

# The Speaker's Voice



Office of the Speaker, Mogale City Local Municipality

## The IDP Process Phase I of 08/09

In accordance with the Municipal Systems Act (2000) municipalities are required to consult and report back to communities on their planned activities. This also includes their performance whereby communities can voice their opinion on the day to day functioning of their municipality.

This process was conducted from 12-30 November 2007 where Mogale City Local Municipality (MCLM) conducted community consultation and feedback sessions where it could derive inputs from the people of MCLM.

Some of the core issues raised by MCLM's people but were not excluded to are:

- Housing and provision of sustainable human settlements which should have service site facilities
- Allocation of stands and provision of making land available for development
- Infrastructure maintenance, repairs and installations such as lights, water meters, storm-water drainage, roads

especially potholes and speed humps and also sewer systems

- Ward report back sessions should not be once off
- Lack of Eviction and disaster management policy/strategy for rural communities. An intense review and urgent implementation of the Rural Development Strategy with specific reference to evictions and emergency disaster management
- Consider the building of multipurpose, youth and early childhood development centres including ward offices and clinics or at least make temporary facilities available.
- Improve on the provision of facilities for disabled persons
- There should be an indigent policy review and in addition a communication strategy should be developed



Cllr Baloyi giving input to the community

there from

- The creation of economic development initiatives and programmes to ensure creation of economically sustainable employment opportunities
- Combatting crime

The first phase of the IDP/Budget process has been concluded. Planning for the second phase is underway. It is envisaged that in this phase further consultation with the community, Councillors and other key stakeholders will take place.

MCLM utilises its consultation process as an empowerment tool for all its stakeholders to participate effectively.

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### Council Resolutions

- That the Municipal Manager as Accounting Officer implements the remedial action needed to keep telephone costs and overtime payments for the remainder of the year within the total allocated budget.
- That Public Participation for the Rates Policy development be proposed for the months beginning March to June 2008 and that it be spearheaded by Councillors in their respective wards in conjunction with the Finance Department (Valuation Section)



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## The State of the City Address

President, Thabo Mbeki, delivered his penultimate State of the Nation Address on Friday, 8 February 2008 where he addressed some key issues with specific emphasis on the **24 Apex priorities**. This he further indicates is the commitment from all systems of government which "...will do its best to live up to the imperative-Business Unusual!"

Some of the main categories are:

- Improving the effectiveness of our interventions directed at the Second economy, and poverty eradication
- Enhancing the impact of our programmes targeting the critically important area of education and training
- Further strengthening the machinery of government to ensure that it has the capacity to respond to our development imperatives

Premier, Mbhazima Shilowa further added to our task at his State of the Province Address on

Monday, 18 February 2008. Some of the key issues to note are envisioned for the next financial year:

- Implementing the Gauteng Social Development Strategy which provides a comprehensive response to poverty eradication and creates opportunities for more people to move from dependency to productive economic activity and reliance
- Addressing energy and sustainable development
- Stepping up efforts to build Gauteng as a competitive city region, which is increasingly prosperous, socially inclusive and able to meet the needs of all its people

The Premier further stated "I think 2008 will be a tough year, but I also see it as a great opportunity to seize the day whilst everyone is whinging and get a front seat on the

inevitable boom that we will experience in 2009, 2010 and beyond."

In the spate of all the 'State of Addresses', MCLM will also be holding its very own **State of the City Address (SOCA)** on Friday, 4 April 2008 at 16h00 in the Centenary Hall.

The SOCA will be hosted by Speaker Mangole, where Executive Mayor, Seerane will deliver his address to the people of Mogale.

Some of the key areas that he will address is to evaluate the programme of the past year, to map out MCLM's programme for 2008 and in so doing accounting to the people of Mogale on the municipality's activities.

As a Municipality we can proudly reiterate our strategic plan and know that it is within the vision and imperative of government. We are on track and have all hands on deck to ensure quality service delivery for all our people by implementing our plan "Business as Unusual: Five years of accelerated service delivery and transformation" for the years 2006-2011!



## Public Participation at MCLM

In order to meet the legislative framework on community participation, the Speaker's office has been mandated to manage public participation at MCLM.

Public Participation has many practical applications and in order for us to apply them in a sensible practical way we need to look at the guiding principals which underlies them. The first is **inclusivity** which advocates that we need to identify and recognise existing social networks, structures, organisations, social clubs and institutions where we use them as a vehicle for communication.

The second is that of **diversity** as we need to ensure that different interest groups including women, the disabled and youth groups are part of the governance struc-

tures.

The third is **building our community's capacity** which will ensure that our ward committees are trained on their role and function in the development of the community. In addition we also need to embark on an extensive public education exercise to educate our community on local governance which needs to include the role of Councillors, the functions and responsibilities of MCLM and the different structures encountered at MCLM.

