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## Message from the Executive Mayor

This edition is published at a time when we are heading towards the local government elections on 3 August 2016. This therefore effectively marks the end of our term of office. I deem it befitting to convey my gratitude towards the political party I am affiliated to, the African National Congress, for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve the people of Frances Baard District in the capacity of the Executive Mayor.

I joined this municipality in 2006 but I must say over the past 10 years in this wonderful institution, this term of office, 2011 – 2016, has been the most memorable and empowering in my political career.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all councillors, from both the ANC and the opposition parties, for the cooperation and the support they have given me and for their dedication in making sure that we deliver quality services to the communities in the district. To the mayoral committee members and the Speaker, I want to say thank you for the support, dedication and leadership that you gave me during my term of office.

We look back at the five years that we spent in service of the community of this beautiful district and celebrate the service delivery achievements that have been made.

Our communities are indeed in a better position than they were before we took over office. We had our shortcomings but they do not overshadow our achievements and for that we can pat ourselves on the back.

A special gratitude goes to the administration for their dedication and hard work. Had it not been for their diligence, commitment and passion for their work this municipality would not be celebrating the achievements it recorded thus far.

I trust that you will enjoy reading this edition of Re Bua Mmogo, the mouth piece with which we inform our communities about the challenges we faced and the strides we made to fulfil our promises towards them.

**I thank you, kea leboga, baie dankie, ndiyabulela.**



**The Executive Mayor  
Ms Khadi Moloi**



Council in sitting during the budget speech on 25 May 2016 to adopt the 2016/17 financial year budget. **Read more on PAGE 3**

# From the Municipal Manager's Desk

We have come to the end of the 2015/16 financial year. Despite the challenges that was presented to us in the financial year, we also appreciate the successes that we made in serving our communities. We are finalising few and last projects of the financial year and at the same time undertook the process of planning for 2016/17 through our integrated development plan (IDP), the 2016/17 budget and all related plans and policies that were approved by Council.

We continue to strengthen our commitment and focus in meeting our service delivery targets as laid out in the IDP and budget implementation plan. We remain focussed on attracting investors to the district and to equip SMMEs to become better entrepreneurs through our local economic development plans. The approved budget marks the final delivery mandate by this current Council to address service delivery matters, as encapsulated in the IDP of the district. All this takes place on the eve of the local government election scheduled to take place on 03 August 2016.

With regard to the Back-to-Basics, the municipality is on track with the five pillars as identified by the approach. We are within the acceptable levels regarding delivery of basic services and the support we provide to our local municipalities. The extent of our support towards service delivery in the district can be seen in the allocations we made to the local municipalities. The largest portion of the budget is allocated to the Planning

and Development and Infrastructure Services Departments which amounts to R67.49m of the total budget of R177.03m for 2016/17.

I must take this opportunity to thank the Executive Mayor, the Speaker and Council for their unwavering support in ensuring that we had a satisfactory financial year (2015/16), and a satisfactory term of office over the past five years (2011 - 2016). We take pride in our collective effort in striving for running a good administration without compromising service delivery to community. We do so under a difficult funding model afforded to district municipalities. We enter a new financial year when the term of one Council ends and a new one begins. We commit ourselves to the momentum in ensuring that service delivery in the district remains stable and improve as we strive to create a safe, healthy and prosperous future for our communities within the Frances Baard District.

I would also like to thank the community of Frances Baard District for their continued support, their patience and trust in us to deliver the much required services to them. We know that we cannot achieve much without your support. We rely on you, re a le direla setshaba sa etsho.



