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JANE FURSE

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in Limpopo say they strongly condemn actions of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), after the party's councillor suffered a hand fracture, and about ten other EFF councillors pepper-sprayed by the bouncers during a council sitting convened at the municipality offices in Jane Furse on Wednesday 30 July 2025.

According to the party, the tension started when EFF councillors were questioning the municipality's political authorities about pertinent matters that were deferred to the next meeting but never scheduled on the agenda.

The party alleges that during the questioning, the municipality unleashed bouncers on EFF councillors for holding them accountable as part of their constitutional mandate.

The municipality's alleged behaviour was described as "thuggish" and "abuse of power" by the EFF.

EFF Provincial Chairperson in Limpopo, Lawrence Mapoulo, said part of the party's questioning during the meeting, was the alarming issues of infrastructure projects that would be discussed in committee but committee members are not allowed to conduct oversight.

The EFF also alleged that the municipality is favouring ANC-aligned individuals and relatives in the issuance of permits for taxi operators.

"Only taxis owned by the ANC-

EFF members attacked during Makhuduthamaga Municipality Council Sitting



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EFF Councillors within Makhuduthamaga Council were brutally assaulted allegedly for holding the municipality accountable.

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Police in Limpopo net over 825 suspects during Operation Shanela

LIMPOPO - The Police in Limpopo have apprehended a total of 825 suspects during ongoing Operation Shanela, a province-wide operation conducted between July Monday 28 July and Sunday 3 August 2025.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the operations were executed by different police operational members through roadblocks, stop and searches, tracing of wanted suspects, and monitoring of liquor license outlets.

"The suspects were arrested for various offenses, including attempted murder, murder, sexual assault, rape, assault GBH, robbery, business robbery, and possession of unlicensed firearms, among others," he said. Ledwaba indicated that during the operations, the police arrested 70 suspects for illegal dealing of liquor, 23 suspects for possession of drugs, eight suspects for possession of counterfeit goods, 17 suspects for possession of dangerous weapons and 152 illegal immigrants were also arrested for contravention of the Immigration Act.

"Furthermore, twenty-four suspects were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 64 suspects arrested for assault GBH and 43 suspects nabbed for malicious damage to property," informed Ledwaba.

He added that during the operations, the police confiscated various items, including 1353.20 litres of alcoholic liquor beverages, 981 counterfeit goods, R2756-00 in cash, four cellphones, 4 live rounds of ammunition and 16 dangerous weapons including knives.

"Some of the arrested suspects have already started appearing at various magistrate's courts around Limpopo Province," said Ledwaba.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, applauded the police in Limpopo for their continuous hard work in ensuring that the province is safe from all forms of criminality.



Dangerous weapons including knives were seized by the police during the intensified Operations Sanela conducted across the province.



Unlicensed firearms and ammunition were recovered by the police during the operations.

MEC Mashego conducts unannounced visit at Motsepe Clinic

ATOK Limpopo Health Department MEC, Dieketseng Mashego, recently paid an unannounced visit to Motsepe Clinic in Atok Village, Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), as part of the Bophelo Pele Campaign.

The campaign, which seeks to put people first, aims to improve healthcare services in Limpopo by engaging with patients and healthcare providers, identifying areas for improvement, and working with stakeholders to address these challenges.

The campaign's objectives include improving the quality of healthcare services, increasing patient satisfaction, and promoting accountability and transparency in the healthcare system.

During her visit, Mashego interacted with patients to gather first-hand information about the quality of services provided and conducted a walkabout around the clinic.

She emphasized the importance of providing patient-centred care and addressing challenges such as staff shortages, infrastructure issues, and medication supply interruptions.

By conducting unannounced visits to healthcare facilities, the MEC aims to get a first-hand account of the challenges faced by patients and healthcare providers and identify areas for improvement.