**Transparency** is key as it engenders trust from the community through encouraging public attendance to council meetings.

**Flexibility and Accessibility** is key as conducting public meetings in local languages ensures that there is a greater level of understanding.

**Accountability** through engaging the community by giving feedback on issues affecting them will ensure that there is **trust, commitment & respect** from the community and ensure that this relationship develops.

Lastly **integration** is crucial to the success as this will ensure that all processes from the IDP etc will filter to all parties vis a vis the community at large.

These guiding principles are crucial to the success of any project or process MCLM would like to hold.

## The Role of the Ward & PR Councillor

A ward councillor is directly elected to represent and serve the people in a specific ward. Thus a ward councillor is the direct link between council and the electorate. One of the key roles is that s/he has to balance the expectations of his/her ward and that of their political party which makes it a fairly complex role.

The ward councillor is the Chairperson of the ward committee, is responsible for calling ward, committee, constituency and special meetings. The ward councillor is also responsible for ensuring that a schedule of meetings is prepared and also work with the ward committee to ensure that there is an annual plan of activities in place.

A ward councillor should be in touch with the

issues in the area, understand the key problems and monitor development and service delivery thereby ensuring that the ward committee does what the municipality expects.

The ward councillor speaks on behalf of the people of the ward be it in committees, caucus or council meetings. They are the direct link between council and the voters who elected them. Voters are always to be consulted and kept informed about council decisions, development and budget plans that effect them.

Ward councillors are also responsible for handling queries and complaints, resolving disputes and making referrals of unresolved disputes to the municipality.

A ward councillor is also responsible for communicating the activities and meeting schedules to the PR councillor.

**The PR Councillor** is allocated to a ward and provides support to the ward councillor in matters that relate to the ward or ward committee. Complaints and queries can be handled in consultation with the ward councillor.

PR councillors should attend ward committee, constituency and special meetings. They can assist with the resolving of disputes and make referrals. In addition they can also help with the implementation of projects.

PR councillors supports the ward councillor but does not replace the ward councillor!

## Political Leadership

Local areas are increasingly part of a web of social, economic and political transactions that transcend their boundaries. The actions of a wide range of civil and corporate players impact on the local economy and society. Resources and capacity are dispersed across different sectors and deployed for a variety of purposes.

Developmental municipalities will need to be guided by strong political leadership, able to make difficult policy judgements, work with a range of players and guide the actions of the administration to promote the social and economic well-being of local communities.

Developmental local government requires a political leadership which:

- **Provides community-wide leadership and vision:** Local communities are often diverse and contain a multiplicity of diverging interests. By putting forward a vision for local areas, building coalitions of common interest and encouraging the development of a vibrant civil society, local political leadership can enhance the capacity of diverse groups of people to act together around shared goals
- **Constantly builds its capacity to make policy judgements:** Governing is about making choices, from the prioritisation of a range of demands to the allocation of limited resources. Local political leaders can actively strengthen their ability to make policy judgements through deepening their understanding of the dynamics in the local area, anticipating changes and learning from past practice



## Political Leadership Continued

- **Is accountable and transparent:** Accountability means being willing to account for one's decisions and actions. Developmental local government requires a political leadership which creates opportunities to account to the community over and above regular elections. Increased accountability ensures that the actions of the Council reflect the aspirations of the community, increases the legitimacy of the council and deepens local democracy.
- **Builds partnerships and coalitions:** The challenge of meeting the needs and aspirations of local communities requires a political leadership able to build partnerships with communities, business, labour and other public agencies. A political leadership that engages ongoing

dialogue with a wide range of local actors will be able to identify and act on opportunities to build partnerships between sectors. In this way, human and financial resources and capacity can be mobilised to achieve developmental goals.

- **Represents the diversity of interests:** Municipal Councils which represent the diversity of interests within local communities are best able to provide credible and effective leadership. Municipalities should take active steps to ensure that representatives from groups which tend to be marginalised (such as women, people with disabilities and the poor) are encouraged to stand for elections. One way to achieve this is through running candidate support programmes, which provide information to prospective

candidates on issues such as electoral systems and processes and the functions and operations of local government.

- **Demonstrates value for money:** Local political leadership is responsible for ensuring that local taxes are utilised to the maximum benefit of the local community. Local political leadership should therefore be concerned with efficiency and effectiveness of the local administration, and constantly seek to enhance performance and service quality.

Of course various support mechanisms are required to enable dynamic local political leadership, including capacity building programmes for councillors and support for policy formulation processes..

SOURCE: <http://www.thedplg.gov.za/subwebsites/wpaper/wp5.htm>

## SALGA PROVINCIAL WORKING GROUPS

The Office of the Speaker (OOTS) is represented by Madam Speaker in the SALGA working groups. This is a positive move as all SALGA resolutions which affect MCLM can be addressed. This has been hailed as apposite step by SALGA as a number of municipalities are not represented at the OOTS level.

