

Lephalale Municipality

Building a vibrant city to be the energy hub of Africa

2016 Local Government Elections



Lephalale Local Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, casting his vote at Moong village



On 03 August 2016, a day declared Public Holiday by the President, South Africans from all corners of the country flocked to their voting stations to exercise their rights of voting for leaders of their choice to represent them in various local and district Municipalities for a period of five years.

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This year's Local government elections were conducted by the IEC under the theme "My future is in my hands". In Lephalale all the 72 voting stations were opened to allow eligible voters to cast their votes. The day went well without any incident. Members of different Political parties showed tolerance to one another which is an indicative of our growing democracy. Credit should go to leadership of different Political parties who ensured that their members conducted themselves in a manner that recognizes and respects the rights of other people. The mayor of Lephalale, Clr Moloko Jack Maeko voted at his home village of Moong. The elections were declared as free and fair by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and international observers on 06/08/2016.

The results of the elections in Lephalale are as follows:-

Total Seats Available in Municipality		26				
Party Name	Total Valid Votes	% Total Valid Votes	Total Party Seats	Ward Seats	PR List Seats Calculated	% Seats Won
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	36,656	66.15	17	10	7	65.38
ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS	11,176	20.17	5	0	5	19.23
DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE	7,582	13.68	4	3	1	15.38
Total	55,414	100	26	13	13	100

Local government Elections 2016 culminated in the inauguration of the Lephalale municipal Council on the 17th August 2016-where Clr Moloko Jack Maeko was re-elected as the Mayor, Clr Reggie Molokomme as the Speaker and Clr Alpheus Thulare as the Chiefwhip.



New Council Inauguration

The newly elected council members of Lephalale Municipality were inaugurated on 17 August at the Municipality Council Chamber. As per the Municipal Structures Act of South Africa. The first sitting was chaired by the Municipal Manager, Edith Tukakgomo. Cllr, Jack Maeko, was elected as the Mayor, Cllr Alpheos Thulare chief whip while Cllr Regina Molokomme is the new speaker.

Councillors who represented different political parties were officially sworn in and the top 5 Executive Committee (EXCO) was elected. Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko (ANC), Cllr William Motlokwa (ANC). Cllr Louisa Shongwe (ANC), Cllr Astrid Basson (ANC) and Cllr Mosonya Semenya (EFF) are the new EXCO members.

The ward councillors are William Motlokwa Ward 1(ANC), Lesibana Fred Monare ward 2(ANC), Nicholaas Hendrik Pienaar ward 3(DA), Sybil Maud Nieuwoudt ward 4(DA), Kgobisa Mishack Mogohloana Ward 5(ANC), Molebatsi Marcus Makgae Ward 6(ANC), Maphuti Elizabeth Maisela Ward 7 6(ANC), Moloko Johanna Selokela Ward 8(ANC), Alpheos Thulare Ward 9(ANC), Mpethe Ratah Modiba Ward 10(ANC), Nnyuru John Motebele Ward 11(ANC), Paulinah Molekwa Ward 12(ANC), Astrid Erika Basson Ward13(DA). Magistrate, Chris Freund, read the oath to the councillors and he said all councillors have to take note of the code of conduct.

In his keynote address, the Mayor, reminded all newly inaugurated councillors to honour all the expectations they raised to communities during campaigns. He appealed for to the councillors to carry forward the spirit of unity “Now that we are in the office, we are going to work together as a collective to move our municipality forward.



