

# GTM BULLETIN

Official Newsletter of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, November 2021 - May 2022

## THE NEW COUNCIL

In this special edition of the GTM Bulletin we introduce you to the new council, all 69 councillors and their contact numbers inside. We also introduce you to the ward councillors, their villages and towns. Also contained inside are members of the executive committee and their portfolios, chairpersons of committees and their portfolios [From page 03](#)

## MAYOR MEETS STAKEHOLDERS

As part of the 100 Days in office, Mayor Molapisane met with various met and engaged with stakeholders, both internal and external. These stakeholders include amongst others traditional leadership, business organisations, and labour unions. The Mayor's engagement with stakeholders went beyond the 100 days of Office. [From page 08](#)





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# There is a new Sherriff in town, New Council takes office, New Mayor elected



Mayor Gerson Molapisane with his daughters Vivian Mei and Matokane Molapisane during the swearing-in ceremony at Ivory Tusk Lodge on 22 November 2021.

On the 22nd of November 2021, a new council was sworn in at Ivory Tusk Lodge in Tzaneen. 67 of the 69 Councillors took the oath before Senior Magistrate David Shikwambana and Magistrate Rifumo Baloyi. Two candidates resigned before the swearing-in ceremony. In the November 2021 local government elections, the African National Congress won 51 seats, followed by the Economic Freedom Party with 9 seats, the Democratic Alliance with 5

seats, African Freedom Party with 1 seat, APC with 1 seat, the VFplus with 1 seat and an Independent Candidate with 1 seat to complete the 69 seat Council.

During the election Councillor Gerson Phetole Molapisane was elected as the new Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. Councillor Sanie Tiba was elected as the Speaker of Council, and Councillor Given Malatji was elected as the Whip of Council (Chief Whip). Councillor Ngwako Maunatlala

was elected as the Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC).

Members of the Executive Committee were also elected with eight seats going to the ANC, 1 to the EFF, and another seat to the DA (see page 4).

Council also elected Councillors Maripe Mangena, Collen Stoltz, Judith Mashele, Sarah Baloyi, Willy Maake, Giyani Mkhabele, Conny Motwasethla, Betty Ramoshaba, Clement Ramathoka, Clifford Letsoalo, and Lebeus Ramalepe to serve the Council of the Mopani District Municipality.

Mayor Gerson Molapisane, Councillors Given Malatji, Thabo Maunatlala, Mfichana Shingange, Sophy Raganya. Constance Ramothwala and Maria Mmola were elected as GTM representatives to SALGA.



Councillor Ngwako Maunatlala takes an oath before Magistrate Rifumo Baloyi after his election as the Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) at Ivory Tusk Lodge on 22 November 2021. Maunatlala is also the Ward Councillor for Ward 01.



Councillor Sanie Tiba takes an oath before Senior Magistrate David Shikwambana after her election as the Speaker of the Council of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality at Ivory Tusk Lodge on 22 November 2021.

In his acceptance speech, Mayor Gerson Molapisane said "I Gerson Molapisane rise to accept the responsibility bestowed upon me by this council and the organization I hail from, the African National Congress"

The Mayor said that councillors and the administrators needed to work as a collective. "Alone I will not deliver for sure, my organization says together let us build South Africa, I say together let us build Greater Tzaneen Municipality". The Mayor also thanked previous mayors of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality for their contribution to the GTM. "We wish to unreservedly express a word of appreciation to our predecessors, our former mayors, Alderman OJ Mushwana (1996—2000 (TLC), 2000-2011), Councillor Dikeledi Mmetle(2011-2016), and Councillor Maripe Mangena(2016-2021), we really appreciate the good work that you have done".

The Mayor said that as leaders they are committed to working with all stakeholders. "We commit to walk and work with everyone in this journey, all stakeholders are as relevant today as they were yesterday," Said the Mayor

The Mayor also promised to work with the administration to ensure that the municipality does not regress on its "Unqualified Audit" opinion from the Auditor General.

In her acceptance speech after her election as the Speaker of the Council of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Councillor Sanie Tiba said "I promise to serve the people of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality with diligence, commitment, and honesty." The Speaker vowed to



Councillor Given Malatji signs an oath of office after his election as a Whip of Council at Ivory Tusk Lodge on 22 November 2021.

intensify public engagement efforts and strengthen public participation processes by incorporating digital communications into our traditional methods to ensure optimal participation. Speaker Tiba also called for vibrant Council and robust engagements, she however stressed that such engagements must be "respectful and done within the parameters of Ubuntu, dignity, and professionalism".



On 04 February 2022, Mayor Gerson Molapisane was elected into the Provincial Executive Committee of SALGA Limpopo during the provincial conference held at the Ranch Hotel. Cllr. Julia Mathebe (1st DPC) Moss Maluleke (2nd DPC), Cllr. Thandi Zitha (3rd DPC). Mayor Molapisane chairs the Provincial Working Group on Community Development and Social Cohesion.



## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the quarterly external newsletter of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. Due to the high cost of printing glossy full-colour magazines we have changed our newsletter format to a 12-page A3 tabloid newspaper format. This allows us to print more copies and reach a wider audience. In addition, our newsletter is distributed digitally via e-mail and WhatsApp. It is also available on our website.

As we bring you news, we also strive to ensure that our newsletter contains helpful information that you can use daily in your life.

In this Special edition, we introduce you to the new Council of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. This newsletter contains the profiles of the Mayor, Speaker, Whip of the Council, and the Municipal Manager.

We introduce you to the Senior Management of the GTM as well as the managers they lead. Here you will meet all the members of the Executive Committee and the Chairpersons of Council committees. We also introduce you to the Heads and Chairpersons of clusters of the GTM. On pages 6 and 7 we introduce you to your ward councillors and also list the areas under their wards. On pages 8,9 and 10 we bring you news in pictures and on pages 11 and 12 we bring you full stories.