One of the decisions taken by SALGA is that all Councillors who are members of SALGA working groups are to report to OOTS and IGR on deliberations that take place at SALGA as they have a direct impact and bearing on municipal performance. Through interactions such as this MCLM can share and learn of best practice in

other municipalities. Our aim is to ensure that Councillors begin to understand the role of SALGA in municipalities.

SALGA is divided into six (6) Working groups

1. Economic Development, Planning & Environment
2. Municipal Finance & Corporate Admin
3. Social Development, Health & safety
4. Municipal Services & infrastructure
5. Human resource Development
6. Governance, Intergovernmental rela-

"The calendar of the provincial working groups meetings is located on page 4"

tions & International Relations

A yearly schedule on the Working Group meetings is available from OOTS and the IGR Unit.

## Local Government Policy Review Process

On 31 July 2007, **dplg** initiated a policy review process of provincial and local government. The end result is the first White Paper on Provinces and a discussion document on local government. This process will culminate in a national debate, comprising an extensive public participation process, including a review of the current status quo. **dplg** has started the process by publishing 65 questions which will be informed by the people of South Africa. All comments

submissions on the set questions and any other relevant issues that is believed to be addressed can be submitted to **dplg** on or before 31 October 2007.

The onus is on all of us as participants in our democracy to contribute to the process and ensure that local government performance is consolidated and improved.

We as MCLM have contributed to the process and handed in our submission to

SALGA Gauteng on 28 September 2007.



### SALGA PROVINCIAL WORKING GROUPS CALENDAR

1. Friday, 22 February 2008- Ekurhuleni
2. Friday, 25 April 2008- Johannesburg
3. Friday, 6 June 2008-Lesedi
4. Friday, 15 August 2008- Enkungwini
5. Friday, 17 October 2008-WRDM

### Municipal Budgeting and Finance Management (MBFM) Programme

The Applied Fiscal Research Centre (AFReC) at UCT, launched the MBFM in August 2001. The programme grew due to the demand for such training at local government level. The programme currently consists of two LGSETA accredited courses viz Principles of budgeting and Budgeting and Reporting Cycles.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Cllrs Bhayat, Pretorius, Mojaki, Thupane and Mdlala on successfully completing the MBFM. Congratulations to you all!!!!

**Congrats to Cllrs Caldeira, Makola, Loonat, Dietsiso, Mohube, Lebesa and Ntamane for completing the Community Facilitation Programme presented by DLG!!!**



## RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 30 JANUARY 2008

#### 2007/2008 Half Yearly Financial Monitoring Report for the period 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

**Resolved:**

1. That the 2007/08 half yearly Financial Monitoring Report for the Period 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007 be noted
2. That the Municipal Manager as Accounting Officer implements the remedial action needed to keep telephone costs and overtime payments for the remainder of the year within the total allocated budget
3. That Finance monitor expenditure to ensure that only votes where Budget is available are expended
4. That it be noted that the item is not in complete with Section 72 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, and that the outstanding matters be tabled at the next

Council meeting.

#### Annual Financial Statements & the Auditor-General's Reports for the Financial Year 2004/05

**Resolved:**

1. That the report of the Chief Financial officer on the Annual Financial Statements of MCLM and the AG's report for 2004/05 Financial year be noted
2. That the audited Financial statements of MCLM for the Financial year 2004/05 be noted and approved
3. That the report of the AG to Gauteng provincial Legislature on the Financial Statements of MCLM be noted
4. That the responses of Management and Action Plan to address the concerns raised by the AG be noted and approved

**Progress report on the implementation of the**

#### Local Government Municipal Property rates Act No.6 of 2004 (MPRA)

**Resolved:**

1. That the progress report on the implementation of the MPRA be noted
2. That the Public Participation for the Rates Policy development be proposed for the months beginning March to June 2008, and that it be spearheaded by Councillors in their respective wards in conjunction with the Finance Department (Valuation Section)
3. That a workshop on the Draft rates Valuation Policy conducted for Councillors.



## March 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Zigi Nxumalo's B'day	4	5	6	7 Beauty Lekone's B'day	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Ordinary Council Meeting	19	20 Recess Begins/ Chief Whip B'day	21 Thembu Daniel B'day	22
23	24 Iris Makola B'day	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Lashman Baloyi B'day					

## MCLM's Ward Offices:

As part of its mandate OOTS had to appoint Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) who would be placed in the 32 Wards. To date 24 CLOs have been appointed as of 1 September 2007.

