



**TABLING OF 2014/2015 BUDGET SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR COUNCILLOR VUSIMUSI TSHABALALA DURING THE PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET ON 12 JUNE 2014 AT RIVERSIDE**

**Madam Speaker**, fellow Councilors, ladies and gentlemen who I recognize according the order of precedence of the state, council officials and members of the community and media corps please join us as we proclaim again that **Together we move South Africa forward. This the historic call by theANC.** One of the founding fathers of the **ANC Pixley ka Isaka Seme** made this uplifting remark when he was much younger than I am today and I quote:



**'In all races, genius is like a spark, which concealed in the blossom of flint, bursts forth at the summoning stroke. It may arise anywhere and in any race'.**

As a loyal cadre of the **ANCI** invoke this optimism of our pioneer to ignite the genius in this council so that it becomes part of the national good story. The story I wish us to tell through this budget is that of a clean audit. And I wish to point out that three critical pieces of legislation being **Municipal Finance Management Act, Municipal Systems Act and Municipal Structures Act** refer to Executive Mayor.

That implies that the incumbent of such an office must **EXECUTE POLICY** as a legislative requirement .

Therefore the Executive Mayor will through the MAYCO, Municipal Manager and the administration execute the budget without hesitation. Anything less would undermine the legal



framework of the country, betray the authority and diminish the revolutionary calling of the historic office of the Executive Mayor. Believe me nothing will ever make betray this sacred duty. Destiny has favoured me with a dedicated MAYCO made up of the following cadres;

MMC-Finance; M **Clr** Mositi,

MMC- Corporate and Legal Services; **Clr** M Nhlapo

MMC-LED and Tourism; **Clr** G Mokotso

MMC-Roads, Transport and Public Safety; **Clr** M Lebesa

MMC-Spatial Development; **Clr** M Mokoena

MMC-Community Services; **Clr** M Mokubung

MMC-Special Programmes; **Clr** M Mosia

MMC-Sport, Arts and Culture; **Clr** T Thebe

MMC-Infrastructure; **Clr** D Mboso

MMC –Housing and Planning; **Clr** M Mohlabi

Under the direction of an able Chief Whip **Clr** Thebe, we ready for work to write a chapter in the national good story.

A good story of a people's government on a crusade to change society from deep-seated injustices of the past is unfolding every moment that we assemble as we do in council today. Walter Sisulu once observed that: **“In a certain sense, the story of our struggle is a story of problems arising and problems being overcome.”**

Within this context, the **ANC** was correct and remains correct when it translates the story of the struggle into a good story of changing society. We never had illusions that transforming



our country from apartheid created inequalities would be easy. We knew it would never be a short process. Certainly, we anticipated that it would be charged with emotion for both the previously disadvantaged and the ones who enjoyed apartheid benefits.

The latter clings fiercely to ill-gotten benefits. They frustrate every effort we make to reverse the abuses of apartheid. We were amazed and filled with shame when at the height of election contestation; a political party that pledges to change the lives of the previously disadvantaged if elected guaranteed to resist employment equity. At the outset, we must point out some socio-economic evils that **Employment Equity** and all other transformation instruments are intended to remedy. The mind is filled with discriminatory labour practices like **Job Reservation**. Land ownership is one graphic evil that warrants bold and radical reversal. For an example in Harrismith an ordinary residential site in Ntabazwe is a third of the same in town in size. This means that blacks had their dignity and comfort reduced. The sad legacy of apartheid is long and hurtful to us.

We have taken comfort and renewed our resolve on the 7<sup>th</sup> May as millions voted emphatically for the good story to unfold deeper until its effect reaches all the deserving people of our land. With these elections our people have directed that we should accelerate the pace and intensity of change.

Therefore, we shall be utilising the budget we table today to give necessary speed to change. **Together we move South Africa forward. Ka hoo ho jewa fatshe.**



Re tllile ho tlosa masalla a kgethollo a ntse a hlokisa naha ya rona tshobotsi. Sena re tla se fihlella ka ho kenya tshebetsong dipehelo tsa Moralo wa Naha wa Ntshetsopele eleng National Development Plan. Dipehelo tse ka sehlohong ke tse latellang:

**Ho eketsa tjhelete ya ho kenya marangrang a ntshetsopele -Increasing public infrastructure spending:** Mona re mema bohle ho mamela seo re ikemiseditsentseng ho se phethahatsa ka mananeo a ntlafatso a tla hlaha ha ntse re fana ka puo ena.

