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BNLM and EC Provincial Deputy Speaker Hold Career Exhibition



The Eastern Cape Legislature Deputy Speaker, Honourable MPL Mlibo Qoboshiyane was welcomed by the BNLM Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers, and Learners from different schools in the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipal area. Here the Deputy Speaker (in brown suit) is flanked by our young learners.



FOREWORD BY THE MAYOR

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to this week's edition of the From the Mayor's Desk. This has been an exciting week, with several activities that are aimed improving our collaboration with other stakeholders in improving and restoring hope to the lives of the residents of Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality.

For me the highlight of this week was the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality Career Exhibition, undertaken in collaboration with the Eastern Cape Office of the Deputy Speaker, the Honorable MPL, Mlibo Qoboshiyane. This event brought together over 200 matriculants of the class of 2023, in our efforts to encourage, give hope, and provide strategic direction, to ensure that our youth make the right career choices.

Our youth is our future. We, as leaders and government operatives, must do all we can to support and put resources available that will ensure that our youth prosper. Education is an essential tool for fight against poverty, both Academic and vocational. Let us all play our role in ensuring that we uplift, protect, and provide them with the necessary tools.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the Deputy Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, MPL Mlibo Qoboshiyane, for gracing us with his presence and quality of advice he had prepared for our youth. It was a mouthful, properly packaged, and I hope well received."

Also in this edition, I share with you our engagement with our sector departments, in an Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR) meeting. This was a very successful meeting, as departments in attendance shared with us their plans and programmes that shows, working together, meaningful impact can be realized.

I will also share with you further opportunities we afford our employees in their professional and personal development. We have committed to capacitate our employees in different disciplines of trade and we are delivering on those commitments.

I also share snapshots of our stakeholder engagements and some of the repair work being done on our infrastructure to ensure uninterrupted services to our communities. A plan we are working towards achieving together with you.

ENJOY THIS EDITION.

Thank you.

CLLR Willem Safers

BNLM Mayor

**Highlight and Coverage of the Career Exhibition
The Eastern Cape Legislature Office of the Deputy Speaker
in collaboration with
Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality (BNLM)**

On Wednesday, June 28, 2023 the Eastern Cape Legislature Deputy Speaker, MPL Mlibo Qoboshiyane and the Mayor of Dr Beyers Naude, Cllr Willem Safers shared the stage in a Career Exhibition for the Class of 2023 Matriculants. This was a good way to close the youth month and this programme was aimed at encouraging and giving strategic guidance on a range of career paths these students in pursuit of a better life.



Caption: Left Picture: BNLM Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers and EC Legislature Deputy Speaker arrive at the venue. (Right Picture): L-R: Mr D Debruin of the Department Education, Mayor Willem Safers, MPL Mlibo Qoboshiyane, BNLM Speaker Cllr Cheslin Felix, and Mr Bennie Roman preparing to enter the venue

In his opening and welcoming address, Mayor Safers said it was a privilege for him to be in Spandau Secondary School on this important occasion, as he was a product of the same school. He indicated, much to the surprise of many and jubilation of the Spandau Matriculants, that he started High school in Spandau in 1965 and matriculated in 1970.

He further encouraged learners to work hard to achieve the best possible results. “Matric is stressful, yet exciting. Life is not easy. Be resilient and persevere. Stay positive, determined, keep pushing even when you do not know what is on the other side. Hope is what keeps us going. Life owes us nothing, but what you put in is what you will get” the Mayor said.

He wished the class of 2023 well in their endeavours and encouraged parents to keep supporting their children in this future-determining period. He also encouraged learners to arm themselves with education, as it is the best tool to fight poverty.

The mayor expressed his gratitude for the turnout and the organisers of the event who worked hard to ensure that the programme was a success and indicated that working together we will be able to achieve more such results and that support to young people, can ensure a better life for all.

Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality Youth Career Exhibition in collaboration with the Eastern Cape Legislature Deputy Speaker, MPL Mlibo Qhoboshiyane.



THE MC FOR THE DAY, CLLR XOLILE GALADA, ENTERTAINED ATTENDEES WITH HIS AFRIKAANS

Pictures of the day:



Above: SBDM Councillor, Charlene Booysen, BNLM Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers, and the Guest-of-Honour, MPL Mlibo Qoboshiyane. Next is our learners from our different schools



Municipal Workers Trained on First Aid



The BNLM Human Resource Unit has recently conducted a training on First Aid and Occupational Health and Safety. The aim of this training was to capacitate supervisors and team leaders to have the ability to effectively respond to eminent hazard and act quickly and professionally in the eventuality of injury to fellow employees.

