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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Mandithathe elithuba ndibulise bonke abahlali baseMatatiele abayinxalenye yeliBhunga eliziswe ebantwini nguSomlomo wethu. Ndiphinde ndibulise kumlisela nomthinjana wakowethu, kwiimbombo neziphaluka zonke kuloMasipala wethu omhle kangaka. Ndamkele bonke abasiphulaphule kwijelo losasazo iAlfred Nzo Community Radio.

Bendinga apha evekini ukuba kanene ukuba, it was during the gathering of this nature at Sandfontein in 2016, that Cllr Shemane fell sick and later passed away in hospital. We also lost some our giants who were at the forefront of service delivery in the last financial year including eminent names such as those of Don McKenzie and others. Let us honour their legacy and ensure that we continue serving the people of Matatiele with dedication and speed.

Sidibana apha malungu ahloniphekileyo kwinyanga ebekelwe bucala ukuze sibhiyozele ubu Afrika bethu. The month is an opportunity to promote African unity, deeper regional integration and recommit Africa to a common destiny. We marked this under the theme: ***“The Year of OR Tambo: Building a Better Africa and a Better World”***.

The African Union Anthem encourages us to all unite and celebrate together, the victories won for our liberation; let us dedicate ourselves to rise together and defend our liberty and unity. Talking of Africans rising together, we have noted with delight the election of Tedros Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia, as the first African ever, to head the World Health Organisation. Dr. Tedros, replaces Dr. Chan of China, who has held the post for a decade. Under his leadership, we are certain that we will make great strides in the enhancement of primary health care, and affectively respond to HIV even more comprehensively.

This year, Africa Month celebrations coincide with the centenary of struggle stalwart Oliver Reginald Tambo who epitomised the struggle for liberation. Tambo was instrumental in rallying support, assistance and solidarity against the oppression of colonialism and apartheid in the continent.

SOMLOMO,

As President Zuma already indicated in his State of the Nation Address, this year we are marking the centenary of the birth of one

of our legends from the District, the late former President of the ANC, Oliver Reginald Tambo.

Tambo was the longest serving president of the ANC from 1969 to 1991. He has been described by President Jacob Zuma as a resolution oriented leader who always sought to move forward on the basis of building consensus.

Let us all honour the sacrifices and contributions of OR Tambo towards a free, non-racial and democratic South Africa and use the centenary celebrations to learn more about the immense sacrifices our struggle icons made so we can live in a democratic South Africa.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS

In the spirit of OR, let us join together to create a united and prosperous Municipality. As government, we remain committed to elimination of poverty, unemployment and inequality by 2030 through the National Development Plan.

Government, business, labour and civil society need to work together to create the Municipality OR Tambo envisaged.

All citizens of Matatiele have to play an active role in their communities to improve people's lives and ensure their elected leaders deliver.

The 2016 ANC Local Government Elections Manifesto stressed our commitment to create a better life for all. We will continue to push for transparency and accountability. In this regard, we undertake to deepen the promotion of access to information and improved services, throughout local government. We will strengthen public participation and use latest technology, to achieve this.

It is in that manifesto that we committed ourselves that together with our communities we will:

“ Build on achievements made in delivering basic services to the people.

- “ Improve access to municipal services and reduce outsourcing in municipalities.
- “ Further improve public participation and accountability of councillors.
- “ Enhance the capacity of the local state to deliver on its mandate.
- “ Develop and strengthen local economies, create jobs and promote job placements, especially for the youth.
- “ Intensify the fight against fraud and corruption in local government and social fabric crimes in communities.
- “ Promote education as the apex priority in local communities.
- “ Improve health in urban and rural communities.
- “ Help municipalities adapt to the changing climatic conditions.
- “ Build spatially integrated communities.
- “ Promote nation-building and socially cohesive communities.

MADAME SPEAKER

Together with communities, we have established a strong, accountable, transparent and resilient system of local governance. Our communities are involved in all developmental initiatives in their respective localities. We have ensured that our councillors hold report back and feedback meetings with their communities. In our communities, councillors work together with traditional leaders. We are, also aware that there are communities that still experience some difficulties with regard to public participation. And we looking into a lasting solution to that challenge.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS

This years budget speech and State of the Municipality Address will focus more on how in the next five years, we are going to transform the Municipality to be a better place to work and live in. it will represent the wishes and aspirations of the poor, and as such all our endeavours will be centred around the critical task of eradicating poverty, reducing unemployment and inequality. To achieve these, we are guided by the National Development Plan which proposes the following story:

- An economy that will create more jobs.
- Improving infrastructure.
- Transition to a low-carbon economy.
- An inclusive and integrated rural economy.
- Reversing the spatial effects of apartheid.
- Improving the quality of education, training and innovation.
- Quality health care for all.
- Social protection.
- Building safer communities.
- Reforming the public service.
- Fighting corruption.
- Transforming society and uniting the country.

Namhlanje sidibana apha ndichulimancile ukuzonika ingxelo ezeleyo yobume boMasipala waseMatatiele kwaye ndingatsho ngaphandle kwexhala ukuba loMasipala uya uphucuka ngokuphucuka minyaka le.

