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Mayor Cllr. Nketu Nkotswe presented and tabled the Moses Kotane Local Municipality's Budget and IDP for the 2024–2025 financial year



integrated development plan and service delivery program said Mayor Nkotswe.

The Mayor attested to the fact that the rural municipality continues to collect small revenue, but in 2024 and 2025 the following are some highlights of anticipated actions.

- **Total capital budget** is projected at R252, 554 Million.
- **Total operating expenditure** for the 2024/2025 financial year has projected R1, 346, 501 billion which is an increase of R134, 143 million when compared to the 2023/24 Adjustment budget.
- **Bulk Purchase - electricity** amounting to R42 000 Million
- **Water Services:** amounting to R197, 242 Million is prioritized because the municipality is now experiencing a water problem that has to be resolved immediately.
- **Sanitation: amounting** to R5, 103 Million.
- **Refuse Removal:** amounting to R11,189 Million just to mention a few. In conclusion, the municipality will continue to give priority to initiatives related to service delivery, with a total of R252, 554 Million in capital projects scheduled for 2024 and 2025.

Mogwase: At the ordinary council meeting on Friday 31st, May 2024, Mayor Nkotswe presented R1, 061,075 Billion for the 2024–2025 financial year, with an anticipated increase to R1, 093, 450 Billion for 2025–2026. The increase is mainly due to the increase in equitable share by R33, 983 million or 6%.

First, the Mayor Cllr Nketu Nkotswe, acknowledged that the municipality had prepared this compliant tabling of the budget and IDP during the eventful period when general elections were being held across the nation. The Moses Kotane local municipality places a high value on presenting a budget each year on time, in order to manage public funds effectively and efficiently, provide updated income and expenditure to the 107 villages, as well the implementation of the

#GrowingMosesKotaneTogether

Mayor, Cllr Nketu Nkotswe.

Moses Kotane Local Municipality, through its LED (Local Economic Development) department, held a workshop to support and develop local SMMEs (Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises)



The MKLM LED branch, led by portfolio head Cllr. Caroline Motshabi, in collaboration with SEFA (Small Enterprise Finance Agency), organized a capacity-building workshop for local SMMEs. This workshop aimed to help them secure funding and expand their businesses.

Cllr. Caroline Motshabi highlighted that the workshop stemmed from the LED roadshows conducted in various clusters within Moses Kotane. "As the LED department, we remain committed to our long-term primary goal of developing and supporting SMMEs," she stated.

Mr. Mogashoa, Head of Unit in the LED department, emphasized that the workshop aimed to provide local businesses with a valuable platform to network and collaborate, prioritizing partnerships and access to resources. Additionally, Mr. Joel Setshedi presented SEFA's TREP (Township and Rural Entrepreneurship Programme), which is designed to transform and integrate opportunities in townships and rural areas into the mainstream economy.



Moses Kotane Local Municipality hosts the Mayoral Imbizo as part of its initiatives to engage with communities and enhance service delivery.

On March 7, 2024, the Moses Kotane Local Municipality successfully held a Mayoral Imbizo in Tlokweng, attended by numerous community members from various wards. The municipality, together with various sector departments, presented their available services to the communities, reaffirming the government's commitment to involving communities in integrated services and municipal programs to improve service delivery across 107 villages and 2 townships.

Councillor Bushy Manganye, Portfolio Head of Community Services, effectively outlined the goals of the Imbizo. He stated that the Mayoral Imbizo aims to improve services to the communities, identify service delivery bottlenecks that the government can address using the catalyst approach, exchange information about ongoing development programs that can significantly improve people's lives, and discuss issues raised by the community that need to be addressed.

The Mayor of Moses Kotane, Councillor Nkotswe, highlighted the municipality's dedication to prioritizing the needs of the populace. This is evidenced by the increasing number of service delivery projects completed for people across all municipal jurisdictions. The mayor listed the initiatives to be implemented along with the positive progress made thus far. Mayor Nkotswe expressed gratitude to the several sector departments present for their range of services and acknowledged the integrated government services provided. He emphasized the importance of addressing the issues raised by the communities while maintaining a commitment to delivering high-quality services to everyone. In addition to providing services on-site, a number of internal municipal units and external sector departments presented the services they offer:

- **NYDA:** Provided information on programs such as funding, mentorship, and training.
- **Department of Community Services and Transport Management:** Discussed programs on school patrol, road safety, and road safety signs.
- general public through SMME support, EPWP, and business support.
- **Library Services:** Shared information on services including books, a kiddies section, and online applications for universities.
- **Human Settlement Unit:** Informed residents about the subsidy program, housing needs register, and other programs.
- **Department of Agriculture:** Presented information on programs such as farming for domestic and commercial purposes, as well as food security programs they assist with.
- **Legal Aid South Africa:** Explained how they assist people who earn less than R8,200 with legal assistance.
- **MKLM Supply Chain Management:** Provided information on database registration, CSD, and compliance requirements such as tax clearance and company registration to qualify for various tenders.
- **MKLM BTO Indigent Section:** Explained that families that are socially deprived qualify to be subsidized for services that people are billed for, and they must visit the municipality to be included in the indigent registry.
- **MKLM LED:** Stated the local economic development opportunities available to youth