Mashego's priorities for improving healthcare services in Limpopo include addressing staff shortages, fixing infrastructure, improving medication supply, and enhancing patient care. She has emphasized the need for healthcare services to be responsive to the needs of local communities and for patients to be treated with respect and dignity, ensuring that healthcare services are responsive to the needs of local communities.



MEC for Health in Limpopo, Dieketseng Mashego, during her unannounced visit at Motsepe Clinic in Atok Village.

MEC Rachoene announces plans for Leolo Access Road Project

JANE FURSE

The first of 21 contractors lined up for various construction of roads in Limpopo Province, was announced by MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in the province, Ernest Rachoene.

Rachoene made the announcement at the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) Offices in Jane Furse on Monday 4 August 2025, as part of implementing his 2025/2026 Budget Speech procurement.

During the announcement, Rachoene handed-over TCT Civils and Construction as the contractor responsible for upgrading the Leolo Access Road at Leolo Village outside Jane Furse.

The project, which involves upgrading D4230 Road from gravel to tar, is a much-needed improvement to the area's infrastructure.

The announcement was met with much elation from the community, who have been waiting for improvements to their access road for a long time.

The upgrade is expected to improve the quality of life for residents, facilitate economic growth, and enhance the overall infrastructure of the area.

Rachoene emphasized that the development is a demonstration of the seventh administration's determination to serve communities.

The MEC urged communities to work jointly with the department to ensure that construction projects are completed without disruptions.

"The opportunity that government has brought to this community is huge, especially looking at the need for upgrades across the province, and therefore, the

project must not fail," he said.

He warned that if disruptions occur, the projects may be taken elsewhere, emphasizing the importance of collaboration.

The MEC called for the need for the contractor to work within cost and ensure quality and integrity in the operations.

Rachoene said TCT Civils and Construction will only be responsible for phase 1 of the project, which is a 5km stretch.

The upgrade will be done in phases, with the community eagerly awaiting the completion of the project.

The contractor hand-over announcement was made in the presence of MLM Mayor, Cllr Merah Mahlase, MLM Chief Whip, Cllr Mosedi Tamaga, members of local tribal authority and affected communities.



MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene, urges the community to work with the department and the contractor to ensure that the project is completed without disruptions.



PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT 2026/ 2027 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP), BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PMS) PROCESS PLAN.

Thembe Hani Local Municipality (THLM) hereby gives notice in terms of Section 28 of the Municipal System Act (Act No. 32 of 2000), and Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003) that the Draft 2026/ 2027 IDP, Budget and PMS Process Plan was adopted at a sitting of Council on the 29th of July 2025.

Copies of the Draft 2026/ 2027 IDP, Budget and PMS Process Plan will be made available from the 4th of August 2025, from the following key points (or platforms) of the Municipality:

- Municipal Website: www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za,
- Municipal Head Office (Mthombomuhle),
- Municipal KwaMhlanga Satellite Office,
- Verena Public Library, and
- Miliva Public Library.

Should there be any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our Planning Manager, Mr. P. Mashamba, through mashambap@thembisilehanilm.gov.za/ 013 986 9191 or our IDP Officer Ms. L. Radebe through radebel@thembisilehanilm.gov.za/ 013 986 9124.

Mr. D.J.D. Mahlangu
Municipal Manager
Thembe Hani Local Municipality
31 July 2025

"To build a truly African City that is citizen centred and driven"



EFF Councillors in MLM were brutally attacked by bouncers during a council meeting for alleged holding the municipality accountable for irregularities.

aligned persons are allowed to operate within and around Jane Furse," Mapoulo stated.

Recently, a dispute ensued between the Mashadi Local Taxi Association and the MLM over operating permits. The municipality has allegedly denied permits to the Mashadi Local Taxi Association unless they join the Jane Furse 6+1 Mini Taxi Association.

The association's chairman, Christopher Makua, has expressed concerns about the impact on their livelihoods, stating that they will not join the Jane Furse 6+1 Mini Taxi Association due to the expensive joining fee of R15,000.

The EFF has expressed support for the Mashadi Local Taxi Association, citing their constitutional right to

choose their own association.