Ndingachithanga xesha Somlomo, mandingene emxholweniō

Kwicala Lombane

uMasipala wethu kwiminyaka edlulileyo ufumane izikhalazo eziliqela kubahlali malunga nombane. Naxa besijikeleza sikhangelela izidingo zabahlali eyona nto iye yahamba phambili ngumba wombane. Kwingxelo esiye sayinika kunyaka ophelileyo sathembisa okokuba siza kusebenzisana nesebe lezemandla nezimbiwa kunye no Eskom ukuzama ukuguqula lemeko. Sikwenzile oko ngempumelelo, sifakele umbane kwezindawo zilandelayo: Ramafole izindlu eziyi 610; Thabaneng izindlu eziyi 290; Emitshatshaneni izindlu eziyi 354.

Ukongeza amandla ombane siye sokha iRamafole to Matshatshaneni MV Link Line i24.2 km; iMaluti-Tlalane MV Bulk Line eyi 25km kunye neMountain View Substation.

[uMhlonishwa CeeJay Mathe](#) kwikhasi lethu lonxibelelwano uFacebook kwingcebiso zakhe xa silungiselela lentetho ebhekise kuSodolophu uthi “He must clarify on Makhoba and Mzongwana electrification.. I turn to get lost on the run”.

Ukuphendula kwisikhalo sikaMathe, singurhulumente sikwiphulo lokufakela umbane kwezi Wadi: 3, 5, 9 kwezindawo zilandelayo St Benhards & Bubesi izindlu eziyi 559; Chibini isigaba sokuqala izindlu eziyi 723; Pamlaville A isigaba sokuqala izindlu eziyi 393; Makgwaseng, Gudlintaba, Khashule izindlu eziyi 510.

Sele siziqoshelisile idesigns eWard 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, & 13 apho sikhangelwa khona ukulungelelana kwendawo ezakufakelwa umbane.

Sikhuphe iziniki Maxabiso zofakelo mbane kwezi ndawo zilandelayo: Nkali, Nuresh, Mahangu, KwaMbombo, Magayazidlele, eDrayini, New House nakwaMadlangala izindlu ezingaphaya kuka 1227.

Sikwisigaba seDesigns kwezindawo zilandelayo: Maphokoma, Zikhali, Chera, Thoneng, Maharing, Goxe, kwaMatias A, Nyaniso, Bubesi B, Nkalweni E kunye neMzongwana Substation. Kuzakuxhamla imizi engaphaya ko 1945.

Siyalazi okokuba inani lendawo ezingenawo umbane liphezulu, kwaye kuthatha ixesha elide ukuze sizigqibe zonke, kodwa ngokwesantya esihamba ngaso siyathembisa okokuba kuleminyaka mihlanu izayo iMatatiele sizakuyiphucula ibe yindawo engcono sisebenzisana sonke. Siyacela sinyamezele ntozakuthi, naxa siphakamisa izikhalazo zethu ngalomba siyenze lonto ngendlela eyiyo.

Ukuncedisana nabo abangathathi ntweni, singumasipala sinawo umbane wasimahla okuxhamla kuwo abo bakuluhlu lwabangathathi ntweni (Indigent register). Yimizi emalunga ne

THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THREE esiyincedisayo. Koku sichitha imali engaphaya ko Three Hundred Thousand Rands.

Thousands of people no longer rely on candles for lighting their houses. The government has reduced the chance of fires which often destroy people's belongings. Many rural women are relieved of the burden of fetching firewood from faraway forests.

To address the electricity backlog within our municipality and the fears raised by [Luyolo Mtumtum](#) where he said on our Facebook page..*“Please electrify our Ward (22) kudala silindile hlee siyanicenga we don't ask much only one thing umbane”*

To electrify Ward 22 and others wards, government is rolling out alternative energy to more than Ten Thousand households around Matatiele. This does not mean we won't electrify these wards but as a short term solution we ask communities to consider this arrangement.

Kummba waMANZI

Signi, cant progress has been made in increasing the number of households with access to water infrastructure. Kwikhasi lethu lezonxibelelwano i[Matatiele EFF Ward-10-Branch](#) *ithe “Fix water problems at ward 10 {Sijoka)”*.

Ngenene sisebenzisana nomasipala ombaxa wesithili iAlfred Nzo sizivile izikhalo zabantu naxa besiqulunqa oluhlahlo lwabiwo-mali. Siyayazi ukuba kukhona iWards angekhoyo kwaphela amanzi acocekileyo, abantu bethu basakha amanzi emilanjeni. Kodwa kuleminyaka mihlanu idlulileyo nangaphantsi kwemeko ebesisebenza phantsi kwazo zokushokoxeka kwamanzi, sikwazile ukuphucula lemeko.

Ukuguqula isimo samanzi eMatatiele, iAlfred Nzo iqhuba ezi projects zilandelayo: Fobane Sub-Regional Water Supply Scheme - Phase 2 kwaWard 23 kunye no 24; Maluti Matatiele Ramohlakoana Bulk Water Supply Scheme kuWard 1 no 2; Matatiele Ward 15 Water Supply; Matatiele Ward 5 and 7 Water Supply; Tholamela Regional Water Supply kwa Ward 11, 12 & 13; Matatiele Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant kuWard 6 no 19; Borehole development, installation of pumping equipment, installation of rising main pipelines, construction of reservoirs and internal reticulation echaphazela uWard 1,9,19,22,25&26; Kinira Dam Feasibility; Matatiele Wastewater treatment works (New) neMatatiele Water Treatment Works (New) kwaWard 19 no 20 kunye neMatatiele Ward 4 water supply scheme.