A Collaborative Effort to Transform the Moses Kotane Local Municipality into a Developmental and Service-Oriented Entity

Sun City: On May 2 and 3, 2024, the political leadership and administration of the Moses Kotane Local Municipality successfully conducted a two-day strategic planning session. The aim was to reignite a long-term strategy that will enhance service delivery to the 107 villages and two townships within the municipality.

Mayor Nkotswe set the tone by emphasizing the importance of improving effective and efficient administration, reinforcing the commitment to service delivery, and promoting good governance. "As we gather here, we embark on a journey of collaboration, geared towards a common vision and action-oriented approach. Together, we have the opportunity to shape the future of our municipality and create positive change that will benefit generations to come," declared the Mayor.

Additionally, Municipal Manager Mr. Mokopane Letsoalo stated that the goal of this collaborative effort is to assess and reaffirm the municipality's commitment to providing services that meet the needs of its citizens. "The municipality is moving towards sustainable development and resource optimization to meet long-term objectives," said Mr. Letsoalo.

Following the conclusion of the strategic planning session, the following resolutions were made:

- **Program on War Leaks:** Manage water loss through the water service development plan - in progress.
- **Revenue Enhancement Strategies:** Continue with existing strategies.
- **Land Ownership Audit:** Conduct a detailed audit to improve planning and explore funding options.
- **Engagements with Traditional Authorities:** Follow up on previous engagements.
- **Addressing Unfunded Budgets:** Develop strategies to manage unfunded budgets.
- **Credit Control Policy:** Aggressively implement the policy to improve collection.
- **Internal Control Strengthening:** Emphasize the need to strengthen internal controls.
- **Key Position Prioritization:** Prioritize key positions that will enhance service delivery.
- **Water Treatment Plant Refurbishment:** Refurbish plants to improve water provision for residents.
- **System Exploration:** Explore and implement the correct system.
- **Indigent Register Update:** Prioritize the correct and updated indigent register.

These resolutions underscore the municipality's commitment to continuous improvement and responsive governance aimed at meeting the needs of its community.



The Mayor of MKLM attends Education Lekgotla



The Mayor of MKLM, Cllr Nketu Nkotswe, attended the Education Lekgotla at Sun City today, April 28, 2024, held under the theme "Strengthening Partnerships for Educational Advancement."

The event brought together key stakeholders from various sectors to discuss and strategize ways to enhance educational advancement in our communities.

Viola Motsumi, MEC for Education in the Northwest, expressed her excitement at the Lekgotla's remarkable success. She noted the overwhelming enthusiasm from stakeholders, many of whom demonstrated a keen willingness to pledge support towards educational initiatives.

"The success of today's Education Lekgotla demonstrates the power of collaboration in driving meaningful change. I am heartened by the eagerness of stakeholders to invest in our educational endeavors, and I look forward to the positive impact of our collective efforts," said MEC Motsumi.

Launch of the Mauane Arts Festival at Madikwe Stadium

On May 25, 2024, the Moses Kotane Local Municipality (MKLM) buzzed with excitement and celebration as it launched the Mauane Arts Festival at Madikwe Stadium.

The vibrant event was officially opened by MMC for Local Economic Development, Cllr Caroline Motshabi, and promises to become an annual arts festival and a significant economic driver for the Municipality. Cllr Motshabi articulated the festival's vision, emphasizing its mission to nurture local arts while boosting the economy.

"The Mauane Arts Festival aims to become a yearly event that not only supports our talented artists but also stimulates economic growth in sectors such as accommodation, transportation, and small businesses," she said. "Our goal is to provide our artists with a platform to showcase their crafts and gain exposure."

The festival's launch brought together community members, local businesses, and artists in a joyous celebration, demonstrating its potential to bring positive change and development to the



area. The event provided valuable opportunities for SMMEs to display and sell their goods and encouraged youth participation in the arts as a positive alternative to negative influences such as drugs.

The festival featured a lineup of performers including Freddy K, Mhaw Keys, Malome Tau, DJ Tower, DJ LenkaS, Ulebza, DJ Freesoul, Costa Kay, Man Zini, MaleBza DJ, Kitso Pitso, Deeper Mas, Heavy Tee, Encredibl3z, and Lady S Wale Vocalist. President Gay served as the Master of Ceremonies, keeping the crowd entertained and engaged throughout the event.