We at the GTM believe that information is key in service delivery. We have adopted an integrated communications strategy to ensure that we reach as many people as possible. We don't believe in the "one size fits all" approach. We believe that messages must be customized to each category of our audience. As much as we value the effectiveness of digital communications more specifically social media due to their viral nature and their affordability, we can not underestimate the impact of traditional media platforms such as radio and newspapers. We know that not everyone is on social media and not everyone reads newspapers or listens to the radio. Using a combination of these does have an impact. We will always do our best to bring you information that you can use to improve your lives, it might not be here due to the frequency of our publication but we will definitely do so on more frequent platforms.

**Ntsako Neville Ndlala - Editor**

### Vision

"A Green, Prosperous and United Municipality that Provides Quality Services to All".

### Mission

**The Greater Tzaneen Municipality is committed to provide quality services to its community by:**

- Promoting social and economic development - Providing and maintaining sustainable services;
- Ensuring efficient and effective utilization of all available resources - Ensuring Promoting Environmental sustainability - • Promoting effective stakeholder and community participation."



# THE MAYOR, NUMBER 1 CITIZEN



**Councillor Gerson Phetole Molapisane  
Mayor**

Councillor Gerson Molapisane was elected as the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality on 22 November 2021. He becomes the fourth democratically elected Mayor of Limpopo's second-biggest municipality since the formation of municipalities in the year 2000. In his Acceptance Speech at Ivory Tusk Lodge, the newly installed Mayor

promised three things, 1st is to do work, second is to do work and third is to do work.

### PERSONAL LIFE

Molapisane was born on the 7th of February 1965 and grew up in Relela Village. He has two daughters and one grandchild. Mayor Molapisane is a member of the Lutheran Church. He spends his spare time reading or watching soccer if he is not doing his political work. He is a diehard Kaizer Chief supporter.

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Mayor Molapisane matriculated in 1982 at Masalanabo High School. He holds a Secondary Teacher's Diploma from Setotlwane College of Education which he secured in 1986. In 1999 he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Limpopo which was followed by Bachelor of Education Honours also from the University of Limpopo.

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Councillor Molapisane spent 28 years as an educator. He began his career as an educator at Masopha High School in 1987. In 1990 he left Masopha to join Matokane High School where he served as an educator, Head of Department (HOD), Deputy Principal, and Principal. As an educator, his specialty subjects were History and English. In 2015 left Matokane High to join the Depart-

ment of Cooperative Governance Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs as Chief of Staff in the Office of the MEC. He served as Chief of Staff until 2016. In 2016 he became the Director for Research and Policy Coordination also at COGHSTA.

### POLITICAL CAREER

Molapisane was elected and served as a Branch Chairperson of the ANC Desmond Mahasha branch for three consecutive terms from 2008-to-2013.

He also served three terms as the Chairperson of the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU) Motupa Branch from 2011 to 2015.

From 2013 to 2014, he served as the Deputy Secretary of the ANC Markshope subregion in the Norman Mashabane Region.

In 2017 he was elected as the Regional Treasurer of ANC Norman Mashabane Region at the Conference held at Karibu Resort. He served as a Regional Treasurer from 2017 to 2021. Molapisane is currently the Deputy Chairperson of the ANC Norman Mashabane, a position he was elected to in September 2021.

On 04 February 2022, Mayor Molapisane was elected to the Provincial Executive Committee of SALGA Limpopo Province. Mayor Molapisane chairs the Provincial Working Group on Community Development and Social Cohesion

# THE SPEAKER OF COUNCIL



**Councillor Muhlavasi Sanie Tiba  
Speaker of Council**

Councillor Sanie Tiba was elected as the Speaker of the Council of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality on 22 November 2021.

### PERSONAL LIFE

Councillor Sanie Tiba was born on 6 June 1955

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Councillor Tiba attended high school at Bokgaga High School and matriculated in 1973. After passing matric, Tiba enrolled for a Primary Education/Teacher Diploma at Tivumbeni College which she completed in 1979. Tiba later enrolled for a Secondary Education Diploma at Vista University.

She obtained her qualification in 1998. In the year 2000, Cllr Tiba obtained a Further Diploma in Education from Vista University. In 2011, she completed a Computer Literacy Diploma from Avuxeni Computer Academy. Her highest qualification is an Honours Degree in Education which she secured in 2011 from the North West University.

Cllr Tiba also boasts several certificates from various institutions. She has the Municipal Governance Certificate from LGSETA, Project Management, and Local Government Management.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**Cllr Tiba was an educator from 1979 to 2015 at Ntwanano School.

### POLITICAL CAREER

Councillor Tiba is serving her fourth term. Her first stint as a Councillor was from 2000-to-2006 when she served as a ward councillor and a member of the Executive Committee (EXCO). She served as a ward Councillor from 2006 - to 2011. From 2016 to 2021, She served as a PR Councillor and a member of EXCO.

### LEADERSHIP ROLES

Cllr Tiba served as Chairperson of the ANCWL in 1991. From 1998 to 2000 she served as an additional member of the ANC North-East Region. From 1998 to 2010, Cllr Tiba served as an additional member of the ANCWL North-East Region/Mopani. From 2000 to 2006 she served as the Chairperson of the ANCWL Karel Makwala Branch and from 2007 to 2011 she served as Secretary of the ANCWL Edward Ramaila Branch. Cllr Tiba has been serving as ANCWL Mark Shope Sub-regional Secretary from 2014 to date.

# THE WHIP OF COUNCIL



**Councillor Given Marvin Malatji  
Whip of Council**

Councillor Given Marvin Malatji was elected as the Whip of the Council of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality on 22 November 2021. The Whip of Council commonly known as Chief Whip is tasked with ensuring party discipline in Council among other responsibilities.

### PERSONAL LIFE

Malatji was born on 13 July 1977 in Mariveni Village. Cllr Malatji is a resident of Mariveni village in ward 23.

He is married with three children. During his spare time, Cllr Malatji is either fishing or playing chess.

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Councillor Malatji matriculated in 1996 at Shipungu High School. The Chief Whip graduated with a degree in Optometry ( B-Optom) from the University of Limpopo in 2008. Councillor Malatji served as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) for the University of Limpopo Optometry Student Association (ULOSA).

