



THE STATE OF MUNICIPAL ADDRESS 2018/19

**Presented by: His worship, the Honourable Mayor
Councillor Masilo Edward Paya**

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Venue : NAUGHTY BOYS SPORTS GROUND
Time : 12H00

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Hi Grace, the Reverend Dr. B.E Lekganyane and/or his representatives

Representatives from all the churches and pastors present here today;

Madam Speaker, Cllr Moreroa;

Chief Whip, Honourable Councillor Rathaha;

Members of the Executive Committee;

Our honourable Ward and PR Councillors;

Municipal Manager – Mr. Maphala Mosena;

Senior Managers, Managers and Officials from our municipality;

Magoshi a rena a hlomphegang:

Moshate wa Machaka the host of this event

Moshate wa Makgato; Moshate wa Ramokgopa

Moshate wa Ratsaka; Moshate wa Manthata

Moshate wa Moloto

Ward Committee members present here today;

Representatives of the our sister municipality, the Capricorn District Municipality;

Representatives of our Sector departments, public entities and chapter nine institutions

The South African Police Service and their Traffic counterpart;

Members of the broader national democratic revolution;
Members of the various Civil Society formations (Youth, Women and People with Disability);
Representatives of Molemole business forum;
Members of the media; distinguished guests, comrades and friends;
Setshaba ka moka; KE RE KGOTSO HA E BE LE LENA;

This is a historic year as we celebrate twenty five years of our democracy;
We come a long way thus far and indeed we acknowledge there is a lot of work to undo the legacy of the oppressive past;
Let me express my congratulations to President Ramaphosa for being given a five year mandate as President of our Country;
My further congratulations goes to Premier Stan Mathabatha for his election as Premier of our peaceful province of Limpopo;
How can I forget you the people of Molemole for having stood up on the 08th May 2019 to exercise your democratic right and vote for the government of your choice;
We urge you to come in even greater numbers in the local government elections, in just over 24 months;

But the first thing is to urge those who are not registered to contact the local IEC office to put their name on the Voter's roll;

The 2019 economic picture as presented by the Finance Minister in February is bleak;

A lower growth forecast of 1.5% compared to 1.8% last February;

According to Minister Mboweni growth for 2020 and 2021 is also not encouraging;

With the forecast standing at 1.7% for 2020 and 2.1% for 2021, respectively;

Much of this is caused by high unemployment rates experienced in the country;

This are tough economic times indeed;

But we have to soldier on with our commitment to continue providing the much needed services

We cannot bury our heads in the sand;

Programme Director;

Despite the above picture the total income for the 2019/20 financial year is R R260. 9 million – made up of:

Total Grants of R 181.2 million, up from R 180.1 million in 2018/19 financial year;

And own revenue of R 79.6 million, which is down from R 80.3 million for the 2018/19 financial year;

The total operating expenditure for the 2019/20 is expected to be R 205.7 million, which is an increase of R - 2.6 million from 2018/19 financial year;

The estimated capital expenditure for the 2019/20 financial year is R 55.2 million;

About R 33.3 million of this is from the MIG funding, which is an increase of 1.9% from the 2018/19 financial year;

This calls for the wisdom to prioritize so that we can balance our service delivery programme effectively;

Programme Director

During April we embarked on a public participation campaign as we canvass the views of the community on the draft IDP and Budget;

Our people have spoken and what is left was for us to indeed come with the best formula to touch the lives of our people;

It gives me great pleasure to state that the finalization of this IDP and Budget was fully informed by the views of the community from our public participation drive;

Allow me therefore to present the state of the municipal address for the 2019/20 financial year;

This will include our performance in the current financial year and our service delivery programme in the coming financial years

BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

a. Roads and Storm water infrastructure

The long outstanding project of Eisleben to Ramokgopa gravel to tar road is finally completed. We made this commitment the previous state of the municipal address;

The 400 meter Mohodi to Maponto gravel to tar road project has also been completed;