By bringing water facilities and water closer to communities, we have improved the quality of people's lives. Our people have access to clean and potable water. This means that we have reduced the chances of exposure to diseases such as diarrhoea and related illnesses. Women do not have to ask their neighbours for water. Far fewer women have to travel far distances to reach wells, dams and rivers to fetch water for their households.

BAPHULAPHULI

The Alfred Nzo District Municipality has increased access to basic sanitation services around Matatiele. Government is currently rolling out more than 1140 VIP toilets in Ward 7, 10, 22 and 24. The significant increase in access to these services across all provinces has ensured that many more people live a dignified life.

ON REFUSE REMOVAL

Progress has been made in cleaning our area. This has contributed to creating healthy and hygienic work and residential spaces. We

need to ensure that in the next five years our town retains the status of being the cleanest town in the Province.

Waste removal service is done twice a week in Cedarville, Matatiele and Maluti, this service is paid for through rates. The CBD is cleaned 7 days a week. The Municipality is considering servicing other wards in future but at a reasonable fee. We encourage our communities to consider recycling.

More than 1309 households are benefitting from our indigent policy with regards to refuse removal and rates.

THE EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (EPWP)

Inkqubo kaRhulemente yemisebenzi evulelekileyo (EPWP) yenye yendlela urhulumente aqinisekisa ngayo ukugxothwa kwekati eziko, kuliwe nendlala intlupheko kunye nentswela ngqesho.

Ukususela ngo-2011 ukuya ku2016 siqashe abantu abangaphaya kwe Three Thousand (3000) sichitha imali engange R27 million. Saze kulonyaka-mali saqesha abasebenzi abangaphaya ku Three Hundred and Ninety (390) sichitha imali eyi R4. 2 Million. In the next financial we are looking at employing more beneficiaries so that we meet the NDP target of creating more than 11 Million work opportunities with additional of two major projects.

With this tremendous achievement, we have alleviated the social and economic living conditions of many struggling families in the municipality.

MADAME SPEAKER

Government has adopted seven (7) broad strategic priorities in 2014 and these are:

- Better access to quality education;
- Promoting better healthcare for all our people;

- Stimulating rural development, land reform and food security;
- Transformation of the economy to create jobs and sustainable livelihoods;
- Strengthening the developmental state and good governance;
- Intensifying the fight against crime; as well as
- Integrated human settlements and building of cohesive communities and nation-building.

Through a process of reassessing National and Provincial priorities, we have once again refined and refocused our strategic programmes to ensure that our plans are aligned with the National and provincial plans, as we continue to work and effectively respond to the key challenges faced by the Municipality.

The six key strategic priorities for Matatiele are:

- Reduction of Service Delivery Backlogs
- Local Economic Development, and Rural Development, Employment Creation through the Expanded Public Works Programmes (EPWP) and Community Work Programme (CWP)
- Proper Spatial Development Planning through the SDF and localized SDFs for the Nodal Areas of Maluti, Cedarville and Matatiele
- Sound Financial Management
- Good Governance, Enhancement of Public Participation, IGR and Protocol
- Institutional Arrangements and Developments

The Municipality continues to strive towards addressing service delivery backlogs, and there are also various challenges faced by this municipality in the provision of these services. We also

continue to pursue means of creating an environment conducive for the growth of our local economy, thus fostering sustainability in social and economic development. With this in mind, we realise that challenges such as high unemployment rate, especially amongst the youth is a concern for the municipality. Therefore, creation of job opportunities is essential. In line with the vision of the municipality: ***“where nature, agriculture and nature are investments of choice”***, we continue to believe that tourism development, agriculture and conservation of our natural resources are key in the attraction of investments to Matatiele, in order to open opportunities which will provide an environment that promotes a sustainable local economic development.

Active participation and involvement by all stakeholders (Communities, Workers, Business Community, NGOs , various interested groups and designated Groups, Sector departments together with Traditional Leaders) has been pivotal towards the development of this document, and continues to be vital in the implementation of the plans and programmes entailed in this planning document. Therefore, as the Matatiele local Municipality, we value the cooperation, inputs, contributions and support of all the stakeholders in the planning process, as well as in working together towards the provision of services aimed at improving the lives of our people.

The progress we have made thus far has been a collective effort from all the councillors, administration, our stakeholders and the community of Matatiele local municipality.

Madame Speaker, the Department of Basic Education's drive in the Eastern Cape to ensure that learners have access to decent education is bearing fruits.

Delivering his 2017/2018 policy & budget speech, the MEC for Education in the Eastern Cape stressed the clarion call we made

in January as the Municipality. We made the call when we met the stakeholders responsible for education in the district that our biggest challenge in the current generation is the degeneration of the family unit as an embodiment of these values.

Every child comes from a home, one way or another, therefore Home is Authority. Home is the custodian of life values. A child is taught at home how to do greetings, cleanliness and respect.

