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Message from the Executive Mayor

We have come to the end of yet another year and this means that the festive season is here. It is a time for us to relax and spend time with our loved ones and to reflect and rejuvenate ourselves for the coming year.

It is a time for giving and a time for sharing and most of all it gives us the opportunity to be thankful for what we have and to support those less fortunate than ourselves.

It has been a privilege for me to have served with so many dedicated men and women in both the political as well as the administrative arms of the district municipality.

Together we have joined forces to serve you the community of the Frances Baard District to the best of our abilities, and we will continue to do so in the coming years.

In August this year the Council have concluded one year in office, and what a year it has been. We have managed to continue with the work of the district municipality unabated.

We can proudly say that the support we provide to our local municipalities continued uninterrupted, so as to ensure that the delivery of services to our communities continues without fail. It has been an

interesting year with many challenges but also many success stories and as a Council we are wholeheartedly committed to serve our communities to the best of our ability.

As always I want to implore you to heed the rules of the road as you embark on your respective journeys over this festive period.

On behalf of the Frances Baard District Municipality, I extend my warmest regards and best wishes to everyone.

May you be blessed during this festive season and may the Lord keep you safe until we meet again in the New Year.



The Executive Mayor
Ms BV Ximba



From left: The Executive Mayor, Ms. Buyiswa Ximba, the MEC for Safety & Liaison, Ms Pauline Williams and the then Acting Municipal Manager, Ms Kealeboga Gaborone at the Provincial Govan Mbeki Awards Ceremony on 05 September 2017, where the FBDM walked away with the Best Level 2 accredited municipality in the Province for the third consecutive year. **Read more on Page 5**

From the Municipal Manager's Desk

This edition comes at a time when we wrap up the calendar year. We do so having achieved some of our goals but we appreciate that we are still a long way in ensuring that the lives of our people improve.

We are aware that our community deserve our highest form of dedication and the spirit of service that must be inherent of any public servant.

As a municipality we are humbled though we have regressed from the past audit year to have been able to achieve favourable audit outcomes for the past six years. We know that none of it would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of each and everyone within the municipality. We would also not have achieved this without leadership and oversight of our Council.

We will be tabling our mid-year report in January 2018 to assess how we fared in the last two quarters with the intention to putting all efforts and strengthening our capacity to achieve more by June 2018.

Frances Baard District Municipality is the proud recipient of the Govan Mbeki Housing Awards for the best level 2 accredited municipality. However, we will only celebrate this token once the housing backlog have been eradicated and human settlement patterns within our district has improved.

We are working with the provincial department for human settlements in trying to realise this goal. We remain committed to our mandate to ensure that we create a better life for all who live within this beautiful district.

To our SMMEs who are continuing to be innovative, despite the difficult economic climate, we salute you and appreciate our collective efforts in trying to change the livelihood of our people, especially young people within our district.

As we head towards the end of 2017, looking back, we are aware of the challenges that we have overcome and those that still lie ahead. Rest assured that Frances Baard District Municipality will continue to serve our people and support our local municipalities.

May I take this opportunity to wish the people of our district a blessed festive season and a prosperous new year. I hope that 2018 will be a year filled with joy and prosperity.

May the Almighty God bless and keep each one of you. Let us meet in 2018.



**Municipal Manager
Ms Mamikie Bogatsu**



Merry Christmas & a Happy 2018!

Reconstitution of provincial house of traditional leaders

“The Northern Cape Traditional Leadership, Governance, and Houses of Traditional Leaders Act, Act 2 of 2007 Section 37 (1) determines that the Premier must by notice in the Provincial Gazette determine the number of the members of the Provincial House.”

On 20 October 2017 the Provincial House of Traditional Leaders made history when it elected Kgosi Pelonomi Toto as the first female Chairperson and Kgosi Pule Bareki as the Deputy Chairperson.

