



CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



**IDP/BUDGET SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE
MAYOR CLLR. DP NKOSI**

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MPAC Chairperson and all Section 79 Committees chairperson
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All Traditional Leaders
Pastors
Municipal Manager
Organized labour
Members of the Community joining us from various media platforms
GSDM Executive Mayor
MEC for Cogta Mpumalanga

Good afternoon

I greet you today in this June month which is a youth month. The COVID 19 pandemic is real and has forced us to change the way we do things.

Today's State of the Municipal address is held virtually.

This is unprecedented. We are obliged to hold this meeting for approving our IDP and budget for 2020/2021 financial year.

Chief Albert Luthuli has one covid 19 positive case. The second case has been reported around Elukwatini but we are awaiting the department of health to confirm it.

The country is now in lockdown level 3.

When President Ramaphosa addressed the nation on 13 May 2020, he advised us that we can protect ourselves by doing the following:

- Observe a 1.5 meter social distance space
- Wearing face masks
- Washing our hands at least 5 times per day
- Sanitizing our hands regularly
- Frequent cleaning of surfaces that we intend to touch regularly
- Coughing into the elbow

Highlights on the 2019 commitments

On May 29, 2019, we committed this administration into different programs. Some of the programs that we committed ourselves into has been achieved. The following are the achievements registered during the previous financial year:

Spatial Development:

1. Promulgation of the land use scheme
2. Promulgation of the spatial development framework

3. Proclamation of Silobela x3, mayflower c, elukwatini BA
4. Approval of carpark ext 2 by municipal planning tribunal
5. Proclamation of Fernie A&B

2019/20 – 25 Title deeds issued.

LED

Last year we committed ourselves to create 4000 jobs through the EPWP

- Jobs created through EPWP: 270
- CWP 2956
- Tourism Fast Food 28
- New Venture Creation 30
- Hospitality and Accommodation 25
- Siyathuthuka 30
- Siyathuthuka Enterprise Development 15

Total 3 354

Service delivery:

Water supply has improved in Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality.

We appreciate the assistance that was rendered by the Gert Sibande District and Department of water and sanitation regarding the Lusushwane water project. For the first time the community around Lochiel, Oshoek and Swallowsnest are now receiving water.

Elukwatini, Empuluzi and Methula are also part of the regional bulk infrastructure grant.

5 highmast lights were erected this year and 140 houses were electrified at Silobela.

Our plan of reducing water, sanitation and waste removal backlogs is still in a correct direction.

Roads

Kilometers of roads paved in 2019/ 20 financial year which 1.3 km. This is because of the lockdown period which delayed our processes.

Disaster management and fire rescue

A Disaster and fire building is practical completed.

We are in discussion with Nkomati mine and Sasol to assist us with Fire Engines for us to be improve our response rate.

Governance and public participation

- All council meetings are sitting
- All section 79 and 80 committees are fully functional
- Community meetings, Mayoral Izimbizo's, Local Aids Council and other forums are working properly.

Education bursaries

As municipality, we committed ourselves in introducing a bursary fund to assist students in furthering their studies. I am pleased to announce that it is no longer a dream but a reality. Railway siding company donated R50,000 and we contributed R50,000. These initiative has assisted 10 students in this financial year. We exceeded our target of 2 students per financial year.

2020/2021 Budget proposal

I hereby table the proposed budget for the 2020/2021 financial year.

Revenue

R 974 908 475.00

Expenditure

R 974.423.580.00

Capital Projects

- R 13.5m Upgrading of `Carolina WTW
- Ward 15, 21 and 22 will benefit form that project.

- R26 million for revenue enhancement and drilling and equipping of boreholes in remote areas the municipality. The following wards will be prioritized for boreholes: Ward 1,3,4,7,9,16,17,19,21 and 23
- R256 million for the RBIG
- Benefitting communities of Nhlazatshe, Dundonald, Glenmore, Mayflower, Malahleka, Fernie, Diepdale
- R10m upgrading of WWTW Empuluzi benefiting ward 4,7,9
- R10m upgrading of WWTW Elukwatini benefiting ward 14 and 10
- R10 M for smart toilets ward 2, 6, 7, 8, 16, 19, 21, 23, 24.
- R5m road project Nhlazatshe 7.
- R7 million for high mast lights ward
- 2 for ward 1 Dewet
- 2 for ward 19
- 2 for ward 7
- 1 for ward 5
- 1 for ward 9 eSandleni
- 2 for Nhlazatshe no 1
- 1 for ward 18
- 1 for ward 14
- 1 for ward 10
- 1 for ward 22
- R15 m for Carolina substation
- R3 m energy efficiency
- R1.7 m Silobela sports field
- R10m Fernie road
- R10m Glenmore road
- R5m Ekulindeni AC pipes
- R1000 for Empuluzi AC pipe

Tariff increase

- All other tariffs increased by 4.6
- Electricity 6.9
- Property rates by 0%

Budget consultation processes:

All municipal stakeholders were consulted through; emails, municipal Facebook page, municipal website and through radios.

Policy Direction

Land invasion is a challenge in this municipality. We are regarded as one of the municipalities with more informal settlements because of the rapid and sporadic allocation of stands.

Our land invasion is of its special type because people are allocated stands by people who don't have authority of establishing townships. A war room of dealing with this challenge will be established as a matter of urgency.

Revenue must be collected and our efforts must be directed in collecting 80% on average.

Distribution losses in electricity and water must be attended.

Covic 19 has affected our economy and we have to come up with recovery measurers.

- Influence the type and volume of goods produced in our locality
- Improving the local demand for goods and services
- Improving the distribution of income in our locality thereby closing the inequality gap.

“Every one can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated and passionate about what they do.” Nelson Mandela.

In Conclusion

If we want to see this Municipality return to a state of normality, we will all need to play our part, stay home, and respect the instructions given by the National Government.

We cannot afford for this virus to spread and I am calling on the people of Chief Albert Luthuli to show the rest of the world just how resilient we are, play your part, stay home, stop the spread of the virus, and within time – hopefully a much shorter time – we can get back to work.

Thank you