Children we have at schools come from families (and communities) that are ravaged by unemployment, poverty, and inequality (as well as insecurity).

Our priority as government is to **create better access to quality education**, working closely with the Department of Basic Education and to ensure that Maluti District is one of the best districts in the entire province and the country. We are however saddened by the recent decline on our NSC Matric results and we have taken key measures to insure that we improve this dwindling trajectory.

Education should start at a very early age, and we must prioritise Early Childhood Development. Before the end of the year we will have an Imbizo with all stakeholders so that we join our hands to ensure that our education levels are improved.

The Department of Social Development and the Special Programmes unit is working closely to assist in terms of Early Childhood Development. As the municipality we will continue to provide assistance towards this sector.

MADAME SPEAKER

In pursuit of transforming the education system in Maluti District, the department has been for the past few months, unveiling state-of-the-art schools every month across the district.

Recently, the department handed over the cutting edge Mvenyane Senior Secondary School on the outskirts of Matatiele, in the Eastern Cape, which cost R91 million to construct. This school boasts with computer lab, science laboratory, library, resource centre as well as a multipurpose centre and nutrition centre where the school serves learners with meals daily.

Moreover, R300 Million plus is allocated to refurbish the following schools: Nyaniso SSS, Tholang SSS, Maluti High School, Maluti Multi-Purpose Disability School, Bokamoso SPS, Moshesh SSS, Moorosi Agricultural School, Mt Zion JPS, LA Grange and Mosa Sibi SSS. Cedarville Multipurpose Special School, Hlomendlini JSS, Ludidi SSS, Phamotse J.S.S, Azariel SSS, Bavumile, Damane SPS and Mt Hagreaves S.S.S. The department is also planning to construct new schools at Kennesley S.P.S and Cedarville GI.

Let me also take this opportunity ladies and gentlemen to congratulate the class of 2016. Our top achievers who made it in the District and Provincial levels. The made us made us proud.

Madam Speaker, notwithstanding these achievements, we are aware that the matric results of 2016 are also pointing to the reality that, in spite of the package of interventions we have made to date, our education system still needs a lot of attention. This is a challenge, which calls on all of us, as Government, as leaders, as parents, as learners, as all interested stakeholders, to make an extra-ordinary effort to improve the quality of our education.

BAHLALI

Siyaqhubeka singurhulumente ukuqinisekisa ukuba icandelo lethu lezempilo liyaphucuka kwaye nomgangatho wezempilo ube sezingeni eliphezulu.

Maluti is a pilot site for National Health Insurance implementation and the following facilities were selected as ideal clinics: Maluti CHC, Afsondering, Magadla, Mount Hageaves, Umthumase, Likhethlane, Sheperds Hope, Rholweni, Ntlola ,Mvenyane and Matatiele Clinic.

We have completed the phase 1 construction of Nyaniso Clinic and centralised chronic Medication distribution and dispensing implemented in all 20 Facilities. Mzongwana clinic is being electrified, the service providers are on site and the Department of Health has employed a Dentist for Maluti Health Centre.

The department has also successfully contracted 2 doctors to visit all clinics and received 1 mobile vehicle to support 3 mobile clinics. Indeed, the ANC government has expanded access to primary healthcare services to more people. This has contributed to improving the health status of our people in urban and rural areas.

Allow me to also congratulate Matatiele Clinic which has achieved a gold status for the ideal clinic status. It is the only clinic which achieved this status in the district. This means that the clinic is doing very well in delivering services.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS

When the late state President of the Republic, the great tatqNelson Mandela spoke at the funeral of Oliver Tambo he said %Oliver lived not because he could breathe. He lived not because blood flowed through his veinsõ Oliver lived because he had surrendered his very being to the people. He lived because his very being embodied love, an idea, a hope, an aspiration, a vision.+

The Freedom Charter and the constitution clearly states that we should provide shelter to our people. Indeed, as government we have made significant strides in providing shelter to thousands of our people.

Delivering his 2017 State of the Province Address, the Premier of the Eastern Cape, Mr Phumullo Masualle commended the province that year-after-year, our government continues to outperform other provinces in housing construction by over achieving set targets.

To conquer to this assertion, in Matatiele the Department of Human Settlements has delivered a total of 1 963 housing units spending more than R 23 Million.

MADAME SPEAKER

We reiterate the call we made last year that our municipality has, by at large, been extremely successful in their key goal to deliver services to the people effectively and efficiently. This includes: successes in the provision of energy and water; creating conditions for inclusive economic growth and job creation.

We also made a commitment as the previous council that we will improve our audit status to clean audit outcome. It is my pleasure to announce that the Municipality finally received a clean audit opinion. This means that process and systems are in place and we shall ensure that we maintain sound financial management, as we dedicate ourselves to improve the lives of our people.

The progress we have made thus far has been a collective effort from all the councillors, administration, our stakeholders and the community of Matatiele Local Municipality.

BAHLALI

Lixesha ngoku lokokuba siqhubeke nokwenza izinto ezintle. Siphucule izakhono kumasipala wethu, siqinisekise ukuba siyayilungisa siziphucule iziseko zophuhliso. Simele ukusebenza nzima ukuphucula utyalo mali ukuze kuvele amathuba emisebenzi.

