

## **Meet the Municipal Manager**

### **Ms. Feziwe Nogilana-Raphela**

Ms. Feziwe Nogilana-Raphela is a seasoned legal professional and accomplished public servant who currently leads the Lephalale Local Municipality as the Municipal Manager. With a firm grounding in law and an impressive track record in local government leadership, she brings a unique combination of expertise, passion, and dedication to service delivery and institutional excellence.

Her journey began at Makgetse High School, where she matriculated in 1995. Driven by a passion for justice and public service, she pursued legal studies at the University of Pretoria, obtaining both the Baccalaureus Procuratoris (BProc) and the Baccalaureus Legum (LLB) degrees. She later expanded her skills with certifications in Management Development, Leadership, and Labour Dispute Resolution from the University of the Witwatersrand. Never one to stop learning, she is currently completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management at the University of Pretoria.

Feziwe is also an admitted attorney and holds a professional membership with the Law Society of the Northern Province (on the non-practising roll). Her legal career includes working in several respected law firms, where she served as an attorney, associate, junior legal advisor, and human rights facilitator.

In local government, her leadership experience extends to several municipalities across Limpopo Province. Before assuming her current role, she served as Executive Manager for Corporate Support Services in municipalities such as Lephalale, Ba-Phalaborwa, Lepelle-Nkumpi, and the Waterberg District. In these roles, she was responsible for critical portfolios including Human Resources, Information Technology, Legal Services, Property Management, and Administration.

Ms. Nogilana-Raphela also represented the municipality at a provincial level as a member of the Limpopo Division Bargaining Committee under the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), where she played a vital role in labour negotiations and provides strategic legal advice to the committee.

Beyond her professional commitments, Feziwe is a multilingual communicator who speaks SeTswana, English, Afrikaans, and IsiXhosa. She is a proud Christian, deeply values personal growth, and is passionate about ideas that shape societies. Her leisure time is often spent reading – with Karl Marx and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. among her favourite authors – and staying informed through newspapers and contemporary literature.

Ms. Feziwe Nogilana-Raphela is a dynamic leader, committed to ethical governance, inclusive service delivery, and building a municipality that meets the needs of its people — with integrity, innovation, and heart.