**Municipal Manager  
Ms Mamikie Bogatsu**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates	Event Name	Contact Details	Venue
<b>JULY</b>			
02 Jul 2016	NC Motorsport: Sound Off	Contact: Northern Cape Motorsport Ass. Email: ncmotorsportassociation@gmail.com Tel: 082 783 5502	Kimberley
30 Jul 2016	NC Motorsport: Spinning	Contact: Northern Cape Motorsport Ass. Tel: 082 783 5502 ; ncmotorsportassociation@gmail.com	Kimberley
<b>AUGUST</b>			
06 Aug 2016	NC Motorsport: Drag Racing	Contact: Northern Cape Motorsport Ass. Tel: 082 783 5502 ; ncmotorsportassociation@gmail.com	Kimberley (Boshof Road)
11 – 13 Aug	Nocci Business Expo	Contact: Mandy ; Tel: 053 831 1081	Mittah Seperepere Convention Centre
27 Aug 2016	FBDM: Launch of tourism month activities	Joh-né , tel: 053 838 0923 Email: joh-ne.poole@fbdm.co.za	Entrance at Warrenton
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
1 - 4 Sept 2016	Gariep Arts Festival	Tel: 053 832 5014/7	Oppenheimer Gardens: Kimberley
03 Sept 2016	NC Motorsport: Spinning	Contact: Northern Cape Motorsport Ass. Tel: 082 783 5502 ; ncmotorsportassociation@gmail.com	Kimberley
24 Sept 2016	NC Motorsport: Spinning	Contact: Northern Cape Motorsport Ass. Tel: 082 783 5502 ; ncmotorsportassociation@gmail.com	Kimberley
24 Sept 2016	NC Motorsport: Drag Racing	Contact: Northern Cape Motorsport Ass. Tel: 082 783 5502 Email: ncmotorsportassociation@gmail.com	Kimberley (Boshof Road)



# Rural road asset management system in the Frances Baard District

*“Budgets for the RRAMS were set for 3 years and a framework was detailed with goals, outputs, responsibilities and conditions stated. The strategic goal of this grant is to ensure efficient and effective investment in rural roads through the development of Road Asset Management Systems (RAMS) and collection of data.”*

Government’s Back to Basics Strategy emphasizes the building and maintenance of infrastructure, growing the economy, skills development and addressing of inequalities of the marginalised in the second economy.

Frances Baard District Municipality (FBDM) and its local municipalities still have huge backlogs in terms of addressing the basic needs of its communities. The challenge is also due to the regional spatial disintegration which in some instances prohibit the disadvantaged communities to enjoy the same opportunities and benefits as those closer to economic opportunities. In this regard, roads and transport play an important role in facilitating movement amongst these communities and the business centres.

In April 2015 the National Department of Transport, through the S’Hamba Sonke Programme, Know Your Network, embarked on a process to evaluate access roads within South Africa and to assess the accessibility of services. This will result in the identification of shortcomings of current access roads, i.e. where upgrades are needed, and determine requirements for future access roads. The purpose is to eventually improve access to all amenities and also to assist local government with identifying the needs for access road upgrade and new roads.

Improved data on municipal streets will guide infrastructure investment, improve accessibility to rural communities and also the mobility within these communities.

## **FBDM’s objective**

The district municipality appointed a professional service provider to assist the municipality to implement and manage the rural roads asset management system (RRAMS) for at least three (3) years.

As a district municipality, we are required in line with the Division of Revenue Act (DoRA) to:

- Make provision to maintain the RRAMS after the lifespan of the grant;
- Update data for all rural roads;
- Ensure that the RRAMS is used for planning Municipal Infrastructure Grant

investments as well as roads maintenance funded from any sources; and

- Submit updated road condition data (paved and unpaved), traffic data and bridge condition assessments as required by the Act.

## **Extent of works:**

The implementation and management of the RRAMS for at least three (3) years will consist of:

- Developing communication and stakeholder management plans;
- Data collection on roads infrastructure in terms of lengths, types and condition;
- Traffic data collection;
- Capacity building of FBDM staff and unemployed engineering graduates to be employed, which must include accredited training for the engineering graduates;
- Employment of at least three (3) unemployed engineering graduates for the three years of the project. The graduates must be sourced locally within the district, and where not possible within the Northern Cape Province. Monthly progress reports on the development of the graduates must be submitted;
- Putting in place a RRAMS at FBDM in accordance with the provisions of the DoT;
- Arranging monthly meetings with stakeholders within the Frances Baard district;

At the end of the current financial year all local municipalities should know the extent of their street network and the visual conditions of all surfaced streets. Data reports will be submitted to FBDM and all the municipalities.

The visual condition assessments of the unsurfaced streets and certain stormwater structures will be done in the 2016/17 financial year as well as traffic counts to categorise all streets according to the Road Infrastructure Strategic Framework for South Africa (RISFSA) standards.