In fact, we made signi, cant strides in improving roads and bridges across the municipality to facilitate access to services and economic developmentõ but there\$ still much to be done.

The Department of Roads and Public Works is rolling out the following projects: Maluti Depot renovations, Maluti boundary wall, Cedarville roads camp and Matatiele Social Development Offices at an amount of more than Forty-Eight Million Rand.

Isebe lezindlela,

Kunyakamali esikuwo elisebe kwi programme yabo yokulungisa iindlela, lenze ezindlela zilandelayo:

Project Name	Budget
Regravelling of DR08081 from Zincuka A to Mahlake A in Matatiele LMA	More than R4 million
Flood Damage to DR08014 DR08013 to Taylerville	More than R10 million
flood Damage to DR08415 Mihlolwaneng to Thaba-chicha	More than 7 million
Surfacing of DR08017 towards Mvenyane	R 127 million

BAHLALI

Abahlali abanintsi baphakamise ukuba singumasipala noRhulumente ngobubanzi, kumele sijonge uphuhliso loqoqosho kunye nosomashishini abasakhasayo.

[Lesedi Francis Setsubi](#) has called for SMME support center, with focus on women and youth in incubator programmes to ensure growth in those SMME's. Indeed, such proposals are welcomed,

remember we are in this together, to ensure that our municipality is developed and is a better place.

Isebe likaMasipala loqhuhliso lwezinqoqosho lwaseMakhaya (LED) kulonyaka odlulileyo lichithe imali efikelela kwizigidi zeerandi ukuphuhlisa uqoqosho kuMasipala wethu waseMatatiele.

Nazi iProjekthi esincedise kuzo: Matotomana Training and General Trading, Kuyasa Agricultural Primary Co-operative Limited, Tripple N and A trading, Re-ya Iteka piggery project, Franco Enterprise, Raohang Craft and Multi-Purpose Primary Co-operative Limited, Mokhosi milling, Supa Lucha Development (Co-op) LTD, Robert Sai farming co . operative which specialize in maize production, Mokoanyane farming co-operative, Imida Yam Developments (PTY) LTD is a block manufacturing company, Imvelo Yethu Agricultural Primary Co-operative. Sea Lake Production and services is manufacturing concrete bricks and blocks, and sell them to companies involved in construction of low cost housing.

We have also trained 20 Co-operatives in Financial Management and Business Management. About 25 Female contractors were trained in house-building and 40 youth contractors were also trained in house-building.

Through our Special Programmes Unit, we managed to support projects and programmes which are led by women and elderly this is to realise the dream of women development and address the imbalances of the past.

Some of those projects, which can attest to our development agenda implementation include; Etekeng Poultry Project, Creative Network Sewing Project in Ward 18, Zizamele Agricultural Project in Ward 10, Basadi Baiketsetsa Agricultural Project, Ntataise Elderly, Sonwabise Elderly in Ward 3 and Retshepile Elderly.

COMMUNITY OF WARD 25

Working with the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism we have also assisted Raohang Craft and Multi-Purpose Primary Cooperative, the department transferred an amount of R500 000 for the implementation of Matatiele Nature Reserve Fire Management Project. [Tlhohonolofatso Thubela](#) enquired about the Umzimvubu water catchment programme. I wish to respond and say, DEDEAT is currently involved in land stewardship programmes as part of the Umzimvubu Catchment Partnership Programme

BAHLALI

Isebe elijongene nokhuseleko nezentlalakahle (SASSA) linikezele ngeenkonzoko zokutya kumakhaya angathathi ntweni kuba singuRhulumente okhathalayo. Kunikezelwe ukutya okungaphaya ko Two Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-One.

On Social Grants that is old age, permanent disability, and temporal disability more than Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred and One families have benefitted.

While on Children grants we continue to spend more as government to more than Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred and Eight at a value of more than R 28 Million.

BAPHULAPHULI

iSebe lakwa Social Development and Special Programmes eMatatiele liqhubela phambili ukuncedisa iprojects ze Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Programme, Care and Support Services to Older Persons, HIV & AIDS Programme, Child Care and Protection Services, Child Care and Protection Services, Victim Empowerment Programme, Care and Support to Families, People with Disabilities and Women Development.

[Spah Katangana](#) siyazibulela izimvo zakho xa usithi %Firstly I would like to commend our Mayor Momelezi Mbedla , speaker [Nomasomi Mshuqwana](#) and the entire leadership collective for the brilliant and outstanding work they have been doing and are continuing to do. Indeed Matatiele is no longer the same under your leadership, nenza umsebenzi oncomekayo kakhulu... Even though many areas still don't have access to electricity and other basic services, we are confident that our people have not been forgotten - nakubo ziyenza iinkonzo. Uqhubeka athi, Madam speaker, I would like his excellency to touch on the opportunities that are there or in the pipeline for our local youth especially in the area of agriculture e.g Internships, Learnerships. Also the plans to eliminate stock theft which seems to be affecting our people negatively (known fact).+

MADAME SPEAKER

In delivering basic services to our people, we promote people's socio-economic rights contained in the country's Constitution. The Constitution requires government to provide basic services to the people. Any attempts to separate delivery of basic services to our people from upholding the Constitution are mischievous. We shall continue to uphold the Constitution of the republic by implementing all its provisions, including those relating to delivery of basic services to improve the quality of people's lives.