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

He was employed by the Department of Health as an Optometrist for 3 years from 2011 to 2013 at Letaba Hospital. He also worked at Mnu kwa Optometrists as an optometrist in 2009. From 2010 to 2011, Cllr Malatji ran his practices (optometry) in Malamulale and Soshanguve concurrently. From 2014 to 2016 Cllr. Malatji ran another optometry practice in Tzaneen.

### POLITICAL CAREER

Cllr. Malatji has been actively involved in politics and community work since he joined the ANC in 1992.

He has represented the ANCYL Samson Mabuza branch as the secretary in 1996. He was the branch chairperson from 2009 to 2014 for the ANCYL Mcmillan Nyabane Branch.

In 2013 he also became the Sub-Regional Coordinator for the Markshope ANCYL until 2015.

Cllr. Malatji is currently the Branch Chairperson of the ANC McMillan Nyabana branch. Malatji served as the Branch Treasurer from 2015 to 2017 and Branch Secretary from 2017 to 2021.

In the 2016 local government elections, Councillor Malatji was elected as the Ward Councillor for Ward 23 of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. Ward 23 covers Mariveni, Shipungu, Tshamahansi, Letsitele, and some farms. In 2019 he was appointed as the MMC for Infrastructure in Mopani District Municipality. He served both as a Ward Councillor and MMC until the 2021 local government elections in November.

Cllr. Malatji has also served as a member of the Community Development Forum under the Mavele Traditional Authority.



# THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**CLLR. GERSON MOLAPISANE**  
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MAYOR  
CHAIRPERSON



**CLLR. THABO MAUNTLALA**  
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FINANCE



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The Executive Committee of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality is made up of 10 members. The African National Congress has eight members with the Economic Freedom Fighters and the Democratic Alliance sharing the two remaining seats. EXCO is the principal committee of Council.

It considers reports from other committees of council before taking them to council with recommendations.

The Executive committee is empowered by the Municipal Structures Act to identify needs of the

municipality, review and evaluate them in terms of their priority. EXCO is also empowered to recommend to council strategies, programmes and services to address priority needs through the IDP and budget. EXCO monitors the management of the municipality's administration in accordance with the council policy directives.

Members of the Executive Committee are elected by Council. The Executive Committee is chaired by the Mayor and sits before any council meeting. EXCO has eight committees.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES (STANDING & PORTFOLIOS)



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RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE



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BUDGET AND TREASURY (FINANCE COMMITTEE)



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SPECIAL PROGRAMMES



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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

1. Cllr. Ngwako Maunatlala (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Phetole Mamejta
3. Cllr. Tracy Phiri
4. Cllr. Judith Mashele
5. Cllr. Mashale Mawasha
6. Cllr. Caiphus Mabitsele
7. Cllr. Willy Maake
8. Cllr. Erick Ralepelle
9. Cllr. Raymond Lefuphana

### RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

1. Cllr. Herman Malatji (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Ishmael Risiva
3. Cllr. Masocha Mayimele
4. Councillor Mokgadi Kgamede
5. Cllr. Eric Ralepelle
6. Cllr. Sechaba Malatji
7. Cllr. Chrisma Bredenkamp

### BUDGET AND TREASURY (FINANCE COMMITTEE)

1. Cllr. Mike Makgoba (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Florence Makamu Maenetja
3. Cllr. Tennyson Ngobeni
4. Cllr. Maripe Mangena
5. Cllr. Norman Mkansi
6. Cllr. Sechaba Malatji
7. Cllr. Chrisma Bredenkamp
8. Modjadji Tribal Authority Representative

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SHARED SERVICES

1. Cllr. Collen Stoltz (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Betty Ramoshaba
3. Cllr. Masocha Ngomana
4. Cllr. Lowrance Mohale
5. Cllr. Ishmael Risiva
6. Cllr. Dancy Sejaphala
7. Cllr. Clement Ramathoka
8. Maake Tribal Authority Representative

### INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Cllr. Edney Ntimbane (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Thabiso Lepulane
3. Cllr. Masocha Mayimele
4. Cllr. Collen Mathebula
5. Cllr. Gezani Makhubele
6. Cllr. Clement Ramathoka
7. Cllr. Chizelle Dreyer
8. Bathabine Tribal Authority Rep

### SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

1. Cllr. Conny Morwasetlha (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Themba Nkuna
3. Cllr. Elton Ratopola
4. Cllr. Ishmael Risiva
5. Cllr. Luckies Masingi
6. Cllr. Mhloli Shingange
7. Nyavana Tribal Authority Representative

### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Cllr. Sophie Matiane (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Maria Kgamede
3. Cllr. Thulani Shihangule
4. Cllr. Collen Mathebula
5. Cllr. Johannes Sekhwela
6. Cllr. Herman Malatji
7. Cllr. Samuel Thobejane
8. Cllr. Lebeus Ramalepe
9. Nkuna Tribal Authority Rep

Section 79 Oversight and Standing Committees are used to strengthen Council's oversight role on the Executive. These committees assist council to determine priority areas for oversight in respect of each committee. The Section 79 Oversight Committees have three functions namely:

1. Scrutinizing reports referred to them by Council emanating from the Executive Committee and advising Council;
2. An oversight role on the performance of the Executive on behalf of Council;
3. An advisory legislative role.

Reports which serve before the Oversight



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HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Committees are reports legislatively reserved for approval by Council i.e. By-laws, policies of the municipality, the IDP, the budget, tariffs, alienation of immovable property, etc. The Greater Tzaneen Municipality has 10 oversight committees (see chairpersons and their committees above).

### HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Cllr. Thulani Shihangule (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Gezani Makhubele
3. Cllr. Kholofelo Ndlovu
4. Cllr. Goodman Nkhwashu
5. Cllr. George Mkhabele
6. Cllr. Rita Ronny Shaai (AFP)
7. Cllr. Ngwako Mohonone (DA)
8. Cllr. Johanna Ratopola
9. Valoyi Tribal Authority Representative



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PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND SECURITY

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND SECURITY

1. Cllr. Erel Monyela (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Simon Mahlawule
3. Cllr. Edward Ngobeni
4. Cllr. Brown Mashele
5. Cllr. Mandy Shokane
6. Cllr. Lebeus Ramalepe (DA)
7. Mamabolo Tribal Authority Representative



**CLLR. DANCY SEJAPHALA**  
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SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

### SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Cllr. Dancy Sejaphala (Chairperson)
2. Cllr. Edward Manyama
3. Cllr. Kholofelo Ndlovu
4. Cllr. Simon Mahlawule
5. Cllr. Sarah Baloyi
6. Cllr. Cukumetani Mabunda
7. Cllr. Selina Mathole

## PR COUNCILLORS DEPLOYMENT TO WARDS

1. Mayor Molapisane (15)
2. Cllr. Given Malatji (24)
3. Cllr. Sanie Tiba (09)
4. Cllr. Renny Mabuza (01 & 32)
5. Cllr. Betty Ramoshaba (2 & 26)
6. Cllr. Maggie Makwala (03 & 29)
7. Cllr. Conny Morwatshehla (7 & 28)
8. Cllr. Edney Ntimbane (05 & 31)
9. Cllr. Thabo Maunatlala (6 & 14)
10. Cllr. Tennyson Ngobeni (08 & 23)
11. Cllr. Judith Mashele (4 & 19)
12. Cllr. Maria Kgamede (20 & 34)

13. Cllr. Maripe Mangena (10 & 35)
14. Cllr. Conny Ramothwala
15. Cllr. Sophy Raganya (18 & 22)
16. Cllr. Derick Mkhabela (11 & 13)
17. Cllr. Maria Mmola (12 & 27)
18. Cllr. Mike Makgoba (16 & 25)
19. Cllr. Dancy Sejaphala (17 & 30)
20. Cllr. Clifford Letsoalo (05, 14, 15 & 34)
21. Cllr. Johanna Ratopola (29, 26, 27 & 35)
22. Cllr. Sechaba Malatji (16, 17, 30 & 31)
23. Cllr. Selina Mathole (4, 6, 8 & 13)
24. Cllr. Raymond Lefuphana (1, 3, 10 & 12)

25. Cllr. Mhloli Shingange (20, 21, 24 & 32)
26. Cllr. Samuel Thobejane (22, 23 & 24)
27. Cllr. Mandy Shokane (18, 19, 25 & 28)
28. Cllr. Clement Ramathoka (2, 7, 9, 11)
29. Cllr. Lebeus Ramalepe (14)
30. Cllr. Ngwako Mohonone (5)
31. Cllr. Chrisma Bredenkamp (15)
32. Cllr. Ronny Shaai (15)
33. Cllr. Andre Moss (14)
34. Cllr. Cukumetani Mabunda (24)





# MEET THE NEW MUNICIPAL MANAGER



**Donald Mhangwana**  
Municipal Manager

Mr. Donald Mhangwana was appointed as the municipal Manager of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality with effect from 01 April 2022. He was appointed on a five year contract . On this edition of the GTM Bulletin we bring you his profile.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Donald Mhangwana was born on 10 September 1978. He passed grade 12 with exemption in 1995 at Charles Mathonsi High School. In 1998 he obtained a B Com Accounting degree from the University of the North (now University of Limpopo). In 2018, Mhangwana graduated with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) NQF level 09 from the Management College of Southern Africa (MANCOSA). He has Post Graduate Diploma in Business management also from Mancosa which he obtained in 2017. He has a certificate in Forecasting, Budgeting, and financial statement analysis from

Southern Business School. He has Management Development Programme certificate from Nala Business Consulting. He also boasts a certificate in Project Management from Pro-Active College.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Mhangwana is currently the Chief Financial Officer in the Greater Giyani Municipality, a position that he resumed on 01 December 2019. In his first year as the CFO, he assisted GGM to attain an unqualified audit for the first time. Before joining GGM Mhangwana served as the Deputy Director for Municipal Finance Support from 01 February 2011 until 30 November 2019 in the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA). Mhangwana served as the Assistant Director for Municipal Finance Support from July 2008 until January 2011. His other work experiences included a stint at the Small Enterprise Development Enterprise Foundation (SEF) where he served as Zonal Manager from

February 2006 to June 2008. Mhangwana's first job was as a Branch Manager at Letsatsi Financial Services from May 2001 to May 2004 before joining Malka's Production as a Cost Accountant From June 2004 to January 2006.

## SECONDMENTS

Mr. Donald Mhangwana was seconded to various Limpopo municipalities by the Limpopo Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs. From September 2014 to December 2015, he served as the Acting Chief Financial Officer in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. From August to December 2016, he was seconded to Collins Chabane Local Municipality as the Acting Chief Financial Officer before taking over as the Acting Municipal Manager from December 2016 to May 2017. His last secondment was to the Greater Letaba Municipality where he served as the Acting Municipal Manager from August 2017 to April 2019.

# AND THE REST OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

## MUNICIPAL MANAGER



**Donald Mhangwana**  
Municipal Manager



**Mavis Mpyana**  
Manager: Risk



**Cassius Machimana**  
Manager: Office of the Mayor

## CORPORATE SERVICES



**Winnie Baloyi**  
Acting Director: Corporate Services



**Moroka Malale**  
Manager: Public Participation & Project Support



**Ntebatse Maake**  
Manager: Human Resources



**Helen Manyike**  
Manager: Internal Audit



**Thomas Mampana**  
Manager: Legal Services



**Neville Ndala**  
Manager: Communications & Marketing



**Winnie Baloyi**  
Manager: Council Support



**Annie Mailula**  
Manager: Information Technology

## ENGINEERING SERVICES



**William Molokomme**  
Director: Engineering Services



**Olga Tshisevhe**  
Manager: Roads & Stormwater



**Tshepiso Maila**  
Manager: Project Management Unit



**Tedia Molewa**  
Manager: Water & Sanitation

## FINANCE



**Palesa Makhubela**  
Chief Financial Officer



**Andre Le Grange**  
Manager: Stores



**Mokgadi Sono**  
Manager: Expenditure



**Rona Viljoen**  
Manager: Revenue

## ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING



**Andrew Laubscher**  
Acting Director: Electrical



**Bheki Tshawe**  
Manager: Customer & Retail Services

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Director: Planning & Economic Dev



