Municipal Managers Statement

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Council of Kwa Sani Municipality, for entrusting me with the responsibility of heading the administration. It is an honour and privilege that comes with a huge obligation to lead and bring about change in the lives of Kwa Sani residents but also set the municipality on the right path, towards a clean administration.

Policies

Council has approved policies in this financial year, in order to improve in-house controls and to reinforce accountability. In the main these policies contribute to effective and competent running of the institution. The Council approved policies regulating finances, human resources department and other areas which impact on the functioning of the institution such as land issues affecting housing at Kwa Sani.

Administration

The municipal strategic planning which took about three days, where the organisational organogram was carefully looked at and the appointment of the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) and Financial Interns brought meaningfully changes and improvement to the finance department. These appointments made an impact in the finance department in a short space of time. The appointment of a corporate services manager brought stability in the organisation; the municipality established an Internal Audit section, the municipality advertised on papers inviting the public to serve in the Audit Committee. The municipality advertised and filled key vacancies that were budgeted for in the financial year. Labour matters were also attended to in this financial year and the municipality succeeded in reducing the list of cases in this regard. The administration gave support to Council to approve the Integrated Development Planning and the budget for the Financial Year 2014/2015. The SDBIP for 2014/2015 was implemented by administration. The organizational structure of the municipality was also reviewed to focus it to service delivery as the set objectives as per strategy. The exercise of reviewing the organizational structure is done yearly every time when the IDP and Budget processes plans are instigated.

Public participation

Kwa Sani municipality had public participation activities ranging from consultations, public meetings, stakeholders meetings, and ward meetings. Kwa Sani municipality consulted communities on IDP review, proposed budget, policies, as well as projects implementation. On the other hand, Ward Councillors are holding community meetings in different wards. For those who could not attend meetings, there after the documents are publicised as per Act e.g. IDP, Budget and policies at different offices for public comments. The municipality has 4 functional wards and ward committees that enhance public participation. Gratitude goes to our ward committees for their outstanding efforts and making it easy to reach out to people of Kwa Sani, we say to them work has just started.

Special Programme

This unit is responsible for reaching out to our people, it mainly deals with youth, women, people living with disabilities, children and senior citizens, it is playing a vital social role in our communities as it is dealing with people, tackling socio-economic factors that are seem to be affecting people. The

programme from the office of the Premier Sukuma Sakhe is the gist of all tasks performed under this unit, through sukuma sakhe many of our community members have benefited, many interventions from Kwa Sani municipality as well as from local sector departments such as Health, Social Development, Home Affairs, SAPS, SASSA and Cogta (CDWs) who are the drivers of Sukuma sakhe not forgetting the civil society such as NPOs and NGOs who tirelessly contributing into changing the lives of the people of Kwa Sani. The said unit is now fully established with staff appointed. It has started working on focusing the municipality on youth development, HIV Aids Programmes, Woman, Children, Sport, senior citizens and vulnerable groups. In the year 2013/2014, the unit is fully functional and well equipped. However challenges are still there such as housing, of which we as the municipality believes that it is another hurdle that we will overcome.

Conclusion

This service delivery newsletter outlines projects which reflect the Kwa Sani Municipality success, achievements, highlights as well as challenges. I would like to thank the Mayor, Councillors, Management, Staff and the Community for their support, patience and believing that we shall overcome and bring about a better life for all Kwa Sani citizens. Kwa Sani municipality has undergone a comprehensive makeover and it will continue to plough the seeds of hope and change the lives of Kwa Sani citizens. We believe that as the municipality we are indeed standing on the threshold of making that happen.

I thank you.

Municipal Manager

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