Cllr Motshabi expressed her gratitude to the communities of MKLM and all stakeholders for their support in making the Mauane Arts Festival a reality.



MKLM appoints the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee plays a crucial role in the financial analysis of municipalities by providing guidance, critically assessing, and supporting the municipal Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). It ensures that the budget is managed effectively to meet service delivery obligations and continuously evaluates the planning, monitoring, and reporting of municipalities' financial information.

The Audit Committee's role includes providing rigorous oversight. Municipalities are central to delivering basic services to citizens and businesses. The Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and the Municipal Systems Act (MSA) aim to ensure compliance with this constitutional duty by aligning municipalities' priorities, plans, budgets,

implementation actions, and reports. According to the MFMA No. 56 of 2003, municipal Audit Committees are tasked with advising and making recommendations to the Municipal Manager, Senior Management, and Council regarding the adequacy, reliability, and accuracy of financial and non-financial reporting.



MKLM appoints Audit Committee members



Audit Committee member Chairperson
Mr Rabelani Tshimomola



Mr Edzisani Phalandwa



Mr Gilbert Makaba



Lorato Moyo



Victor Mmope



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Tumi Molefe



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Mr Segale Kotsedi



Jerry Sefatsa



Victor Mmope



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Berlina Lekgethwane



Wageng Mokgosi



Dirang Radiokanae

Easter

ROAD BLOCK

Moses Kotane Local Municipality's Easter Multipurpose Roadblock

In an effort to educate, raise awareness about road safety, and reduce avoidable road fatalities, Mayor Cllr. Nketu Nkotswe, Single Whip Cllr. Lucky Moate, Portfolio Head of Community Services Cllr. Bushy Manganye, and the local SAPS, Department of Home Affairs (Immigration Management Services), and Parks Board led a multipurpose roadblock on R565 Ledig Road.

The multipurpose roadblock successfully encouraged the distribution of road safety booklets, checked valid driver's licenses and vehicle roadworthiness, ensured drivers were not under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances, and ensured general compliance.

Mayor Cllr. Nketu Nkotswe spoke with a variety of drivers and emphasized the necessity of car inspection before traveling long distances, obeying speed limits, wearing seat belts, and avoiding the use of cell phones while driving.



Mayor Leads Visit to Magalies Water and Vaalkop Dam to Address Water Shortage Challenges

Taking a proactive stance to tackle water shortages, the Moses Kotane Local Municipality (MKLM) met with Magalies Water on March 26, 2024.

Mayor Cllr Nketu Nkotswe led a delegation of councillors including Cllr Pilane, Cllr Khunou, Cllr Kgotlang, Cllr Luvuno, Cllr Bosielo, Cllr Matshereng, Cllr Sekoboane, Cllr Raboroko, Cllr Radikeledi, and Cllr Muleya, who voiced community concerns regarding water scarcity and distribution issues. Cllr Pilane underscored the urgency of the situation, highlighting the unacceptably low water supply and uneven distribution in the area.

Mayor Cllr Nketu Nkotswe reiterated this priority, emphasizing the immediate need to address the community's water requirements. Magalies Water representatives, including Mr. Pedro and plant manager Mr. Buks Strydom, responded by providing insights into the Vaalkop water supply system, confirming an overall capacity of 270 megalitres per day. They acknowledged the necessity for plant upgrades and assured that the dam, currently at 89% capacity, could provide a sufficient water source.

Throughout the discussions, the focus remained on ensuring an adequate water supply for the MKLM community. Both parties agreed to continue dialogue, with MKLM leadership planning further meetings with the Magalies Water Board and executives to expedite solutions and improvements.



Liugong Machinery South Africa launched an initiative to donate clean, safe, and reliable water to the rural areas of the Moses Kotane local municipality under the theme "One Village at a Time."



Fourways - On May 7, 2024, numerous stakeholders witnessed Liugong Machinery Company introduce its most advanced intelligent and green machinery. This event was followed by a water project donation to help alleviate the water shortage in Moses Kotane's rural communities.

This initiative is part of private-public partnership programs, collaborating with the government and private sector to share best practices and help Moses Kotane improve access to essential services like water supply. The initiative to provide communities with access to clean and reliable drinking water is the result of a partnership between Liugong and the Moses Kotane local municipality, which firmly believes that water is a key Sustainable Development Goal.

According to Mr. Li Yi, General Manager of LiuGong Machinery SA, this partnership with the local government demonstrates that, despite differences in culture and race, communities will benefit greatly from working together to create a bright future for South Africa.

The Mayor of the Moses Kotane local municipality, Cllr. Nketu Nkotswe, who strongly believes in the private-public partnership approach, stated that the municipality is predominantly rural, with 107 villages and just two semi-townships facing significant water interruptions. She said that the water project, scheduled to commence on May 13, 2024, is greatly appreciated and will undoubtedly have a positive impact on many lives.