**“Road Asset Management helps authorities to make the best use of resources to create the maximum return on the roadway investment.”**



# Tourism Indaba 2016

*“Indaba is one of the largest tourism marketing events on the African calendar and one of the top three ‘must visit’ events of its kind on the global calendar.”*

The Frances Baard District Municipality again hosted its four local municipalities at the 2016 Tourism Indaba held at the International Convention Centre in Durban from 7 - 9 May 2016.

This year the Indaba hosted 18 African countries and over nine tourism ministers from the continent. The district stand formed part of 33 regional authority stands at Indaba 2016, all marketing their regional tourism destinations. This year the Indaba included 1,047 exhibitors, 1,856 buyers and 724 media from around the continent.

The district municipality and the four local municipalities in its area of jurisdiction showcased of the local products from the district and attracted visitors to the stand with daily lucky draws.

## Opening of Indaba

Minister for Tourism, Mr Derek Hanekom, officially opened Indaba 2016 with the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon on Saturday, 07 May 2016.

“We are united in our common aspiration to brand Africa,” he

said. “Indaba gives us a sense of belonging. It is where we can come together to share knowledge and create partnerships.” He urged members of the tourism industry across the continent to harness the rich potential of the sector by working together.

## Attractions

Apart from Kimberley, which probably boasts with the most firsts in the country, such as being the town with the first street lights and the well-known Big Hole, the

district also have a wealth of history in the form of the Anglo Boer War, alluvial diamonds and the diamond rush and the raptor route which is a bird watchers paradise. A visit to Barkly West offers attractions such as Canteen Kopje, fly-fishing, the Gong-Gong waterfall and glacial pavings. In Magareng visitors will be welcomed by architecture dating back to the nineteenth century and right in front of the municipal buildings there is a locomotive, the Class 19D that was used as a passenger train between Warrenton and Mafikeng. The Nazareth Mission Station is also located here.

**“Frances Baard District is the strongest economic region in the province, accounting for approximately 36% of the provincial gross domestic product (GDP). In comparison to other sectors tourism ranks very high in terms of its contribution to the GDP.”**



The well-known Vaalharts Irrigation Scheme, the Olives South Africa as well as the Hartswater Wine Cellars are located in the Phokwane area.

### Tourism in the province

Locally, tourism received a massive boost with an allocation of R53.56m from the Northern Cape Province coffers. Of this amount more than R20m will be spent on marketing the province to visitors. This announcement was made by the MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Mac Jack, during his budget speech on Thursday, 26 May 2016.

He said that this sector is targeted as a key job creator in the National Development Plan and the allocation will be transferred to the Northern Cape Tourism Authority for marketing of the province. He further encouraged domestic tourism and affordable travel through the revitalisation of municipal resorts in partnership with municipalities.

The Northern Cape Tourism Authority will enter into several collaborative partnerships with neighbouring provinces and entities such as South African National Parks (SanParks) to boost tourism in the province.

### Tourism in the district

The district municipality is implementing a project to boost tourism in the district through the development of the N18 tourism route. The N18 route, which runs through the district has been identified as a potential tourism route for development due to the attractions it offers such as game farms; birding; agriculture and diamond mining. The project aims to enhance and promote tourism attractions along the route, disperse visitors in the district and develop new product development opportunities.

**“The packaging of our diverse tourism products, which reflect Africa’s travel experiences such as rich cultural and historical heritage as well as the continent’s exceptional natural wealth, should be tailor-made to suit tourists who are keen to move from our country to the others within the region.” -**

**Minister for Tourism, Derek Hanekom**



The Frances Baard District stand at Indaba 2016.



The MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Mac Jack, visited the Frances Baard stand. He met with the Executive Mayor of the FBDM , Cllr. Khadi Moloi.



Excited lucky draw winner, Ms Ruth Kebautloile from the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission, receives her prize from Ms Mary-Anne Snyders, tourism officer of the Frances Baard District Municipality.

# 2016/17 financial year budget

*The total budget for the 2016/17 financial year is R177.03m. The operational budget is R158.03m (of which R10m goes towards operation and maintenance, R30m for capital expenditure of our local municipalities. Of this amount R3.8m are roll-overs as well as R15.4m for special projects for both the district and its local municipalities. The capital budget for the district municipality is R19.04m.*

On 25 May 2016 the district municipality adopted the fourth budget for the current Council. In her budget speech the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khadi Moloi, reflected on the key achievements of the municipality over the past five years and said that all projects planned for the 2015/16 financial year is well on track and will be completed successfully.