The BNLM, as an employer, understands that it is the responsibility of the employer to provide a healthy and safe working environment for all employees, and is putting in place mechanisms to ensure such environment.

Health and safety compliance is a critical element of success and legal compliance for all. In an instance when an accident is unavoidable, BNLM HR, has deemed it necessary to train supervisors and team leaders in first aid.

The aim of our First Aid training included preserving life, preventing injury from getting worse, aiding recovery, relieving pain, and protecting the unconscious.

The training is a skill that these employees can use in assisting any member of the public until professional medical practitioners can administer primary health care to injured persons. It is a life skill, with great value to the public. This training was conducted by an accredited service provider, Qabuka Vuka Development Training Consultancy, recognised by the South African Qualification Authority.

INTERNAL REVIEW TO IMPROVE SERVICES UNDERTAKEN



In a deliberate effort to improve the quality of services to the public and stakeholders, the Office of the Municipal Manager recently had its own review meeting to look at how to improve and further professionalise our institutional discipline and actions. This meeting also addressed how to improve on the reporting systems to ensure that best practices and compliance to EXCO reports.

The Municipal Manager's Unit comprises of the Local Economic Development (LED), Integrated Development Planning (IDP), Internal Audit, and Communications Units.

BNLM REVIVES INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (IGR) TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY TO COMMUNITIES

The Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality, and its Inter-Governmental stakeholders had a meeting to revive the IGR programme. This was a deliberate attempt by all stakeholders to improve service delivery to communities. This meeting was chaired by BNLM Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers. Among attendees in this meeting were BNLM Speaker, Cllr Cheslin Felix, Cogta represented by Mr Dumile Damane, Department of Social Development, Department of Health, SAPS, the Legal Aid Board, Department of Education, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Employment and Labour and BNLM Directors and Managers.



During deliberations and discussions in this meeting have given an indication that working together we have much to achieve in making the lives of residents better. As a way forward it was agreed that each department will submit its annual plans to the IGR forum and indicate what resources are available to realise plans outlined in these plans.

It was also agreed that community development campaigns and projects should be synergised and sectoral partners should form sub-committees to discuss areas of common interest.



A follow-up meeting, which will be in a form of a workshop is to be held in the next 6 weeks, but in-between this time sharing of information and programmes is encouraged. The meeting also discussed the IGR policy, Terms of Reference and Standard Operational Procedures of ensuring that all role-players are aware of what is expected of them,

The Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers thanked everyone present. For more details on the content of discussions, follow the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality Facebook Page, as content will be flighted in that platform.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE BNLM

Collie Koeberg Sport Complex

The municipality is currently implementing portion 3 of the project, in entails the replacement of the pavilion roof and repairs of structure, refurbishment of the ablutions and irrigation pipeline.

The approved cost for the Phase 1 is R 21,120,000.00 and to date R 18,865,000.00 has been spent. The municipality had a visit by National & Provincial departments Treasury and COGTA to ensure value was created.

The municipality has obtained approval for a phase 2 to include the cricket and soccer B-field developments as well, this will be done in the near future.



Ikwezi Bulk Water Supply

The municipality is in the final stages of the project that included drilling and redrilling of boreholes, new installation of mechanical equipment, new reticulation pipeline to reservoirs, erection of new steel storage reservoirs, new water treatment plant in Klipplaat and the refurbishment of the weir in the “Kliprivier”, refurbishment of the canal to the “Klipfontein” Dam.

The total project cost amounts to R 67,557,000.00, amount spend over the last 3 financial years R 47,447,000.00 from this the local SMME appointed amounts to R 11,858,000.00.

Klipplaat Water Meter Replacement

The installation of domestic water meters in Klipplaat in continuing, in total 979 meters has been installed.

Each household needs to sign off on the work done. R 6,726,000.00 was allocated and to date R 4,726,000.00 has been spent, the remaining R 2,000,000.00 will be spent in new financial year.



Projects to be implemented in 2023/24 financial year starting July 2023.

- Upgrading of Collie Koeberg Sport Complex
- Dr. Beyers Naude - Upgrading of Steytleville Solid Waste Disposal Site
- Graaff Reinet - Upgrading and refurbishment of sewer pump stations
- Installation of New High Mast Lights
- Upgrading of Streets and Storm Water in Dr. Beyers Naude
- Ground Water Study and Exploration Drilling for new wellfield in Willowmore
- Retrofit of all indigent household toilets with new waterwise systems – 6500 Units
- Upgrading Of Graaf Reinet Water Treatment Works
- Replacing Internal Water Reticulation System In Klipplaat And Install Water Meters
- Ikwezi Bulk Water Supply