Mapoulo furthered called on the municipality to give the Mashadi Local Taxi Association a permit and not only give permits to their friends in the ANC.

"We condemn the coward municipality for refusing to be held accountable. People of Makhuduthamaga deserve better and they need services as in yesterday," he said.

Mapoulo said the party also demanded that MLM Mayor, Cllr Merah Mahlase, be held accountable for her actions and that the municipality stops abusing its power.

At the time of going to press, MLM Spokesperson, Thomas Mashabela, could not respond to enquiries sent by the publication.

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS/ REQUEST FOR DONATIONS/ PROPOSALS TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FOR MAYORAL SPECIAL PROGRAMMES IN THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY - 05 August 2025

ERRATUM

Please take note that the date for the compulsory briefing session for the above-mentioned programme, which was advertised on August 5th, 2025, has been changed.

The details of the compulsory briefing session are changed as follows:

Date: 12 August 2025
Time: 10:00
Venue: Municipal Shelter (Mthombomuhle Offices)

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR BORROWPIT.
DMRE Project ref number: LP 30/5/1/3/2/12968MP

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality applied for a mining permit of gravel in terms of section 27 of the Minerals and petroleum Resources Development Act 28 Of 2002. The project will be following the Basic Assessment Report procedures in terms of Regulation 41(3)(b) (i) of the NEMA, EIA regulations 2014.

Triggered listed activity: LN 1, Activity 21: Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource.

Project Description: The proposed project entails the mining of gravel over an area of 5 hectares (borrow pit) to facilitate the upgrading of internal roads in Maraganeng, located within the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality.

Farm Name: Keerom 151 JS

In order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and/affected party (I&AP) please submit your name, contact information and interest to the contact person given below before 30 days from the date of this advert. Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme can be requested via email and, a hard copy of the report will also be accessible at the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality offices. **Meeting has been arranged as follows: Date 14 August 2025, Venue: Keerom Tribal Authority, Sehlakwane Time: 10:00 AM.**

EAP/CONSULTANT: Mrs Tema Christina of Ponye Trading and Projects CC
: Cell phone 076 875 6919 / 073 6913924 and fax 086 565 6244
: Email: ponyetrading@gmail.com

Address: 109 Bafana Avenue, Ivy Park, Polokwane, 0699



MODIKWA PLATINUM MINE (MPM) APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE ATMOSPHERIC EMISSION LICENSE

The notice is hereby given by the company: Modikwa Platinum Mine (MPM) of its intention to apply for the renewal of the Atmospheric Emission License in respect of Listed Activities No 8.3 Burning Grounds with the Sekhukhune District Municipality as an AEL Authority. The Plant applying for in this renewal application is situated at the Modikwa Platinum Mine, mining area on portions of the farms 292 KT Onverwacht Hill, Steelpoort Region Mpumalanga.

- The facility is conducting the Thermal Treatment which falls under category 8: Burning Grounds in terms of listed activities as per NEMAQA.
- An Average of 34036 Kg of total waste will be generated per annum, which is equivalent of 655kg per week.
- Parties or Any other person wishing to enquire or get more information regarding this AEL renewal and the related listed activity may forward the enquires to the Emission Control Officer Mr. Msimelelo Silomntu, Tel 013 230 2282, Email Address Msimelelo.silomntu@angloamerican.com.
- Comments regarding the air quality issues may be sent to the above mentioned organization and also to the Sekhukhune District Municipality: Air Quality Officer - Ludwick Maboshego: Tel 013 262 7767 or hand delivered in the office of the Air Quality Officer, Community Service Department, 3 West Street Groblersdal, 0470 during office hours (07:30 - 16:30).
- The commenting period on this proposed license renewal is 30 days from the date of this notice.