## Achievements

In the 2015/16 financial year the emphasis was on addressing the apartheid legacy of spatial patterns and injustice, especially in the human settlements environment by commencing with the implementation of the objectives of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Development Act (SPLUMA), 2013.

The district municipality completed a master plan for bulk water and sanitation infrastructure and a maintenance plan for Phokwane municipality. These plans will assist the local municipality with planning for future developments. A water conservation and demand management strategy for the district was also completed as part of the Department Water and Sanitation's requirements for municipalities.

The integrated transport plans and the housing sector plans have also been completed. All infrastructure projects, which formed part of the R30m allocated to local municipalities for the 2015/16 financial year, have been completed successfully, with the exception of two roll-overs.

All budgeted housing projects for the 2015/16 financial year are on schedule and will be completed successfully. The following is the picture of housing delivery in the three local municipalities:

- The 552 project in Dikgatlong was completed successfully.
- The remaining 83 houses of the Stillwater 145 project was completed in 2015/16.
- Phase 1 of 60 houses of the Buffer Zone 220 project was completed. Phase 2 for the remaining 160 houses is currently in process

- Phokwane: Kingston 685 - a total of 130 houses was completed on the project. Phase 4 of the project is currently in process.

The executive mayor also stressed that the approach to curb spending already started two years ago and the introduction of Circular 82 of the MFMA (cost containment measures) is therefore a much easier exercise for the district municipality to comply with.

She also stressed the importance of the SMME development and support policy which will provide a framework for SMME development in the district. She said that the district municipality was well on track with the implementation of the five key pillars of the "back to basics" approach for local government and emphasised that the municipality have to work better with its local municipalities to complement their "back to basics" action plans.

She mentioned the impact of the recent drought and the fact that the Frances Baard District was one of the hardest hit areas in the Northern Cape Province. She confirmed that the Council resolved in November 2015 that the district be declared a drought disaster area and that the municipality will play its part in assisting the affected farmers and communities.

## The budget

The largest portion of the budget is allocated to the Planning & Development and Infrastructure Services Departments.

Allocations to these departments amounts to R67.49m and is directly linked towards the improvement of the quality of life of communities in the district. This includes R43.80m for infrastructure development and repairs and maintenance at local municipalities.

For local economic development and tourism an amount of R2.83m and R4.27m has been allocated respectively.

**"R900,000 have been budgeted to support local municipalities with financial service related matters and to ensure that their financial systems are Standard Charts of Account (SCOA) compliant by 2017."**



A further R9.06m has been allocated to special projects in other divisions such as finance, human resource, disaster management, environmental health and GIS.

## Projects

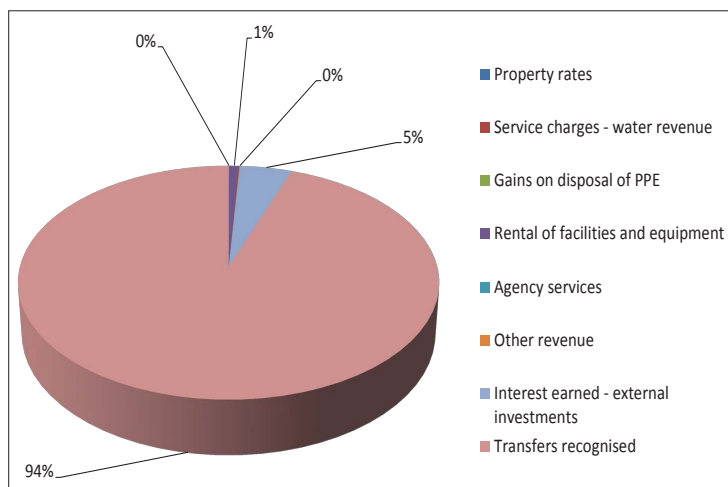
Major infrastructure projects include:

- In Dikgatlong: Improving water reticulation in the town of Barkly West through the replacement of steel/asbestos pipes. Co-funding of the Windsorton/Holpan RBIG project, procurement of two tractors, procurement of two bakkies for electrical maintenance