As we are at the end of the worker's month, I would like to thank every worker in Matatiele for ensuring that our people receive quality services. The government remains committed to ensure the welfare and good conditions of service for workers.

To achieve this, government has put in place progressive labour legislation and key programmes in line with the Constitution. Labour law prevents discrimination, including workplace discrimination. Let us unite and continue doing good.

Njengokuba uzawuva xa ndisenza uhlahlo-lwabiwo mali Somlomo, in the next five years, as per our manifesto together we shall build

on the achievements made in the delivery of basic services; we shall improve access to municipal services and reduce outsourcing; we shall continue to improve public participation and accountability; together we shall improve and enhance institutional capacity; we will develop and strengthen local economies, create jobs and promote job placements, especially for the youth; we shall intensify the fight against fraud and corruption; together we shall fight crime in communities; working together to promote education as the apex priority; we shall promote health and primary healthcare in our communities; together we shall build Spatially integrated communities and we shall promote social cohesion and nation building in our municipality.

2017/18 Budget

Madame Speaker, I am mindful, in the context of our own transformation challenges and instability in the global environment, of Oliver Tambo's unwavering vision:

We continue to press towards the realization of the values of freedom, dignity and equality as embedded in our constitution. We know how critical it is for our people to have access to basic needs.

These South African realities replicated in our province and municipality are known to all of us.

- Income growth has been uneven
- Wealth remains highly concentrated . 95 per cent of wealth is in the hands of 10 per cent of the population.
- A big percentage of the labour force is unemployed or have given up hope of finding work.
- Despite our progress in education, over half of all children in Grade 5 cannot yet read adequately in any language.
- More than half of all school-leavers each year enter the labour market without a senior certificate pass. 75 per cent of these will still be unemployed five years later.

- Our towns remain divided in the sense that poverty is concentrated in the townships and rural areas.

These are our realities. They mirror the stresses of poverty and vulnerability in many municipalities, and the inequality between rich and poor throughout the country.

President Zuma has rightly emphasised that the requirements for transformation and change in South Africa are wide-ranging. Laws and regulations, policies and their implementation, initiatives of national, provincial and local government, our black economic empowerment charters and the engagement of business, organised labour and civil society partners are all critical levers of change. So is our budget.

Our transformation will be built through economic participation, partnerships and mobilisation of all our capacities. It is a transformation that must unite, not divide us, and this is the task entrusted to us by Oliver Tambo.

Madam Speaker, today's Budget message is that we are once again facing a dilemma. After consultative process, the budget has been tabled in to the council and we can confidently say that the amendments and changes to achieve the development outcomes we seek have been made.

The following Madam Speaker, were responses after consultation meetings and publications,

- No written comments were received by the municipality.
- During consultative meetings of the public to all wards, the comments in relation to electrification and bad states of provincial roads and maintenance of access roads were made and these have been noted and considered towards the final budget preparation process.

- Further comments and suggestions with frustrations by communities in relation to state of water and sanitation services were raised and the District Municipality as the Authority has been made aware of such comments.
- On proposed tariff of charges increases by 5%, communities and stakeholders, Rate Payers in particular raised concerns on affordability and the gloom picture of economy and during the finalization of this budget, 5% for property rates and other charges excluding refuse removal and electricity increases has been considered and the final budget has been adjusted as such. Refuse Removal Charges will increase by 7%. Electricity tariff is proposed to increase with 1.88 % in terms of the guideline from the National Electricity Regulator of South Africa.
- On budget related policies, no comments have been received from the public and stakeholders.

Madam Speaker, honourable executive committee members and councillors in line with our ambitions as already outlined, I have the privilege to present our municipal budget for the fiscal year 2017/18, and the framework for the next three years.

OPERATING BUDGET

Operating expenditure is the day to day management items of the Municipality, i.e.: Salaries and Wages, Repairs and Maintenance, Debt Servicing, Depreciation on Assets, Insurance, Electricity, Telephone, Subsistence and Travelling Allowances, Fuel etc.

Senior Managers will be required to control and properly manage their own budgets as allocated in the approved budget and more controls will be required especial the implementation of spending curtailing measures as recommended by National Treasury and as was stressed by Minister of Finance during his budget speech.

Operating budget Madam Speaker will be R321 million and this has increased from the 2015/2016 budget of R289 million.

This operating budget includes budgeted allocations for remuneration of employees including all allowances to the total R99, 5 million and this is 31 per cent of the total operating expenditure. Also Council members, remuneration of councillors is included in this operating budget with the provision allocation of R17 million.

Also included in the budget of R321 million are allocations for repairs and maintenance and electricity bulk purchases from Eskom amounting to R14, 9 million and R43 million respectively.

Further included in this operation budget Madam Speaker are the strategic programs of this council. In order for us to confront and change the local reality of poverty, inequality and unemployment. We intend to provide services and improve conditions of living through programs co-designed with communities. Through what we call Mayoral Projects, with a budget allocation of R2, 1 Million, we shall developmental partnership which directly build capabilities in the form of local agents who can build our societies.