The most recent list of MCLM's Ward offices

WARD	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
1	Erf 900 Ritvallei	765 9076 (011)
2	2881 Lusaka Community Centre	765 1053 (011)
3	4481 Rietvallei 2 & 3 Community Centre	765 9449 (011)
6	551 Azaadville Community Centre	413 3976 (011)
7	Cnr Hints & Ullhanong Streets, Kagiso 2	410 5654 (011)
9	Mandlakayise Street Ebenezer Shopping Complex-East Park, Kagiso 2	410 5573 (011)
10	2998 Clinic B Kagiso 2	410 5881 (011)
11	1507 A Khutsa Street, Kagiso 2	410 2172 (011)
12	9688 Themba Street, Boipelo Primary	410 5378 (011)
13	12670 Ext 8 Kagiso	410 8464 (011)
15	12522 Kagisanong Community Centre	410 4394 (011)
16	771 Lewbham Community Centre	955 1768 (011)
18	690 Monument Khosa Club	954 2126 (011)
20	Burghershoop Community Centre, Krugersdorp West	953 3710 (011)
22	PIN 183 Paardekraal 177 IQ Noordheuwel, Kadima Club	954 5311 (011)
24	1476 Mokgatle Street, Munsieville Community Centre	953 2851 (011)
25	1413 Dalinyebo Street, Munsieville	953 2721 (011)
26	Erf 1342 Paul Kruger Hall, Krugersdorp West	953 4211 (011)
28	Plot 318 Rietfontein Village/Community Centre	957 3023 (011)
30	Plot 8 Cecilia Street Eldorado, Tarlton	952 2485 (011)
31	12 Rustenburg Road, Magaliesburg	577 1527 (014)
32	Plot 216 of Farm 504 IQ Hekpoort Rate Centre	576 1045 (014)



We would like to wish all those who celebrated their birthdays in January and February.

### JANUARY:

- 03 - Masabata Baloyi
- 13 - Annette Fourie
- 29 - Dennis Thabe

### FEBRUARY:

- 03 - Raletlhodi Kekae
- 11 - Kgathatso Sebiloane
- 13 - Meshack Galekhutle
- 14 - Alex Raubenheimer



## International World Prayer Day



OOTS in conjunction with the religious community of Mogale City, led by Pastor Mlambo together hosted International World Prayer Day guided by the theme "God's wisdom provides new understanding."

This annual event was also attended by Executive Mayor, Seerane who gave the key note address.

We as OOTS would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contribution to make this event the success that it was. In conclusion we ask "God's wisdom to bring new knowledge and understanding and enables us to grow in spiritual stature so that we can reach out with your love to a broken and needy world." From Job 28:28



We invite you to attend the International Women's prayer service at Moses Kotane Local Municipality on Thursday, 6 March 2008 from 08h00 to 12h30.

## Training & Development

Capacity Building is an environment that is enabling located within institutional development, community participation with the focus particularly on women. It is long term and continuing.

We would like to highlight that it is the vision of OOTS to ensure that capacity building is activities which strengthen the knowledge, abilities, skills and behaviour of individuals particularly councillors and ward committee members that they can efficiently meet the mission and goals of MCLM in a sustainable way.

In fulfilling this vision we have the following training taking place:

- six Councillors studying towards completing their Matric

- Councillors to complete the last module in the Municipal Management Development Programme by University of Pretoria
- 9 Councillors completing the Executive Leadership Management Programme by SALGA
- 17 members comprising of political officials and councillors will begin the National Certificate in Municipal Governance at University of Johannesburg

Future training will include computer training, public speaking and report writing but is not limited to those mentioned.

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Mogale City Local Municipality inherited its name from Chief Mogale wa Mogale. The Chief was the last pre-colonial leader to rule over the region. It is the City of Human Origin boasting the Sterkfontein caves which is one of the most important scientific sites connected to the history of the evolution of man. In addition this area has been declared a world heritage site known as the Cradle of Humankind.

**Our Vision**

Quality Service Delivery for all in Mogale City

**Mission**

To provide an integrated municipal Governance System for improved quality of Life for all Communities of Mogale City

**Values**

*Integrity, Accountability, Diligent, Considerate, Participative and Responsive*

**CITY OF  
HUMAN ORIGIN**



**From the Desk of Speaker Noluthando Mangole**



As we embrace 2008 and look forward to the things to come this year, let us remember our mandate as elected representatives of Mogale City.

**Honourable Speaker  
Noluthando Mangole**

We need to ensure that our oversight role is enhanced thereby ensuring the delivery of services to our people and thereby enabling/seeing the lives of the people of MCLM are better.

Let us strive together to make sure that all the challenges we encounter are resolved together as a collective.

It is up to us to ensure that 2008 is the year we want for the people of Mogale City and make it come to pass.

May 2008 be filled with blessings, happiness and let me wish you all everlasting peace to you and yours now and forever.