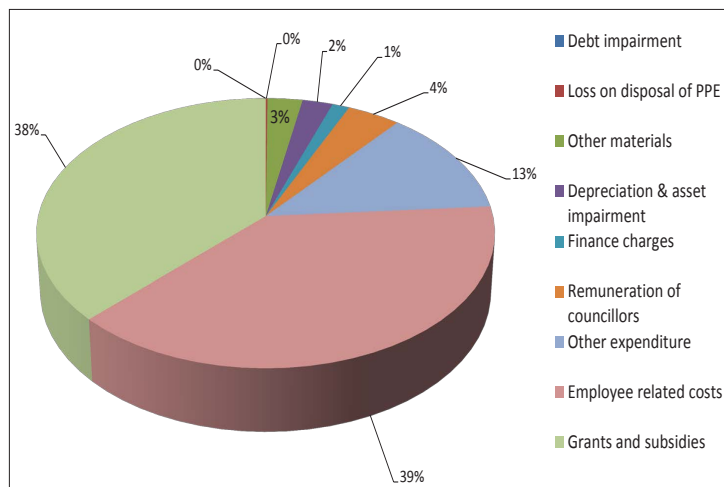
team and water maintenance team;

- In Magareng: Co-funding of the upgrading of water treatment works project;
- In Phokwane: Refurbishment of old system and fencing in Jan Kempdorp waste water treatment works and water and sanitation for 608 stands at Guldenskat; and
- In Sol Plaatje the main focus will be on resealing of roads and upgrades.

## Main categories of revenue



## Main categories of expenditure



Operating Transfers and Grants	
National Government Grants for 2015/16 financial year - R104,279	
Local Government Equitable Share	R10,002m
Levy replacement	R88, 93m
Finance Management	R1,25m
Municipal Systems Improvement	R940,000
Expanded Public Works Programme	R1m
Roads asset management	R2,15m
Provincial Government Grants - R2, 030 000.00	
Housing	R1,4m
Near Grant	R315,000
Fire Fighting Equipment Grant	R315,000
Other grant providers – R200, 000.00	
Seta Skills Grant	R200,000

Major grant funding received from national government:	
• Equitable Share: R 98.94m	
• Finance Management Grant: R1.25m	
• Municipal Systems Improvement Grant: R940k.	
• Rural Road Asset Management Systems: R2.15m	
• District AIDS Council Grant: R500,000	

## District-wide priority issues for 2016/2017:

1. Housing and land
2. Sanitation
3. Storm water drainage and streets
4. Youth development
5. Sports and recreational facilities
6. Health
7. Education
8. Electricity
9. Water
10. High mast and street lighting
11. Refuse removal
12. Institutional development
13. Social development and safety
14. Agriculture and grazing land
15. Disaster management
16. Local economic development
17. Environmental management
18. Infrastructure development



# Diamonds & Dorings (D&D) music festival 2016

The 2016 D&D was special because it was the 15th festival since the inception of the event. Activities this year included an “invite-only” executive golf day, a marathon, aerobics challenge and a charity football match between South Africa’s football giants Kaizer Chiefs and the Kimberley XI on Sunday, 28 March 2016 at ABSA Park.

“The Diamonds and Dorings music festival is held every year over the Easter weekend in Kimberley.”

The festival line-up started on Thursday, 24 March 2016 with a comedy show and fashion extravaganza. On Friday, 25 March 2016 the line-up included a gospel show and on Saturday, 26 March 2016 there was a youth festival, also known as the “Blaq Out Show” and the executive golf day at the country club. The main festival took place on Sunday, 27 May 2016 at the Langley Resort in Riverton.

The line-up on Sunday included superstars such as Lira, Mafikizolo, Zahara, Ringo, Zonke and local artists like Lefa Pike, Deekamo and Rough Diamond. The master of ceremonies was none other than Idols judge Somizi Mhlongo.

The festival was also attended by dignitaries such as the Minister of Sports, Mr. Fikile Mbalula and Member of Parliament, Mr. Tony Yengeni. The District Mayor, Ms. Khadi Moloi, said that the 2016 Diamonds & Dorings proved to be a success thanks to the great planning and execution by the service providers.

