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COUNCIL APPROVES 2016/17 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AND ADJUSTMENT BUDGET.

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Nala Municipal council has approved the 2016/17 annual financial statement as presented by the Municipal Manager, Mr Botumelo Mokomela and CFO, Mr Sandile Busakwe.

Mokomela explained how late payments of the Municipality to its creditors contributed largely to both fruitless and wasteful expenditures. "These expenditures are as a result of the Municipality not meeting its obligation, paying creditors on time. In our case we inherited Sedibeng Water and Eskom accounts that we cannot pay on time or the full amount and they incur interest" Mokomela clarified.

Mokomela further submitted to council that the fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R25,921,127.11 be written off as well as Unauthorised expenditure which is as a result of intra-transactional over-spending, thus Mokomela submitted that the amendments be inclusive in the adjustment budget.

It is noted in the statement that the revenue of the Municipality is R375, 000, 00.00 and the expenditure being R460, 000, 000.00 which translates to a R85,5 million deficit. "Our expenditure is more than our budget which is something we need to work on very hard to curb" Busakwe told council.

The Municipality's challenges as indicated by Busakwe are the huge employee bill and paying bulk purchases which debt stands at R140 million. "The financial charges that keep on escalating don't have any value for money," said Busakwe.

Money owed to the Municipality amounts up to R500 million of which the municipality was only able to collect R94 million of it. "If we can at least collect half of what is owed to us we can go a long way in addressing other administrative issues that are alling the municipality," Said Busakwe.

The other factor mllking revenue from the municipality is the maintenance and repairs of the R1, 3 billion worth of assets. The municipal credit increased roughly by R87 million largely due to inflation and other service delivery factors. The municipality was, nonetheless, able to settle a R42, 6 million loan it took up with DBSA.

The recoverable expenditure which Busakwe explained was attributed to theft cannot be written off as the matter is still under investigation. "We raised it as Debtors until the investigation is concluded. It will then be brought before council for determination as to what should happen" said Busakwe

Nala Audit committee expressed satisfaction with the contents of the Financial Statement. "Based on our experience we can confirm that those statements are accurate and we give them our stamp of approval" said Mr Lehloonolo Mokoena, Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

With no descending views, the Financial Statement and Adjustment budget were approved

NALA EMBARKS ON A CLEANING CAMPAIGN FOR

MANDELA DAY

The Department of Water and Forestry in partnership with Nala Municipality, Sedibeng Water and Coca-Cola embarked on campaign to clean Vals River banks to give back to the community of Nala



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as part of their 67 minutes to commemorate the late international icon and first South African democratic president, Dr Nelson Mandela.

Armed with picking sticks and plastic bags, representatives from all organisations involved played their part in ensuring that the source of water is clean.

Sedibeng water sources from the Vals River and distributes it to Municipalities such as Nala and Matjhabeng to name but a few.

MAYORAL IMBIZO BENEFITS THE PEOPLE OF REARABETSWE

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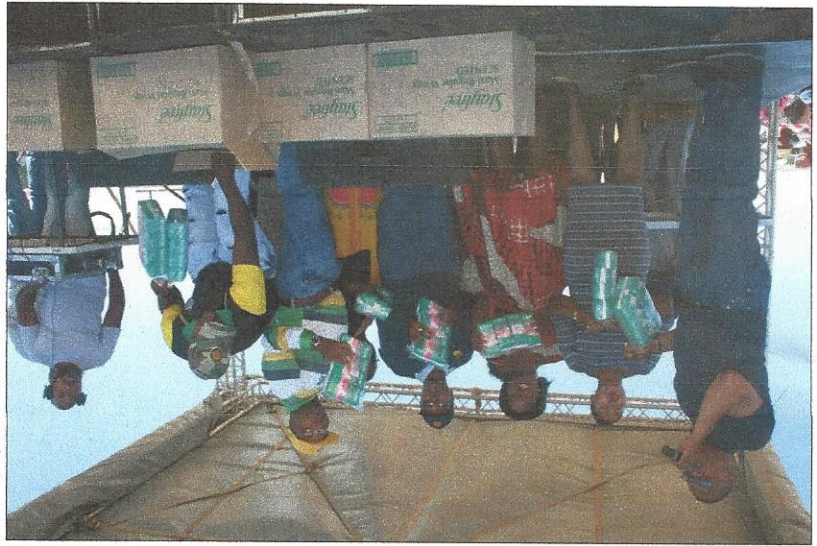
Nala Mayor, Councillor Theko Mogoje together with Nala Council recently embarked on a Mayoral Imbizo that saw the dispensation of food parcels to various day care centres. "We thank you on behalf of the parents of the children in your care" Nala Mayor, Cllr Theko Mogoje told various matrons of crèches across Kgotsong. The program further afforded school uniforms and sanitary towels to the disadvantaged pupils of Nala Municipality. In tow was the Department of Human Settlement and Home Affairs. Each department respectively provided their ser-



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ices to the people of Rearabetswe Formal Settlement.

The Mayor also announced that the department of Human Settlement plans to build 50 houses in the area by December.



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The campaign kick-started at Dooringpark in Bothaville where representatives from the said institutes spoke of the significance of Mandela day and its attached concept of giving back.

A representative from Coca-Cola said that his company was very humbled by the opportunity to be part of the campaign in Nala as they (Coca-Cola) work and generate income in the community and municipality.

"But it must not be a reason to give back because we want to receive. What we receive we must also give" said the agent from the giant company. The manager in the office of the Mayor of Nala, Mr Chana Moeletsi said that the Municipality was thankful that the Department chose them (Nala) as their outlet to give back. "We are hopeful that this partnership does not end today, even next year we will together continue to give back to the community that we serve" Moeletsi said.

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