**Handswell Phakula**  
Manager: Land & Human Settlements



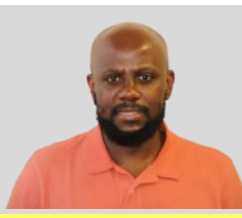
**Thabo Ramokgano**  
Manager: Assets



**Zabel Modjadji**  
Manager: Supply Chain Management



**Arnold Mathebula**  
Manager: Financial Administration



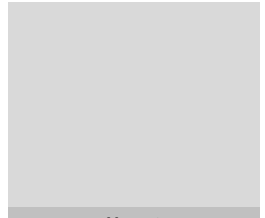
**Bonginkosi Sengwayo**  
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**Andrew Laubscher**  
Manager: Operations & Maintenance



**Freddy Rammalo**  
Manager: LED & Tourism



**Vacant**  
Manager: Town Planning

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**Aleck Nkuna**  
Director: Community Services



**Maggy Machumele**  
Manager: Solid Waste



**Johaness Malatji**  
Manager: Traffic



**Kenny Makhubele**  
Acting Manager: Safety & Security



**Andre Liversage**  
Manager: Licensing



**Christine Owen-Hamman**  
Manager: Library Services



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# Ward Councillors

The Greater Tzaneen Municipality is made up of 35 wards with 125 villages and five towns. A majority of the wards are rural.

Ward 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 31, are the urban although some parts of these wards are rural. During the local government election held in November 2021, the African National Congress won 32 of the 35 Wards, the DA won 2 and 1 ward went to an Independent candidate.








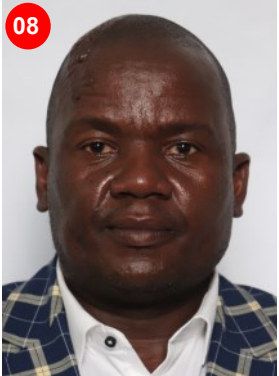




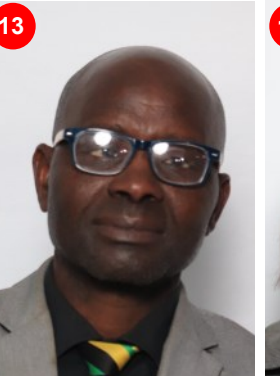



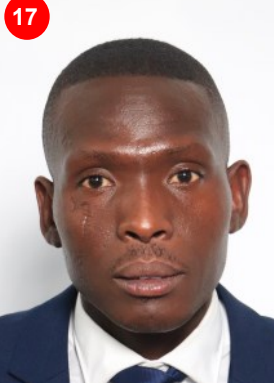




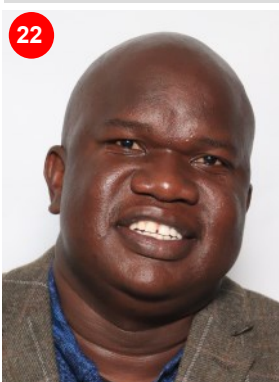






A majority of people in the GTM live in the rural areas. These rural communities fall under traditional authorities. These traditional authorities are led by a Senior Traditional Leader commonly known as Kgosi is Sepedi and Hosi in Tsonga. In the GTM there are eight traditional authorities which are Modjadji Royal Council, Maake (Bakgakga) Royal Council, Nkuna

(Muhlava) Royal Council, Mogoboya (Bathlabine) Royal Council, Xihoko (Mabunda) Royal Council, Nwamitwa (Valoyi) Royal Council, Sebela Royal Council and Mamabolo Royal Council.








A Community Survey conducted in 2016 puts the population of GTM at 416 488. GTM has 181 558 males or 47% and 208 536 females which is 53%.

Youth between the ages of 14-35 constitute 40% (156 9000) of the total population.









The municipality has five main towns with Tzaneen being the economic center. Nkowan-kowa and Lenyenye are townships a few kilometers apart. Haenertzburg and Letsitele are small towns which cater mostly for the farming communities.