Enquiries to be send to:
Air Quality Officer
Community Services Department
3 West Street, Groblersdal, 0470

And
SHE Leader
Modikwa Platinum Mine
Private Bag x9120
Driekop, 1192

EMLM holds First Ordinary Council Meeting



EMLM Speaker of Council, Cllr Junior Thethe, chairing the meeting during the municipality's First Ordinary Council Meeting for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.



EMLM Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, announced that the municipality received a R27 million grant to address the damage roads problem caused by heavy flooding in various areas.

GROBLERSDAL
The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) has on Wednesday 30 July 2025, convened its First Ordinary Council Meeting for the 2025/2026 Financial Year, chaired by the EMLM Speaker of Council, Cllr Junior Thethe.
The meeting, which was held at the municipal headquarters in Groblersdal, discussed key agenda items, including the filling of the vacancy for the Senior Manager of Executive Support and the debate on the recently held State of the Municipal Address (SOMA).
According to the municipality, the SOMA debate was a critical platform for evaluating service delivery, financial management, and overall governance at the municipal level.
During the debate, EMLM Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, welcomed the discussion as a milestone in strengthening democracy and improving service delivery.
Tladi also announced that the municipality has received R27 million in disaster grant funds to address the damage caused by heavy flooding.
He said the funding will be used to execute several projects, including the construction of storm-water control system, a 3.5 km long storm-water control on both the right and left sides of the 8.8km long Jerusalem/Motsephiri Road.
Tladi furthered announced that some of the funds will also be used for upgrading of a 1.2km long gravel road to paving and implement storm-water control at Moteti Village.
The mayor went on to say the funding will also be used for reconstruction of the culvert bridge at Kgobokwane Village and reconstruction of gabions on both the right and left sides at Marapong Village, which has already been completed.
He said the contractors for the projects have been appointed, with construction completion targeted for the end of December 2025.
Tladi emphasized that these initiatives are vital for enhancing the resilience of the municipality against future disasters and ensuring the safety and well-being of residents.
He expressed gratitude for the support received and reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to effective governance and community empowerment.

World Population Day commemorated in Roossenekal

ROOSSENEKAL

The Limpopo Department of Social Development (DSD), in partnership with Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), hosted a significant event to celebrate World Population Day on Thursday 31 July 2025.

The event, held in Roossenekal outside Monsterlus, focused on empowering young people to make informed decisions about their reproductive health, family planning, and socio-economic well-being.

Celebrated under this year's theme: "Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world", the initiative aimed to raise awareness about critical population issues and engage the youth in meaningful discussions about their rights and choices.

The event successfully brought together young people, community leaders, and stakeholders to discuss the importance of reproductive health, family planning, and socio-economic factors influencing youth's ability to create the families they desire.

The event also sought to promote healthy family structures, gender equality, and economic stability.

During the event, young people were educated about their reproductive rights and provided with the necessary skills to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.


In conclusion, the attending community leaders and stakeholders were also encouraged to support and empower young people in creating healthy family structures and promoting socio-economic stability.

World Population Day, observed annually on July 11, was established by the United Nations Development Programme in 1989 to draw attention to important issues related to population growth and dynamics.

This day serves as a reminder of the need to address demographic changes, human rights, and population health, while promoting sustainable development and poverty.



Residents of Roossenekal and surrounding villages came in numbers to attend the commemoration of the World Population Day event.



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- Control and maintaining of machinery and vehicles.

Requirements:
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Duties:
Reporting directly to the Supervisor - Landfill, the incumbent will perform the following duties:

- Monitor tasks in parks and gardens
- Supervise work team by allocating work according to the work plans
- Control and maintaining of machinery and vehicles

Requirements:
Grade 12
A valid driver's license and 1 year experience.

Salary Scale: R 153 285, 00 – R 167 465, 00 per annum

Closing date: 18 AUGUST 2025 @ 12H00PM
(NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE)

Mogalakwena Municipality subscribes to the principles of equal employment and affirmative action. We welcome applications from people with disabilities.

NB: The language policy of the Council is English

Appointments on the above-mentioned positions will be on the competency of the Municipal Manager and no canvassing will be allowed.

