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COUNCIL ADOPT IMPORTANT AND STRATEGIC PLANS AHEAD OF THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

The John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality concluded two Council meetings in quarter three (Q3) one being an Ordinary Council Meeting and the other one a Special Council meeting. Various reports were discussed and adopted by Council. Critical of those reports were the adoption of the reports from internal departments and the adoption of the Integrated Development Plan, draft budget, the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan, the adjustment budget and the draft budget for 2025/2026 financial year. Other matters included the report on Performance Appraisals & bonus for Senior Managers 2022/23 financial year.

Every year, the adopted IDP should be evaluated to account for any new requirements or modifications. The integrated planning process is participatory in nature and necessitates input from a variety of role-players. The Local Municipalities' involvement is essential to this municipality's participation procedure.

Council is responsible to adopt and approve the IDP and are responsible for the overall management, coordination and monitoring of the IDP review process whilst the Executive Mayor provides political guidance over the budget process and the priorities that must guide the preparation of a budget.

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The Speaker, Cllr, Aiseng



The Executive Mayor, Cllr, Queen Mogatle-Thoane



The Municipal Manager, Mr Teisi

SPEAKER, CLLR. AISENG



Speaker's Forum Strengthened Governance and Unity across the Region

On January 21, 2025, the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality hosted a successful Speaker's Forum meeting, chaired by the District Municipality Speaker, Aiseng. The meeting served as an essential platform for fostering collaboration, enhancing governance, and advancing public participation.

The event was attended by prominent local government leaders, including Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality Speaker Keamogetse Madikiza, Joe Morolong Local Municipality Speaker Violet Jordan, and Gamagara Local Municipality Speaker Goitseone Sekgopi. Representatives from the Department of Labour, COGHSTA, and officials from the Speaker's Office also participated, ensuring a diverse and unified approach to addressing the district's priorities.

Discussions during the meeting focused on improving public engagement, reaffirming procedural guidelines for council operations, and evaluating the progress of the District Development Model (DDM). These discussions reflected a strong commitment to transparency, accountability, and effective governance within the region.

The Speaker's Forum proved to be a crucial platform for addressing challenges, sharing solutions, and setting clear goals. Through this forum, leaders reinforced their dedication to working collaboratively for the benefit of the communities served by the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality. This productive meeting highlighted the importance of unity and partnership among municipalities. The Speaker's Forum continued to play a key role in driving meaningful progress and ensuring a brighter future for the district and its residents.

SPEAKER, CLLR. V JORDAN FROM JOE MOROLONG LM



SPEAKER, CLLR. G SEKGOPHI FROM GAMAGARA LM



SPEAKER, CLLR. K MADIKIZA FROM GASEGONYANA LM





Chairperson of MPAC,
Cllr. M Motsoane

Members of the MPAC Committee



MPAC Championed Financial Oversight and Accountability

On March 11, 2025, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) gathered under the chairmanship of Councillor Michael Motsoare for a pivotal meeting that underscored the municipality's commitment to transparent governance and financial accountability.

The committee addressed key matters central to its oversight role, including discussions on the Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless, and Wasteful (UIFW) expenditure for Quarter 2 of the 2024/2025 financial year. This critical review ensured that financial practices adhered to the highest standards of responsibility and compliance.

Additionally, the session focused on the Annual Report for the 2023/2025 financial year, a cornerstone document of governance. This post-financial-year report provided a comprehensive overview of both financial and non-financial performance, offering stakeholders valuable insights into the municipality's operations and achievements during the previous year. These discussions laid the foundation for the preparation of an oversight report, in strict compliance with Section 129(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

The meeting highlighted MPAC's unwavering dedication to fostering accountability and transparency in financial matters. By rigorously examining past performance, the committee reinforced its role as a guardian of the municipality's resources and a champion of good governance for the benefit of the community.