The proceedings of the reconstitution of the Provincial House was presided over by the Acting Judge President of the Northern Cape High Court, Judge Pule Tlaletsi. In attendance were also the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Mr Obed Bapela, and Inkosi Sipho Mahlangu, the Chairperson of National House of Traditional Leaders.

Ms Lucas encouraged Kgosi Toto to work hard at developing and uplifting rural communities and to encourage traditional leaders to be at the forefront of issues affecting their communities.

“Recently at the launch of the Local House I encouraged members that we should lower the threshold to also allow female traditional leaders in leadership positions and therefore we are excited and pleased today that we are taking this step in transformation,” said the Premier.

Kgosi Motshwarakgole, Kgosi Phetlhu and Kgosi Thaganyane were also elected to represent the Province at the National House of Traditional Leaders.

By way of encouraging the traditional leaders for their task at hand, the Premier quoted from Loa Tzu, an ancient Chinese Philosopher who once said “Go to the people, Live with them, Learn from them, Love them and start with what they know. Build with what they have but with the best leaders; when the work is done, the task accomplished, the people will say we have done this ourselves”.



The Premier of the Northern Cape, Ms Sylvia Lucas (seated front, centre) flanked by the newly elected chairperson of the Provincial House of Traditional Leaders, Kgosi Pelonomi Toto (seated on her right) and the deputy chairperson, Kgosi Pule Bareki (seated to her left).

The work of traditional leadership still remains very relevant in our current dispensation as echoed by the

Deputy Minister of COGTA, Mr Bapela, who joined the Premier in extending a congratulatory message to the newly elected leadership in their new term of office.

Traditional leaders were encouraged to draw strength from the fact that the Province as well as National Government have confidence in their ability to manage and solve the challenges of the people that they serve. Their collective efforts will leave behind a legacy that will transcend beyond their term of office.

Following the end of term for the 2012-2017 National House of Traditional Leaders (NHTL) on 16 August 2017, an important milestone has been achieved as all the seven (7) Provincial Houses of Traditional Leaders have been reconstituted. This paves the way for the 2017 - 2022 National House of Traditional Leaders to be reconstituted.

Entrepreneur Week 2017

Annually during one week in November, thousands of events and competitions in 160 countries inspire millions to engage in entrepreneurial activity while connecting them to potential collaborators, mentors and investors. The initiative is supported by dozens of world leaders and a network of more than 15,000 partner organizations.

This year the Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) was held November 20 - 24, 2017. The district municipality and its local municipalities partnered to host the annual entrepreneur week.

The 2017 programme included panel presentations, followed by Q&A sessions. During the week training sessions were held that was geared towards giving entrepreneurs from around the district an opportunity to build the skills and relationships that will help their business ventures grow.

The programme catered to the diversity of the participants and their needs as entrepreneurs, from industry and regional focused sessions. This year's programme included 5 themes that event partners can incorporate into their agenda. Investors, Women, Youth, Cities and Scale-Ups. Several of these topics were integrated by speakers, sponsors and exhibitors.

The objectives of the the annual Entrepreneur Week are as follows:

- Development and maintenance of business linkages – to bring together small and big business
- To expose business/entrepreneurs to economic opportunities (the opportunities must be informed by government strategies and pre-consultations with business, government and support agencies)
- To provide a networking opportunity for SMMEs and a platform to share best business practices
- To equip business owners/entrepreneurs with available entrepreneurial and business development tools

The target audience

Developing existing and creating new entrepreneurs has always been the main objective of the event. To bring this objective to



The executive mayor, Cllr. Buyiswa Ximba, delivered the key note address during the launch of the entrepreneur week at the Recreation Hall in Galeshewe on Monday 20 November 2017.

fruition, the partners and participants were pulled from three main groups.