Lephalale Municipality Executive Council Members

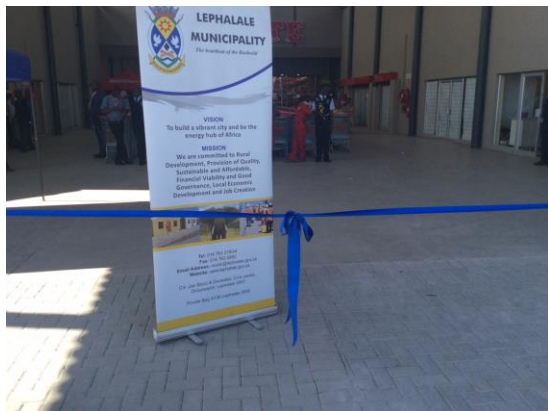


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Official opening of the awaited Phahladira Mall



Communities of Shongoane and surrounding villages came in numbers to witness the official opening of the Phahladira Mall. The Mall was officially opened by Limpopo MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Seaparo Sekoati and Lephalale Local Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko on 24 August.



The construction of the mall which is the brainchild of co-owners Dries van der Walt and David Phahladira started on 3 August 2015 and was completed on 24 August 2016. Local SMMES were empowered with business opportunities. Some of the social responsibility activities done by the Mall management was: Provision of machines to assist in fixing the roads in the area, Excavation work done at a nearby primary school and cemetery, Built a soccer field, Supplied materials and labour for the revamp of the church and bush clearing for the proposed ZCC church site at the back of the mall.



In welcoming the development project, the MEC said “ It’s these kind of developments that will bring change to the lives of people of Lephalale and contribute towards job creation”. Lephalale Local Mayor, Cllr, Jack Maeko, said the mall is a big achievement which will address many issues in the poverty stricken communities and will assist community members who used to travel long distances to nearby towns. The mall is a proof that indeed Lephalale is growing and that the Municipality is in a process of building a vibrant city and an energy hub of Africa “he said.

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Women's Month Celebration

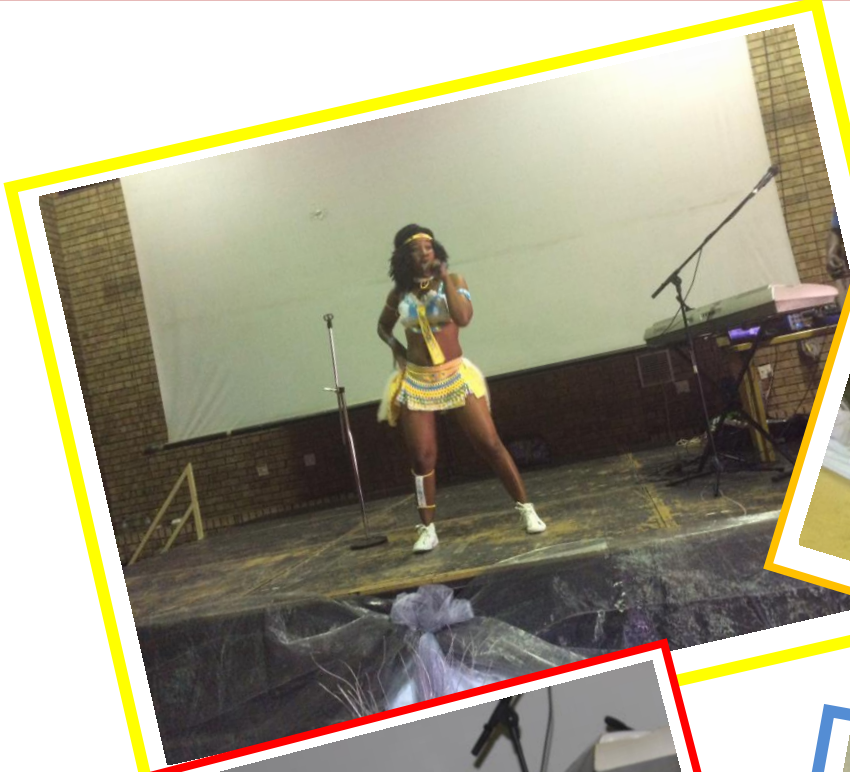


Hundreds of women from the Waterberg District government departments gathered at Mogul Club in Lephalale to celebrate Women's month. The event which was hosted by Lephalale Local Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, as a tribute to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 in protest against the extension of Pass Laws to women. The Government of South Africa declared August women's month and 9 August is celebrated annually as Women's Day.

