

1.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS DELIVERED BY HIS WORSHIP, EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MATLOSANA, CLLR M K KHAUOE AT THE TABLING OF THE 2015/2016 MTEF BUDGET HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 30 MAY 2014

**Madam Speaker
MMC's
Single Whip
MPAC chairperson
Fellow councillors
The Municipal Manager
The Chief Financial Officer
Directors
Officials
Sector Departments
Leaders of political parties
Business Sector
Religious leaders
NGO's & CBO's
Community
Media
Distinguished guests
Ladies and Gentlemen**

INTRODUCTIONS

I thank God for giving me the strength to continue discharging my responsibility as the leader of the people of Matlosana.

We are gathered here today 6 days after the burial of our mother who hails from Ganyesa, who led at all levels of our glorious movement the ANC and government.

Madam speaker & fellow Councillors

I hope we have drawn lessons from Mama Ruta as she was affectionately known. Two things I learned from her are to be selfless as a leader of the people and to always remember that the people shall govern.

I will be failing in my duties not to appreciate work done by the ANC led government under the leadership of president Zuma for bringing back the ancestors of the ANC and alliance back home to their roots to be buried amongst their communities Uncle JB Marks & Malome Kotane. We thank God for their visionary leadership that brought about change and democracy that we are enjoying today.

Today we are in our 21 years of democracy the year of freedom charter as declared by the state president Zuma.

Madam speaker I am humbled and greatly honoured to once again reflect on the state of affairs of the city of people on the move. This year's review take place as we move towards the end of the term of the current council.

Fellow councillors as I deliver this state of the city address, I am mindful of the fact that our people are looking forward on getting a status update following the mandate to better the lives of all our people which they gave us in May 2011.

Despite our success so far, it is important that we do not lose sight of why we remain the people's choice; we must thank the provincial Exco for intervening timorously to assist the municipality to go back to basics when the Titanic was sinking. The intervention team and forensic auditors are doing a great job and we can notice the progress made.

Madam speaker when we took office in 2011, we did so on the back of priorities and commitments contained in the election manifesto of the ANC which commanded us to:

- Improve local public services and broaden access to them

- Build united, non-racial and integrated safer communities
- build local economics to create more employment and sustain noble livelihoods.
- promote community participation in local government and build more effective accountable and clean local government that work closely with provincial and national government.

In responding to the above mentioned points President Zuma pronounced before the South African local government association that , going back to basics means recommitment to provide municipal services in a professional and caring manner , end our daily conduct recognize each resident as a valuable client.

The City of Matlosana without and fear or contradiction supports the back to basics approach for local government adopted by National government and the “saam werk , saam trek” philosophy of the Premier Supra Mahupelo.

We are pleased to report that we have managed to push basic service delivery to higher standards over a period of years. However I must mention that the payment of services is not on point; we are in the process of renewing the performance of the current debt collector. Despite being under administration we still have a good story to tell. We have over the course of this year delivered **3641** housing units for the under privileged.

Completed projects for the current financial year:

- Construction of houses for the Military veterans in Tigane.
- We have reduces water shortage / interruption in Khuma by constructing the new water reservoir
- We have accelerated the construction of Matlosana Mall and Tower Mall.
- Awarded academically performing students
- Employment of 110 beneficiaries in the EPWP
- Vukuphile emerging contractors Project
- Upgrading of water mains in Kanana R15m
- Upgrading of sewer outfall line in Jouberton 7, 19 & 24 R11m
- Upgrading of sewer outfall line in Alabama / Jouberton R531
- Kanana paving of taxi routes (Phase 7) R2.4m
- Alabama paving of taxi routes (Phase 6) R967
- Tigane paving of taxi routes (Phase 7) R3.1m
- Paving of entrance road to Tigane cemetery R 2.9m
- Upgrading mechanical, electrical equipment and pump station R994.

The city received qualified audit opinion this is a step towards the right direction, we have a fully functional Audit Committee.

We should further note that we have succeeded in establishing functioning ward committees in all the wards.

Our Councillors are holding regular meetings with the community as required by law. We have held Mayoral Imbizo's, Budget Consultations and IDP meetings to ensure that the people govern and their need is our priority.

Madam speaker as part of good governance several employees are on suspension pending their disciplinary hearing relating to fraud and corruption.