- Government including municipalities (local and national/provincial government) & stakeholders: development finance institutions and other economic imperative government institutions (including parastatals). This group is required to engage with stakeholders and review any challenges that require adapted finance and investment products in order to ensure accelerated economic equality and transformation

- Private sector (focused on the area and what it can offer): Corporate South Africa will be needed for resources and investment back into the district. Intentions are for them to work with municipalities to unlock the economic potential of marginalised areas. Sectors such as mining, quarrying, agriculture and import and export.

- Entrepreneurs (start-ups to medium business): This tier

“The 2013 was themed TAKE A STEP FORWARD. The 2014 theme invited hosts to GET CONNECTED. In 2015 the theme invited attendees to MAKE IT HAPPEN. This year five themes were announced namely, INVESTORS, WOMEN, YOUTH, CITIES and SCALE-UPS.”

consists of aspiring entrepreneurs, existing business owners and civil society. This is to assist SMMEs or civil society to better their existing companies or ideas by providing them the opportunity to network. The event targeted actual business owners that can improve their skills/knowledge so that their business can create jobs, or innovators that need to create business.

The first day kicked off with a media round table to launch the Entrepreneur Week 2017. The event included editors and journalists, municipal executives, CEOs, sponsors and event speakers and showcased what government and the private sector achieved and what is being done to support entrepreneurship development in the district.

On day two the plenary sessions took place and included selected business owners and innovators. Day three to five focussed on sponsored training sessions and giving entrepreneurs the tools to use in their businesses.



Mr Lucky Seekoei, who represented the military veterans took the opportunity to engage during one of the panel discussions. He enquired about enablers for the veterans in the area to become more involved in the agriculture sector.



The MEC for COGHSTA, Mr Alvin Botes, the executive mayor, Ms Buyiswa Ximba, members of the housing teams of both the district municipality and COGHSTA at the national awards ceremony on 09 November 2017 at Gallagher Estate.

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Govan Mbeki Housing Awards

The Frances Baard District Municipality won the award for Best Level 2 Accredited Municipality in the Northern Cape Province for 2017 this was the third time that the District Municipality has won this award.

The first provincial awards was in 2014 and the second in 2016, where it went on to take the national awards as well.

The district has won the national award on two occasions in 2014 and 2016 and now for the third time in a row the municipality scooped up the national award for 2017.

The Govan Mbeki Housing Awards is an annual event in the human settlements diary. The awards start at a provincial level and the respective winners in the various categories then compete at a national level.

The awards are to honour those who have performed best in the Human Settlements sector during the past year.

A look at the state of landfill sites in the district

“The management of landfill sites across the district is still a matter of grave concern. Littering and the dumping of waste on open spaces remain a huge problem. It doesn’t only contribute to an unsightly environment but create breeding places for parasites which can spread diseases.”

Warrenton landfill site

Large sections of the fence at the Warrenton landfill site is missing and this allows unauthorised persons and animals to have free access to the facility. There are no trenches for the disposal of waste and the waste is not covered up on a daily basis. Plastic and paper are blown around by the wind unchecked. Due to the lack of access control scavengers abound on the site.

Delportshoop landfill site

At this site the conditions are much similar to what is happening in Warrenton. Large sections of the surrounding fence of the landfill site is missing and makes the site accessible to unauthorised persons and animals. There are no personnel on duty to control access and people are dumping waste without any supervision. The waste is not covered daily and the wind has blown plastics and papers everywhere. Burning of waste also occurs on-site and it contributes to air pollution.

The Dikgatlong local municipality excavated a big hole where waste is being dumped and this poses a risk as during the rain season the hole fills up with water and can become the breeding ground for , hence there are scavengers on site and during raining season it will be filled with water

Barkley West landfill site

This landfill site also does not have a proper fence in place. There is a dilapidated guardroom and no personnel on duty to manage access to the site. Unauthorised persons such as recyclers and animals (pigs and goats) have access to the facility. The waste is not covered daily and plastics and papers are blown everywhere by the wind. Burning of waste takes place at the site, which is a serious health hazard.

