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Foreword by the Executive Mayor

As the reader can see from this edition of our newsletter, we are *a municipality at work!* From September 2005 when we started with the budgeting process, the pace hardly slackened as we had some very tough deadlines to meet. We have been engaged with the IDP review process, always trying to make the process more representative and accessible to communities.

Our officials have been consumed by planning their budgets based on the strategic guidelines provided by Council in the IDP. We had some interesting sessions during *Council meets the People* meetings, which shows us that the community is really interested in the performance of the municipality. These meetings also directly confronted us with the delivery challenges that still exist,

and the fact that communities demand better delivery from government.

So we need to roll up our sleeves and work even harder, because the end is not yet in sight...

The hard work is really worth it because despite some dissatisfaction, our people are heart-warmingly grateful for what we manage to achieve. Our outreach to the youth of Jan Kempdorp and the children of Reneilwe Day Care, as part of our "Sixteen days of Activism" campaign, is a memory that still uplifts the spirit.



Ms Moira Marais-Martin
Former Executive Mayor of
Frances Baard District Municipality

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One of the highlights in our programmes last year was the HIV/AIDS celebrations in Stillwater – Dikgatlong. Read more about these celebrations on PAGE 9

Foreword by the Executive Mayor

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Reach high, for stars
lie hidden in your soul.
Remember that great
works are performed,
not by strength, but by
perseverance.

S. Johnson

Our term of office as Council ended on 28 February 2005, therefore we should indeed reflect on what we achieved as a municipality and what the challenges facing the incoming Council would be. I am pleased to report continued progress within Frances Baard District Municipality, as outlined in our five-year brochure. There are still numerous challenges ahead – we have not yet ensured universal access to services for all, we have to grow the economy of the District by 6%, we have to do more for special and vulnerable target groups, build the capacity of Category B municipalities, and ensure maximum job creation through all our projects. I

am sure the good work will continue. To the incoming Councillors – I wish you the very best of wisdom and determination in order to execute the pledge you have signed to serve the community.

I wish to thank all outgoing FBDM councillors who were willing to work so diligently with me in this team. Thank you to the Municipal Manager (Mr T. Nosi) and ALL staff members of FBDM for your hard work. Give the necessary support also to the incoming Council. Remember to work as a T.E.A.M (Together Everyone Achieves More). It was an honour and a wonderful experience to serve our people, together with you.

From the Municipal Manager's Desk



Thabo Nosi

The process of transforming the local government sphere is premised on the fact that the new democratic order has a specific mission; that of meeting the new developmental objective which will help to create a better life for all. The establishment of the Frances Baard District Municipality in 2000 offered the out going Council a rare opportunity to be the pioneers of the transformation process that would enable and establish a sound base for sustainable

developmental governance. The first term of local government has indeed being one of the most complex projects of state transformation since 1994. In his State of the Nation Address on 02 February 2006, President Mbeki indicated “For accelerated and shared growth Initiative of South Africa (ASGI-SA) to succeed, it is clear that the machinery of state, and especially local government, should function effectively and efficiently. During the past year, our government has undertaken a detailed assessment to determine what we need to do to improve the capacity of our system of local government.”

This assessment recognizes that progress has been made in meeting the challenges of the past five years, and lessons learnt will propel the municipality to confidently look ahead in terms of what still

needs to be done in the next five years. On behalf of management and staff our sincere gratitude to the Executive Mayor, the Speaker and Councillors for the leadership they displayed. I also need to congratulate management and staff for promoting the ethical norms, foundation and principles of municipal administration. The professional manner in which you conducted yourself enabled the preceding Council face the daunting task of building the institutional capacity of the municipality and delivery of quality services to communities in the district. We have not yet arrived and thus commit ourselves to give unwavering professional support to our in-coming council.

On behalf of management and staff, It was indeed as management and staff “



Protecting our infrastructure investment for continued service delivery

IN THE FIRST DECADE of democracy, over R1 billion was spent by various government spheres in the Northern Cape to increase the delivery of free basic services, and Frances Baard District Municipality (FBDM)'s budget spending from 2000 to 2005 reflects this increase.