 <p><b>CLLR. NGWAKO MAUNATLALA</b> 073 605 0493 Senopelwa, Mmantshwa, Pelana, Senakwe, Maunatlala, Maloko, Patamedi Matipane &amp; Morapalala</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. EDWARD MANYAMA</b> 079 575 6843 Mawa Block 8, 9, &amp; 12, Moghwathi Block 10 &amp; 11, part of Ramotshinyadi</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. HERMAN MALATJI</b> 066 538 0072 Ga-Wally, Ramotshinyadi &amp; Nyagelani (Radoo)</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. SIMON MAHLAWULE</b> 076 377 9585 Rikhotso, Xihoko, Mooko block 6 &amp; 7</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. MFICHANA SHINGANGE</b> 078 032 7707 Malubane, Mackery, Maweni, Akanani, Mugwazi, Musiphane &amp; Deeside farm</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. MASOCHA NGOMANI</b> 073 744 7378 Pyapayamela, Runnymede, Mavele, Joppie</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. PHETOLE MAMETJA</b> 072 753 4646 Morutji, Botludi, Mothomeng, Madumane, Morhwasehla, Matarapane, Mohlakong &amp; Kheopeng</p>
 <p><b>CLLR. EREL MONYELA</b> 076 968 6421 Relela, Khethone, Khemarela, Mphatasediba &amp; Khetheene, Ramphelo, &amp; Seise</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. FLORENCE MAENETJA-MAKAMU</b> 079 173 4784 Moleketla, Thako, Jokong, Masebata, Sekwinya, Sefolu, Kheroboni, Khwekhwe, Mopye, Khebabane &amp; Khetonni</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. MOORE BALOYI</b> 082 866 4155 Motupa, Kubjana &amp; Marironi</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. LOWRANCE MOHALE</b> 082 628 1761 Thapane, Fobeni, Bokhuta, Lerejeni, Leokwe, Babanana &amp; Mapitlula</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. ISHMAEL RISIVA</b> 083 645 0439 N'wajaheni, Rwanda, Xongani, Lwandlamuni, Khubu &amp; Malovisi</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. EDWARD NGOBENI</b> 072 017 2415 Mandlakazi, Mbhekwana, Miliekloof, Tarentaal and Riverside Estate (Tzaneen)</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. RENÉ POHL</b> 079 707 1955 Maribethema, Noordewenk, Citrus, Politsi, Makgoebaskloof, Scholtz &amp; Sapekoe</p>
 <p><b>CLLR. CHRIZELLE DREYER</b> 082 628 4181 Arborkpark, Medipark, Pusela, Flora Park, Pompagalana, Talana, CBD, Adam's Farm, parts of Lushof, section of Hamawasha and Ext 13.</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. COLLEN STOLTZ</b> 060 503 2059 Khujwana, Haenertzburg, Ntwanano, Topanama, &amp; Khumbula, Grysappel and Allesbeste Farm, Basani Farm and Coach House.</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. LUCKIES MASINGE</b> 071 131 0622 Mokgoloboto, Dan (Section), Dan Extension 1 &amp; 2 &amp; part of Nkowankowa section A</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. NORMAN MUKANSI</b> 076 200 4541 Nkomanini, Lusaka, Dan (Section), Khujwana &amp; Muhlava JB (Section)</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. SOPHIE MATIANE</b> 072 200 2320 Part of Nkowankowa A and part Nkowankowa B</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. WISANI TRACY PHIRI</b> 079 043 3608 Dan (Section), Rhulani (Section) &amp; Lusaka</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. COLLEN MATHEVULA</b> 073 233 6220 Part of Nkowankowa B, Nkowankowa C &amp; Nkowankowa D</p>
 <p><b>CLLR. TABISO LEPULANE</b> 078 679 0227 Khopo, Rita, Mafarana, Mhangweni, Mshongo, Lefara &amp; Mountainview</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. KHOLOFELO NDLOVU</b> 073 445 3455 Mariveni, Shipungu, Tshamahansi, Letsitele and Farms</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. MASOCHA MAYIMELE</b> 078 011 3280 Muhlava (Section), Sasekani, Petanenge &amp; Zangoma</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. BROWN MASHELE</b> 079 921 8757 Sedani, Bonn, Ntsako, Berlin &amp; Mulati</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. THULANI SHIHANGULE</b> 073 133 8571 Moname, Masoma, Hweetsi, Rhulani, Hovheni, Nsolani, Nyanyukani, Mashiloane, Bodweni Village &amp; Bodweni Farm</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. GEZANI MAKHUBELE</b> 081 844 1219 Mogapeng, Ntswelemopse, Mmaphuti, Sonkwane, Khayalami, Ghana Farm, Shoromone, Shiluvane (Section), Mmalekeke, Makhubidung, Serututung, Matshilapata, &amp; Mineview (Section)</p>	 <p><b>CLLR. GOODMAN NKHWASHU</b> 073 994 5196 Gavaza, Burgersdorp, Madawa, Madawa Block 7, Pharae, Coblenz Extensions A&amp;B, Gavaza Extensions</p>



 <p><b>CLLR WILLY MAAKE</b> 0737355432 Burgersdorp (section), Myakayaka, Pulaneng, Sharpville, Marumofase &amp; Winnie Mandela (extension)</p>	 <p><b>CLLR MASHALE MAWASHA</b> 079 926 1293 Tickeyline, New Rita, Ramalema, Nabane &amp; Mochlatlareng</p>	 <p><b>CLLR CAIPHUS MABITSELE</b> 071 554 8859 Lenyenye Township</p>	 <p><b>CLLR THEMBA NKUNA</b> 079 816 7406 Muhlaba Cross, Moime, Wisani, Shikwambana &amp; Ventopark</p>	 <p><b>CLLR JOHANNES MOKOENA</b> 073 857 1276 Moime, Mmaphala, Rakoma, Mthopong, Ramorage, Ga-Sape, Mosorone, Leolo, Bushvelly, Mphame, Lebaleng, Ga-Matlala, Mmadipudi, Dipatseng, Bokgaga, Ga-Gafane &amp; Skhaola</p>	 <p><b>CLLR ERIC RALEPELLE</b> 062 002 8502 Khopho, Longvalley, Civic, Rasebalane, Mahlogwe, Lephephane &amp; Thlabine</p>	 <p><b>CLLR NGWAKO RATOPOLA</b> 083 590 6137 Mochlatlareng-Sunnyside, Zidingo – Magabe, Mokojo, Serare &amp; Hospitalview</p>
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# MEET THE CLUSTER HEADS AND CHAIRPERSONS

 <p><b>Cllr. Thabo Maunatlala</b> Cluster Head</p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Phetole Mametja</b> Cluster Chairperson</p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Mfichana Shingange</b> Cluster Head</p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Herman Malatji</b> Cluster Chairperson</p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Conny Ramothwala</b> Cluster Head</p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Gezani Makhubele</b> Cluster Chairperson</p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Sophy Raganya</b> Cluster Head</p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Norman Mukansi</b> Cluster Chairperson</p>
<p>Relela Cluster is made of Ward 01, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11.14 &amp; 15.</p>		<p>Runnymede Cluster is composed of Ward 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 12, 13</p>		<p>Bulamahlo Cluster is made of Ward 22, 23,24,25,26, 27,28,29,30,35</p>		<p>Lesedi Cluster is composed of Ward 16,17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 31, 32, 33, &amp; 34</p>	

# MEET THE PR COUNCILLORS

 <p><b>Cllr. Maripe Mangena</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Derrick Mkhabela</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Edney Ntimbane</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Betty Ramoshaba</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Mokgadi Kgamed</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Tennyson Ngobeni</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Judith Mashele</b></p>
 <p><b>Cllr. Clement Ramathoka</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Samuel Thobejane</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Raymond Lefuphana</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Selina Mathole</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Mihloti Shingange</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Sechaba Malatji</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Mandy Shokane</b></p>
 <p><b>Cllr. Johanna Ratopola</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Ngwako Mohonone</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Lebeus Ramalepe</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Chrisma Bredenkamp</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Andre Moss</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Ronny Shai</b></p>	 <p><b>Cllr. Cukumetani Mabunda</b></p>



# MEETING THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS



On 14 December 2021, Mayor Gerson Molapisane paid a courtesy visit to Kgosikgadi Maake of the Bakgaka ba Maake at the Maake Royal House. After the meeting with Kgosikgadi Maake, the Mayor introduced Councillors residing and serving in areas falling under Bakgaga ba Maake Traditional Authority.