Windsorton landfill site

Just like all the other landfill sites the Windsorton site is also not fenced and unauthorised access by people and animals is not controlled. The type of waste dumped at the site is not controlled and waste is scattered everywhere by the elements. Waste have blown into the adjacent oxidation pond that clogs the system.

Hartswater landfill site

There is a guardhouse house to control access to the site, however vehicles entering the site cannot be accurately weighed as the weighbridge is out of order. An access registered is kept of all vehicles entering the site. Trenches are being dug and used as required. Only after the first trench is fully utilised can the next one be used. The closing up of trenches can only happen on weekends because the one TLB available must service the entire Phokwane area

Kimberley landfill site

The city of Kimberley also experienced similar challenges with its landfill site i.e. poor fencing and lack of access control. Security at the site was also a major concern as scavengers took up permanent residence at the site. Illegal dumping also continues to be a huge problem for the city.

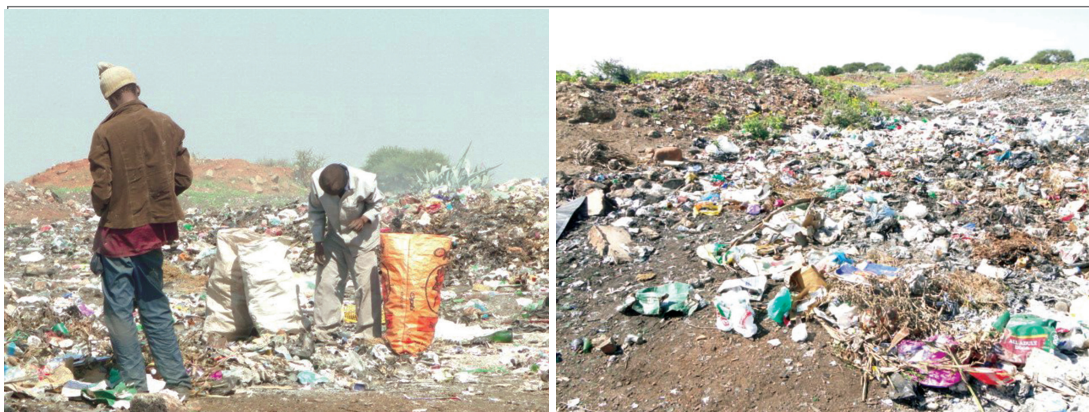
“A landfill site is a site for the disposal of waste materials by burial. It is used to isolate waste from its surrounding environment, preventing water contamination and contact with air.”

Challenges experienced by the local municipalities

- Lack of money and machinery are some of the biggest concerns for municipalities.
- Lack of competent staff and the fact that the maintenance of landfill sites is not seen as a priority by municipalities.
- Illegal dumping is a massive problem across all municipalities.

Interventions

The Frances Baard district municipality renders advice and guidance the Dikgatlong and Magareng local municipalities to ensure that landfill site are operated and managed according to legislative requirements.



Left: Scavengers at the landfill site in Warrenton. Right: This waste was dumped outside the landfill site in Warrenton.

The district municipality has spent a large amount of money over the years to assist the Magareng local municipality with the upgrade of its landfill site.

The funds were used for the fencing of the landfill site and to build a control booth where an official can be housed to implement access control. The district municipality also conducted an environmental impact assessment of the site. Unfortunately due to poor maintenance this infrastructure was severely damaged over time.

During the 2016/17 financial year the Environmental Health Unit implemented a waste collection and removal project in Warrenton and Barkly West and provided temporary work for 6 community members in each town for 6 months. The local municipalities assisted by collecting the bags and disposing it on the landfill sites. The environmental health practitioners (EHPs) also rolled out awareness campaigns to sensitize communities on the importance of a clean environment and to encourage them not to dump or litter on open spaces. They encouraged households to separate their waste at household level and to sell the recyclables.

In 2010 the Department of Environmental Affairs initiated the development of a landfill site for Hartswater in line with the Green Economy approach.