**Kgodiso ya temo le industeri - Grow our manufacturing and agricultural:** Karolo ya rona ya LED etla laelwa ho fumana di thuso tsa Lenaneo le Kenelletseng la Ntlafatso ya Ditulo tsa Mahae le Mapolasi tseo mmuso o di ananetseng. Kgopolo ka lenaneo lena ke ho lwantsha tlala ka ho etsa botsitso ba phano ya dijo. Sena se tla fihlelwa ka ho sebedisa mehlodi ya thlaho ho theha metse ya moshwelella e phelang e nang le tekatekano ya botho.

**Ho ntshetsapele merafo- Raising mining output:** Ho nale moelelo o fosahetseng wa hore merafo keya kgauta, taemane le platinum feela. Re tlamehile ho etsa hore lehlabathe, majwe a krabole a ho etsa ditsela, konkreti , letsopa le sandstone tse fumanehang ka bongata mona masepaleng, di rafshwe(*must be mined*) ka matla le bongata.

**Ho etsa hore mmaraka wa kgiro ya basebetsi o sebetse, o tsebe ho kenyelletsa batjha - Improve the functioning of the labour market, particularly to help young people access work:** Re tla thusa hore batjha ba bule di-cooperative hore ba tle bafumane mesebetsi masepaleng ka hore re etse pehelo ya hore batjha ba seke ba nna ba tlameha ho etsa dithendara.

**Ho phahamisa thomello ya thepa kantle le ho etsa borakgwebo ba masepala ba eketse marakeng ka bobebe- Raising competitiveness and exports:** Rona re ananela hore



ha dihlahiswa tsa masepaleng di iswa marakeng tsa naha sena ke thomello kante(*export*). Ka hoo re tlameha ho sirelletsa dibaka tsa tlhahiso tse masepaleng seka Nestle, Nouwens Carpets, Boxmore and Country Meat hore di tsebe o eketa ka sefutho marakeng tsa naha. Mohlomphehi Speaker ho bohlokwa ho tseba hore feme ena ya Nestle eo ke buwang ka yona ke yona feela kahara SADC etsang dijo tsa masea le bana tse kang bo Cerealac. Ka hoo ke karolo ya bohlokwa ya moruo wa masepala.



Beso pale ya rona keya maikemisetso le tjheseho. Tjheseho ena e tlamehile ho re sututsa hore re sebedise budget ena ele sesebediswa sa phethoho. Tsamaiso ya masepala wa rona e tlamehile ho ba e utlwisisang mosebetsi o hlokolotsi e matsohong a rona. Jwale ka ramosebetsi, rona re le masepala re tla fana ka dithlapiso tsohle tse tla kgothalletsa besebeletsi ba rona ho sebetsa ka boitelo ho fihlella moo dipehelo tsa kgiro tsa dimasepala di ka dumellang. Re tla kgothalletsa basebetsi ho ntlafatsa bokgoni ba tshebetso hore ba etse mosebetsi o kgabane. Re sebeletsa setjhaba. Ka hoo re tlameha ho netefatsa hore setjhaba se fumana ditshebeletso tsa mankgonthe. Ha ho le jwalo tsohle tseo re di etsetsang setjhaba di tlameha ho ntlafatsa maemo a bophelo ba sona. Kana setjhaba ke sona ramosebetsi wa rona le mohiri wa rona.



Premier Ntate Ace Magashule ha a nka kano ya tshebetso ka 21 May 2014, o fane ka taelo hore re tlise phetoho e matla moo re fanang ka ditshebeletso/**service delivery revolution**.



Re mo utlwisisa hore ore re lokela ho etsa tsohle tse matleng a rona ho phakisisa phano ya ditshebeletso setjhabeng. Re bile re tlameha ho phahamisa sekgahla seo tsamaiso ya rona ya masepala hore basebetsi ba etse hohle ho matleng a bona hoka tlisa ditshebeletso setjhabeng. Ha re ya tlameha ho ba letshabo ya ho etsa eng kapa eng e ka tlosang bobbe ba kgethollo maphelong a setjhaba. Le jwale re na le ditletlebo ka kgwao ka mokgwa oo apartheid e re hlokofoaditseng ka teng. Empa bonang beso, ha re shebaneng le menyetla e teng hohle moo re lokelang ho tlosa masalla a mabe a apartheid.