The Mayor of Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Councilor Gerson Molapisane has promised to respect and to "be at the service" of traditional leaders. He was addressing the Bathlabine Traditional Council on 14 December 2021. The Mayor has also promised to be accessible to traditional leaders and the community. He called on the newly elected Councillors to work hand-in-hand with the traditional leaders.



On 15 December 2021, The leadership of the GTM paid a courtesy visit to Nyavana Tribal Council, in his address to the council, Mayor Gerson Molapisane promised to bring traditional leaders on board whenever planning and implementing projects in their communities. Speaking to Hosi Mabunda, Mayor Molapisane said "You don't have to hear about developments happening in your jurisdiction through the grapevine, Councillors must first come to you or I will come".



A delegation of councillors of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality led by Mayor Gerson Molapisane paid a courtesy visit to the Modjadji Royal House 21 December 2021. The visit was aimed at fostering cordial relations between the municipality and the Traditional leadership as well as introducing the newly elected Councillors to the traditional leadership. The Mayor met Kgosi Mpatatla Modjadji and the Modjadji Royal Council.



On 21 December 2021 - Members of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality's Political Management Team, the Executive Committee, PR, and Ward Councillors from wards under the Nkuna Traditional Authority paid a courtesy visit to the Nkuna Royal Council. The visit is part of the consultative drive spearheaded by Mayor Gerson Molapisane. The Mayor privately met with Ndhavezitha Ribye Muhlava and Princess Nkakasana before joining the broader meeting with councillors and headmen.



On 25 January 2022, the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Councilor Gerson Molapisane paid a courtesy visit to the Valoyi Royal House. The Mayor was in the company of the Speaker of Council, the Chief Whip, Executive Committee members as well as Ward and PR Councillors serving in communities under the Valoyi Traditional Authority. The Mayor promised to work hand in glove with Hosi Nwamitwa and all other traditional leaders under the Greater Tzaneen Municipality



On 26 January 2022, Mayor Gerson Molapisane along with Cllr Sanie Tiba (Speaker), Cllr Given Malatji (Chief Whip), and members of the Executive Committee (Cllr. Mfichana Shingange, Cllr Sophy Raganya, Cllr Thabo Maunatlala, Cllr Maggie Makwala. Cllr Conny Ramothwala and Cllr Renny Mabuza) visited the Mamabolo Traditional Council for a "meet and greet" as part of the 100 Days in Office programme. **Seen in the picture is the Chief Whip, Speaker, Kgosi Mamabolo and the Mayor.**



On 29 April 2022, the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, His Worship, Councilor Gerson Molapisane met with the Sebela Traditional Council at Hweetsi Village. Kgosi Maile Clifford Sebela was recognized as a Senior Traditional Leader in 2018 and was inaugurated on the 13th of May 2022 at Hweetsi Village. Mayor Molapisane who was in the company of Cllr. Given Malatji (Whip of Council) and Councilor Thulani Shihangule of Ward 26 promised to work with the Sebela Traditional Council





On 22 April 2022, The Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Thembi Siweya, and the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Gerson Molapisane unveiled brand new state-of-the-art studios at Vision FM. With the two leaders is Bishop Erasmus Malungana of Don't Blame God Ministries and the founder of Vision FM formerly BDGM FM



On 6 February 2022, Mayor Gerson Molapisane met with stakeholders and the community of Mulati Village to address challenges emanating from the Mulati Access Road project. The community has threatened the protest action before the intervention by the Mayor. The project was temporarily halted due to funding. The problem has now been resolved.



**MPAC Members:** Standing: Cllr. Eric Ralepelle, Cllr. Raymond Lefuphana, Morongwa Sekopane (MPAC Researcher), Cllr. Willy Maake, and Cllr. Phetole Mametja,  
**Seated:** Cllr. Tracy Phiri, Cllr. Ngwoako Maunatlala (Chairperson), Cllr. Judith Mashele, Cllr. Mashale Mawasha,  
Not in the picture is Cllr. Caiphus Mabitsele,



On 3 May 2022, the MEC for Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism Thabo Mokone and the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, His Worship Gerson Molapisane visited stalls under the umbrella of Limpopo Tourism Agency( LTA) exhibiting at the annual Africa Travel Indaba at the Durban International Convention Center.



Mayor Gerson Molapisane met with the stakeholders from the communities of Haenertzburg and Magoebaskloof to discuss service delivery issues affecting the two communities on 22 December 2021. The stakeholders complained about vegetation, communication, and constant power outages and requested the urgent intervention of the Mayor



After three days of mayhem, Mayor Molapisane intervened to end the R36 road blockage on 14 December 2021. Here he is seen addressing protesting residents of Muhlava, Sasakani, Bridgeway, and JB. The protestors complained about ESKOM Load reduction which was implemented for 8 hours a day.



Mayor Gerson Molapisane was installed into the Prayer Men's League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa (ELCSA) at Manswi Village on 12 December 2021. The Mayor has been a member of the Relela Parish and regularly attends church services between his busy political schedule and Mayoral responsibilities.



From left to right: Councillor Mike Makgoba, Speaker Sanie Tiba, Councillor Doncy Sejaphala and Cllr Given Malatji (Whip of Council) during the swearing-in ceremony of Cllr Makgoba and Sejaphala who replaced Mr Cassius Machimana and Ms. Sonia Ngobeni. Machimana and Ngobeni resigned before taking an oath of office leaving two vacancies.