The project was implemented with the mandate to contribute towards poverty alleviation while encouraging beneficiaries to participate in the mainstream economy in ways that address the core objectives of the department.

During the construction phase 288 people were employed and all beneficiaries of the project received nonaccredited training in the field of, amongst others project management, communication, road construction and occupational health and safety. The landfill site has been designed to be operational for a period of 20 years or until it reaches its capacity. The site was handed over to the Phokwane local municipality by Minister Edna Molewa in 2012.

Recently the Kimberley landfill site was upgraded and a fence was erected to secure the site. The upgrade included the an access control station, a weighbridge, access road, garden refuse drop-off zone, ablution facilities, running water and electricity, high mast lights and 24-hour security officials on site.

District Integrated Waste Management Plan

The district municipality developed a waste management plan in 2010 that recognised all the key points as outlined and proposed the following strategies to address these issues:

- Permitting of existing unlicensed disposal sites for closure or continued use;
- Upgrade or development of sites to conform to the minimum requirements for disposal by landfill sites;
- Improvement of operation and management to comply with minimum requirements;
- Investigation of future collection structures, equipment, maintenance and options to suit changing development;
- Maintenance of current collection fleet;
- Increase of human resources;
- Training of responsible personnel;
- Review of tariff structures to optimise resources;
- Introduction of record keeping system (waste information system);
- Development of strategies to minimize illegal dumping; and
- Formulation of waste minimization strategies.

The Plan further proposed a number of projects that may be implemented:

- Purchase of waste collection and waste disposal equipment;
- Provision of skips at strategic locations throughout the district;
- Provision of recycling containers at convenient and visible locations in the district;
- Appointment of consultant to develop and optimise collection routes;
- Provision of training to low level staff and specialized training for specialized positions;
- Preparation of waste management system for each municipality; and
- Appointment of private waste management company to manage larger landfill sites.

10-year review of the tourism schools business plan competition

In 2008 the district municipality became aware of the introduction of tourism as a subject in schools and introduced the tourism schools business plan competition as a pilot project in that financial year.

The project was initiated with the focus to capacitate learners in the tourism field through a competition that afforded learners the opportunity to compile business plans on various tourism sectors. The program is targeted at Grade 10-12 learners in schools offering tourism as a subject.

Since its inception, the project was complimented by school entries offering tourism as a subject over the past 10 years. Participation as follows:

2008/2009	-	5 schools
2009/2010	-	7 schools
2010/2011	-	7 schools
2011/2012	-	9 schools
2012/2013	-	9 schools
2013/2014	-	17 schools
2014/2015	-	19 schools
2015/2016	-	19 schools
2016/2017	-	10 schools
2017/2018	-	9 schools

Tourism development and promotion is highlighted as one of the main sectors within Local Economic Development (LED) with the goal to develop and promote tourism in the district.

During the 2011/2012 financial year the district municipality introduced the development incentive grant to assist in the development of tourism classrooms (media centres) in schools.

The development incentive grant are funds budgeted in order to procure items / furniture for use in tourism classrooms to meet the recommendations of a tourism classroom as set out in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for tourism grades 10 - 12.

In the 2017/18 financial year the municipality introduced business studies to the competition.

Schools who offered business studies as a subject was allowed to enter a business plan for Grade 10, transformation of a business plan into an action plan for Grade 11 and macro-environment business strategies for Grade 12.

The future plans of this project entails rolling out the project in the province in those districts who shows interest and will be done so in partnership with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

Prizes

All schools participating in the competition automatically qualifies to receive an incentive grant to the value of R 5,000 pending on the requirements met in terms of the entry criteria for the competition.

- The sector winners receives an additional amount to the value of R 2,500
- The overall winners receives an additional amount to the value of R 5,000

Preparatory workshops are held to introduce the program to learners and educators in order to capacitate them in terms of the importance of a business plan and the compilation thereof.