Ena budget re e hlophisitse ho ya ka National Development Plan le manifesto wa mokgatlo o busang ka toka wa ANC. Ke ona manifesto oo palohare ya **80%** ya setjhaba sa masepala se o tsheheditse ka la 7<sup>th</sup> May. Re nkile qeto ya ho sebedisa budget ena ho ntshetsa South Africa pele ka ho kenya NDP tshebetse ka mokgwa latelang;

## **1-Building an inclusive economy that creates jobs**

**Local Economic Development (LED)** must be placed under constant review to align it with the economic challenges that change with changing times, without forewarning to all of us.

In this regard, I will closely lead and direct the **LED** unit to ensure that it responds optimally to the huge task that attach to the Inland Logistics Hub proclaimed for construction in Harrismith. We must remember that this project forms an integral part of the Gauteng-Free State-KZN logistics corridor. Out of the roll out of this project especially in Harrismith there will be increased job creation across the spectrum.

I would want to put my fingers on the pulse of this project so that I can always be heads up about its unfolding. Above this, we have since applied for the status of **Special Economic**





**Zone (SEZ).** When approved and a proclamation issued in the government gazette then we can attract huge investments.

By now, we know that the SEZ and their predecessors the IDZs process create many jobs as the Dube Port has shown in KZN. We will send a delegation on a knowledge-gathering mission to the Saldanha Bay municipality so that we can acquaint ourselves with the administrative mechanisms of an SEZ. The SEZ must be a platform from which we can expand the economy of the district.

We should draw lessons from the closure of factories like **Circuit Breakers Industries**, many more in the textile and furniture factories. Those lessons must inform us to inject more attention on industrial development. The **DTI** has many interventions that we must help channel to our business community. One key lesson is that we have to strive for a diversified economic base. We are happy to record that the municipality is busy negotiating funding agreement with **Standard Bank for** the SMMEs and industrialists. In the immediate future, the municipality will be signing an MOU with **BELL** Company to invest in Maluti-A-Phofung that will create most needed job and economic growth.

The creation of the new Ministry of Small Businesses by President Zuma must give our LED fresh inspiration to seek more ways to grow the economy of the municipality. Madam Speaker the economic success of countries like Indonesia and Brazil were driven by SMME empowerment. Therefore, we will not hesitate to take actions that advance SMMEs.

I sincerely hope that the payment arrangements for services rendered by SMMEs to this municipality are conducive to their success. To this end I wish to indicate that SMMEs service providers must be high on payment priority all the



time. In January we launched an Integrated Energy Centre at Makwane in conjunction with the national department of energy. Out of it we created **14** beneficiaries through a joint investment of **R14m** by the department and the municipality.

We have rekindled the spirit of the exhibition show that characterized QwaQwa. The inaugural show (**DIPONTSHO**) took place in April 2014 and has contributed immensely to the tourism sector and helped market our municipality. We have no doubt that the next show will be a notch higher. The main purpose is to create information sharing platform and to entertain through local talent mainly while employing national talent to serve as motivation.

**Madam Speaker** we have noted that communication and the ICT are crucial for the economy. After we had experienced some connectivity problems, we have interacted with the two network operators to enhance cell phone coverage to 2G and 3G. We thank both **MTN** and **Vodacom** for their cooperation in this regard.

Through Inter Government Relations we have undertaken the upgrade of the historic Mountain resort with an investment of **R19m**, upgrading of the Sentinel road as well as the completion of the Maboleta Guest House. We had to restore the Mountain Resort which was a community project spear-headed by the late Morena Wessels Mota and the Batlokoa of Manthatisi of Tsheseng in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

The history of its building is unbelievably inspirational  
**Madam Speaker** I tell you.





## 2-Expand comprehensive social security

Working with **SASSA** and department of Social Development, we will constantly evaluate our social security interventions. On our part we shall continue to enlist more deserving people in the Indigence Register. When we couple these interventions, we then place an effective social security net. It cannot be a **SASSA** alone matter. Conversely it cannot be a municipality alone matter. To make our input to the good story appealing we will still accommodate deserving people who could not enlist in the Indigence Register for another three months. We will be participating in a joint effort with department of social development in the creation and maintenance of a **Food Bank**. The aim is to assemble donations of from kind people so that we can distribute to the needy. We will inform the council when the bank opens.

