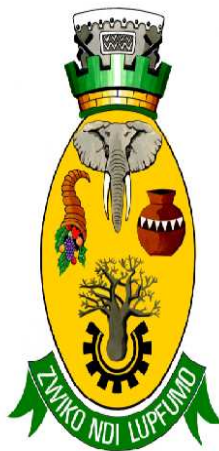


MUTALE MUNICIPALITY



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The Mayor, Cllr manyuha Lucas Masindi

Vision

A developmental Municipality that ensures sustainable, economic growth and equitable service delivery.

Mission

We strive to provide quality services and build local economy through information knowledge building and strong partnership with the stakeholders.

Our key performance arrears:

- Municipal transformation and organizational development;
- Basic service delivery;
- Local Economic Development;
- Municipal financial viability and management;
- Good governance and public participation.

20 JUNE 2009

EMBARGO 12:00

This speech is aligned with service delivery

Mutshimbidza Mushumo

Executive Mayor and Mayors

Mulanga dzulo wa khantsele ya masipala wa Mutale

Other speakers

Vho-Thovhele na misanda yavho

Councillors

Members of business communities

Members of ward committees

Religious leaders

Learners

Former mayor of mutale Masisi Vhutswema, Nematikonde Mulalo

Fellow partners in service delivery

Media representatives

Officials and managers

People of mutale

Distinguished guests, comrades, ladies and gentlemen

NDI MASIARI VHATHU VHOTHE

Kha maduvha a mahumi matanu na lithihi ofhiraho vhathu vha Mutale na shango lothe la Afrika Tshipembe, vho amba nga ipfi lithihi u bva zwititshini zwa vhukhethelo zwo fhambananaho. Kha luambo ulwu vho dzangano la African National Congress kha li ise phanda na u vhusa shango la Afrika Tshipembe, vho nga tshumisano ri nga ita zwinzhi kha u khwinisa vhutshilo ha vhathu. Ro dovha hafhu nga dzi 03 Fulwi 2009 ra wana ndaela dzi tshi bva kha muphuresidennde wa shango Vho Gedleyihlekisa Zuma.

The ANC has identified five priority areas for the next five years:

- 1 Creation of decent work and sustainable livelihood;
- 2 Educations;
- 3 Health's;
- 4 Rural development, Food Security and land reform,
- 5 The fight against crime and corruption.

These priorities will be tackled with all our means at our disposal the vision of the Freedom Charter; the energy and commitment of our people. Our priorities will specifically target the needs of the youth, women, workers, rural poor; the elderly and the people with disabilities.

Five days ago we commemorated the Youth day, June 16th at the University of Venda for Science and Technology. The Premier of Limpopo, Cassel Mathale addressed us all under the THEME, CELEBRATING A VIBRANT YOUTH VOICE . Youth are the leaders of tomorrow. Even in our situation development should be about the youth and the people of Mutale as a whole.

This year marks the 33rd anniversary of the Soweto Student uprising, an event that mobilized thousands of young people across the country behind the struggle against white minority domination. We should educate our youth about the history and relevance of June 16, it is not just an ordinary day, and we are here today because of struggles which were fought.

This is the 9th year, since Mutale Municipality was established in 2000, as per structures Act of 1998. Today's budget is seen as vehicle to equitable service delivery to our local Communities.

When we tabled this budget and IDP to the council on the 29th of May, we made a commitment to our people that we will provide quality and equitable services to all.

Program director, when the people voted us into power, they did so knowing that we will be able to work with them in addressing their problems and concerns. They also know that since the backlogs are huge, as their representatives, we will develop a credible Integrated Development Plan which will systematically deals with service delivery issues.

It is because of the existence of this plan that we have been able to deliver houses, electricity, sanitations, roads, bridges, water and refuse removal.

On the 14th of November 2008, the valley messenger newspaper published a story about us. I quote “contrary to people’s perception that Mutale and Masisi Towns are not clean, the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism awarded Mutale Municipality a Trophy as the cleanest towns and we scooped the first prize from 25 Municipalities within the Province”

This is one of the highest achievement, we got as a Municipality. To all waste removal team, keep it up, you put us on the provincial map.

In order to advance co-operative governance and poverty eradication, Mutale Municipality will continue to support the Department of Education, Health, Justice, Home Affairs, SASSA, SAPS, Agriculture, Road and Transport.

As a Municipality we are proud of the excellent performance by Thengwe Secondary School. Last year, they took position 3 in the whole province with regard to grade 12 results. This year we anticipate and wish all schools to get 100% pass in their grade 12 results. Working together with them this will be possible. Keep it up! Well done.

We also recognize that Mutale Municipality cannot achieve these objectives of co-operative governance alone, but together working with public business and non-governmental sector partners we can achieve best results; conditions for economic growth and employment generation in pursuit of a better life for all.

