all operational costs excluding salaries and remuneration of Councilors but the inclusion of ward committee's stipend, accommodation and conference costs.

Operating Revenue – Letseno la Mmasepala go kgontshisa ditirelo di fitlhelela baagi

Property Rates

The revenue anticipated from property rates is expected to increase from R144.6 million to R174 million or 17%. This is as a result of tariff increases, new development, increase in property values and changes in zoning of properties.

Water Services

The revenue on water service is projected to increase from R197.2 million to R198.1 million.

Sanitation

Sanitation revenue has slightly increased by R77 thousand, resulting to a budget projection of R5.1 million.

Refuse Removal

The revenue on refuse removal has increased from R13 million to R14.1 million. Re sa lebale kgwetlho kgolo ya gore Mmasepala wa selegae o na le metse ele 107, seo se kaya gore letseno le tlisiwang ke go duelwa Matlakala le kgelelo leswe Mogwase le Madikwe ke bona fela ba e patelang, ke ka moo ke Dirang boikuello re le boeteledipele ba Mmasepala gore a go nne le flat rate le ga e ka nna R20 ka kgwedi go sustain letseno la Mmasepala. Let us be all be the active citizenry re patele di services tsa Mmasepala re simolola ka badiri, Mmakhanselara, di ward committee le go rotletsa baagi.

Traffic Fines

An amount of R1.8 million has been provided for the issuing of traffic fines for 2025-26, increasing by an average of 3.4% for the two outer years.

License Applications

An amount of R3.3 million has been provided for this service in 2025-26 financial year.

Other Revenue

Other revenue is estimated at R3.5 million for the 2025/26 financial year. Included in other revenue line item, are the operational activities e.g. sale of tender documents, insurance claims, skills development levy, clearance certificates fee, etc.

IMSSA Charts Way forward 2025

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IMSSA Charts the Way Forward for 2025 Games at Moses Kotane Local Municipality Special National Conference.

To prepare for the forthcoming games, Inter-Municipal Sports South Africa (IMSSA) convened a special summit at Moses Kotane Local Municipality from June 11–13, 2025. The Deputy President and Treasurer participated virtually in the conference, which included all 20 members of the National Executive Committee (NEC).

Acting Mayor Dithothi Tshetlhane welcomed everyone warmly and conveyed her gratitude for IMSSA's choice to host their meeting in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality's headquarters. She underlined the event's importance and the municipality's delight in organizing such a significant event.

New Internship Program

Moses Kotane Local Municipality Launches New Internship Program in Continued Commitment to Youth Empowerment

On the 12th May 2025, Moses Kotane Local Municipality, in partnership with Hamonate Consulting and BANKSETA, held an induction session for a new internship program designed to equip local graduates with the necessary skills and experience to enter the job market.

This latest initiative marks a continuation of the Municipality's long-standing commitment to youth development and job creation.

It follows the success of a similar internship program conducted in 2015, where all participating graduates were integrated into the workforce with an impressive 80% absorbed internally by the Municipality. Building on this proven model, the 2025 program seeks to replicate and expand on that success.

Funded by BANKSETA, coordinated by Hamonate, and hosted by the Municipality, the program offers valuable workplace experience to graduates from universities and colleges who have completed their studies but lack practical experience.



LLF Training

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Moses Kotane Local Municipality Held a Two-Day Local Labor Forum Training

The Moses Kotane Local Municipality held a two-day Local Labor Forum (LLF) training session on 13–14 May 2025 at the Council Chamber.

The session was facilitated by Mr. Zukwana from the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), aimed to strengthen the capacity of LLF members to effectively contribute to workplace negotiations, skills development, and conflict resolution.

The LLF is a critical municipal structure mandated by the South African Local Government Bargaining Council (SALGBC). It serves as a platform for consultation and negotiation on workplace matters of mutual concern, fostering sound labor relations.

The forum comprises of senior municipal management and councilors as employer representatives, and representatives from trade unions IMATU and SAMWU as employee representatives.

The Chairperson of the LLF, Cllr Magoleng, officially opened the session by welcoming all members and expressing hope that the training would empower them with the necessary knowledge and tools to enhance their roles within the LLF.

Easter Prayer Sessions

Easter prayer session restores faith & hope among employees and communities.