## 3- Twantsho ya tloloya molao-Crime Prevention

Ebang Mohlomphehi Speaker le lona lekgotla le kgabane la motse ke ikemiseditse ho kenya tshebetsong kopano e ikgethang ya lekgotla le tlo buisana kgafetsa ka ho lwantsha tlolo ya molao. Kopanong tseo re tla kenyelletsa ba-Komoshionara ba di steishene tsa sepolesa ba masepaleng, baemedi ba lefapha la thlabollo ya batshwaruwa, ba tshebeletso ba botjhotjhisi, sepolesa sa sephethephethe, ba tshebeletso tsa tshohanyetso le CPF. Setjhaba se nale tokelo tsa molaotheo ha phela ka hose tshohe mme ha reya tlemeha ho dumella ditlokotsebe ho phedisa setjhaba ka tshabo. Crime has very negative economic consequences. Tlolo tsa molao di nale ditla morao tse mpe. Ho theha mohlala, ha ho thujwa matlo haholo, ditefello tsa insurance di ya phahama akere? Re kentse di-CCTV Camera Phuthaditjhaba. Bohatong ba bobedi



di-CCTV Camera tse **14** di tla kenngwa Harrismith hodima tse **30** tse Phuthaditjhaba.

Sepheo sa tsona tsa sethato eneng ele ho lwantsha boshodu ba diphoofolo. Tsena di kentswe ka ditjeho tse kana ka **R4 m**. Tsena di-CCTV di tlile ho fokotsa bokgothotsi.

Pale ya rona ke ya ho tiisa tokelo ya bophelo le tokelo ya ho phela ka kgotso le ka bo lokolohi. Ke ditiisetso tseo baholoholo ba rona ba ileng ba dumellana ka tsona ka selemo sa 1955 mane Kliptown. Ha reya tlameha ho qeqea ha nka karolo ho ngoleng karolo ya pale ena ya ntshetsopele e etelletseng pele ke **ANC**.

#### **4- Tiisetso ya maemo a shebehang a bophelo le bodulo bo tsitsitseng- Ensure decent living conditions and sustainable human settlements**

Pale ya rona e tla dula e ntlafala ha re etsa mekutu ya ho ntlafatsa maemo a bophelo a setjhaba bodulong bo tsitsitseng. Re tlameha ho sebetsana le taba tse latelang boemong bona.

##### **4.1-Thibelo le thuso nakong tsa qomatsi- Disaster Prevention and Mitigation**

Moo masepala a dutseng mosikong wa thaba tsa Maluti, re moo meya, mahlwa le meya e tsukutlang e leng mengata. Ha lehlwa le wele haholo tseleng ya N3 Van Rheenen's pass ho ba le tshitiso ya ho tsamaya. Sena se hlokofatsa moruo wanaha hampe. Kahoo re lokela ho ba malala a laotswe ho thusetsa ha lehlwa le kwetse ditsela. Le sehla sa meya e meholo se fihla ka Phato (July). Mona re tlo tsukutlwa ke ho thja ha hlaha, empa re motlolto ho etsa tsebiso hore re rekile lori ya setima-



molloka **R4m** ho thusa ka ho lwantsha mello ena ya dithota le mello kaofela. Mello ena e bolaya mehlape le diphoofolo tsa naha le hona ho tjhesa dijalo tse komisong.

#### **4.2- Tshireletso ya tikoloho- Environment Security-**

Ha o sheba dinokeng le dithabeng tsa rona otlala bona difate tse kwalang dinoka. Le lehlaka le tlang dinokeng le senya tikoloho. Botlokotsebe bo runya moo. Tsena di lokela ho tlosa le hore re thibele ho tsholohela ha kgwerekgwere dinokeng. Hape re tlameha ho lwantsha tshilafatso e etswang ke lerata.

Re tlamehile ho sebetsa mmoho le **SAPS** ho thibela lerata le lengata metseng le mabenkeleng. Re tlamehile ho fuputsa hore na re ka reka metjhini ya ho bokella matlakala e bitswang **Skip-loader** hore re behe **di-Skip** tsena hohle moo setjhaba seyeng se qhalle matlakala teng.