On the 29 of May, integrated Local Economic Development strategy was adopted by the Council. We anticipate that Community projects should be managed properly so that they can be commercially viable. In the municipality we have Libsa and Youth Advisory Centre which can be used for business advice in the whole municipal area.

Programme director, on basic service delivery, it is worth noting that we are continuing to provide better services to our people. We are proud to give an overview on the following achievement for 2008/2009 Financial year:

We have electrified 12 villages. This was achieved by working together with Eskom and Vhembe District Municipality. We have energized the following projects: Lwathudwa, Masisi RDP, Gumbu Tshenzhelani, Tshivaloni ,Mutele B, Sigonde, Zwigodini, Mbodi A and B, Madzwororo and Tshiwisa.

We have also appointed the consultants to do the following projects: Nkotswi, Matatani, Bileni, Maramanzhi, Maludzhawela and Guyuni la Ha-Makuya.

In the following villages the contractors are on site Dovho ,Duluthulu, Tshikuyu, Tshamutavha and Mukununde .The total number of all electricity projects for 2008/2009 is 23 ,totaling the amount of R27 951 325.00 million .

In Mutale Regional water scheme, we have completed 5ml Reservoir, dosing house, and slow sand and rapid filters. Communities are getting portable water on a regular basis.

As we have indicated last financial year, that Water is life we cannot live without it. Therefore, we have implemented the following water projects: Tshipise/ Dambale, Rammuda to Mavhode, Mafukani to Mabila, Maramanzhi, Mukununde, Makuya Regional Water Scheme, Mukomawabani, Masisi Sandwell, Mavhode to Mabila, Masea /Matshena/Tshiungani, Dovho/Duluthulu / Bennde Mutale, Tshenzhelani, Tshamutavha, Khunguni/Guyuni, totaling the amount of R87 500 000.00 Million.

Together with the Department of Local Government and Housing we have embarked on a programme of unblocking all houses which were not completed in the 20 villages amounting to 416 units.

Twenty five high masts were erected at; Tshandama, Lukau, Tshilamba, Phalama and Matavhela camp at a cost of R 2.5Million.

Sanitation is dignity. To give that dignity to our communities the situation have improved tremendously, we have constructed 7000 units in the 2008/2009 financial year, which benefited 82 villages. The objectives regarding sanitation are to provide decent sanitation to all by 2010.

We have started with the upgrading of access roads leading to tribal councils and senior traditional leaders. Our regravelling teams have completed the following streets: Hamakuya, Thengwe, Rammuda, Tshikundamalema(Bridge construction) and the remaining four will be done this financial year, that is: Ha-Khakhu, Tshikundamalema, Mutale and Ha-Manenzhe.

We have finished constructing three bridges/crossings in the following villages Mafukani, Tshikundamalema and Matatani. We are busy with Madadani and Dzamba crossings.This financial we are planning to construct five bridges/crossings in various areas of the municipality.The grader that we have budgeted for will assist us to continue with our regravelling program.

Honorable members, our 2009/2010 budget is to address the following:

Our operational budget is estimated at R 65 Million.

Our Capital Budget for 2009/2010 is aimed at addressing the strategic focus areas as follows:

NO.	NAME OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
1	Precast Culvert	R500 000-00
2	Thengwe Tshandama Road	R9, 864 355-38
3	Dotha Bridge	R 464 835.61
4	Electricity Projects	R 9 000 000.00
5	Vehicles	R 750 000.00
6	Tshilamba High Mast	R 350 000.00
7	Grader	R 2 700 000.00
8	Others	R 3 370 809.00
9	Total Capital Budget	R 27 Million

Our budget has increased by 10% to R 92 Million, the income of the Municipality is composed of Grants and subsidies R 36 Million, own income R9 Million and other income of R47Million.

The municipality main sources of income are:

Property rates;
Water;
Sewer;
Rental;
Traffic and licensing;
Grants and subsidies.

The above is an indication that there is a greater need of communities to support the municipality by paying for services, through that support we will be able to achieve all municipal objectives.

ELECTRICITY PROJECTS FOR 2009/2010

Mutale Municipality have planned to electrify 6 villages in partnership with Eskom. The following villages will be electrified this financial year;

- Nwiini
- Maholoni

- Gundani
- Mukondeni
- Mabila
- Helula

The total units is 742

WATER PROJECTS

This is the most precious commodity and every household, institutions and all living creatures need it for survival. In our IDP, the following water projects will be implemented this financial year:

- 1 Tshikuyu, Dovho, Duluthulu and Bennde Mutale;
- 2 Rehabilitation of Makuya water scheme;
- 3 Mavhode, Madatshitshi and Tshamulungwi water supply;
- 4 Tshiungani water reticulation;
- 5 Tshixwadza water reticulation;
- 6 Khakhu water supply;
- 7 Mutale RWS feasibility study;
- 8 Mavhode to Mabila bulk water supply;
- 9 Luphephe/Nwanedi RWS;
- 10 Mphagane and Thondoni reticulation;
- 11 Tshagwa, Baimoro Tshiungani reticulation;
- 12 Tshishivhe Mulodi, Mangaya reticulation;
- 13 Tshiungani, Nwiini, Maholoni, Bileni electrification of borehole.