To continuously put Matatiele on the map whilst boosting local economy, we have allocated R2 Million for the Music Festival, and R2, 7 Million to develop local economy. Indigent supports subsidy to needy households of about R14 million and other special programs to deal with needs of our special groups.

CAPITAL BUDGET

An amount of R170 million Madam Speaker in this budget has been allocated to deal with the improvement of our infrastructure through construction of access roads, surfacing of some gravel roads, electrification of rural areas, improvement of our electricity capacity through the newly built electricity sub-station, construction of extra mural facilities, on-going construction of the council chambers and

acquisitions of machinery and equipment as will be required by the municipality.

The funding of this capital budget honourable councillors will be done through grants and council funding as follows,

- The electricity department has a capital budget of R 80 million for rural electrification and substation which will be funded from INEP and R9, 3million which is an allocation from Provincial Treasury. The allocated budget to the department is 51% of the total capital budget.
- Six wards have been allocated funding for electrification as Ward 9 with 5 villages, Ward 7 with 2 villages and sub-station, Ward 4 with 2 villages, Ward 13 with 3 villages, Ward 18 with 3 villages and Ward 11 with 1 village.
- The project management, operations and maintenance unit has a capital budget of R47, 6 Million for the construction of access roads, bridges and sports fields. These projects will be funded from the municipal infrastructure grant. The allocated capital budget to the department is 28% of the total capital budget

Madam Speaker the Capital Budget is as follows,

BUDGET & TREASUTY

Budget and Treasury has an allocation of R1, 5 Million which amongst other things is to assist the department in completion of the smart metering project and office furniture. This is 1% of the total capital budget, and will be funded from Capital Replacement reserves

CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate services have an allocation of R 495, 000 this amount includes upgrading of connectivity in Maluti, replacement of indoor surveillance cameras. And this is less than 1% of the total capital budget, and will be funded from Capital Replacement Reserves.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community services has an allocation of R495 000, inclusive of traffic management system and furniture and equipment. Also for this Department, this amount is less than 1% of the total capital budget, and will be funded from Capital Replacement reserves.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

The allocated budget to the department is R120 000, which will be used for GIS equipment and furniture.

ELECTRICAL PROJECTS

The electricity department has a capital budget of R 83, million, included in this budget is an amount of R80 million for Rural electrification & substation which will be funded from INEP and the amount of R3 050 000 will be funded from municipal reserves which includes installation of high mast lights and procurement of light motor vehicles & equipment. The allocated budget to the department is 54% of the total budget.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Human settlements has a capital budget of R30 million, for the construction of Council chambers. The allocated capital budget to the department is 18% of the total capital budget.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

	FINAL BUDGET 2017/18	% ALLOCATION	BUDGET +2018/19	BUDGET +2019/20	MIG	CRR INSTITUTIONAL
PROJECT MANAGEMENT , OPERATIONS & MAINTANANCE						
Msukeni Access Road	200 000.00	0%	5 195 379.86	-	200 000.00	-
Epiphany Access Road	200 000.00	0%	7 478 373.46	-	200 000.00	-
Nomgavu Access road	200 000.00	0%	3 602 526.49	-	200 000.00	-
Gudlintaba Access Road	3 178 860.00	7%	327 843.45	-	3 178 860.00	-
Butsula via Taung Access Road	1 450 591.05	3%	1 315 034.46	-	1 450 591.05	-
Vikinduku Access Road	1 417 420.74	3%	2 379 712.64	-	1 417 420.74	-
Matatiele Internal Streets Phase 3(Area C)	-	0%	7 875 000.00	2 500 000.00	-	-
Mountain View Internal Streets	10 000 000.00	21%	7 875 000.00	2 500 000.00	10 000 000.00	-
Cedarville Internal Streets Phase 3	-	0%	7 875 000.00	2 500 000.00	-	-
Maluti Internal Street Phase 3	1 000 000.00	2%	-	-	1 000 000.00	-
Matatiele Internal Roads Phase 2(CBD)	260 000.00	1%	7 875 000.00	2 500 000.00	260 000.00	-
Zazingeni-Mazizini Access Road	5 723 846.00	12%	917 724.50	-	5 723 846.00	-
Mabheleni Access Road	1 594 000.00	3%	399 419.22	-	1 594 000.00	-
Khaue Access Road	949 464.48	2%	228 049.00	-	949 464.48	-
Mangopeng Access Road & Bridge	2 000 000.00	4%	460 000.00	-	2 000 000.00	-
Matatiele Sports Centre	5 662 452.00	12%	8 000 000.00	8 000 000.00	5 662 452.00	-
Lagrange Pedestrian Bridge	1 515 949.90	3%	244 882.67	-	1 515 949.90	-
Tlakanelo Culvert Bridge	257 888.04	1%	-	-	257 888.04	-
Soloane Access Road	458 074.20	1%	-	-	458 074.20	-
Manase Access Road	220 042.20	0%	-	-	220 042.20	-
Sandfontein Access Road	440 290.20	1%	-	-	440 290.20	-
Kamorathaba-Tshepisoong Access Road	344 530.20	1%	-	-	344 530.20	-
Fresh Produce Market-Phase 2	800 000.00	2%	-	-	800 000.00	-
Sijoka Access Road	3 632 252.00	8%	1 090 854.03	-	3 632 252.00	-
Mehloloaneng Access Road	817 939.00	2%	-	-	817 939.00	-
Ngcwengane - Bomvini Access Road	2 000 000.00	4%	2 000 000.00	2 000 000.00	2 000 000.00	-
Freystata Bridge	370 000.00	1%	2 000 000.00	2 000 000.00	370 000.00	-
Silo Facility	2 520 000.00	5%	-	-	2 520 000.00	-
Goodhope Bridge	370 000.00	1%	-	-	370 000.00	-
Laptop	30 000.00	0%	-	-	30 000.00	-
Printer	30 000.00	0%	-	-	30 000.00	-
Desks	20 000.00	0%	-	-	20 000.00	-
TOTAL	47 663 600.01		67 139 799.78	22 000 000.00	47 663 600.01	-