2017 WINNERS PER SECTOR

Grade 10	
Greening Project	Sport Tourism
Sector winner: William Pescod High School	Sector winner: Vuyolwethu High School
1st runner-up: Xunkwhesa Combined School	1st runner-up: Boresetse High School
2nd runner-up: St Cyprians Grammar School	2nd runner-up: Warrenvale High School
Grade 11	
Tourism Route	Adventure Tourism
Sector winner: St Cyprians Grammar School	Sector winner: St Cyprians Grammar School
1st runner-up: Tshireleco High School	1st runner-up: Degania High School
2nd runner-up: Boresetse High School	2nd runner-up: Xunkwhesa Combined School



Overall winner - tourism category (Grade 10):
William Pescod High School



Overall winner - tourism category (Grade 11):
St Cyprians Grammar School



Overall winner - business tourism category (Grade 12):
Degania High School



Overall winner - business studies category (Grade 12):
Hoërskool Diamantveld

Mandela Day 2017

This year the FBDM rolled out a comprehensive programme to celebrate Mandela Day for an entire day. Below is the events of the day depicted in a photo collage.



The executive mayor, Cllr. Buyiswa Ximba accompanied by the mayor of Magareng Municipality, Cllr. Mhaleni and councillors from the district municipality and local municipality handed over school uniform to the children of the Morake household in Ikhtseng, Warrenton. The house of the family was damaged in a fire in 2016 that caused extensive damage to the structure and their belongings. Of the items lost were the childrens school uniforms. The mayors handed over school uniforms and shoes to the children aged 8, 10, and 16.



The delegation handed over sanitary towels to young learners (mostly girls) at an event at the Ikhtseng Community Hall. Sister Gobian of the local clinic gave a talk on health issues for young girls relating to the incorrect use of sanitary towels.



At the same event the polital leaders, officials and community members took a pledge to dispose of sanitary towels in the correct manner.



The delegation joined a group of elderly people in Ikhtseng at a special event to honour them. The senior citizens were put through their paces with an aerobics class before the main programme started. The two mayors then handed out blankets to approximately 110 elderly people.



The delegation joined NYDA at the home of Mr Jacob Morwe, an elderly person living in Ikhtseng, Warrenton. NYDA heeded the call to channel the energies of young people in the right direction by guiding them to help especially the elderly. The delegation helped with washing his clothes and painting his house. Seen above is two of the FBDM councillors jumping in to help with the painting of the house.

2018 Student Financial Aid Opportunities for Frances Baard Residents

The Frances Baard District Municipality is committed to increasing the level of investment in education and training within its jurisdiction. The Municipality also seeks to improve the employment prospects of persons from previously disadvantaged backgrounds through the creation of education opportunities for its residents, in particular young people. The municipality is offering student financial aid to South African citizens, who permanently reside in the Frances Baard district, to pursue full time undergraduate studies in one of, but not limited to, the following fields:

Engineering: Civil, Electrical, Building, etc.	Tourism
Renewable energy	ICT
Financial Management	Environmental Health and Management
Town and Regional planning	Marketing and Communications
GIS	Auditing

Criteria for selection:

- Selection of successful candidates will be based on both academic merit and financial neediness of the applicant.
- Applicants are expected to study at an accredited South African tertiary institution.
- It is the student's responsibility to seek admission with a tertiary institution of their choice.

The student financial aid is renewable annually, based on academic performance/results.

The funds are intended to pay for the student's:

- Registration fees,
- Tuition fees or a top up on tuition for those that register on their own,
- Books and material; or
- Accommodation (or boarding)
- Meals

The financial aid is limited to a maximum amount of R10,000 per student.