The Matipane to Madikana gravel to tar road project has been at the beginning of third quarter;

The projects for upgrading of internal streets for Capricorn Park and Nthabiseng were also completed successfully;

All the above projects were completed way ahead of schedule;

It is for this reason that COGTA has allocated an additional R 12 million in recognition this achievement;

The money has been reallocated to Capricorn Park and Nthabiseng to implement further scope;

The community of Ward one can confirm that Work has already begun as the intention is to complete the second phase of the two projects by end of June;

In the 2019/20 financial year a total budget allocation of R 17 million has been budgeted to implement the next phase of Capricorn Park internal street project;

Furthermore, about R 16.3 million has been allocated for the next phase Nthabiseng Internal street project;

We have already started with the SCM processes for these two projects;

We expect appointments to be made by Mid-June and for the contractor to commence work as early as 1st July 2019.

The following road projects have been prioritized in the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 financial years:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Ward number	SOURCE OF FUNDING	2020/2021	2021/2022
Upgrading of Mogwadi Internal Streets	10	Own funding	R4 8 million	R7 5 million
Upgrading of Kgwadu internal streets	8 & 9	MIG	R 7 million	
Mohodi Internal Streets	11	MIG	R 7 million	R7 6 million
Mokgehle Internal streets	14	Own funding	R 4.8 million	

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b. Prioritized Road Projects by RAL

Following our persistent engagements with RAL through the MEC for Public Works and Road Infrastructure in the early part of this financial year - It seems they are beginning to listen to our pleas; Hence RAL has included the following projects in their priority list:

Priority No.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Ward number	Road number	Kilometers
1	R 521 to Marowe	10	D2656	15
2	Machaka to Sekakene	8 & 9	D3142 & D 3132	6
3	Rankhuwe to Ga-Molele via Maribana	10 & 14	D3332	28
4	D1200 TO N1	10	D1200	36
5	Flora to Ga-Phago	16	D3269	13
6	N1 to Old Clinic (Sekakene)	8	D3135	2.2

Priority No.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Ward number	Road number	Kilometers
Total kilometers to be covered				100.2

We have not received a firm commitment on implementation dates for the above projects;

But we strongly commit that we will continue engaging the MEC and RAL to commit to the dates;

It is our believe that upgrading of this projects will go a long way in improving our road infrastructure;

Ladies and gentlemen,

The objective of this administration is touch every community with our service delivery machinery;

Due to our limited financial resources we are unable to upgrade our road network with the desired speed and urgency;

We have allocated R 1 million in the coming financial year to conduct infrastructure feasibility study;

The outcome of this study will assist us to register more projects with MIG, extending our coverage in other wards;

In the meantime we will continue with our regravelling programme in areas that experience problems with road infrastructure, especially during rainy season;

We have set aside R 4 million to purchase an additional Grader and Tipper Truck to accelerate this programme;

About R 2.2 million has been allocated to buy culverts to minimize storm water control disasters;

c. Sport facilities

Mohodi Sports Complex is one of the projects that has been dragging on for a long time; This Council has committed to finalize implementation of this project in the coming financial year; Installation of 2000 grandstands have been budgeted for a total amount of R 3 million;

After terminating the contractor for upgrading of **Ramokgopa stadium** due to incapacity to complete the project – we have made budget provision of R 800 000 in the coming financial year to finalize the project; We expect the two facilities to be ready for use in the third quarter of this financial year;

d. Electrification project

We are not doing well in terms of cost recovery on electricity; In the previous audit it was reported that electricity losses were still above the 10% threshold; Electricity losses are caused by ageing infrastructure, illegal connections as well as theft of electrical infrastructure; This means the municipality is unable to collect the projected revenue on electricity sales; One of the measures taken to address this is to replace old conventional meters with smart meters;

We are on the verge of appointing a service provider in the next few days to install 220 smart meters in our two towns – Mogwadi and Morebeng;

A further 150 smart meters will be installed in the 2019/20 financial year;