Due to high crime rate/fraud enquiries should strictly be directed to:
Ms. K Bontsi – (015) 491 9634 OR Ms. S S Baloyi (015) 491 9652

The compulsory Mogalakwena Municipality's application form (obtainable from www.mogalakwena.gov.za or from the Mogalakwena municipal offices) **together with a comprehensive CV** and certified copies of qualifications should be sent to The Manager: Corporate Support Services, P O Box 34, Mokopane, 0600 or hand deliver at the Frontdesk / Reception area of 54 Retief Street Mokopane.

ONLY CANDIDATES WHO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM IN FULL AND ATTACH CERTIFIED COPIES OF QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING SHORT LISTING.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FAXED, Z83 FORMS AND EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Should you not hear from us two months after the closing date you may assume that your application was unsuccessful. No further correspondence will be entered into with regard to this matter.

M.M MALULEKA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

54 RETIEF STREET
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Ipopeng Cultural Group launches Youth Projects

MPHELENG/DIKGALAOPENG

Ipopeng Cultural Group, in collaboration with Youth Life, launched the National Youth Service (NYS) Phase 4 Programmes on August Monday 4 2025, at Mpheleng Village in Dennilton and Dikgalaopeng Village near Tafelkop.

The programmes aims to empower youth through various initiatives and projects in the areas.

The launching event marked the beginning of a new chapter for 104 youth participants, 52 from Ipopeng Cultural Group Dennilton and 52 from Ipopeng Cultural Group Dikgalaopeng.

The programme is designed to provide young people with skills, knowledge, and opportunities to make a positive impact in their communities.

The launching event also saw the birth of two new organizations. Lucky Malunga, the Ipopeng 2025 champion in leadership, activism, and soccer activist, will lead one of the organizations.

Lucky's determination and passion for community development inspired Ipopeng Cultural Group founder, Nthwaleng Selinah Tlaka, to help him register his own Non-Profit Organization (NPO) for rural development.

Similarly, Maureen Mokgwatsana, a poet and coach of Ipopeng Cultural Group's traditional dancers for children category, received support from Nthwaleng to register her new NPO, PMP Youth Organisation.

The Ipopeng Cultural Group's initiative to launch the NYS phase 4 programme aligns with its commitment to empowering youth in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) and beyond.

With 104 youth participants and two new organizations born, Ipopeng Cultural Organization seeks to make the future looks bright for young people and the communities it serves.

The organization's dedication to youth development and empowerment is inspiring, and its impact will likely be felt for years to come.



The Ipopeng Cultural Group has successfully launched Youth Projects to uplift young people in Elias Motsoaledi and surrounding municipalities.

Limpopo MEC Applauds Sekhukhune's 30 Young Filmmakers



Sports and Culture MEC, Jerry Maseko, rejoicing with Sekhukhune aspiring filmmakers during their graduation celebration at Boeketlong Lodge in Mogorwane Village.

MOGORWANE

The Limpopo MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture, Jerry Maseko, has on Thursday 31 July 2025, commended the graduation of 30 aspiring filmmakers in Sekhukhune, who completed the South African Arts and Culture Youth Forum (SAACYF) Film and Creative Scriptwriting Programme.

The graduation ceremony took place at Boeketlong Lodge in Mogorwane Village, Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM).

During the event, MEC Maseko praised the milestone achievement, stating that it reflects the department's commitment to nurturing creative talent and advancing cultural and economic transformation.

Twenty-eight of the graduates are from all four local

municipalities in Sekhukhune District, which indicated the programme's reach and impact in the area.

The intensive 8-week skills development programme, titled: "From the Script to the Screen," was powered by the National Film and Video Foundation (NFVF).

The SAACYF Film and Creative Scriptwriting Programme aims to professionalize the creative sector and empower youth to tell their own stories.

MEC Maseko emphasized the importance of empowering youth to showcase their local stories, share knowledge, and invest in their communities.