The Consul General of China, Mr. R. Jiang, expressed his enthusiasm for China's support of South African infrastructure and sustainability through corporate social responsibility and corporate social investment. Additionally, Mr. Pan QingJiang, the recently appointed Consul General in China-Johannesburg, emphasized the significance of strengthening ties between China and South Africa for long-term sustainable growth and improved living conditions for all.



Congratulations

On your appointments



KAGISO "Lazy" MOKGOSI
NW PROVINCE PREMIER



V MOTSUMI
MEC - EDUCATION



L LEHARI
MEC - HEALTH



K MOSENOGI
MEC - PROVINCIAL
TREASURY



S MOLAPISIS
MEC - COGHSTA



S DANTJIE
MEC - SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT



M SAMBATHA
MEC - AGRICULTURE &
RURAL DEVELOPMENT



E MOKUA
MEC - PUBLIC
WORKS & ROADS



W MORWENG
MEC - COMMUNITY
SAFETY & TRANSPORT



B LENKOPANE
MEC - DEDECT



C MAINE
MEC - ACSR

Walk, Run, and Ride for Healthy Living and Self-Defense

In a powerful display of unity and determination, communities gathered on March 16, 2024, at Sun City for an event aimed at promoting healthy living and equipping communities with the tools to defend themselves. Distinguished guests, including the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr. Paul Mashatile, MEC Kenetswe Mosenogi, MEC Desbo Mohono, MEC Oageng Molapisi, Mayor Cllr Nketu Nkotswe, Single Whip Cllr Lucky Moate, and Acting Municipal Manager Mr. Mzwandile Mkhize, graced the occasion.

The event, organized by the Department of Arts, Sports, and Culture in collaboration with Moses Kotane Local Municipality, was a testament to the collective commitment to fostering safer and healthier environments for all. Addressing participants gathered at Sun City, Deputy President Paul Mashatile delivered a message of support, emphasizing the importance of a healthy lifestyle. He also urged participants not to overlook their civic responsibility, reminding them, "Don't forget to vote on the 29th of May 2024."

Mayor Cllr Nketu Nkotswe highlighted the significance of embracing a healthy lifestyle as a means of not only improving physical well-being but also empowering individuals to protect themselves against GBV. Furthermore, the Mayor emphasized the importance of active citizenship in fostering healthy communities. She noted that by engaging in regular exercise and adopting nutritious eating habits, individuals can enhance their own well-being and contribute to the collective well-being of society.

The day's activities focused on training participants in basic self-defense techniques, led by experienced instructors. Participants were equipped with valuable skills and knowledge to confront and deter potential perpetrators of violence, thereby promoting a culture of empowerment and resilience. Other activities included aerobics, cycling, running, and walking.

The event served as a call to action for all citizens to take ownership of their health and safety, both within their personal lives and the broader community.



Moses Kotane Tourism Showcases at Travel Market



The Moses Kotane Local Municipality, led by the Local Economic Development Portfolio Head Cllr. Caroline Motshabi, accompanied by Portfolio Member Cllr. Ke lebogile Chaka, Municipal Manager Mr. Mokopane Letsoalo, Ms. Emily Moloantoa, Mr. Simon Maleka, and members of the Mogwase Accommodation Association (MAA) and Greater Pilanesberg Tour Operators Association (GPTOA), participated in the 2024 World Travel Market (WTM) held in Cape Town from April 10 to April 13.

WTM is one of the leading global events for the travel industry, bringing together tourism professionals from around the world. It provides a platform for destinations to market their attractions, culture, and tourism offerings to a global audience, aiming to attract visitors and boost tourism revenue.

Cllr. Motshabi expressed confidence in the team she was leading: "We have a very strong team that has demonstrated its ability to put our municipality on the map by exhibiting our unique offerings to the world with the aim of drawing more visitors to MKLM and attracting investors to our municipality," she said.

During the three-day event, the delegation engaged with various stakeholders in the tourism industry, including tour operators,

hospitality providers, government officials, and destination marketers. The delegation highlighted the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and unique attractions of the Moses Kotane Local Municipality.

They also promoted the municipality as a destination for eco-tourism, adventure tourism, and cultural tourism. Much emphasis was placed on the economic benefits of investing in tourism within MKLM, such as job creation, revenue generation, and community development.

Mr. Letsoalo indicated that the municipality partnered with local tourism product owners, such as GPTOA, as part of its responsibility to create an enabling environment for local businesses to grow by offering them such opportunities. "This is a platform for buyers and sellers to do business and forge partnerships that would benefit everyone," he said. He further noted that the municipality would use this year's WTM as an opportunity to learn and improve moving forward.

The event also included seminars, workshops, and discussions on the latest trends, technologies, and best practices in the travel industry by experts in the tourism space, providing opportunities for learning and development.





VISION

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

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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