#### **4.3- Matlo le ditshebeletso- Housing and amenities-**

Masepala o tlamehile ho theha ditsha tsa bodulo ho lwantsha thlokeho ya bodulo. Mme re tlameha ho sebdisana le Marena hore phano ya ditsha ebe e laolehang tlasa SPD. Ke ka hoo re bileng le ketsahalo e sa hlaboseng empa e tlamehileng ba ho ba teng ya ho thibela ho nkuwa ha naha mane pela University. Le hae batho ba tlositswe moo maobane, re nkile mehato ya molao ho tloha sethatong. Re bile re fane ka bodulo ba nakwan ha re sa ntse re hlophisa osa sebaka sa kaho ya matlo bakeng sa ba amehileng. Ho teng matitjhere, mapolesa, basebeltsi ba mmuso le bo-rakgwebo ka kgasang (**Gap Market**) ba hloleha ho fumana thuso ya di-banka bakeng sa ho reka matlo.

Mona re lokela ho romela moifo ho ya kopana le Housing Development Agency (**HDA**) ho ithuta hore **HDA** eka re thusa jwang ho reka naha bakeng sa kaho ya matlo.

HO JEWA FATSHE Mohlomphehi Speaker.

We must initiate Public Private Partnership developments and also consider those presented even if they were unsolicited. This will assist us to respond to pressing service delivery challenges where funding is a problem or limited. We have noted some areas of concern being waste management, water demand management and sanitation. In particular there has to be a concerted effort to plug all leakages and to stop spillage of sewer into the water system. The right of communities to clean water is critical and a constitutional provision. And I am particularly proud that we are the only municipality the province that has been awarded a **Blue Drop Certificate ( metsi a hlwekileng a pompo a o motho a ka anwang)** for the past three years.

Dithloko tsa ditoropo tsa rona ha di tshwane ebile ke tshwanelo hore ho be jwalo. Feela re lokela ho kenya ditlhoko ka hara Moralo wa Ntlatso ya naha (**Spatial Development Plan**). Ka ha re tseba hore ho lokela ho etswe eng kae, le hona neng ka bokae, re nale bokgoni ba ho lebisa ntshetsopele moo e hlokehang teng. Ha o sheba Schoonplatz Harrismith moo mmuso o tsetetseng tjhelete e kana ka **R118m**, o tla fumana hore re kgotlisetsa lefatse ho beng ba lona. Mmuso wa kgethollo o ile wa tlosa baahi ka lonya moo Schoonplatz mme re tlisa toka ka projeke ena.



Mme Harrismith/Ntabazwe/Tshiame re tsetse thjelete e kana ka **R85m** ho kenyelletse Schoonplatz. Mona re tlišitse projeke tsa ntlafatso ya phano ya metsi a mangata/ bulk water upgrade, sebaka sa dipapadi se kwalehileng/indoor centre, tlhwekiso ya dikgwerekgwere/waste treatment le ditsela. Tsena ke tse ding tsa ntlafatso tseo re di tlišitseng.

Thlolong teng re ahile ditsela le ho ntlafatsa phepelo ya metsi le ho aha marogo a maoto/ foot bridges, tsohle ka tjehe tsa **R14m**. Makgolokoeng teng re isitse diprojeke tsa ditjehe tsa **R4.6m** bakeng sa dikgwerekgwere le phepelo ya metsi.

Ha re kena QwaQwa teng, re dietse dikgala ka projeke tse jeleng **R135m**. Tsona ke tsa metsi a mangata/ bulk water, ho kampela mabitleng/ fencing of cemeteries, VIP toilets ,ditsela, high mast lights,tsamaiso ya metsi a dikgohola le tse ding.

#### 4.5- Thuto- Education-

Ho ya ka molaotheo phano ya thuto ha se mosebetsi o matleng a masepala,feela re nka karolo phanong ya thuto. Mme re motlotlo ka moo baithuti ba sehlopha sa **GR12** ba selemo sa **2013** ba sebeditseng ka teng. Re bile ra fana ka dibasari tse **94**. Mona re lebelletse ho eketsa thuso ena ha baithuti baka ba fetela pele ka dithuto le ha re kenyelletsa ba sehlopha sa **2014**. Ke thapelo tsa pelo tsa rona hore baithui bana ba fumaneng dibasari, ba ithute ba se ke ba senya tjehelete ya setjhaba.