"This graduation marks a key milestone in our department's efforts to professionalize the creative sector and empower youth to tell their own stories. They graduate today, able to showcase

their local stories, embrace and share the knowledge and experience gained, and invest in communities where they come from," he said.

The ceremony was also attended by Moscow Maepa from the Limpopo Provincial national Youth Development Agency (NYDA), who shared insights on youth empowerment opportunities, and representatives from the Limpopo Arts and Culture Council (LACC) and the National Lotteries.

Renowned actors, Putla Sehlapelo known as "Meneer Magongwa," and Skhumbuzo Mbatha known as "Meneer Manaka" both from the SABC telenovela Skeem Saam, shared words of encouragement and insight into the film industry.

The awards and certificates were presented by dignitaries, including SAACYF President Romeo Ramauda, Palesa Makgatho, and their team.



Putla Sehlapelo known as "Meneer Magongwa" from SABC 1s telenovela, Skeem Saam, motivating the aspiring filmmakers during the graduation ceremony.



MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture in Limpopo, Jerry Maseko, addressing the Sekhukhune Filmmakers' graduation event at Boeketlong Lodge in Mogorwane.

EFF Sekhukhune calls for migration from LTE to fibre network in rural villages

GROBLERSDAL

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) has presented a motion to the SDM Council to migrate from LTE network to fibre network for all rural villages in Sekhukhune.

The motion, presented by SDM Councillor Ali Maloba, aims to improve internet connectivity in the region, particularly during load-shedding and load-reduction.

According to Maloba, the party presented the motion because residents in rural villages of Sekhukhune have been struggling to access reliable mobile cellphone network due to load-shedding and load-reduction.

"The current LTE network is affected by these power and electricity supply interruptions, which has a significant impact on learners and residents who rely on internet connectivity for education and other purposes. The EFF's motion seeks to address this challenge by migrating to a fibre network, which uses light signals to transmit data and is less dependent on electricity supply," explained Maloba.

The councillor indicated that they want fibre network because it provides fast and reliable internet connectivity, making it an ideal solution for rural villages.

"With its high-speed and stable connections, fibre network can be paired with backup

stations to ensure uninterrupted internet connectivity, even during load-shedding and load-reduction. The network is also less dependent on electricity supply, making it a reliable option for rural villages," he said.

Maloba said they are more concerned that the current LTE internet connectivity challenges have a significant impact on learners and residents in rural villages.

"Learners have to wake up early and sleep late to access the internet during available hours, which affects their academic performance and overall well-being. Residents also face challenges in accessing essential services and information online," he said.

Maloba said the EFF in Sekhukhune District is calling on the council to approve the motion to migrate to fibre network for all rural villages to benefit residents in the area.

"We recommend that a detailed implementation plan be developed to ensure a smooth transition from LTE to fibre network. The council should also collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including internet service providers and Eskom, to ensure the successful implementation of the fibre network and ensure that residents have access to reliable internet connectivity," he said.



SDM EFF Councillor, Ali Maloba, presenting the motion to migrate from LTE network to fibre network before the council at the SDM Offices in Groblersdal.

NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MIXED LANDUSE TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT AT LEKGWABENG, LIMPOPO

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended April 2017) published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, notice is hereby given of **Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality** intention to obtain environmental authorisation for the proposed township establishment on a 450ha portion of land situated north of Burgersfort, Limpopo Province.

Location of the proposed project: Approximately 8km north of Burgersfort, on Portion 0 and 1 of Praktiseer 275, Portion 0 of Viljoenshoop 301, Portion 0 and 1 of Naboomkoppies 263, located in the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality. Site middle point coordinates: 24°35'39.57"S, 30°21'4.89"E.