At the start of our term as a Council, municipalities had to develop Integrated Development Plans (IDP). Consultation with communities confirmed a great need for infrastructure. FBDM had inherited an R80 million infrastructure backlog, but had an income of only R26 million in 2000–01. We were determined to meet this challenge and allocated a considerable amount for infrastructure development.

Already in the first year, many local municipalities requested not new infrastructure, but urgent interventions to save existing infrastructure from total collapse. For example, Magareng Municipality had frequent power cuts, dangerous electrical poles and exposed wires, an erratic supply and dissatisfied customers. FBDM allocated R2.3 million in 2000–01 to rectify this problem.

However, the FBDM budgets from 2000 to 2003 were largely chasing backlogs in new infrastructure in unserved areas, rather than maintaining existing infrastructure, for which local municipalities lacked money. We realised that if we did not begin to maintain the investments that government was making, we would have to rebuild new infrastructure within ten

years. FBDM thus became involved in the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Project.

We agreed to become a pilot site for, and partner in the project, in partnership with DWAF, DBSA, SIDA, DHLG, and SALGA Northern Cape. Our aims were:

- To learn how to further skill our workers to maintain roads
- To set an example from which other district municipalities could learn
- To make local municipalities aware of their responsibility to progressively budget more for maintenance of infrastructure
- To develop a district model to assist local municipalities to maintain infrastructure
- To solicit and provide support for maintaining infrastructure, and to train workers involved in maintenance

FBDM is an active participant in the Steering Committee of the O&M Project and has led the drafting of the O&M handbook on Roads, Streets and Stormwater. We have, with DWAF, assisted Dikgatlong Municipality to improve their water purification plant, to address quality problems. We were very happy to meet a woman technician there, as this field is dominated by men and one project aim is to encourage more women to develop technical skills.

As part of our commitment, FBDM has created an O&M fund, with R350 000, then R600 000 and now nearly

R1 million allocated over three years to which local municipalities can apply for support for urgent maintenance. FBDM has decided not to create a separate O&M Support Unit, but to use the existing Project Management Unit (PMU), which has a similar mandate, to avoid duplication and maximize PMU capacity and efficiency.

The O&M project creates opportunities for innovation, learning, preventative O&M and improvement of service delivery. We are beginning to respond in a more holistic manner to the problem of infrastructure maintenance by looking at training, setting standards and securing appropriate skills. The project also creates awareness of the critical shift we have to make, to protect government's investment in infrastructure, which contributes significantly to the economy of our country.



FBDM reaching out

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Here the Provincial Deirector of Nicro, Ms Melanie Kivedo is seen accepting their cheque from the former Executive Mayor of FBDM, Ms Moira Marais-Martin

AS HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE since 1991, Frances Baard District Municipality deems it fit that at least once in year, we reach out to the poor by making grants or donations to deserving organisations to assist them in providing a better quality of life in the communities which they serve.

To make this possible, handbills inviting the public to apply for donations are distributed in all the public libraries and municipal offices, as well as in the District Management Area. All the applications that were submitted last year were considered and screened in line with the set criteria.

Council pronounced its preference for successful beneficiaries to fall in the categories of women, youth and the disabled. An amount of R160 000 was budgeted for these donations in 2005. An amount of R48 000 came from the Executive Mayor's discretionary fund.

Women & Children

Organisation	Amount
Stillwater Preschool	R5 000
SA National Civic Organisation	R10 000
Tamar Shelter Society	R10 000

HIV/AIDS Organisations

Organisation	Amount
HIV/Aids – Educators, Counselors and Care Givers	R5 000
Thabang Information Centre	R5 000
Hope for the Living	R5 000

Physically / Mentally challenged

Organisation	Amount
NC Association for Persons with Physical Disabilities	R5 000
Sally Aucamp	R5 000
Yonder	R10 000

Youth

Organisation	Amount
Young “Maak Hulle Sat” Stars Football Club	R4 000
Life Centre	R5 000
Nicro	R10 000

Other

Organisation	Amount
Barkly West Advice and Development Centre	R5 300
Age in Action	R5 000
Griekwaland-Wes Wrestling Association	R2 700
Freedom Boxing Club	R5 000
Kimberley Anti-Tuberculosis Association	R5 000
Sol Plaatje Education Trust	R5 000
Sunshine Senior Citizen Social Club	R5 000

In pursuit of a healthy living environment

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Legal requirement

Section 24(a) of the Constitution of the country gives everyone the right to an environment that does not harm their health and well-being. This requires protection of the environment, prevention of pollution, and promotion of conservation, to ensure sustainable development.