Re boetse re sebetsa mmoho le mafapha a thuto.Re kgahlametsa dikolo le di-college tsa **FET** le **university** ka ditshebeletso. Projeke ya manthla ya kantoro ya majoro ke Contractor Development . Tjehelete eo re e behileng bakeng sa ho nthlafatsa bokgoni borakgwebo ba thuthuwang (SMMES) bao eleng borakontra ka kaho ke **R20m** .



Mona re tla netefatsa hore bomme le batjha ba borakontra ka eba karolo e kgolo ya lenanao lena. Haholo re batla hore ba kgone ho ho fumana mangolo a Civil Engineering le a General Construction ho ya ka Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB).

#### **4.6 -Ditsha tsa kgwebo le difeme- Commercial and industrial facilities**

Hore re tsebe ho theha moruo o akaratsang bohle o bile o theha dikgeo tsa mosebetsi, re lokela ho sheba hore ebe ha re hloke setsha se seng sa mabenkele Phuthaditjhaba. Re tlo tlameha ho buisana le beng ba Setsing Shopping Centre hore ba shebane le tshubihlellano ya makoloi Setsing.

Ke mona moo rona re tlileng ho ntlatfatsa boemelo ba di-taxi/taxi rank e Intabazwe le e Phuthaditjhaba ka ditjeho tsa **R30m**. Sena se lokela ho rarolla bothatha ba tshubuhlellano ena ya makoloi e re e bong hae mona.

#### **Dipapadi, bonono le bothjaba (Sports, Arts and Culture):**

Re tla dula re netefatsa hore mabala a dipapadi le mabala a ho ikgatholla le ho netefatsa hore di holo di dula di le maamong a tshebetso a amohelehang. Ke ka hoo re tlileng ho kenya ditulo tse **5000** Charles Mopeli Stadium. Sena se tla netefatsa hore dihlopha tsa **PSL** le **NFD** di ntse sebedisa lebala lena. Re tla matlafatsa phano ya ditshebeletso tse amanang le kabo ya mabatlale ho kampela mabitla jwalo ka ha se re boletse.

HO JEWA FATSHE Madam Speaker,





I have to provide you fellow councilors and the community with a pilot's view of how we applied the budget of 2013-2014. A detailed presentation fact sheet is attached to our budget document. It lists many projects that have been successfully executed or that are in execution as well as the spending going with them. From these projects you will see that we covered a wide array of spheres of community life. Indeed we have made a good effort to take Maluti-A-Phofung and South Africa forward. **Madam Speaker how good can our national story be, if it did not tell us that you as council have made valuable contribution to communities of our municipality?** As we have spent so well in that budget year we now present to you how we will raise money for the **2014/2015** budget.

**Madam Speaker** for the forthcoming fiscal year we have made provision for the accrual of **R1.4b** as income. This will be generated as detailed in the budget document in your possession.

Our expenditure has been structured to cater for a sustainable and efficient administrative component of the municipality. The most critical facet of the administration entails the PMU so that we can expedite the implementation of infrastructure development projects. The social services section has mitigate against child desertions, access to interventions by the vulnerable individuals in society and in general terms to strengthen the social safety net. LED must mobilise resources, opportunities and interventions aimed at growing the economy of the municipality, sports/culture to harness sports and culture as drivers of our municipal economy too and the safety, security and emergency unit to police our roads and streets as well as to respond in time to emergencies so that lives can be saved protected.



Part of the income generation drive will entail arresting the stealing of electricity. At the moment we owe ESKOM **R266m** and we are well on the way to remove this debt. In order to achieve this we are going to criminalise stealing electricity to the extent that all civil servants and municipal workers who will be caught after 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 will be charged with misconduct at their respective work places. Then we will go after all others who steal electricity. We encourage all those at fault to approach our office to regularise their electricity meters at a lower fine.

If by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 they have not come forward, then we will unleash the might of the law. Even more we will find systems and technology that will allow us to collect outstanding rates and taxes through a percentage of electricity purchases every time by affected individuals. We will work hard to collect all other revenue outstanding. Proposals that can make this efficiently are welcome. We will continue to pursue all property owners to pay outstanding rates and taxes. As some of the government agencies are still stubborn, we will approach the Premier to instruct them to pay up so that we do not have a bad precedent of non-payment. May we thank all the rate-payers and those electricity users who pay their dues without undue delay.

Naturally funding is required for the management of council matters and compliance with statutory provisions on the role of council and the EXCO in pursuit of their interlinked objectives. It is particularly vital that we should seek integration of activities of all the government organs in our area. In this manner we will be able to consolidate the effects of service delivery so that the good story can continue to unfold.