Environmental Authorisation: The project triggers activities listed in Listing 1 (GN R 327) and Listing 2 (GN R 325) of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended April 2017), published under NEMA and therefore requires environmental authorisation via the undertaking of a Scoping/EIA assessment process. The Scoping/EIA will be inclusive of technical studies and public participation. The competent authority responsible for issuing environmental authorization is the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism. The listed activities for authorisation include Listing Notice 1, Activities no. 9, 10, 11, 12iibc, 19, 24ii, 28ii, and 67, Listing Notice 2, Activity no. 15, and 27.

Please note that comments will be sought from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999. The Assessment Process will also confirm the need for a Water Use License (WUL) or General Authorisation (GA) registration in accordance with the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, as amended.

Green-Box Consulting is appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake and manage the legislative processes. Should you be interested in registering as an Interested and / or Affected Party (I&AP) and to provide comments on the application documentation, you are kindly requested to send your name, contact details, with an indication of interest, along with any comments, to the EAP at:

Danie Krynauw, Green-Box Consulting- P.O. Box 37738, Langenhovenpark 9330, Cell: 082 435 2108, or e-mail: danie@green-box.co.za



FTLM Municipal Manager, Mogaramedi Joel Makgata, has been in a centre of controversy between political parties within the municipality following his unlawful suspensions.

DA FTLM wants Ethics Committee to sanction ANC Councillors

BURGERSFORT

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) has announced that it will formally write to the FTLM Council Speaker, to request that all ANC councillors who voted in favour of unlawful resolutions be referred to the Ethics Committee for investigation and possible sanction.

According to the party, the dispute centres on the ANC caucus's attempts to suspend and terminate the contract of the Municipal Manager, Mogaramedi Joel Makgata.

The Limpopo High Court has recently ruled twice in favour of Makgata, declaring the suspension and termination unlawful and invalid.

On 3 June 2025, the Limpopo High Court ruled that the suspension of the municipal manager, Mogaramedi Joel Makgata, had lapsed as far back as January 2025, and accordingly ordered that he may return to work.

The ANC caucus convened a council meeting in an attempt to appeal the judgment. The municipal manager again approached the Limpopo High Court and, on 8 July 2025, obtained a second urgent order.

The court declared both the meeting and the termination unlawful and invalid based on the principle of legality.

The ANC caucus then decided on a legal provision that an application for leave to appeal suspends the operation of the court order, by calling an executive meeting to appoint a replacement for the municipal manager.

This occurred even though the municipal had now twice been vindicated by the courts.

On 30 July 2025, Makgata secured a third court victory, this time under Section 18(3) of the Superior Courts Act.

Marie Helm, DA Political Head in Olifants Constituency, said despite the court ruling, the ANC caucus has persisted in its efforts to undermine the municipal manager's authority.

"The DA in Fetakgomo-Tubatse has consistently warned the ANC caucus to adhere to the prescripts of the Local Government, Municipal Structures Act, the Municipal Systems Act, and the Standing Rules of Order of Council. These warnings were regrettably ignored. The law is not optional. The DA will continue to defend constitutional governance and accountability, especially when others seek to subvert it for political expediency," she said.

Helm indicated that the Code of Conduct for Councillors clearly prohibits councillors from voting for any unlawful resolution.

"When senior counsel for the municipality admitted that these resolutions were unlawful, it became irrefutable that the ANC councillors who supported them were in breach of this Code. The DA believes that the ANC councillors' conduct is a clear breach of the Code of Conduct and that they should be held accountable," she said.

Helm insisted that the party is committed to defending constitutional governance and accountability in the municipality.

"Residents of Fetakgomo-Tubatse deserve administrative stability within the municipality which will improve service delivery and not a quarrelsome council who opposes every court judgement with taxpayers' money. The DA's actions are aimed at ensuring that the municipality is run in a transparent and accountable manner," she said.

The DA will formally write to the Speaker of Council to request that the ANC councillors be referred to the Ethics Committee. The committee will then investigate the matter and determine whether the councillors have breached the Code of Conduct. If found guilty, the councillors could face sanctions, including possible removal from office.



Lindokuhle Ngwane
Metallurgy Graduate

This isn't a story, it's a journey.

