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Health MEC replaces incompetent officials at Philadelphia Hospital

After an outcry by residents concerning poor services at Philadelphia Hospital in Dennilton, the MEC for Health in Limpopo Dr Phophi Ramathuba has replaced the CEO and Senior Clinical Manager in the Hospital. Ramathuba made the announcement during her visit to the hospital on Tuesday 18 February.

The MEC has introduced Dr Sello Lebea as the interim Head of Institution (CEO). The hospital has recently been marred by criticism after a number of people lost their lives while waiting to be assisted by doctors and nurses. Transportation problem, shortage of ambulances and Planned Patient Transport (PPT) in main, is also a concern to patients as they fail to reach their destination after being referred to regional and provincial hospitals for further medical attention. MEC Ramathuba, who was accompanied by the HOD Dr Thokozani Mhlongo spent the entire day meeting various stakeholders during their working visit to the hospital. The MEC and the HOD

stakeholder works together to ensure that the hospital improves how it delivers services to the community," he said. After listening to the board and also employees, the MEC said the challenges they raised emanates from lack of managerial and clinical governance at the institution and thus correlate the findings of the department's investigation. "With proper management that is ready to manage, most of the challenges here would not even exist, hence we decided that there can never be real change in this institution unless we changed the top. We have seen this kind of situation and we effected necessary changes by bringing young, energetic and passionate managers and things changed for the better." said Ramathuba. The staff members, organized labour and community stakeholders welcomed the changes. To this end, the MEC has requested the entire staff and the community to support Dr Lebea as the first step towards turning around the hospital. Premier of Limpopo Stanley Mathabatha has



intervened and issued an order to Lepelle Northern Water to drill and equip two boreholes inside Philadelphia Hospital as a solution to water shortages from the bulk water supply. The affairs of the hospital were brought to the premier's attention during the visit of Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Lindiwe Sisulu on Friday 14 February. Interacting with the community, Mathabatha promised residents of Moutse that he will bring the MEC of health to the hospital within a week, after he learned that the hospital is marred by allegations of nepotism and deliberate exclusion of local residents on employment opportunities where it was stated that Moutse residents are failing interviews.



Limpopo MEC for Health Dr Phophi Ramathuba announcing the replacement of CEO and Clinical Manager at Philadelphia Hospital.

met the hospital management before meeting the hospital board members, residents associations, organized labour and staff members. The Limpopo Department of Health Spokesperson, Neil Shikwambana said the replacement was done in a way of improving service delivery in the hospital. Dr Lebea is tasked with putting up systems to ensure that every affected







Tender

GARDENING SERVICES TENDER

The required scope of work at Groblersdal Mall (refer to Annexure A), all tenderers are requested to please take note of the following general information/basic requirements when compiling their quotation/tender in this

 Pre-amble:
 Twin City Trading (PTY) Ltd is the business unit you are tendering to. This tender will give preference to
 companies based in Elias Motsoaledi Municipality

Proposals and cost schedules:

All gardening proposals and costs need to be submitted in a sealed envelope to the following address, on or before 13 March 2020 at 12:00, Groblersdal Mall Management Offices, Van Riebeeck Street Groblersdal, (Entrance 3, left past the Old Mutual Offices), For attention: The Centre Manager, Groblersdal, Adré Schoombee. A short list of tenderers may be requested to make a presentation on submitted proposal, details of which will be discussed with the selected companies

Site Inspection

It is strongly recommended that the tenderer conducts a site inspection of the mall before submission of their proposal and shall acquaint themselves on site with the nature of the work with a representative of Groblersdal Mall in order to be able to comply with the regulations, conditions and execution of the work During such an inspection any pre-contract matters such as condition of equipment must be highlighted in a separate document for future reference. Any pricing error that may occur as a result of neglecting to make the above survey will be for the contractor's cost. You are welcome to contact Shogi Madisha a 074 8171103 to arrange for such an inspection.