Student financial aid application forms are available from:

- Reception area: Frances Baard District Municipality, Sol Plaatje Local Municipality, Phokwane Local Municipality, Magareng Local Municipality and Dikgatlong Local Municipality
- Website: www.francesbaard.gov.za

Certified copies of the following must accompany the applications:

- Most recent academic record (e.g. matric certificate or statement of results)
- South African identity document
- Proof of residency in Frances Baard district (i.e. statement of water and lights, rates and taxes, etc.)
- Proof of income of parents/guardian (a sworn affidavit if unemployed)

Completed application forms can be posted to:

The Student Financial Aid Committee
c/o The Municipal Manager
Frances Baard District Municipality
Private Bag X 6088
Kimberley, 8301

Or

Hand delivered to:

The Student Financial Aid Committee
c/o The Municipal Manager
Frances Baard District Municipality
51 Drakensberg Avenue
Carters Glen
Kimberley, 8301

Enquiries: Ms P Thelejane - Tel: 053 - 838 0911

Closing date for submission of applications: 30 November 2017

Closing date for all outstanding documents i.e. matric certificate is 15 January 2018

NATIONAL HEADLINES

16 Days of Activism 2017

“Count me in: together moving a non-violent South Africa forward.”

The 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children campaign will take place from 25 November to 10 December 2017. This year the campaign will be held under the theme: “Count Me In: Together Moving a Non-Violent South Africa Forward”.

Over the period government will convene a series of dialogues on violence against women and children to focus on the problem, discuss the causes and to find appropriate solutions. Through the dialogue sessions government will interact with community members who experience violence and abuse.

From 26th November 2016, the Department of Women has managed to lead community dialogues in Limpopo, Northern Cape, Mpumalanga provinces to understand and address causes of gender based violence. The dialogue sessions respond to the NDP Vision for 2030 which emphasises “building safer communities through an integrated approach”.

It is important that the 16 Days Campaign is not viewed as a stand-alone event. It is another leg of the #356Days of Activism Campaign and #CountMeIn, which aims to mobilise members of society, especially men to join hands with government in the fight to curb Violence Against Women.

Objectives of the campaign

- To attract all South Africans to be active participants in the fight to eradicate violence against women and children, hence the theme: Count me in.
- To expand accountability beyond

the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) cluster to include all government clusters and provinces.

- To combine technology, social media, the arts, journalism, religion, culture and customs, business and activism to draw attention to the many ways violence against women and children affects the lives of all people in all communities around the world.
- To ensure mass mobilisation of all communities to promote collective responsibility in the fight to eradicate violence against women and children.
- To encourage society to acknowledge that violence against women and children is NOT a government or criminal justice system problem, but a societal problem, and that failure to view it as such results in all efforts failing to eradicate this scourge in our communities.
- To emphasise the fact that the solution lies with all of us.

What is violence against women and children?

- Physical violence in the form of domestic violence, terrible violent crime such as murder, robbery, rape and assault.
- Emotional violence and trauma at many levels caused by many factors. Women and children in their homes, at work, at schools, on our streets, in our communities suffer this form of violence for various reasons.
- Another terrible blight of our democracy is the violence of poverty, starvation, humiliation and degradation, especially against women and children. Poverty, inequality and unemployment are conditions under which violence thrives.

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Editorial Note

We are very proud of the housing team who have managed to bring home yet another Govan Mbeki housing award!. Congratulations to Saligh and his team!

The end of the calendar year has arrived and its time to take stock of all our achievements for 2017, both professional and personal.

As we head into the festive period, let us take a moment to reflect on our labours this year and thank the Almighty for adding another year to our lives.

The holiday period is a time to rest and I hope all of you will do just that. Reflect on everything that has happened in the year, be it good or bad, and take out only those things that helps you become a better and stronger person.

With well wishes for the festive season and a prosperous new year. We look forward to seeing you in 2018 and hope to bring you many more stories from across the Frances Baard District.



Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all!

We always welcome inputs on the articles we feature in this publication and we want to urge you to contact us should you have any questions. We hope you enjoyed the read and we look forward to hearing from you.

Gerline Roman
Editor



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