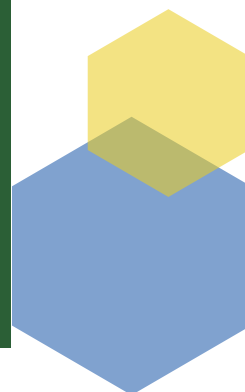
The Moses Kotane Local Municipality, in partnership with the Mogwase minister's fraternal, organized an annual Easter Prayer Session for all employees and communities on April 10, 2025 at Unit 1 Mogwase Sports park, as part of our dedication to fostering not just professional growth but also spiritual well-being.

Mantswe a supileng annual easter prayer session program included:

- Moruti Segone embarked on religious upliftment messages titled Via Dolorosa
- Moruti Ralefatane preached about "Rara, ba itshwarele, gonne ga ba itse se ba se Dirang"
- Moruti Makgamathe preached about "Kajeno, o tla nna le nna mo Parateiseng"
- Reverend Cindi preached about "Mosadi bona morwao, ke yoo"
- Mme Ntlele preached about "Modimo wa me, o ntlogeletseng"
- Moruti Monedi preached about "Ke nyorilwe"
- Moruti Makwaza preached about "Go weditse"
- Moruti Modisakeng preached about "Rra, Ke neela mowa wa me mo diatleng tsa gago"
- Moruti Ntsamai enthusiastically concluded the Easter session's spiritual teachings for all municipal leaders and members of the public with blessings and messages of rebirth in an effort to be a beacon of hope.



Moses Kotane Local Municipality Communication Unit



Moses Kotane Local Municipality Hosts Communicators Forum.

Moses Kotane local municipality Communication Unit, in collaboration with National Government communications information system (GCIS), NW SALGA empowers local communications Champions, Ambassadors, Mankwe TVET students for engaged citizens in 107 Villages.

A comprehensive communication workshop was recently held at Mogwase Council Chamber on April 15, 2025, to equip local government ambassadors and members of local communication forums with the skills they need to efficiently cascade government programs, activities, and information impacting them.

Moses Kotane Local Municipality Held IDP

Moses Kotane Local Municipality Held IDP/Budget Representative Forum.

On 27 May 2025, Moses Kotane Local Municipality (MKLM) held its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget Representative Forum for the 2025/2026 financial year at the MKLM Municipal Chamber.

The forum was attended by councilors, ward committees, community development workers (CDWs), traditional leaders, mining houses, sector departments, and other stakeholders to discuss and finalize the municipality's IDP and budget for the upcoming financial year.

The forum provided a platform for collaboration and integration of various projects aimed at addressing the needs of the community.

Acting Mayor, Cllr Dithothi Tshethlane, warmly welcomed all attendees and emphasized the importance of working together to ensure the municipality fulfills its mandate to serve the community.

"We are grateful to all stakeholders present today for their valuable presentations and contributions," said Acting Mayor Tshethlane. "We need to work together in uplifting our communities. Let's unite to ensure we deliver impactful projects that make a difference."

Presentations included the Draft IDP by Ms Bafedile Moselane (HOU: IDP) and the Draft Budget 2025/2026 by Mr Mzwandile Mkhize (CFO), both of which will be tabled during the ordinary council meeting on 30 May 2025.

Mr Boikanyo Maseloane (HOD: ITS) also presented the 2024/2025 Project Progress Report. Stakeholders, including mining houses and sector departments, also delivered presentations.





Strategic Planning Session

Moses Kotane Local Municipality Held Strategic Planning Lekgotla to Drive Development and Service Delivery.

The Moses Kotane Local Municipality hosted a Strategic Planning Lekgotla from 6 to 8 May 2025, focusing on enhancing institutional performance, unlocking economic potential, and addressing critical service delivery challenges.

The three-day event brought together municipal officials and councilors to develop actionable strategies for sustainable development and improved governance.

The Lekgotla opened with reflections on the municipality's current challenges, particularly in internal capacity and service delivery infrastructure.

The municipality emphasized the need to recruit 200 additional personnel to support infrastructure projects while advocating for training underqualified staff to foster inclusive institutional growth rather than excluding them.

Keynote speaker Mr. Dire urged delegates to tackle deep-seated issues such as pollution, water insecurity, and poverty with boldness and innovation. "Let's look at what we have and work with it," he said, encouraging practical, localized solutions.

Delegates were divided into three commissions: Capacity Building, Water and Sanitation, and Spatial Planning to explore strategies for improving service delivery, institutional performance, and alignment with national development objectives.