Colleagues there is just a lot of work we have to do for our communities.



Towards this end the expenditure of **R1.3b** with the breakdown is indicated in the circulated budget document. The capital and infrastructure project expenditure will be **R308m.**

**Madam Speaker I now present the proposed tariff increases that will take effect with the new financial year.**

The following stipulations in the Property Rates Policy are high-lighted:

The first **R80 000** of the market value of a property used for residential purposes is excluded from rate-able value in addition to this **5%** rebate will be granted to rate payers who will pay their rates account before the due date which is the 7<sup>th</sup> of every month

**100** per cent rebate will be granted to registered indigents, Old age and state pensioners in terms of Indigent Policy

**100** per cent rebate will be granted to registered non- profit organisation

Service charges	Residents	Indigent
Electricity	50kWh per month	50kWh per month
Water	6kl per month	6kl per month
Refuse removal	0	100%
Sanitation	0	100%
Assessment rates	(Rebate on first R80 000 of market value is granted)	100%
Assessment rates	5% will be granted on the full payments done on rates before the due date (7th) of every month	
Assessment rates	(20% rebate will be granted on the full payment made in full before 30 September 2014)	



## INCREASES IN TARIFF CHARGES

We shall implement the following tariff regime upon the coming into effect of this budget. We have tried to keep them at a minimum so that for those who have to pay, the burden should not be heavy. All tariffs save rates and taxes as well as electricity will be adjusted by **5%** while electricity will be adjusted by **7.36%**. Rates and taxes will not be increased.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PROPOSED FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK, IDP AND RELATED POLICIES AS DETAILED BE APPROVED AS PER Annexure 2**

### (A) Consolidated annual Operating Budget

The annual consolidated total operating income of **R1,4b** and annual consolidated total operating expenditure of **R1,3b** and indicative amounts for the two projected outer years 2015/16 and 2016/17 as set out in the following Tables:

- (a) Operating revenue by source reflected in **TABLE A4 on – Page 12 of Annexure 2**
- (b) Operating expenditure by type reflected in **TABLE A4 on – Page 12 of Annexure 2**
- (b) Operating expenditure by vote classification reflected in **TABLE A3 on – Page 26 of Annexure 2**



**(B) Consolidated annual Capital Budget**

- (a) That the Annual consolidated capital budget of **R308m** and the multiyear appropriations by vote, GFS classification and funding for the two projected outer years 2015/16 and 2016/17 as set out in **TABLE A5 on Page 30 of Annexure 2**

**(C) MAP annual Operating Budget**

That the Annual total operating income of **R1,2b** and annual total operating expenditure of **R1,2b** and indicative amounts for the two projected outer years 2015/16 and 2016/17 as set out in the following Schedules:

- (a) Operating revenue and expenditure by source reflected in **TABLE A4 on – Page 37 of Annexure 2**

- (b) Operating expenditure by type reflected in **TABLE A4 on – Page 37 of Annexure 2**

- (c) Operating expenditure by vote classification reflected in **TABLE A3 on – Page 36 of Annexure 2**

**(D) MAP Annual Capital Budget**

- (a) That the annual capital budget of **R303m** and the multiyear appropriations by vote, GFS classification and funding for the two projected outer years 2015/16 and 2016/17 as set out in **TABLE A5 on page 39 of Annexure 2**

**(E) MAP WATER Annual Operating Budget**

That the Annual total operating income of **R145m** and annual total operating expenditure of **R145m** and indicative amounts for the two projected outer years 2015/16 and 2016/17, be noted as set out in the following Schedules:

- (a) Operating revenue by source reflected in **TABLE**



**D2 on –Annexure 4**

(b) Operating expenditure by type reflected in **TABLE D2 on –Annexure 4**

(F)that the property rates and any other municipal tax reflected in **Annexure 3** proposed for the budget year 2014/2015

(G)that the annual reviewed policies as reflected on **Annexure 5** be adopted for implementation