DDM ON RIGHT TRACK



The quarterly DDM meeting was held on the 13 February 2025 and was chaired by the Municipal Manager, Mr. Klaas Teise. This strategic meeting comprises of municipalities, sector departments and mining houses. This is a multi-sectoral forum which serves as a platform for discussion on issues ranging from planning, budgeting and implementation of identified projects, and mobilisation of resources for those projects. The district municipality plays a lead role in facilitating a coordination role and strengthening of working relations with its stakeholders

Progress reports were given on the catalytic projects such as the regional hospital, higher education facilities, agri-hub, iron smelter. Mr. Teise indicated that the support to the Department of Health in terms of improving health facilities in Mothibistad and Batlharos was received positively. Some of the mining houses also mentioned that there are projects in the social labour plan that they are funding and looking at funding and will report progress in the coming meetings. One of the discussions was the provision of bulk-water services and the impact of the growing population, old infrastructure and borehole refurbishments, that are impeding on the provision of water as reported by the Department of Water and Sanitation.

A few things to remember

The DDM is divided by six (6) work-streams namely:

- *People Development & Demographics
 - *Economic Positioning
 - *Spatial Restructuring and Environmental Sustainability
 - *Infrastructure Engineering
 - *Integrated Services Provisioning Governance and Managaement
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Porojeke ya ditena kwa masepaleng wa kgaolo ya John Taolo Gaetsewe



ketelo ya lefelo la tthagiso e diragetse ka 30. 01. 2025 ke Mmatoropo wa Khuduthamaga, Cllr Pulane Mogatle- Thoane a patilwe ke Maloko a mabedi a Komiti ya Mmatoropo, Cllr. Michael Kgosienewang le Hilda Kgopodithata. Ga jaana mo loetong le ene e ne e le Rre Khabule go tswa kwa Lefapheng la Dikgwebo tsa Setšhaba.

Mmatoropo wa Khuduthamaga o supile gore maano a isago a a bonelwang pele mo porojekeng ke go bona mmasepala wa kgaolo o tthagisa ditena tse dintsi le diboloko tsa go tsenya ditsela tse di tla rekisediawang bommassepala ba selegae le COGHSTA go aga ditsela tsa ka fa gare le matlo mo kgaolong. E ke porojeke e le nngwe e mmasepala o solofelang gore e tla tokafatsa letseno le go samagana le tlhalelo ya bokgoni le botlhokatiro mo kgaolong, ga rialo Mmatoropo Porojeke e dirisitse palogotlhe ya badiri ba le Masome a badedi ngwe (21)

Ka tebelelo ya gore porojeke e gole, batho ba le bantsi ba tla thapiwa ke porojeke e e tlang pele ya Khansele.



Unity Against Gender-Based Violence -GBV AWARENESS

John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, Joe Morolong Local Municipality, Soul City Institute and other Stakeholders held GBVF awareness programme in Dithakong Village.

The well attended programme was aimed at educating communities about the various forms of GBVF, its consequences, and the resources available for victims.

The awareness programmes was attended and supported by key stakeholders, Joe Morolong Councillors, local traditional leaders ,Municipal officials, representatives from various government departments and organizations such as SAPS, DSAC, Coghsta , VES DSD, JTG CPB, and the National Prosecuting Authority.

The Department of Employment and Labour also rendered all the services under the department, assisting community members with UIF, Compensation Fund, registration on unemployment database.



Ms Thobeka Mthintelwa highlighted the importance of everyone seeing themselves as leaders because leaders hold themselves to certain standards and act in ways for the good of society. The scourge of Gender-Based Violence and (GBV) is undesirable and requires our collective effort to confront it. We must all face it head-on and work together to eliminate it, ensuring safety and dignity for all.

bystander of GBV if
you know or witness
any form of GBV,
say something , do
something, - let's
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SAPS on GBVF said Men must change their behaviour. Men must change their attitudes. That is why we today we call on all Dithakong community to take responsibility for their actions, to never raise a hand against a women. to treat women as equals. to respect their rights and to treat them with dignity. If we are to end gender-based violence, we must work together as a society. We must work together, both men and women, young and old.