Commencement date

To be determined by the Twin City Board

5. Contract period

Although open to discussion, it is envisaged to be for a period of one (1) year. PLEASE note that there will be no negotiations for increases during this period, other than as and when legislated

6. Garden Service agreement

To be concluded with the successful tenderer as soon as possible after awarding the tender. Submission documents

The following documents must accompany your formal tender submission:

- Company profile
 Completed cost schedule
- List of similar clients, with contact details/experience
 Original valid Tax Clearance Certificate
- Original or certified copy of valid BBEEE Certificate
- Certified copy of Company registration document that reflects Company name, Registration number, Date of registration, Proof of Business Address and active Directors or members
- Proof of Public Indemnity Cover
- Letter of Good Standing with the Department of Labour for Unemployment Insurance Fund.
- Letter of Good standing with the Department of Labour for Compensation for Occupational Injuries and

8. Staff requirements

Although it is acknowledged that the required/recommended staffing compliment needs to be determined by yourselves, based on our own assessments and expertise in this department, the following is recommended: That on acceptance of the successful tender by the Twin City Board, ALL Twin City Gardening Staff be retrenched and that all such staff members be appointed by yourselves for a minimum of three (3) months, during which period you will assess their performance and thereafter appoint those that were successful in line with your proposed staffing compliment

. Equipment and consumables

The successful tenderer will be required to take over all relevant Twin City machines and equipment (refer to Annexure B). The details in this regard to be finalised in discussion with Tenderers

Lowest Tender

The lowest or any other tender shall not necessarily be accepted. No enquiries with regards to the acceptance of a tender shall be entertained by Twin City

11. Contact person

The Twin City Contact person in respect of this process with regards to Groblersdal Mall is: Adré Schoombee, adre@twincity.co.za, Cell: 064 890 4581

EFF SC brigade wins SRC elections in **TVET College CS Barlow Campus**

The Economic Freedom Fighters Student Command (EFFSC) has raked up all the ten top positions in the Student Representative Council (SRC) in Sekhukhune TVET College, CS Barlow Campus in Motetema.

The SRC elections were held on Thursday 20 February with EFFSC and Sekhukhune Express Student Movement (SESM) taking part. The EFFSC registered a historic win with all ten candidates winning with big numbers where Thabang Ramonyela was voted as President, Elizabeth Makola became Secretary, Paul Phoku voted as Publicity Officer and Zandile Moela as Treasurer. Tshegofatso Mashaba was voted as Sports Officer, Michael Magolego as Academic Officer, Ruffus Makena as Event Coordinator, Dedication Chikake as Health and Welfare Officer and Thandi Ngale as Gender Equity Officer. The South African Student Congress (SASCO) which affiliated with the African National Congress (ANC) and the Democratic Alliance Student Organization (DASO), affiliated with the Democratic Alliance (DA) decided not to take part in the elections.

EFFSC leader in the college, Puti Rasomane said they are happy about the outcomes as the organization was contesting SRC elections for the second time. "We started participating last year and had a lot of work to recruit students. This year the support was looming and we managed to win the elections with the majority. 2020 is our year and we hope it will make us one of the best leadership the college has ever had," he said. He said EFFSC will strive to address challenges facing students to the college management. "The main problem in the college is the allocation of NSFAS funds whereby some students receive their payments late. We successfully resolved that with the management and the students are now happy,"



The EFFSC have won all positions of Sekhukhune TVET College CS Barlow Campus in Motetema.

he said.

He indicated that prior to the elections, EFFSC has raised a number of concerns by students that needed immediate attention from the management. "Among the concerns resolved with the management is that students with outstanding payments of their tuition fees will be allowed to enroll and pay the money on monthly basis. We know there are rude officials who harass students in the offices and we will deal with that with the management. This will allow a free learning environment," he said.

Rasomane added the organization will be assisting students with funds and registration application. "We have been given a mandate to do that, students have trust in us and definitely we will not disappoint," he explained.

According to Rasomane, EFFSC will resort in negotiations rather than engaging in protests to resolve differences between students and management. "We have noted that protests affect students academically and lower pass rates. We believe in negotiations and peaceful marches to resolve problems rather than protesting which will negatively affect the students. We will not put politics forward and want quality education," he said.