(H)that the reviewed IDP for 2014/2015 as on **Annexure 6**

**Madam Speaker**, ha ke diela dikgala ke elelwa hore budget e kenngwa tshebetsong le ho phethahatswa ke batho. Ke bona batho ba ka etsang hore mohoo wa **ANC** watlafatsa maphelo a batho o atlehe kappa o putlame. Batho ba ka qala ho se nkele ditabatabelo tsa setjhaba hlohong ebe re bona boilelaetso mehla yohle. Ka hoo re tlamehile ha ba sedi hore re hlaole seo ebang se bonahala. Ke lakatsa ha Municipal Manager, CFO, Internal Auditor le kantoro ya ka ba ka sebeletsa hore re fumane clean audit ha Mohlahlubi wa Dibuka wa mmuso a qeta ho hlahloba tsa rona. Empa sena hase bolele hore re tlameha se matlafatse le ho phakisisa phano ya ditshebelotso hobane re tshaba ho fosa. Re tla netefatsa hore re fana ka ditshebeletso ntse re ikamahantse le molao.

**HO JEWA FATSHE.**

**A change has come.**

Ke tshepa le hlokometse hore ke fane ka ponelopele ha ntse ke fana ka puo ena. Ha re a tlameha ho buwa selemo le selemo ka dikarolo tsa budget tsa tsamaiso tse tlwaelehileng feela.

Premier Magashule o laetse hore re potlakise le ho ntlafatsa kamoo re fana ka ditshebeletso. Karolo ya rona he ka budget ena ke ho tiisa hore re phethahatsa taelo ena ya Premier.





Re tla sebedisa maono a mmuso wa naha le wa province ka sekgahla se seholo. Public Private Partnerships ke le leng la maano a ka hara MFMA hore moo re haellwang ke tjhelete re tsebe ho thaota bo ramatsete ho tla thusa. Re tlamehile ho sebedisa leano lena ho ntlafatsa phano ya ditshebeletso. Nako ya hore re nahane hore ntho tse ntle le tse hlamatsehang ke tsa Gauteng feela. Gautrain and BRT hase tokelo tsa Gauteng feela. Jwaleka ha Coega le Dube Ports le Richards Bay IDZs ese tokelo tsa Eastern Cape and KZN feela.

Tsena kaofela di tlisitswe ka ponelopele e ileng ya kenngwa tshebeletsong ka mafolofolo a mahalo. Ke ya le tiisetsa hore ke le Executive Mayor ke tla sebedisa matla ohle a molao le mafolofolo ho kenya ponelopele ena tshebetsong. Ke ikemeseditse ho ho sebedisa molao ka matla a maholo. Ke tla thusa hore borakgwebo ba lehae ba nke karolo ho Logistics Hub e tllileng ho ahwa Harrismith. Ho tlamehile ho be le dipehelo tsa hore SMME tsa lehae di fumana seabo se tiisitsweng(set-aside)

I extend a hand of cooperation to all who want our municipality to build an inclusive economy that creates jobs, create sustainable human settlements, increase comprehensive social security net, fight crime and foster education. We have an opportunity to write a good chapter of the good story of restoration of humanity for the majority of South Africans.

I wish to extend my sincerest appreciation to my Family, who have allowed me to take away their time whilst sweating out with the functions bestowed upon me as Executive Mayor.

Many thanks to you Madam Speaker, the Chief Whip, Members of the Mayoral Committee, MPAC, the Municipal Manager, CFO and the entire staff compliment of the



municipality and our entity Map Water.

A very special word of appreciation to the staff in office of the Executive Mayor, who tirelessly avail themselves in preparation of all municipal and community activities I get involved in.

To the leadership of the ruling party which is **ANC** (I proudly state), I am humbled by the confidence they vested in me that at the height of my youth and they trusted that I can lead this municipality with you fellow councilors in the quest to make South Africa a better place for all.

**All residents of Maluti-a-Phofung, Thank you very much for your support and loyalty as demonstrated by the vote numbers. We shall always welcome your inputs, rebuke and encouragements.** I wish to repeat a change is coming and I close with the words of a song by Sam Cooke called a change is gonna come where he says; I QUOTE;

**‘There were times when I thought I couldn’t last for long. But now I think I am able to carry on. It’s a long long time coming. But I know a change is gonna come. O yes it will’** CLOSE QUOTE.

Even though I too thought I couldn’t last for long. But right now with the support you give me and the leadership of the **ANC** and the mentorship of Premier Magashule in particular, I am going to carry on too, because I know a change is gonna come. Oh yes it will.

**All present today, I thank You.**

**Forward Maluti-a-Phofung Forward!!!!**