SANITATIONS

An amount of R100 000 has been allocated to conduct feasibility study for bulk sewer at Masisi town as part of rural development.

HOUSING

The Department of Local Government and Housing has allocated 600 and 200 units for township establishment to Mutale and Masisi Town respectively.

LED

As stated last year poverty and unemployment is very high in our Municipality, therefore the following LED projects will be implemented this financial year in order to create sustainable jobs for the local communities:

1. Makuya feedlot;
2. Awelani community tourism;
3. Mutale goat farming;
4. Sweet potato production (Rammbuda);

This will be implemented in partnership with National Development Agency, Vhembe District Municipality and the European Union.

MASISI TOWN HALL

We will complete Masisi Town Hall this financial year and we are encouraging the community, Departments and all stakeholders to use it.

BUS AND TAXI RANK

In partnership with the Department of Roads and Transport we are constructing bus and taxi rank as well as the animal drawn vehicles parking at Masisi.

Programme director; allow me to remind this gathering, our vision is a developmental Municipality that ensures sustainable economic growth and equitable service delivery. This means we are eager to provide service delivery with speed, effective and efficient so that the lives of people change for the better sooner than later.

The question we ask today is not whether our Municipality is too small or found in the rural area, but whether it works – whether it helps families to find decent jobs, Health care they can afford, a retirement that is dignified, decent housing, electricity and proper education.

Where the answer is yes, we intend to move forward. Where the answer is no, together we go back to the communities and seek advices. And those of us, who manage the public funds, will be held to account- to spend wisely and do our business in the light of day, because only then can we restore the vital trust between the public and our Municipality.

The Success of our Local economic development will only depend on our hard work towards prosperity. We must also extend our opportunities to every willing heart that are eager to work for development. The world has changed and we must change with it.

In soccer, South Africa, as well as the entire African continent, is ready to showcase the greatest and biggest sporting event on earth the FIFA WORLD CUP.

This is the first time that Africa has been awarded the status of hosting the tournament and proudly South Africa is the country specifically chosen to do so.

In addition to this great honour, it provides us the people of Mutale, with the opportunity to promote our tourism attraction centres like: The Big tree, Domboni Cave, Phafuri youth cultural village, Gwakwani cycad, Dalavhuredzi, Tshavhadinda cave and Tshiungani Ruins to mention just a few.

We are anticipating that, through the 2010 World Cup, Mutale will be exposed to a larger number of inhabitants all around the globe than ever before.

Mutshimbidza Mushumo; tshifhinga tsho swika tsha uri rothe ri takutshedze ri shumelevhathu. Mushumo uno khou fanela uri u itiwe namusi, khau shumiwe u fhele, matshelo ro do shuma zwa matshelo. Hu songo vha na ane a kundelwa u thusiwa nga uri tshifhinga tsha u tshaisa tsho swika. Khari thuse lushaka lwa hashu nga nungo na mafulufulu.

We are the keepers of this legacy, guided by Batho -pele principles: Consultation, service standards, Access, Courtesy, Information, Openness and Transparency, Redress and Value for Money.

Programme director; let us mark this day with remembrance of who we are and how far we have travelled. Let it be said by our Children's children that we have started this Municipality together,

We refused to let this journey end, and we did not turn back nor did we falter, and with the eyes fixed on the service delivery and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and democracy and delivered it safely to future generations.

Programme director, it is our culture that we cannot end our address without acknowledging the movers and shakers from our Municipality who continue to make our people feel proud of their origins in this part of our beautiful land these include:

individuals, organizations and institutions that have distinguished themselves in the service of humanity and Mutale citizens in particular.

Amongst these we count:

1. Musiiwa Nyadzani from Thengwe secondary School who got total in mathematics, high grade.
2. Thivhafuni Emmanuel from Todani secondary School who got total in mathematics high grade
3. MTT youth development focus for awarding bursaries to 13 learners within Mutale.
4. Mr Rambuwani Joseph a comrade marathon runner who got a silver medal last month.
5. Mr Nemudzivhadi Nkhangweleni the school Manager of Thegwe Secondary School for his outstanding Leadership
6. Dr Phaswana Nkhelebeni of Kalahari publishers for his financial support to the community.
7. Ms Mulaudzi Tambudzeni from Tshandama cooperative who will visit Portugal next week from the the 24 of june to the 5 of july
8. Rangolo Elekanyani from Matavhela secondary School a history top learner in Limpopo province.
9. PP Mabila knock out Tornado held each year at Mangaya
10. Ms Lusunzi Joice from Tshipise Female Farmer of the year vegetable production

Thank you, God bless you and God bless the people of Mutale.