Different speakers gave messages of support and encouragement and the important role played by women in families, at work and in building the community. Department of Education's Manager in the Waterberg District, Julia Madela, delivered a motivational keynote address. She spoke about leadership and the theme for the day was "What are you waiting for?" she indicated that most people think leadership is the position of power, prestige and authority, they associate leadership with money and therefore feel they are entitled to be served. Women must move away from the perception that leadership is power, leadership is about service and serving people. "Successful leadership is determined by the number of people you serve and not by the number of people who serve you" she said. She concluded by encouraging women to wake up and assist each other to be the best leaders, to serve as role models, to take care of themselves, their families and community at large.

The Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, said in honour of the 1956 women, must unite and focus on addressing the social ills of the community. "Drug, alcohol abuse and young girls dating elder men in exchange for money is a serious challenge which cannot be wished away". He encouraged women to come up with programmes and campaign to highlight and address challenges amongst communities.

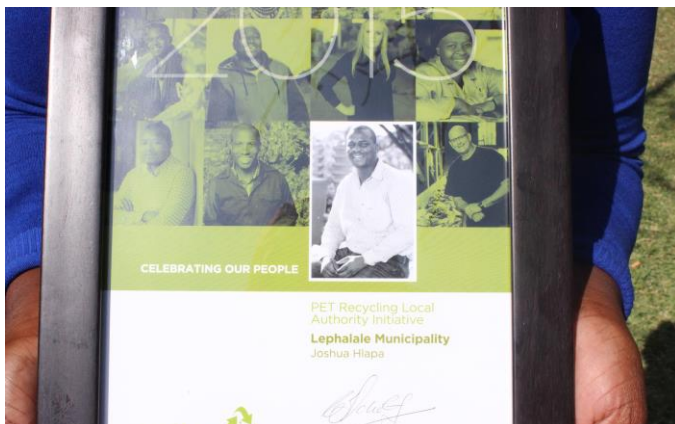
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"A strong woman understands that the gifts such as logic, decisiveness, and strength are just as feminine as intuition and emotional connection. She values and uses all of her gifts." — Nancy Rathburn



Two awards for Lephalale Municipality's waste Management division



Lephalale Municipality scooped an award for the best PET (Polyterapthlate) recycling initiative at an event which was held in Sandton. The event which was hosted by PETCO saw various organisations in the SADEC region competing in different categories. The competition is aimed at supporting the National Waste Management Strategy in promoting Waste minimisation through recycling of waste.

The second award which was hosted by the National Department of Environmental Affairs in Durban was for the best Municipality in implementing waste education and awareness programmes in South Africa.

Celebrating their Birthday in September:



02	RM Moatshe; RL Molekoa; MS Maluleka	14	TM Mametsa
03	CJ Jooste; DT Tshite	15	MJ Kgafela ; SM Shongoane
04	DA Sebueng; MJ Lewatle; PL Mamadi; S Mhangwana	16	MJ Moruwane
05	AE Nailana; C Roselt; MM Malatsi; MS Magotlho	17	MF Ledwaba
06	MM Mosima	18	RE Kekana; TI Ranwedzi ; PTL Mashalane
07	MG Semenya	19	KR Molokomme
08	OM Mathekga; AN Mojela	22	K Motebele; NP Seloba; ML Thulare
09	S Ditsela; OP Dibetso; KS Dibetso; HP Molekwa	23	MM Shiko ; MR Makata
10	RM Sebueng; LR Matjila	24	MS Modipa ; TD Motlogelwa
11	NL Mpya; MP Dibetso	25	AM Matshega; E Mashishi
12	LA Mfisa	28	MP Maluleka; D Kgageng ; SM Mokoena
13	PM Mashego; S Moaloshi ; ML Makgolotsa	29	MP Molokomme; M Seretlo
		30	M Tshelane; GE Ntoampe KP Seleka