Local responsibility for the environment lies mainly with municipalities, and a key responsibility is the proper and sustainable disposal of waste, particularly solid waste in landfill sites, and sewage via waste water treatment plants.

Amongst other legislative requirements, it is expected of each municipality to exercise precautionary practices such as acceptable standards in the construction of disposal sites. that may pose a major threat to human health.

Planning for the project

It is in line with these legal requirements that Frances Baard District Municipality (FBDM) delivers an ongoing environmental health service at Category B Municipalities like the Dikgatlong Municipality – Barkly

West, Windsorton and Delportshoop.

After the Environmental Health unit at FBDM had identified the need for a permitted dumping site in Dikgatlong, the following necessary steps were followed in the initial steps of the implementation of this project:

- Application for the permit at the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
- Survey of dumping site before fencing
- Application for maps at Surveyor General

Official handing over of site

In October 2005, the fencing of the dumping sites at Windsorton and Barkly West was completed, and the project was handed over to Dikgatlong Municipality.

The measured sites were fenced and gates were installed to keep people and animals out. A security guard also controls access and keeps record of the type of refuse that is brought to the dumping site by checking on the amount of refuse brought in, as well as allocating an appropriate area for dumping.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr Moira Marais-Martin, of the FBDM handing over the keys to the gates of the Windsorton dumping site to Mayor Epang Matolweni of Dikgatlong Municipality



Workers hard at work on the fence surrounding the dumping sites at both Barkly West and Windsorton



Environmental Health: Forthcoming projects

Recycling Project

Two projects will be implemented in Barkly West and Warrenton. Public/Private partnerships have been forged to ensure sustainability.

Objective

- To create at least five jobs in the short term
- To transfer skills to people involved in these projects
- To reduce litter
- To increase the life span of the municipal dumpsite

Clean-up campaign: Ikhukseng

This project is planned for end of March 2006 at Rolihlahla Primary School in Ikhukseng.

Purpose

To educate the children on the importance of a clean, safe and healthy environment. Communities must also be educated so that they take responsibility for their environment and not always rely on authorities.

Activities

- 15-minute sessions in each class by these Environmental Health Practitioners (EHP) – Tumelo, Janine, Rosina and Bryan, using material developed in conjunction with the *Keep Kimberley Clean* office.
- Department of Education will be informed about the proposed programme.
- Twenty adults consisting of women and men will be appointed at R40.00 per day to clean the designated areas. The children will be responsible for cleaning the school yard.
- The municipality will avail trucks for the collection and removal of collected waste.
- Community members will cater for the school children.
- A competition will be launched to allow school children to express their experiences of the day in the form of art.

HIV/AIDS Day Care centre

for the caring of infants affected and infected with by HIV/Aids in Valspan. The centre will be run by an NGO.

- Children must receive equal developmental opportunities, as well as nutrition for them to become respected members of society
- Adequate training in dealing with children effectively
- Partnerships with Departments for sustainability, as well as short term public/private partnerships

COUNCIL MEETS

The Frances Baard District Municipality embarked on a journey through its area of jurisdiction again 2005. The purpose of these meetings were to interact with the community on municipal service delivery issues and the role of the District Municipality in this regard.

Attendance figures was up compared to 2004 and especially the business sector showed more interest. The majority of the questions that were asked circled around housing conditions and basic services such as running water, sanitation and electricity.

Also, the condition of roads was high on the list of problems that the community wanted to discuss.

What stood out from all these sessions was the fact that housing was the main cause of concern all over the district.

The Mayor of the District Municipality, Cllr Moira Marais-Martin, said that the FBDM takes note of all the problems raised and that the issues such as housing shortages will be brought to the attention of the Provincial Department of Housing.