I'm Lindokuhle Ngwane, a 23-year-old trainee engineer specialising in metallurgy at Glencore Thorncliffe Mine in Steelpoort.

In high school, I dreamed of a career in medicine, never imagining that would change. But when my school introduced me to Glencore's engineering scholarships, my interest in chemical engineering was piqued. I was fortunate to receive a Glencore sponsorship, opening doors to a new future.

Five years of study, delayed by the pandemic, brought challenges and triumphs. Glencore's support, covering everything from tuition to a laptop allowance, encouraged me to persevere. As part of Glencore's graduate programme, I underwent in-service training and, with mentorship, became a metallurgical engineer in training. Each day, I navigate projects, reports, and fieldwork, driven by a desire to excel.

As I journey towards becoming a metallurgist, I'm grateful for the support from my family, community, and colleagues. I am determined to unlock my full potential.

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Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association League Games a success



Roosenekal Volleyball Team had an impressive participation at the Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association League Games, held on Saturday 2 August 2025 at Matsitsi Primary School in Sterkfontein Village.



Marula Mine Female Volleyball Team during the Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association League Games at Matsitsi Primary School in Sterkfontein Village.

STERKFORTEIN

The Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association League Games were held on Saturday 2 August 2025 at Matsitsi Primary School in Sterkfontein Village, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM).

Sixteen volleyball teams from different parts of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) participated in the tournament.

Despite some teams arriving late, which caused a delay in the start of the games, all teams managed to play their matches according to the fixtures.

Katlego Mthombeni, Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association President, thanked Matsitsi Primary Service Principal, Annah Malaka, for welcoming the games.

Mthombeni applauded Pudji Phasha from the Limpopo Department of Sports, Arts and Culture for the support, after she donated volleyball equipment for the association.

"We are happy for the support and it will go a long way for the development of volleyball in Sekhukhune. The support from the Department of Sports Arts and Culture is crucial in promoting volleyball in the district," he said.

Mthombeni encouraged volleyball

teams and schools in Sekhukhune to register with the association.

He also called on local businesses to come on board and assist the association, which lacks transportation to attend games.

"With the support from all stakeholders, I can assure that the Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association will work harder towards the development of volleyball in the district. The Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association's efforts to promote volleyball in the district are commendable. With the support of local businesses and the Department of Sports Arts and Culture, the association is poised to take volleyball in Sekhukhune to new heights," Mthombeni said.

The final round of the Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association League Games will take place on 25 October 2025, at Molapong Lifestyle in Jerusalem outside Monsterlus, where the association will be celebrating five years of existence.

Currently, the Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association is preparing for the upcoming Limpopo Beach Volleyball Inter District Tournament, scheduled for 20 September 2025 in Polokwane.

Sekhukhune United book semifinal spot

POLOKWANE

Sekhukhune United's new signing Bradley Grobler scored a brace on his debut to help Babina Noko book a spot in the semis of the MTN 8.

The match was played at Polokwane's Peter Mokaba Stadium on Saturday night.

Babina Noko came from 2-0 down to beat TS Galaxy 3-2 and advance to the semis of the MTN 8 for the first time in their history.

This is all thanks to goals by Grobler and Vusimusi Mncube. The Rockets goals were all scored during the first stanza by Mpho Mvelase and Sepana Letsoalo. The win saw Babina Noko being drawn to play

against last season finalists Stellenbosch FC.

Stellenbosch were made to work for their place in the MTN8 semifinals after recording a hard-fought 3-2 win against AmaZulu at the DHL Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Meanwhile holders Orlando Pirates will clash with rivals Mamelodi Sundowns in another titanic semifinal showdown. Pirates defeated Polokwane City 2-0 while Sundowns cruised past Richards Bay 4-0. The semi-finals will be played over two legs. The first legs are scheduled for August 16 and 17, with the return fixtures set for August 23 and 24.



Volleyball teams in action during the Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association League Games held at Matsitsi Primary School in Sterkfontein Village.