“I was impressed by the fact that the organizers also invested in our local talent around the district, she said. Even though there were hick-ups here and there, everything ran smoothly as planned and it was also well attended.”

“The 2016 music festival was attended by thousands of visitors who descended to the city to enjoy the jam-packed line-up of events that was planned over the Easter weekend from 24 March - 27 March 2016.”

The Snr. Tourism Officer, Ms. Johne Jansen said, “Thousands of visitors from surrounding towns around the province, and other metropolitan cities visited Kimberley over the weekend to enjoy top-class entertainment. Small business were also afforded the opportunity to sell their products and offer services at the main festival through stalls that were leased out by the Sol Plaatje local municipality.”

The festival was sponsored by the Sol Plaatje Local Municipality, The Department Sport, Arts and Culture (Northern Cape), Frances Baard District Municipality, SABC, Standard Bank, Sowetan, Sunday World, Northern Cape Tourism Authority and Macronym 37.



Attendees to the festival went all out to show what is trending on the fashion scene during this year’s festival.



# District TB Awareness Programme

*“World Tuberculosis Day, falling on March 24 each year, is designed to build public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease. The South African government therefore declared this month as TB Awareness month in an effort to provide the opportunity for affected persons and the communities in which they live, governments and civil society organisations to reach people who have been infected with TB.”*

**F**rances Baard District Municipality held its HIV/AIDS and TB Day in Delporthoop on 01 April 2016.

As part of the provincial drive to run door-to-door campaigns throughout the province, the Department of Health identified households in Delporthoop that were visited by the Executive Mayor, Ms Khadi Moloi.

The World TB Day event was a collaboration between the district municipality, Protiro Caregiver (an NGO in Delporthoop), the South African Police Services, Department of Health and Health Systems Trust and Civil Society. Approximately 100 people attended the event which included activities such as a stage play with TB and HIV/AIDS awareness messages and a live performance by a local gospel artist.

The Department of Health gave demonstrations and educated the community on how to protect themselves against tuberculosis.

The members of the community were also made aware of the importance of regular checkups. The district municipality handed over a four plate stove to Protiro Caregiver.

During her address the executive mayor reminded the local community of the importance of healthy living and the basic necessities to a healthy livelihood. She said that maintaining a healthy lifestyle can be very difficult for households that have a minimal income and struggle on a daily basis just to provide the basics.

She stressed that many households are not only faced with the challenge of TB but also other challenges such as unemployment, abuse of pension money and children not attending school.

“Indeed the challenges of our people are appalling. In many households the grandmother’s pension grant is the only means of income and survival for the family,” she concluded.



The executive mayor handed out food parcels to needy families in Delporthoop during the programme.

## Facts about TB and HIV in the Northern Cape Province:

- There is a general decline in tuberculosis (TB) as the underlying cause of death from 2010 in the Northern Cape
- Tuberculosis accounted for the most number of deaths in the majority of districts in the province (66.6% of districts) over the years 2009 to 2012, with the exception of John Taolo Gaetsewe and Namakwa districts.
- In Pixley ka Seme and ZF Mgcawu districts, TB is the leading cause of death with 282 and 251 deaths respectively
- In Frances Baard, TB was for an extended period the leading cause of death in the district but in 2014 it was overtaken by HIV
- In Namakwa, TB was the main cause of death in 2010 only for this period

# Frances Baard District Aids Council / Civil Society Re-launch

*“Cities are in serious danger of the disease and the population group that is crucial are the young people. We need to partner with the Department of Basic Education in order to minimise the infection rate. Drug and alcohol abuse and teenage pregnancy are some of the potential social drivers of spreading the infection.”*

*- Executive Mayor of Sol Plaatje Municipality, Mr David Molusi*

On 13 April 2016 the Executive Mayor of Sol Plaatje Local Municipality, Mr. David Molusi welcomed delegates from various sectors of government and non-governmental organisations to the re-launch of the Frances Baard District Aids Council / Civil Society. He emphasised the pivotal role that civil society must play to ensure that we collectively combat the pandemic.

The Speaker of Frances Baard District Municipality, Cllr. Brummer Maribe, in his key note address said that it is very important to combat this pandemic. “We must learn from our previous mistakes and continue to guard against failing our communities,” he said. “The level of commitment is critical and political and community leadership is extremely important. Elected leaders must be change agents and put the interest of civil society first.”