A key focus of the Lekgotla was the Bakubung Smart City initiative, which aims to transform rural settlements into modern, economically active hubs. Stakeholders discussed opportunities to provide bulk infrastructure, including a proposed sewer treatment facility to serve the smart city. The municipality also confirmed ongoing RDP housing projects in the area. Municipal leadership called on mining houses and other stakeholders to contribute up to R10 million to support the smart city's infrastructure and development needs.

Additional discussions centered on improving local schooling, ensuring inclusive access for children with disabilities, and promoting job creation in Moses Kotane and Bakubung.

Plans were also set in motion to establish an intergovernmental technical committee to drive infrastructure rollout and monitor implementation, particularly in preparation for the upcoming Integrated Development Plan (IDP) forum.

The Lekgotla concluded with presentations from municipal managers and directors, covering critical areas such as infrastructure development, spatial planning, and integrated waste and water management.

Officials outlined a strategic approach to aligning social services with spatial development, emphasizing the role of Magalies Water in ensuring sustainable water supply and sanitation services. Infrastructure goals were aligned with the broader vision for the smart city.

Concrete resolutions included reactivating workstreams with Bojanala by 16 May 2025, finalizing partnerships with Magalies Water, accelerating land disposal, formalizing informal settlements, and updating waste collection models.

The municipality also committed to enhancing the regulation of commercial waste producers and introducing revenue-linked service incentives.

The Strategic Planning Lekgotla marked a significant step toward addressing MKLM's challenges and advancing its vision for sustainable development. By fostering collaboration among stakeholders and prioritizing innovative, inclusive solutions, the municipality is poised to drive meaningful progress in service delivery and economic growth.





Portfolio Committee Project Visit

Portfolio Committee Commends Progress During Oversight Visit to Moses Kotane Local Municipality.

The Portfolio Committee on Corporate Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, led by Hon. Christian Jacobas, conducted a comprehensive oversight visit to key infrastructure projects within Moses Kotane Local Municipality on Thursday, 22 May 2025. The visit formed part of the Committee's mandate to monitor and evaluate service delivery across local government structures.

Speaking during the visit, Hon. Jacobas emphasized that the Committee's role is to ensure that government funded projects are executed effectively and transparently, and that they respond to the needs of local communities "oversight is not just about inspecting progress, it's about ensuring that services are delivered with integrity and impact" he said.

The first project to be visited was the Motlhabhe Housing Project, a significant human Settlements initiative aimed at addressing the housing backlog in rural areas. The Committee expressed satisfaction with the overall implementation and quality of construction, describing the project as positive example of effective coordination between the municipality and the Department of human Settlements.

The community has begun to benefit from the improved living conditions, with many praising the new homes for their quality and design. The committee commended the project team and encouraged continued adherence to building standards and timelines.

The second project inspected was the ongoing replacement of old asbestos water pipes in Mogwase with modern 355mm UPVC pipelines. The project forms part of a broader infrastructure renewal program aimed at improving water safety and reliability across the municipality.



Currently at 80% completion, the project is expected to benefit approximately 4 986 households once fully operational. Beyond improving water access, the project has created job opportunities and supported local economic development by involving Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME's) from the area.

The Committee welcomed the project's progress and applauded the municipality for prioritizing both infrastructure development and local empowerment. Constructive recommendations were made regarding procurement efficiency and community consultation.

The final site visited was the Mogwase Water Treatment Plant, currently undergoing refurbishment under Phase 1 of a multi phase upgrade. The project which began in February, experienced initial setbacks due to Vandalism and disputes between contractors and local SMME's. However, through mediation and collaborative resolution, the issues have since been resolved and work is underway.

Once completed, the plant will significantly improve the quality and capacity of potable water supply to Mogwase and surrounding areas. The committee emphasized the strategic importance of this facility and urged stakeholders to maintain momentum while safeguarding the site from future disruptions.

In conclusion the committee expressed overall satisfaction with the project visited, while reiterating the importance of accountability, community engagement, and inclusive economic participation in public projects." The municipality has made commendable strides, and we encourage all stakeholders to maintain the same energy and commitment until these projects are successfully completed and fully operational" concluded Hon. Jacobas.



Empowering Local Youth



Moses Kotane Municipality Empowers Youth Desk.

The Municipality, through the office of the Mayor, formally launched its Youth Desk public engagements program to involve youth in social transformation, skill development, and governance, marking a major step towards youth development and community empowerment.