Principal Kgothayame Motshwarakgole said government cannot win the battle against gender based violence GBV alone and need a societal approach where all stakeholders join hands to fight the pandemic to protect women and children's, he encouraged community members to report cases to ensure servivours receive the possible support and that perpetrators face justice



Executive Mayor Celebrates Her Birthday with Learners at Hotazel Combined School

The John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality marked a special occasion as the Executive Mayor returned to Hotazel Combined School, the school where she attended her primary education, to celebrate her birthday. The day was filled with inspiration, joy, and generous support as the Mayor shared her memorable day with the learners and the community.



Accompanied by her childhood friend, Ms. Nancy Machaba, Manager and Owner of Bokamoso Mining Suppliers, the Mayor reminisced about their early school days while inspiring learners to strive for success. The Mayor emphasized the values of hard work, discipline, and personal hygiene, particularly during menstrual cycles. She further encouraged learners to focus on their studies and achieve outstanding results.

Ms. Nancy Machaba added her voice of encouragement, motivating learners to believe in themselves and dream big. She highlighted the importance of hard work, standing up against challenges, and avoiding negative influences such as drugs, alcohol, and early sexual activities. She inspired learners to aim for post-school qualifications to unlock greater opportunities in the future.



The event was made even more special by ABSA Bank, which donated hygiene packs to 120 identified learners. The donation was led by Ms. Galaletsang Serekego, Branch Manager, alongside Mr. Freddy Alexander, Regional Manager, and supported by Ms. Myrna Synders and Mr. Moremi Losabe from the Public Sector team. Their efforts were backed by Essie Reed from Living Waters Community Wellness Agency, an NGO that partners with ABSA Bank to serve local communities.

Employees of ABSA Bank providing hygiene packages to school learners



The school's principal, Ms. Veronica Ntlhaile, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the Mayor, Ms. Machaba, ABSA Bank, and Living Waters for their generosity and dedication to supporting the learners. She acknowledged the positive impact of their contributions in uplifting the school and the learners.

Hotazel Combined School, which serves students from Gatshekedi, Vergenoeg, Magojaneng, and Magobing villages, achieved a 60% matric pass rate in 2024. The school also recorded an increase in bachelor passes and has set a goal to improve its results in the coming years. The event served as a motivation for learners and a reminder of the power of community support in fostering academic excellence.

NCRF - National Community Radio Forum (Northern Cape) Conference 2025



Mayor, Cllr. Masegela

On the 24th of February 2025, at the Leisure Inn Conference Hall (Kuruman), the National Community Radio Forum (NCRF) is hosted the Five (5) Days Northern Cape Provincial Radio Conference 2025. Mayor Neo George Masegela welcomed the delegates from different parts of the Northern Cape. In his address, he expressed the importance of collaboration and partnership between the Municipality, Community Radio Stations, and Community and Local Businesses for growth. The role played by community radio stations is crucial in the development of the community it serves, as it empowers through information and entertainment. Among the radio stations in the Northern Cape present include Kurara FM Official, Radio Teemaneng 89.1 FM, Radio Riverside 98.2 FM, RADIO NFM 89-98.7, Ulwazi FM 88.9, Revival FM SA, and Radio Kaboesna.

The MDDA CEO, Ms. Shoeshoe Qhu, presented the Community Sustainability Model Report at the National Community Radio Forum (NCRF) in Kuruman, Northern Cape. The main focus of the conference is innovation and sustainability within the community radio sector in the region. In line with the agency's mandate to promote media development and diversity, the conference provided an opportunity to create critical conversations on collaboration within the sector, to develop member stations and empower them with tools and networks to ensure their sustainability.

With the advent of digital technology, community radio stations have to adapt to new ways of producing and distributing content to their audiences. One of the ways radio stations are adapting to the digital age is through the use of approaches to broadcasting and getting responses from listeners. Multiplatform radio is important because it allows radio stations to maintain their existence and perform media functions in the digital age.



Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Kenny Morolong, delivered a closing address at the NCRF - National Community Radio Forum (Northern Cape) Provincial Conference.

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