## Purpose of re-launch

The purpose for the re-launch was explained by Mr. Kagiso Mngoma who touched on the position that the civil society must assume in order to make a meaningful contribution in society. He said that it is a platform to strengthen responses and working in unison. He also stressed the importance of ethical leadership, that it is not an option but a national imperative to all those who will be elected to serve in the District AIDS Council / Civil Society.

“We need to behave as responsible citizens and put interest of the people before ourselves,” he said.

## Presentations

The Department of Social Development presented its war room programme and the Department of Health made a presentation regarding HIV/AIDS, TB and sexual transmitted diseases. During this presentation a request was made by traditional healers to work more closely with medical practitioners. The roles and responsibilities of the civil society was explained by Mr Beau Nkaelang, the provincial chairperson for CSO, Northern Cape). The terms of reference was discussed by Ms. Makatesi from the Provincial Council on AIDS.

The District Aids Council leadership was elected from 14 sectors. The participants for the elections were as follows: Mr. Leboko (Faith Based Organisations), Ms. Barry (Lesbians, Gays and Bisexual Transgender Intersex (LGBTI)), Ms. Nthako (Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)), Mr. Sebati (People Living with HIV (PLHIV)), Ms. Moshweu (Youth), Mr. Moncho (Youth), Mr. Tshaka (Disability), Ms. Stevens (Women), Mr. Marang (Men), Mr. Smith (Traditional Health Practitioners (THP)), Mr. Kganetsile (Sports) and Mr. Seitilo (Sex Workers).



The members of the District Aids Council/Civil Society was elected during its re-launch at the Frances Baard District Municipality offices. The elected members are seated in front as follows: (second from left: Ms S Berry (deputy-chairperson), Mr K Sebati (chairperson), Ms H Stevenson (secretary), Mr G Moncho (deputy-secretary). Standing behind the committee are as follows: (from left): Cllr F Matsio, Cllr Brummer Maribe (Speaker of FBDM), Mr M Kganyego, Mr K Mngoma, Ms K Ntintelo, Mr T Mookwa, Ms Matlakala, Mr T Morie, Mr L Sebolai, Ms M Morokonyane, Mr B Nkaelang. Seated next to the committee members (far left): Ms P Makatesi.



# Frances Baard District Agri-park establishment

*“An Agri-Park is a networked innovation system of agro-production, processing, logistics, marketing, training and extension services located in district municipalities. As a network it enables the growth of market-driven commodity value chains and contributes to the achievement of rural economic transformation.”*

During the 2015 state of the nation address the President of South Africa identified agriculture as the key job driver, with a target for the agricultural sector to create a million jobs by 2030.

This gave impetus to the establishment and operationalisation of agri-parks that will be a joint initiative of the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and this collaboration will extend to other spheres of government.

The design, development and operationalisation of the proposed agri-parks shall be driven by key private sector actors including commodity groups, cooperatives, organized agriculture, agricultural businesses and existing markets. Input and support from these private sector stakeholders shall prove essential for strengthening and enhancing the agri-park specific commodity value chains.

In order to ensure that the multi-stakeholder operation is well co-ordinated, guidelines for a district agri-park management council (DAMC) has been developed, which will be applied in each of the 44 districts across the country.

## Composition

The Agripark is comprised of three basic units:

- The Farmer Production Support Unit (FPSU). The FPSU is a rural outreach unit connected with the Agri-hub. The FPSU does primary collection, some storage, some processing for the local market, and extension services including mechanisation;
- Agri-Hub unit (AH). The AH is a production, equipment hire, processing, packaging, logistics and training (demonstration) unit; and
- The Rural Urban Market Centre Unit (RUMC).