The new Youth Desk aims to serve as a dedicated platform for addressing the challenges and vision of young people in the municipality," said Mayor Cllr. Nketu Nkotswe. Additionally, serve as the active conduit between the youth's voices and the municipality, making sure that their needs including those related to sports, career development, business support, and skill development are prioritized.

The Youth Desk Chairperson, Cllr. Fortune Luvuno, highlights that young people your needs will be noted, prioritized here at Youth Desk. He further alluded that the Youth Desk was set up by the Moses Kotane Local Municipality to support youth and collaborate closely with them in various clusters. In order to improve the future for young people, the Desk will oversee programs like bursaries, small company development, sports, internships, learnerships, and youth empowerment activities.

Cllr Luvuno concluded by announcing plans for a Youth Summit, where young people will participate for increased developments.

Youth Desk public participation was Scheduled as follows;

- Ramokoka: 23 April 2025
- Mononono: 24 April 2025
- Khayakhulu: 30 April 2025
- Manamela: 2 May 2025
- Ramoga: 5 May 2025
- Orbit TVET College: 6 May 2025



MKLM Tourism Association Launch

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Moses Kotane Tourism Association Launch.

The Moses Kotane Local Municipality has taken a significant step in strengthening and formalizing its tourism industry with the successful launch of the Moses Kotane Tourism Association. The event which took place from the 26 to 28 March 2025, at the Mphebotho Cultural Museum brought together key stakeholders, industry leaders, and local businesses with the goal of fostering collaboration, promoting tourism opportunities, and addressing challenges within the sector.

The event began with an opening address by MMC Cllr Caroline Motshabi, who acknowledged the sponsors, businesses, and supporting organizations, including the Bojanala District Municipality, for their role in making the launch a success. She emphasized the importance of creating a unified tourism sector where role players work together to drive growth, and elevate Moses Kotane Local Municipality as a tourist destination.

Moses Kotane Local Municipality Showcases Tourism Potential at 2025 Travel Indaba

Moses Kotane Local Municipality (MKLM), through its Local Economic Development (LED) Directorate, participated in the 2025 Africa Travel Indaba, held from 12 to 15 May in Durban. The event served as a strategic platform for the municipality to promote its tourism offerings, build networks, and position the municipality as a competitive tourism destination.

As one of the largest and most prestigious tourism marketing events on the African continent, the Travel Indaba brought together thousands of global buyers, tour operators, media representatives, and tourism stakeholders under one roof. MKLM's participation was driven by its commitment to economic development through tourism and community-based initiatives.

MKLM's participation at the 2025 Travel Indaba reaffirms its strategic commitment to transforming tourism into a driver of inclusive local economic development. The municipality continues to work with stakeholders at all levels to ensure that tourism development aligns with sustainable practices, community empowerment, and investment readiness.



Municipal Demarcation Board

Municipal Demarcation Board Launches Ward Delimitation Public Participation Process at Moses Kotane Local

On the 10th April, the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) officially launched its public participation process for ward delimitation at Moses Kotane Local Municipality, marking a significant step toward preparing for the 2026 Local Government Elections (LGE).

The event, was held in Mogwase Sports Park, This process aims to adjust municipal ward boundaries to ensure fair representation and effective governance, with the final report scheduled to be handed over to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) by the end of October 2025 to facilitate voter registration.

The MDB, an independent authority tasked with demarcating municipal boundaries under the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998, conducts ward delimitation every five years ahead of local elections.



MKLM and COGSTA Hands over Houses

Moses Kotane Local Municipality and COGSTA Hand Over Houses to Military Veterans

Moses Kotane Local Municipality in partnership with the North West Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGSTA) handed over newly built houses to three deserving military veterans on 13 June 2025.

The handover ceremony took place in Bapong II and Mabele-a-Pudi, marking yet another step in government's ongoing efforts to improve the lives of those who have served the country.

The event was led by MEC for COGSTA, Hon. Malapisi, who personally handed over the keys to the beneficiaries, acknowledging their sacrifices and years of committed service.



VISION

A caring municipality underpinned by minerals, agricultural and eco-tourism economy for the advancement of sustainable services to our community

MISSION

To be driven by skilled human capital, conducting high work and service standards incorporating our natural resources to achieve inclusive quality life for our communities.

VALUES

Integrity – Transparency – Accountability – Honesty – Excellence – Human Dignity

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