The project management, operations and maintenance unit has a capital budget of R47, 663, 600, for the construction of access roads, bridges and Matatiele Sports Centre. These projects will be

funded from the municipal infrastructure grant. The allocated capital budget to the department is 28% of the total capital budget.

The total municipal budget Madam Speaker and honourable councillors for both 2017/2018 Operating and Capital will be the total of R491, 7 Million.

This budget Madam Speaker will be funded as follows,

- Municipal revenue from property rates, refuse removal, electricity and other municipal charges through fines, operational grants including equitable share, capital grants including INEP, MIG and council funding from Capital Replacement Reserves all totalling to revenue of R491 million.

Allow me therefore Madam Speaker and honourable councillors to table the tariff of charges, rates exemptions and rebates which will be key in raising of municipal revenues from council own sources as follows,

- All tariff charges excluding electricity and Refuse are calculated to increase by 5% for the 2017/18 financial year, proposed to start 1 July 2017
- Electricity tariff is proposed to increase with 1.88 % in terms of the guideline from the National Electricity Regulator of South Africa
- Refuse tariff increase at 7%.

Madam Speaker, for the municipality to be able realistically fund this budget, debt collection and encouragement of communities to pay will be important and council will need to develop strategies to make this happen. Kuzawufuneka sibafundise abantu bakuthi ukubaluleka kokuhlawulwa kweenkonzo zikaMaspala.

In conclusion Madam Speaker, honourable executive members and councillors, allow me to table the 2017/2018 budget as follows for your consideration and approval,

1. Revenue budget of R 491,814, 446 for 2017/2018 to fund all expenditure categories of this budget.
2. Operating and Repairs and Maintenance budget of R321, 074,674 for 2017/2018 inclusive of Salaries, wages and allowances of municipal employees, councillor's remunerations and bulk purchases of electricity.
3. Capital budget of R170, 708, 280 for 2017/2018 to cover all municipal expenditures of infrastructure and municipal machinery and equipment.
4. Total municipal budget for both operating and Capital amounting to R 491, 783, 954 for 2017/2018 to be funded from municipal revenue and grants from National Government.
5. That tariff of charges increases as follows,
 - All tariff charges excluding electricity and Refuse are calculated to increase by 5% for the 2017/18 financial year, proposed to start 1 July 2017
 - Electricity tariff is proposed to increase with 1.88 % in terms of the guideline from the National Electricity Regulator of South Africa
 - Refuse tariff increase at 7%.
 - That all other municipal tariff remains increase at an average of 5%.

Madam Speaker and honorable councillors, the two outer-years budgets for 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 are projected as follows,

- Operating budgets of R343, 5 million and R367, 5 million respectively.
- Capital budget of R100, 1 million and R157, 9 million respectively.
- Total budget of R443, 7 million and R525, 5 million respectively.

Madam Speaker, these are projection of the MTERF two outer-years and are subject to change based on the conditions of the future.

Xa ndiqwela honourable members, the Back to Basics Strategy sets a clear target for all municipalities to deliver basic services and improve the lives of all South Africans. It calls on every municipality to make sure that traffic lights work, potholes are filled, water is delivered, refuse is collected, electricity is supplied, refuse and waste management takes place.

Kulo misebenzi mihle yenziwe ngurhulumente noMasipala kwindawo yethu sithe safumana uphicotho zincwadi olusulungekileyo kunyaka mali odlulileyo into exela okokuba zonke izinto zihamba kakuhle. Kubalulekile ke ukuba siqhubele phambili nalomsebenzi mhle, singabi sazingcolisa iinceadi zethu.

Ndicela ukusose ndithabatha elithuba Somlomo, ndicele kumalungu abekileyo noluntu ngokubanzi, ukwenza isicelo sokuba sixhasane ekuziseni inguqu kubantu bakowethu.

To my executive members remember, you are the pillar when it comes to ensuring that things happen in our municipality. Honourable councillors, your dedication when it comes to the attendance of community meeting to explain budgets proposed by the municipality, has been noticed with gratitude. Kubahlali kuMaspala waseMatatiele, siyabulela ngokusiboleka iindlebe, xa simana ukuza kuni sizobeka imingeni esijongene nayo singumaspala. Sibamba ngazo zozibini nakubantu abathe bazixhamla ngokusinika izimvo zabo besebenzisa amakhasi ethu onxibelelwano. To our Municipal Manager and his Management Team and staff, thank you for ensuring compliance and compiling of this budget.

I thank you