She also went on to say that members of the community should become more involved in the operations of their local municipalities i.e. attend ward meetings and know their ward councillors to ensure that they are aware of what is happening in their area.

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Levy payers meeting;
Old Town Hall; Wind-
sorton (15/11/05)



DIKGATLONG MUNICIPALITY

Community meeting; Tsholofelo Hall,
Tidimalo; Delporshoop (15/11/05)



PHOKWANE MUNICIPALITY

Community meeting; Jan
Kempdor Primary School
(10/11/05)



Levy payers meeting;
SWK Hall; Jan Kemp-
dorp; 08/11/05

THE PEOPLE 2005

MAGARENG MUNICIPALITY



▲ Levy payers meeting;
Library Hall; Warren-
ton 07/11/05

◀ Community meeting; Re-
aleboga Primary School;
Hartsvallei; 14/11/05

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◀ Levy payers meeting; City
Hall; Kimberley; 09/11/05

Community meeting;
Greenpoint; Kimber-
ley 17/11/05 ▶

SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY



Call from the President



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The law says municipalities must make funds available for the proper functioning of ward committees.... this is something we must follow up because if we're not doing it, we are breaking the law.

President Thabo Mbeki during the Municipal Imbizo in Frances Baard District Municipal Imbizo last year

Ward-based IDP workshop in Magareng

During the Municipal Imbizo held in the Frances Baard District in September 2005, President Thabo Mbeki highlighted that funding and capacity seems to be hindering proper functioning of the ward committees.

In response to the President's call, the PIMS centre embarked on ward-based IDP workshops in order to enhance community participation and deepening democracy.

Ward Committee Training

Early in 2005 the district municipality, through the MSIG, funded the training of ward committee members in Magareng and Phokwane.

The ward committees were inducted on:

- Legislation relevant to local government and ward committees
- Different phases on IDP
- General office administration
- Meeting procedure and secretariat services
- Basic communication
- Conflict resolution techniques

In order to take the induction course on ward committees further and to advance the provision of Chapter 4 (1) of the Municipal Systems Act, the PIMS centre undertook ward-based planning.

This exercise ensured that the *engines of the local government system* – ward committees – have a say in decisions, planning and projects that the municipality is undertaking that have an impact on the ward.

The workshops

The workshops were successfully carried out in two days – two sessions per day. Due to time constraints, ward committees were grouped in two groups at a venue closest to where ward committees members reside.

Transport was organized for those who stayed far from the meeting place.

The workshop's main focus were on the

- IDP processes
- Impact of the IDP in the last four years
- Annual review of

IDP

- Roles and functions of the ward committees

Why Magareng Municipality

Magareng municipality was selected as the pilot project for the ward-based IDP workshop because:

- the ward committees were fully functional
- Magareng has fewer wards which meant that success could be measured easily

Way forward

The exercises proved to be a success with ward committees' members engaging freely with IDP issues.

To enhance participatory democracy in local government, the PIMS Centre is planning to conduct more ward-based workshops in the other municipalities.

WORLD HIV/AIDS DAY CELEBRATIONS 2005



In September 2005 the FBDM in conjunction with Tirisano NGO from Barkly West initiated a rural community project. 14 community members from Stillwater farm were trained to help educate the community on issues of HIV/Aids and related diseases in their community and surrounding farms.

The 14 volunteers successfully completed the training and were awarded with certificates. With the celebration of World Aids Day (01 December) the District Municipality assumed a leadership role in launching a sub-regional HIV/Aids Day programme in Stillwater.

The purpose of this programme was not only to celebrate World Aids Day but also to congratulate the volunteers in a formal ceremony by awarding them with certificates and as a thank you for offering their time to participate in the fight against the killer diseases.

The programme was well supported by the Dikgatlong councillors who attended, namely Cllrs. P Jammer and T Khoboko. The latter was also co-programme director.

Also in attendance were officials from the Department of Social Development in Barkly West, Thabiso NGO, the SAPS and other stakeholders.