## Objectives

- Establish agri-parks in all of South Africa's district municipalities that will kick start the rural economic transformation for the rural regions;
- Promote growth of the smallholder sector by contributing to the 300,000 new small-scale producers, as well as to the 145,000 new jobs in agro-processing by the year 2020 (as set out in the New Growth Path);

- Promote the skills of and support to smallholder farmers through the provision of capacity, mentorship, farm infrastructure, extension services, production inputs and mechanization inputs;
- Strengthen existing and create new partnerships within all three spheres of government, the private sector and civil society to develop critical economic infrastructure such as roads, energy, water, ICT and transportation corridors that support the agri-park value chain;
- Enable producer ownership of the majority of agri-parks equity (70%), with the state and commercial interests holding minority shares (30%);
- Allow smallholder producers to take full control of agri-parks by steadily decreasing state support over a period of ten years;

The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform identified Warrenton (Magareng Municipality) as the location of the Frances Baard District Agri-Hub. It was found that this area is ideal to serve as a Rural Urban Market Centre Unit (RUMC). The three main commodities that will be produced are horticulture, poultry and livestock. The areas identified as a Farmer Production Support Unit (FPSU) are Jan Kempdorp (Phokwane Municipality), Barkly West (Dikgatlong Municipality) and Richie (Sol Plaatje Municipality).

The Department appointed a service provider to assess the viability of the proposed site and develop the master business plan which promotes the following objectives:

- To develop a black class farmer in terms of technical expertise, ability to supply the market, sustainability and at the desired market quality;
- To support emerging black farmers working in joint ventures to supply the agri-park;
- To encourage private farmers to join the agri-park as a lucrative investment opportunity; and

The business plan must highlight existing and possible new agro-processing initiatives, possible synergies and linkages based on market analysis and financial viability. The commissioned study is set to be completed in the 2015/16 financial year. The service provider has completed the concept report and situational analysis.

## NATIONAL HEADLINES

### 2016 Municipal Elections

03 August 2016

*Municipal elections are held every five years to elect councillors who will be responsible for governing a municipality for the next five years.*

The councillors will serve on the town, city, metropolitan or district councils that ensure services that impact the daily lives of citizens in their areas including water, electricity and sanitation.

In terms of the Constitution the election must be held between 18 May and 16 August 2016.

#### Categories of municipalities

There are currently three kinds of municipalities:

- Metropolitan municipalities which are big cities
- Local municipalities which are towns and their surrounding rural areas
- District municipalities which coordinate a number of local municipalities in a region

#### How local government works

The councils of metropolitan and local municipalities are elected by a system of proportional representation, while the councils of district municipalities are partly elected by proportional representation and partly appointed by the councils of the constituent local municipalities.

Therefore at local government or municipal elections the voters have three ballot papers: one to vote for a candidate for ward councillor, one to vote for a party for the council of the local municipality, and one to vote for a party for the council of the district municipality (if they live in a local municipality).

Most municipal councils are managed by an executive committee, elected executive mayor and a municipal manager.

#### Municipal demarcation and delimitation

The process of electoral management is quite a complex one, and there is perhaps nothing more complex than the process of re-drawing ward and voting district boundaries before a municipal election. In South Africa different agencies have different roles to play in this process, including the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), the Members of the Executive Council (MECs), the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB), and the Electoral Commission. The process is effectively a relay in which every agency has defined legal functions which are true to that office only.

In deciding on boundaries, the MDB considers factors like:

- Existing municipal and provincial boundaries;
- Existing functional boundaries, for example, voting districts, magisterial districts, census boundaries and police districts;
- The movement of people, and the existence of employment and services in the area;
- The financial and administrative ability of a municipality to carry out municipal functions;
- The need for co-ordinated municipal, provincial and national programmes, for example, around health care;
- The need to combine neighbouring areas into integrated municipalities;
- Geographical and environmental factors.

*Source: IEC of South Africa*

#### Editorial Note

In this, the final issue for 2015/16, our main feature was the 2016/17 financial year budget. Unlike other municipalities, especially local municipalities, the Frances Baard District Municipality do not raise its own revenue. We are more than 90% grant dependent which means that we rely heavily on national government transfers.

We also featured an article about the international tourism Indaba that takes place annually in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. This year was the second year that the district municipality attended the Indaba as a separate entity and showcased the tourism products in the district, along with its local municipalities.

The District Aids Council was also re-launched and the municipality along with its stakeholders re-affirmed its commitment to fight the epidemic. This illness along with tuberculosis, according to StatsSA has been one of the main causes of death in our district over the last number of years. It is therefore important that we take note of these statistics and do everything we can to ensure that our families are protected.

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.

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