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TERM OF OFFICE MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING MAYOR: CLR SEGALO

The mandate given by the Council on the 24th January 2009 was to resuscitate service delivery and ensure that all legislative compliance instruments are followed to the latter and lastly to bring the Municipality back on track.

A fleet of meetings has been held thus far both with various communities, management, labour, service providers, the District Municipality including delegates from the Provincial Government.

In a nut-shell majority of the Community members were we have been, has congratulated the Council for the bold step taken in making the Municipality work, bringing up the local pride back and listening to the needs

of the Communities even though the program is not yet finalized eg. Bloemhof and Christiana meetings are still to come.

In his submission the Acting Mayor acceded to the call made that some of the wards are not calling meetings regularly and that the communities are duty bound to report such matters to the Mayor's office or Office of the Municipal Manager.

In his closing remarks the Acting Mayor, emphasized that the Council needs the cooperation of all stake-holders in the Municipality in order to ensure that the desired service delivery is fast tracked and that the turn-around strategy is improved.

In keeping our Town, clean all



The Acting Mayor: Clr Kabelo Segalo debrief about the focal points of the mandate given during his time in the acting position and work done till thus far

transgressors will be taken to task given the fact that peace-officers in the Municipality are licensed to ensure that all Council's by-laws are fully operational and adhered to.

LONGEST SERVING COUNCILOR SERVICES ARE REMEMBERED: S.W.P. DE WAAL

Late Kallie De Waal became a Councillor in 1958 and he became a Mayor for a term not exceeding 5 Times and also as a Deputy Mayor. In his term of office, he also Represented the Council at the then Southern District Council at Klerksdorp and ensured that the

Utlwanang Town Committee benefit out of his submission made to the broader SDC management board.

He was then appointed as the Administrator of the then Utlwanang Town Committee during the era when majority of Councillors resigned due to pressure from the community.

Together with his wife were blessed

2 sons and 3 daughters.

Due to ill-health this legend is no longer active at Council level but his legacy will not be easily forgotten by the Community even at times of difficulties were majority of the community fought for inclusion in the regime he stood the test of time and gave total co-operation and in essence that approach paved way for a transitional arrangement.

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IN THE NEXT EDITION EXPECT THE FOLLOWING:

- Why was the Acting Mayor put in place?
- Former Director Corporate Services case continues.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S FOREWORD



MR M.A. MAKUAPANE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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Municipal Manager
M.A. Makuapane

As you all may be aware, the financial situation of the Municipality is not healthy at the moment. That is why the salaries were paid in January on the 30th only.

The following factors were identified as the contributors to the unfortunate situation:

Service delivery is not up to standard due lack of discipline and commitment from the staff in general. This reflects badly on the image of the Municipality. Community members notice this and it results in refusal to pay for services that are not being rendered.

Economic Situation

- 2.1. High rate of unemployment
- 2.2. More indigents
- 2.3. Less Equitable shares

Decaying electricity and water network

- 3.1. Loss of electricity
- 3.2 Loss of water

Debtors account – R 120million
Bloemhof Rate-payers withholding funds
Electricity tariffs 20% increase not implemented in July 2008 as planned
Old plant of machinery

Management, however is doing its utmost to remedy the situation, hence the adoption of the following turnaround strategy:

- Review of expenditure pattern.
- Review of lease agreements and debit orders.
- Appointment of Debt Collection Service providers to also capacitate our employees.
- Data cleansing.
- Updating the indigent register.
- Improving on the billing system and period.
- Purchasing of machinery on Hire Purchase basis.

Unfortunately we cannot do it on our own. We are all members of a team and if we do not cooperate we cannot expect improvement.

A missionary society wrote to David Livingstone and asked, "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you." Livingstone wrote back, "If you have men who will come only if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all." I would like to encourage all members of staff to exercise discipline in adhering to official working hours, enhancing customer relations by assisting members of the public where possible, paying for our own municipal services. Where there might not be a road, we will build it together. Tom Landry said: *"The job of a football coach is to make men do what they don't want to do, in order to achieve what they've always wanted to be."* As the "football coach" of this Municipality I urge you to work together as a winning team toward "service excellence" because I know we do have the capacity to do it.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE URGED TO UPDATE THEIR INDIGENCY STATUS

The Municipality is urging all residents qualifying for Free Basic water, sanitation and Electricity to register on its indigent register as of April 2009 going forward.

All ward committees, Ward Councillors, CDW's, Community Structures, Municipal officials and all sundry will all be up in arms in ensuring that this program meets the required standards and all qualifying receives the services

as enshrined in the Council's and the Constitution of the Country.

The interventions to be thoroughly looked into will be:

- All consumption to be accounted for.
- Adequate metering practices and management of distribution network
- Look on the capacity of maintenance and the

Technical staff of the Municipality.

This approach will have to be monitored as a tailor-made to ensure that the programme does not render the provision ineffective.

Dates will be prioritised by the debt collection unit in all wards, to all community structures and the community in order to convey this message to the community says the Convenor of the local Task team Ms. Lesego Jasson



Lesego Jasson one of the Task-Team members representing the Municipality in the District Water and Energy Forum dealing with the indigent systems for the community members who qualifies.