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Minister commits R143 M to fight water challenges in Moutse

After a number of community unrests at Moutse Villages concerning the shortage of water, the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Lindiwe Sisulu has set aside R143 Million towards the provisioning of water to residents. The minister made the announcement during her visit to the area on Friday 14 February. Sisulu was joined by Limpopo Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, CoGHSTAMEC BasikopoMakamu, Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Stanley Ramaila together with Lepelle Northern Water Board. The funds will be administered by Lepelle Northern Water as the implementing agent, to address the long-standing challenges of water within the Sekhukhune



District Municipality. The funds will also be used to drill new boreholes and refurbish the existing ones in the area. Five water trucks and 20 Jojo water tanks were donated and will be administered by the Sekhukhune District Municipality. Sisulu's intervention comes after a plea from community members after a serious water challenge hit the area in the past decade. Residents are blaming Sekhukhune District Municipality for dragging their feet in providing residents with potable water. Their main concerns includes the delay of the Groblersdal-Moutse Bulk Water Supply Project that was started in 2011 and never completed. The project was aiming to serve as a permanent solution to relieve the outcry of water scarcity in the area, however, a number of contractors failed to complete the work until date. Interacting with stakeholders at Bantwane Royal Authority in Ntwane Village, Minister Sisulu assured the community of Moutse that there will be additional water tanks to ensure that all the residents have water, prioritizing the elderly, the schools, the police station, and the Philadelphia Hospital that serves the community. Minister Sisulu and Premier Mathabatha addressed the community of Moutse and stakeholders, assuring them that the process to address water challenges in the area has started. She emphasized that these will be interim measures while the municipality works with Lepelle Northern Water Board, the province, and the Department of Water and Sanitation in Limpopo office to initiate projects of sustainable water reticulation in the area. "I first have to apologize to the community on behalf of government for the challenges that you have had for a long time. I would like to assure you that we have heard your cries and our presence here shows that we care so much about you. I have tasked the Municipality and Lepelle Northern Water to work together to ensure that the community of Sekhukhune has access to water," said Sisulu. She said the intervention needs to be seen in the context of the emergency situation that is in the area. "The DWS intervened, but does not take away the responsibility of local government to ensure optimally operational reticulation infrastructure to service communities where they live and work," she said. Community leader, Ali Maloba said they will be satisfied when residents of Sekhukhune start to receive clean drinkable water. "Yes the minister paid a visit but that does not mean community challenges are over. We want to see implementation and that's when we will be satisfied," he said. Maloba added that they will soon start engaging the minister's office and Lepelle Northern Water for developments in water related issues. He said they want a proper administration of the funds pledged by Minister Sisulu during the visit. "We are aware that there are some people who are eyeing the money to benefit themselves and that will never happen. We want accountability and we will be monitoring everything in regard with the water projects," he said.

Powergirls Session conducted at Ndlovu

To empower young girls to cope with day to day difficulties, the Ndlovu Care Group in Elandsdoorn, Dennilton is conducting Powergirls Sessions for young girls coming from different villages in Moutse. The activity is educating young girls with self regulation and life skills based on challenges they face in the communities. Powergirls Session Coordinator, Matshepo Makitla, told the Dispatch that the programme is taking place on Saturdays and catering for two age groups, focusing on Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC). "We cater for more than 30 young girls who attend the session every Saturday. As most of them are orphaned, we usually celebrate their birthdays with them so that they can also feel welcome in the society. We are putting more focus on girls because they are the most vulnerable," Matshepo said. She indicated that the girls will be attending the session for the coming seven years with a different topic per day. "The first group in the programme covers girls from nine to 12 years. Here we teach them a good behaviour so that they can be valued in the community. We encourage them to be honest and respect the elders at all times so that they can be recognized and become future leaders," she said. Matshepo added that the second group, with ages between 13 and 16 years, are guided toward social responsibilities in their respective places. "We advise them to be responsible and stay away from engaging in immoral behaviour including drugs and alcohol that will lead them astray in future. Important social issues including HIV/AIDS and teenage pregnancy are the order of almost every topic. We want to see zero infections and end young single parentship one day," she said. In other programmes catered at the Ndlovu Care Group Chill Hub, Matshepo emphasized that they assist scholars with homework through their After School Programme. "This programme caters both genders and is running during weekdays," she said.



ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

EMLM 173 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 19(b) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act No. 32 of 2000,that the Special Council Meeting of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality will be held as follows:

MEETING	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Special Council	28 February 2020	11:00	Municipal Chamber Main Office

AMONGST OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL IS THE TABLING OF THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

- 1. 2019/2020BudgetAdjustment
- 2019/2020 Revised Service Delivery and Budget implementation plan
 (SDBIP)

The Municipality invites all members of the Public, Stakeholders, Traditional Leaders, Traditional Healers and Media Houses to the Council meeting. Kindly note that the above meeting is open for the public however only a number of seats are available and once the meeting has commenced no entrance to the venue will be allowed, Member of the public must be sited at 10H40.

M.M Kgwale

Acting Municipal Manager



ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

EMLM 187,THE SEARCH FOR OWNERS OF PORTION 4 OF FARM GOEDEREDE 60 J.S REGISTERED UNDER DENNILTON LAND CO (PTY) LTD.

There is an existing informal settlement on Portion 4 of farm Goederede 60 J.S registered under Dennilton Land Co PTY LTD according to deeds office information named Zuma Park. The property is situated in Dennilton area at Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. The settlement is without services and the municipality proposed electrification project for 2020/2021 financial year.

This notice serves as a call for the legal owners of the above farm portion to come forward to the municipality for engagement purposes on the planned electrification project.

Legitimate owners may contact office of the Municipal Manager Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. PO BOX 48, Groblersdal 0470 or 2nd Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal, Telephone no. 013 262 3056.

The owners must contact the above mentioned office within 30 days from the 1st of March 2020 - 03 April 2020. Failure to do so the municipality will proceed with planning for the implementation of the proposed project.

M.M Kgwale Acting Municipal Manager







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269 Million lost in unauthorized & irregular expenditure in SDM

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Sekhukhune District Municipality will write a letter to the Acting Municipal Manager (MM), Mpho Mofokeng, seeking an urgent meeting regarding the R269 Million which was incurred by the municipality as unauthorized and irregular expenditure for the 2018/2019 financial year. According to the party, the money was lost in the previous financial year through corruption in the municipality. "The DA can confirm that over R194 Million of unauthorized expenditure was incurred by the municipality in the period between July 2018 and June 2019 due to fraud and tender irregularities," said DA Caucus Leader in Sekhukhune District Municipality, Solomon Maila. Maila added that in some cases, contracts were awarded by the municipality to politically connected persons without due processes being followed. "The municipality has on various occasions either overpaid contractors and suppliers or deposited millions of rands into wrong accounts. These so-called errors, which seem to be nothing else but deliberate acts of corruption, have cost the municipality well over R21 million since 2019 to date. In addition, over R74 million was incurred as irregular expenditure, mainly due to non-compliance with the Supply Chain Management Regulations," explained Maila. He indicated that the DA will insist that steps be taken against all officials of the municipality implicated in this fraud and corruption scandal. Furthermore, Maila said the DA will ensure that the unauthorized and irregular expenditure is referred to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), with a view to ensuring that every cent siphoned off from the municipality is recovered from the implicated officials. "In some cases, contracts were awarded without being adjudicated. In other instances, contracts were awarded to bidders other than those recommended by the bid evaluation committee, without ratification by the accounting officer, as required by Regulation 29 (5)(b) of the Supply Chain Management Regulations, 2005," he said. Maila said according to the Auditor General's report, the Sekhukhune District Municipality overspent its annual budget for the 2018/2019 financial year by a staggering R194 million."The municipality has been plagued by unbridled corruption and crippling maladministration for far too long. The DA urges the Acting



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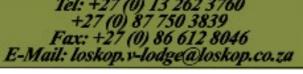
Municipal Manager to prioritize these internal investigations and hold officials accountable for the irregular and unauthorized expenditure. We will further demand that criminal charges be laid against the implicated officials in keeping with the dictates of Section 32 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), 2003," he said.

















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The Killer Mohlala Football League second round is underway

The Killer Mohlala Development Football League has entered the second round. The league includes eleven football teams from Tafelkop and other surrounding villages that are participating towards the first prize of the competition.