The proud HIV/Aids Worker volunteers

From left: Annah Obotseng, Yvonne Mokgethi, Sylvia Obotseng, Sophie Merenentsi, Lenah Barnard, John Malefo, Rosinah Matladi, Thandi Goba
Absent: Stanley Obotseng, Jack Myburg, Albert Bohiyane, Leonard Mekementsi, Nunu Pape

COUNCIL OF

On 5 December 2000, a new dispensation of local government was heralded in - a dispensation that posed huge challenges to all municipalities in the country.

During the 5-year period Council has transformed the administration of the FBDM - most of the equity targets were met - huge investments were made in infrastructure for basic service delivery - resource management were achieved and an unqualified report for the 2004/05 financial year.

There are still numerous challenges ahead - universal access to services for all - growth of the economy of the district - more has to be done for special and vulnerable target groups - building the capacity of B-municipalities and ensuring maximum job creation through all our projects.

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Cllr B.M Maribe
Speaker of the Frances
Baard District Council



Cllr M.A Marais-Martin
Executive Mayor:
Frances Baard
District Council
Chairperson: Mayoral
Committee



Cllr E.K Dipico
Member: Mayoral
Committee, Chairper-
son: Institutional De-
velopment Committee



Cllr A Florence
Member: Mayoral
Committee; Chairper-
son: Social Develop-
ment Committee



Cllr P.N Jammer
Member: Mayoral
Committee; Chairper-
son: Infrastructure De-
velopment Committee



Cllr N.B Magau
Member: Mayoral
Committee; Chairper-
son: Policy & Legisla-
tion Committee



Cllr L.O Mothomme
Member: Mayoral
Committee; Chairper-
son: Economic Devel-
opment Committee



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Cllr P.A Coutts
Member: Institutional
Development Com-
mittee



Cllr K.V Molaaphene
Member: Economic De-
velopment Committee



Cllr D.J Stubbe
Member: Economic De-
velopment Committee

Cllr T.G Ditseho
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Cllr V.D Khen
Member: Economic
Development Com-
mittee



Cllr M.S Rosen
Member: Social Devel-
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Cllr J.C van der Ryst
Member: Social Devel-
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Cllr J Oliphant
Member: Social De-
velopment Committee



Cllr M.I Solomon
Member: Institutional
Development Committee



Cllr D.S Fillis
Member: Institutional
Development Committee

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STAFF NEWS

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Phetole Sithole
LED Manager



Tumelo Maropong
Environmental Health
Practitioner

Appointments



Keitumetsi Shuping
Tea Lady / Cleaner



Lungile Ndlazi
Tea Lady
(Temporary)



Kgomoitso Shupelekae
Control Room Operator
(Temporary)

Long service awards

Name	Appointment Date	Years
Anita Grebe	01 December 1990	15 years
Jors Legoshe	10 November 1995	10 years
Andries Moeketsi	10 November 1995	10 years
Moses Moremedi	26 April 1971	34 years (Retired)
James Magano	05 February 1976	29years (Retired)

Resignations

Jacob Taaibos	:	Driver / Cleaner
Trien van Deventer	:	Senior Clerk
Ashlyn Kenny	:	Clerk (Archives)
Moses Moremedi	:	Technical Assistant
James Magano	:	Storeman / Clerk
John Maleka	:	Gang Boss

Editorial Note

The 28 February 2006 marked the end of a 5-year spell for our Council. While we look back at what has been achieved over the last 5 years we bid a fond farewell to them with whom we have served and have come to know and respect. As mentioned by the out-going Executive Mayor in her message on *PAGE 1*, please be on the lookout for our brochure "Frances Baard District Municipality: A 5-year Perspective"



In this issue of *Re Bua Mmogo*, we highlighted the 2005 CMP programme, the good work done with HIV/Aids education and services and advice delivered to communities in the District.

We trust that you have enjoyed reading it and we look forward to your comments and inputs to make it an even more informative read.

Gerline Roman
Editor

TAKE NOTE

- Budget Consultation Process to take place in April 2006
- Invitation of public comments on the District IDP Review, March - April 2006

TAKE NOTE

- Capacity building of new Council on the IDP

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