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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEPHALALE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FORUM

Chapter 4 of Local Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 (MSA) injuncts council to develop a culture of municipal governance that complements formal representative government with a system of participatory governance.

The MSA, *inter alia*, instructs that our municipality must establish appropriate mechanisms, processes, and procedures to enable the local community to participate in the affairs of the municipality and must, for this purpose, provide for consultative sessions with locally recognized community organizations and traditional authorities.

In this regard, the Mayor, in concert with our key strategic municipal partners (i.e. Eskom, Exxaro and others) is intending to formally constitute and launch Lephalale Stakeholder Engagement Forum.

In pursuit of this objective, at the first consultative meeting which was held on the 20th March 2024, a Steering Committee comprising of a broad spectrum of organized interest groups was constituted and tasked with the drafting of the Terms of Reference (TORs) to regulate the envisaged Lephalale Stakeholder Engagement Forum. The steering committee has completed its task and the draft TORs are now available for public comment ahead of being considered by the broader consultative forum to be held on the 3rd May 2024.

Organs of civil society, business forums and all special interest groups are kindly requested to submit their comments on the draft TORs before the 3rd May 2024. The TORs can be accessed on Lephalale Municipality website http://www.lephalale.gov.za and on all municipal social media handles from 27th April 2024.

Hard copies of the draft TORs will be available at all our three traditional authorities offices, Thusong Centers and municipal libraries from 29th April 2024. Written comments must be forwarded to the following email address madumetja.kgafela@lephalale.gov.za

Your participation in this important process is highly appreciated.

Acting Municipal Manager

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