It is hoped that this measure will help the municipality realize its electricity revenue estimate and increase our revenue – to accelerate services to our people;

- **High mast lights**

Crime affects everybody in our communities. It is the responsibility of government to devise mechanisms to address this problem;

Whilst we applaud the work of the SAPS in helping to root out criminal elements in our communities;

We are duty bound as the municipality, to join hands to make our communities feel much safer – both in their homes and of course anywhere on the streets;

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A total budget allocation of R 3 million has been budgeted in the 2019/20 financial year to install Apollo Lights;
The distribution of High mast is as follows:

Ward	Cluster	Area
Ward 10	3	Marowe
Ward 7	2	Ramatjowe/Sefene
Ward 15	3	Ga – Kolopo
Ward 16	3	Masehlong
Ward 14	3	Schoonveld
Ward 13	4	Madikana

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- **Eskom electrification programme**

In the previous financial year Eskom made a commitment to electrify our villages;

Sekakene village in Ward 08, Ga-Phasha in Ward 03 have benefitted from these programme;

That programme is continuing and the following villages will benefit in the coming financial year:

Village name	Ward no.	Number of connections
Kanana	14	21
Rheinland/Westphalia	14	108
Ga-Phago / Sekuruwe / Kolopo / Flora / Ga-phaudi	15, 16	120

Ward Councillors will keep you update on further electrification projects in your areas during community meetings – We urge you all to attend these meetings as they serve as an important feedback mechanism;

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e. Moletji Cluster Office

This is one project that is not proceeding well due to challenges of land ownership of that area;

We have been engaging with concerned parties to address this problem and it has delayed the project;

After reporting the matter to Moshate wa rena wa Moloto we wrote a letter to the Contractor to give us a programme to make up for lost time;

Despite the challenges faced this Council is still committed to bring municipal services closer to the people of Ward 10, 114, 15 and 16;

Although the project will be rolled over to 2019/20 financial year we expect a complete structure to be up by end of second quarter;

f. Water Infrastructure

CDM has committed about R 27.7 million in the 2019/20 financial year for construction of water supply project in ward 3 & 4;

This project will benefit the community of: Sephala, Mokopu, Thoka and Makwetja;

The community of Sefene in Ward 7 will benefit from R 10.3 million allocation for the planning and construction of water project in the coming financial year;

We have noted your concerns about pump operators in your areas; We are engaging CDM in our IGR forums to deal with this problem as it deprives our people the right to continuous supply of potable water;

g. Community facilities;

As per our commitment in the previous SOMA I am pleased to report that a service provider has been appointed to develop an integrated waste management plan for the municipality;

In line with our commitment to extend waste collection to our villages we made budget provision of R 1.2 million to procure an additional skip loader truck in the 2019/20 financial year;

Ten additional bins have been procured and will be distributed in more villages;

Hence an extra truck will assist with collection;

An additional TLB has been budgeted to assist with cleaning our villages as part of our environmental management endeavours;

A total R 15 million has been allocated for construction of Ramokgopa Landfill site in the 2021/2022 financial year;

We call on our communities to partner with us in this critical campaign of ensuring a safe and healthy environment;

R 15 million has been appropriated for construction of DLTC and VTS along N1 Corridor, in the 2021/2022 financial year;

This will benefit people from around Matoks area in Wards 5,6,7,8 and 9 and of course from other areas like Makhado;

This is one of the measures to increase revenue for the municipality for our continued sustainability;

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As part of our LED initiative we have allocated R 1 million for the development of the precinct plan in both Mogwadi and Morebeng;

This plan will be developed over two financial years, i.e. 2019/20 and 2020/21;

This initiative will help to guide our developmental agenda to ensure we attract the much needed investment opportunities to our municipality;

SCM processes are currently underway for the disposal of two sides in Mogwadi and Morebeng for the development of Office Park and shopping complex, respectively;

Plans are at an advanced stage to sell 200 stands in Mogwadi and another 200 in Morebeng;

You will be notified through public notices after thrashing out technical aspects of this initiative;