According to the Coordinator of the league, Dennis Masilela, 2019/2020 season is expected to end around May and the winners will be crowned in June. "This is our first season and we are satisfied about the teams" performance and attendance. However, there are some teams that are skipping their matches and the walk-over rule applies. In the rule we deduct three points from the absent team whereby the points are given free to the team that is present on the day," he said. He added that the league is aiming to uplift the spirit of football to young people of Tafelkop and other nearby villages. "We started the league after we realized that the spirit of soccer is fading little by little in the communities. We are happy about the number of the interested teams and willing to accommodate more participants in the next season," he said. Masilela said league winners will walk away with good prizes promised by their main sponsor, Killer Mohlala, who is a local businessman. "I can't mention them at the stage but I can assure you that great prizes are up for grabs for the winners as a form of encouragement," he said. The results of the matches played on Saturday 22 February are as follows; Blue Birds FC 2-1 King General FC, Brilliant FC 2-2 Juventus, Letsogapele 2-4 Stadium Masters and JC FC 9-0 Happy Boys. The match between Flying Stars FC and TSV FC was postponed due to rain. TC FC tops the league with 29 points, TSV comes second with

27 points, King General FC occupy the third position with 25 points, Stadium Masters is fourth with 25 points and Blue Moon FC is in the fifth position, also with 25 points. The positions between King General FC, Stadium Masters FC and Blue Moon FC are determined by the number of goals they scored as they are all seating on 25 points each team. Brilliant FC occupy the sixth league position with 24 points, Letsogapele FC comes in the seventh position with 14 points, Happy Boys FC is on the eighth spot with 13 points, Flying Stars FC is in position nine with 8 points, Juventus in position 10 with 6 points and on the bottom we find Mountain Swallows with only 3 points.



The battle is on between the teams participating in the Killer Mohlala Development Football League. The league has entered the second round in its 2019/2020 season.





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Game of Stars 2020 Sekhukhune District Playoffs

The Game of Stars Football Tournament Playoffs for Sekhukhune District will be held on Saturday 29 February at Groblersdal Rugby Stadium. Local farms from Groblersdal, Marble Hall and other surrounding areas will be taking part. Farm teams that will be participating during the day include, the reigning Limpopo Champions Schoonbee Landgoed, Piet Citrus, HN Pieterse Boerdery, Schoeman Boerdery, Rooiblom Boerdery, Thinus Maritz Boerdery, De Wagendrift Boerdery and Rosle Boerdery. The games were established by former Orlando Pirates and Bafana Bafana defender Mark Fish with the aim of empowering farm workers through sports. The Game of Stars is a joined initiative between the Mark Fish Foundation and Limpopo Agriculture where football is used as a platform to access rural and marginalized communities to build bridges between these communities. The objectives of the initiative are to develop both male and female farm workers in developing rural farm schools through sport and bridging cultural societal divides. Among others, the initiative creates a sense of community through shared achievement in teamwork, providing alternative lifestyle choices to addiction and gangsterism. It is also aiming to reduce attacks and crime on farms and improve labour relations by finding hidden football talent. The activity provides a platform for rural communities to compete, be recognised and contribute in continued development of coaches. According to the Mark Fish Foundation Manager, Lourika Vlienstra, said they are expecting support from farm workers during the sporting activity. She said the foundation will bring along professional football coaches to conduct coaching clinics during the day and will be playing by the rules. "The teams will be playing a single elimination tournament where Fast Footy Rules are played. Fast Footy is a shortened version of the game but technically more challenging. Players can now no longer waste time on unorganized football. They need to control the ball, place it accurately and work together as a team to score goals," she said. She added that this will assist players in lifting their game and help coaches to think more strategically. "Scoring outside the 18 yards area counts as two goals and this rule was brought in to encourage South Africans to score at first touch and not dribble the ball into the back of the nets. Both teams also get one 5-minute Power Play, decided at the toss of the coin, per game. During Power Play, the opposition sends three players off the field which then leaves a 7 v 10 scenario (GK's not counted). It makes the game technically more difficult and is great to watch from a spectator perspective as it is more exciting," explained Lourika. She said two teams that will obtain the first and second positions will be promoted and play in the playoffs finals in Polokwane. "We are looking forward for a great day," she said. She encouraged the team management to register their players on time to ensure that every participant is working on the farms and relevant to take part in the tournament. The winners in the district will be participat-

ing with other winners from other regions in the provincial level soon. Provincial winners will participate in the national championships late this year.

The reigning Game of Stars Limpopo Provincial Champions, Schoonbee Landgoed FC will be defending their title in the 2020 tournament.







