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## MAFUBE MAYOR PRIORITISES SERVICE DELIVERY

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The mayor of Mafube Local Municipality, Jabulani Sekasa, has vowed to escalate consultation with residents and their involvement in the municipalities' decision-making process.

"Public participation plays a critical role in deepening democracy and promoting good governance in South Africa. Citizens' involvement in governance processes ensures that their experiential and grounded perspectives inform government on their needs; and how these needs can best be addressed and met.

"The new democratic government emphasised the need for critical engagement between itself and its citizens. It therefore, came as no surprise that public participation is a key Constitutional principle which clearly states that people's needs must be responded to, and the public must be encouraged to participate in governance and in taking care and having ownership of their surroundings," said Sekasa.

Sekasa said the municipality will partner with the private sector to fix the bad roads and install a new sewerage system in his area.

"We have already started to partner with Rural Maintenance and Group 2 under mayoral projects; this is to repair our streets in our townships. We are also constructing humps and we will patch potholes in our towns, renovating municipal offices and community halls.

"We would also like to apologise to the residents of Frankfort for the inconvenience that has been caused by the incomplete repairing of JJ Hadebe, the appointed contractor has made a commitment to complete the street soon. We furthermore commit to fix the water pipe in Skoulaan in Frankfort. We are truly sorry that it could not be fixed as soon as was promised," he said.

Sekasa assured the community of Frankfort that the department of water affairs will build a Water Treatment Plant in the area. The Namahadi Sewer Outfall will also be upgraded.

"Namahadi Waste Water Treatment Plant that is sponsored by department of water affairs is under its final design stage. This kind of commitment will go a long way in improving the living conditions of our people, since it will also create job opportunities that will be realised during the construction phase of the plant.

"The upgrading of Namahadi Sewer Outfall has been completed. This is also as a result of our great partnership with Fezile Dabi District Municipality and we would like to thank the district municipality for their contribution and the impact they made in our local municipality."

The Mafube Local Municipality will also build a proper fire station with the assistance of the Fezile Dabi District Municipality. The Sekasa said the project will be completed soon with crime expected to drop following the recent installation of the high mass lights.

"As a way of intervention, the Fezile Dabi District Municipality has also assisted Mafube Local Municipality with the construction of the Mafube fire station and this project is at its final stage.

"Our townships no longer look like ghost towns due to the darkness that was experienced at night in our townships. This is due to the installation of High Mast Lights which are now operational in

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Qalabotjha, Ntswanatsatsi and Mafahlaneng townships. In total, 7 High Mask Lights per town were installed. Only 5 High Mask Lights are still outstanding for installation in Namahadi and Qalabotjha,” said Sekasa.

The municipality has also prioritised education.

“We have also started with a school cleaning campaign so as to turn our schools in an environment conducive for learning. Our community services department is already in full swing cutting the grass and attending to both primary and high schools in all our clusters within Mafube Local Municipality.

“At the moment we are offering registration fees to students who have been admitted into institutions of higher learning such as FET colleges, universities of technology, formerly known as technikon’s and other universities. It is imperative for us to contribute toward the students’ education as the majority of them come from disadvantaged background. We are putting much emphasis and intensity on youth programs as our youth is our future,” added Sekasa.

The Mafube Local Municipality is expected to host a youth summit soon, where various young people will engage with the municipality about their challenges.

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