A service provider was appointed in the current financial year for the demarcation of 150 sites at Ratsaka village;

About R 2.6 million has been set aside over the three years for the demarcation of sites;

Demarcation of sites in the 2019/20 financial year will cover 230 sites

The Municipality has successfully hosted the 2019 Career and Skills Expo on Friday, 12th of April 2019 at Mohodi Community Hall. The Expo benefited 1115 grade 12 learners of which 618 were females and 497 were males. A

total number of 15 schools from Bochum East and Moloto circuits attended the expo. The expo was braced with presence of private and public sectors, institutions of Higher learning such Tshwane University of Technology, Universality of Limpopo, and Vaal University of Technology

Job opportunities

Our EPWP and CWP initiatives continue to create job opportunities to the unemployed;

Community Work Programme (CWP) stills exist as a continuous programme, to address safety net, and skills developments for unemployed Molemole citizens, over 84 participants were added on the programme increasing total number to 1139.

We know that the stipend received by the beneficiaries goes some way to alleviate poverty;

Over and above that we believe beneficiaries will accumulate technical skills to start their own businesses or become employable;

We shall continue to create job opportunities through our EPWP and CWP programmes;

The overall job opportunities created in the 2018/19 financial year are as follows:

Project Name	Job opportunities
Construction of Ramokgopa to Eisleben Gravel to Tar Road - Phase 4	39
Mohodi Maponto gravel to tar Phase 3	15
Capricorn Park Internal Streets Phase 1	10
Nthabiseng Internal Street Phase 1	21
Nthabiseng Internal Street Phase 2	25
Mohodi sports complex Phase 3	30
Matipana to Madikana gravel to tar Phase 4	20
Totals	160

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MUNICIPAL TRANSFORMATION AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Accounting Officer has been tasked with the responsibility to craft the most effective organizational structure to ensure our IDP strategies and objectives are successfully realized;

We are pleased with improvement on payment of creditors within the stipulated 30 day period;

A dedicated official will be allocated to focus on implementation of credit control and debt collection policy;

This will help to boost our revenue collection and make more funds available to accelerate service delivery;

Four training programmes for Councillors have been coordinated in the 2018/19 financial year;

A further five programmes will be coordinated in the coming financial year to help them perform their work diligently;

Our skills development initiative is functioning well with about 06 learnership programmes coordinated in the current financial year;

The programmes related to financial management, public administration and Management, communication, Risk management, local economic development, town and urban development;

These programmes will continue in the coming financial year as it helps to prepare our graduates for tough labour market;

Thanks to our public private partnership with Services Seta we have enrolled some 115 unemployed youth for 12 months Cleaning and Hygiene internship programme;

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

We remain grateful for the sterling work done by our two oversight committees: MPAC and Ethics;

The Municipal Public Accounts committee has conducted site visits to all our projects to ensure there is value for money;

Furthermore, the municipal audit committee is playing a vital role of ensuring that administration is able to follow prescribed regulations when discharging their duties;

This is part of commitment to the constitutional principle of accountability;

Recruitment process is underway to appoint the Risk Chairperson after the resignation of Mr. Mokwele during the course of this financial year;

We are however grateful for CDM with the support given to ensure our Risk committee is functional;

Our commitment to improve the Special Programmes unit has been bolstered by the addition of a Manager position in the organogram;

This will help the municipality to perform at its best on programmes relating to Women and Children, HIV/AIDS, the Elderly, Youth and People living with disabilities;

It is our commitment to partner with other government stakeholders as well as non-profit organizations to support the vulnerable sections of our society;

Programme Director;

In conclusion I would like to commit the municipality to work with all stakeholders to ensure we realize the targets set in the 2019/20 IDP and Budget;

As Council let us support our administration as they continue their work of implementing these programmes;

Let us all board the THUMA MINA train to realize the aspirations of our people;

It is the only present we can give to our people as we celebrate two decades and half since the dawn of democracy;

We dare not falter on that score!

I thank you so much!