22 APRIL 2009: ELECTION POSTERS

The Municipal Electoral Officer for Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality Mr. M.A. Makua-pane cautioned all political parties in the Municipal jurisdiction to observe the rule of law when mounting their respective electioneering material or posters or face the music and the might of the law, eg. Some parties have obstructed the road users vision by mounting their posters on the electrical

poles or traffic signs including places where they firstly must obtain a permission from owners.

All political parties have been instructed to pay certain fees in terms of the Municipal by-laws in order to have their respective material mounted in the Municipal area.

Any party disregarding the said arrangement, its local leaders will be visited by the peace-officers

and all material not meeting the required standard will be pounded and fines will be awarded to those who have transgressed the above stated by-law.

Parties have been advised to visit Municipal offices on frequent bases to verify the related costs for posters and places where they can place their respective material.

The Council wished all parties well for the on-coming elections.

“ Observe the rule of law when mounting your respective



electioneering material or posters or face the music”

MESSAGE FOR TRAVELLORS ESPECIALLY DURING HOLIDAYS

This accident took place in the Christiana and Jan Kempdorp (Road 506) during December 2008.

According to the Manager Fire/Protection Services Mr. Connie Deale, the lorry overturned at the curve in the road mentioned above and luckily the Driver sustained injuries and the assistant was unfortunate in this scenario

(May his soul rest in peace).

The Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality would like to caution all road users visiting the area or passing through to be user friendly to road works taking place in the Municipal jurisdiction and outside the Provincial and National roads leading to Christiana and Bloemhof especially dur-

ing the on-coming Holidays.

All responsible drivers must be cautious of others during this time of the year and bear in mind that Lekwa-Teemane loves you and would like you to have a safe journey to and from your various destinations. **TAKE CARE AND ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY.**



One of the terrible accidents which took place between Christiana and Jan Kempdorp area during December 2008.

“ A HEARTFELT INCIDENT TOOK PLACE DURING HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH MARCH AND SHAME TO WHOEVER DID THIS ”



The above abandoned body with an umbilical cord was found dead in the sewer dumping site near Geluksoord, Christiana.

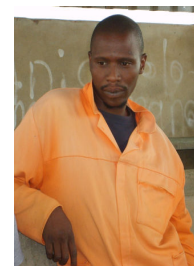


THE ACTING MAYOR MAKES AN APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY TO REVEAL THE CULPRIT IN PROTECTION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECURITY OF DEMOCRACY



‘OFFICE OF THE ACTING MAYOR, CLLR SEGALO OF LEKWA-TEEMANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IS APPEALING TO THE COMMUNITY IN CHRISTIANA TO COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE CHRISTIANA SAPS IN THE INVESTIGATION OF AN ABANDONED BABY BOY WHICH WAS FOUND DEAD IN GELUKSOORD SEWER DUMPING SITE. A CASE HAVE BEEN OPENED AND THE BODY WAS SEND BY THE POLICE FOR AN AUTOPSY CAS NO. 46/3/2009 ON 9th MARCH 2009 AT APPROXIMATELY 14:45. THIS BODY IS UN-NAMED AND UNCLAIMED” SAPS LOCALLY IS TRYING TO LOCATE WHOEVER IS IMPLICATED IN THIS WRONGFULL ACT.

In a rainy afternoon some community members passing next to the area stopped to see what the Municipal workers and the local Police are up to in a remote area



Benedict Mxolisi Pakade and his colleagues were brave enough to report and pickup the innocent body of a beautiful baby boy dumped at the Geluksoord sewer dumping site during March 2009.

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**LEKWA-TEEMANE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

The Lekwa-Teemane local Municipality invites residents to view its website on frequent basis and read about updates on Council activities or Government programmes hosted by the Municipality.

All ward committees are encouraged to forward all approved programmes to the Manager; Communication and the Editorial team for capturing.

All queries must be directed to the Office of the Municipal Manager or Manager: Communications and response will be forwarded to the writer within a stipulated time as endorsed by the Council.

**Www.lekwa-
teemane.co.za**

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOR 2009 GENERAL ELECTIONS

Acting Mayor: Cnr. Kabelo Segalo gave marching orders to all Councillors

To go out and do community

Work and emphasized that they must go all out as mean to ensure

The community they represent is well educated in ensuring that

Democracy is deepen.

That all must ensure that the

Turnout is improved in terms of

Voting and no Councillor comes

Back without having ensured that

They played a major role in this

Process.

The Acting Mayor requested

All Councillors to improve on the numbers of electorates and

Turn them to potential voters.

It is important that Councillors become proactive in all community programmes.

LET'S ALL GO OUT AND VOTE AND BE PART OF A SOCIETY THAT TAKES INITIATIVE AND ENSURES THAT THE DEMOCRACY IS PROTECTED BY MEANS OF GOING TO THE POLLS.

LET SOUTH AFRICA WIN AFTER THE ELECTION DAY AND MAKE NO MISTAKES OF MOTIVATING THE COMMUNITY TO CAST THEIR VOTE