Councillor Thabo Maunatlala (Head of Finance) with the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Thoko Didiza during the "Back to School" Campaign at Mersky High School on 24 January 2022. The Minister promised to look into the school's agricultural needs which include drones and other technological resources



First Daughters Vivian Mei and Matokane Molapisane pamper Christmas babies with gifts, at Dr. CN Phatudi Hospital on 25 December 2021. The lucky babies received baby clothes, lotion, bathing basins, and other goodies. Hampers were also delivered to babies born at Letaba Hospital and Van Velden Hospital.



First Daughter Matokane Molapisane donates baby hampers to new year babies, 01 January 2022. Only one baby born in Van Velden. Three babies born at Dr. CN Phatudi also received gifts. Babies born at Letaba Hospital received gifts from the Provincial Government.



Mayor Gerson Molapisane and the Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Thembi Seweya visited Matokane High School in Relela Village on 14 January 2022 as part of the "Back to School" Campaign. The Deputy Minister donated sanitary towels to girl learners at the school. The Mayor spent 25 years as an educator at Matokane High. He also served as School Principal.





Mayor Gerson Molapisane, Governor of Gaza Province in Mozambique Margarida Mapandzene Chongo, and the MEC responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development, Nandi Ndalane during the official visit by a delegation from the Gaza Province on 16 March 2022. The delegation included Provincial Cabinet Ministers and Mayors. Gaza Province comprises of Xai Xai, Belene , Macia, Manjacze, Chibuto and Chokwe



Mayor Gerson Molapisane enjoys his birthday with his mother at his home in Relela Village on 7 February 2022. The Mayor turned 57-years-old on this day. His office hastily arranged lunch with the Mayor's mother and other family members.



Mayor Gerson Molapisane accompanied the Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, Councillor Pule Shayi on the "Back to School" Campaign at Zivuko High School on 13 January 2022. All girl learners were given free sanitary towels during the visit.



Councillor Conny Ramothwala (Head of infrastructure) conducted an interview with current affairs SABC 2 television programme "Ngula ya Vutivi" on 10 April 2022 in her office. The show was broadcast on SABC 2 on 9 March 2022 at 20H30. The show dealt with challenges experienced in road construction projects mostly the Mandlakazi pavement road project.



Mr. SD Chavalala takes Ward 19 Councillor Sophie Matiane through the Nkowankowa Water Treatment Plant on 1 April 2022. The visit came after parts of Nkowankowa went for a few weeks without water in their taps. It was discovered during the visit that two pumps were not working affecting the production of the plant. The pumps have since been fixed.



Mayor Molapisane with the newly appointed Municipal Manager Donald Mhangwana. Mhangwana was appointed by the Council of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality on the 29th of March 2022. He took up his position on 1 April 2022. The Mayor introduced the new MM to staff members on 1 April 2022.



Kgosi Mpatatla Mdojadji and Phetole Mampeule flank Kgosi Sebele during Kgosi Sebele's inauguration at Hweetsi Village on 13 May 2022. The newly inaugurated Senior Traditional Leader becomes the eighth Senior Traditional Leader in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.



Mayor Molapisane and Councillor Lowrance Mohale (Ward 11) attended the funeral of music star Lil Merry. Lil Merry real name Samuel Merithas Malatji was buried at Mapihlula Village in Bolobedu-South on 19 December 2021. The talented artist was only 22 years old when he died from a short illness on 11 December 2021



Mayor Molapisane during a follow-up meeting with Agri-Letaba at Letaba-Junction Restaurant on 28 February 2022. The meeting addressed challenges such as electricity network reliability and the state of the municipality's road network which has a direct impact on the productivity of the agricultural sector.



Mayor Gerson Molapisane personally visited the Ndlovu family of the 7-year-old child that was brutally raped and murdered on Saturday, 19 February 2022, at Petanenge Village. The Mayor visited the family to convey condolences.



On 22 December 2021, Mayor Councillor Gerson Molapisane conducted an "Arrive Alive" campaign on the R71 road next to Riverside Estate in Tzaneen. The Mayor was supported by Councillor Maggie Makwala and Cllr Maria Mmola (both EXCO members). Tzaneen Station Commander Brigadier Masinamela and GTM Manager for Licensing Andre Liverage.



Limpopo MEC for Education Polly Boshieho and Councillor Sophy Raganya visited patients involved in an accident at Letaba Hospital. The accident involved school children on their way to school on 14 March 2022. Also present were Makoma Makoma Makhurupetsi(MPL). Earlier on the day, the MEC for Health Dr. Phophi Ramathuba had visited the patients.



## GTM gets another unqualified Audit opinion

The Greater Tzaneen Municipality received an unqualified audit opinion for two consecutive years. Acquiring a clean Audit according to the Chief Financial Officer for GTM Palesa Makhubela means that the municipality was able to submit credible financial statements to Auditor General and provide supporting documents. "We do have findings however of non-compliance in different areas, those findings were addressed by affecting the necessary control measures and reviewing previous strategies and processes." The Head of Finance in the GTM Cllr.

Thabo Maunatlala is pleased for GTM to have achieved an unqualified audit opinion consecutively, "This means we can discharge the financial responsibilities entrusted upon us by the community of GTM". Maunatlala maintains that teamwork between councillors and officials was the working ingredient behind the achievement.



**Palesa Makhubela**  
(Chief Financial Officer  
of the Greater Tzaneen  
Municipality)

## MEC confers chains on Mayors and launches IGF



**Mayors from left to right: Cllr. Thandi Zitha (Giyani), Cllr. Merium Malatji (Ba-Phalaborwa), Cllr. Tsheko Musolwa (Maruleng), Cllr. Pule Shayi (Mopani), Cllr. Gerson Molapisane (Tzaneen), Cllr. Dagma Mamanyoha (Letaba), and Limpopo MEC for COGHTA, Basikopo Makamu.**

On 19 May 2022, Limpopo MEC for COGHTA, Basikopo Makamu relaunched the Mopani District Intergovernmental Forum (IGF) at Karibu Leisure Resort outside Tzaneen. The MEC also officially conferred mayoral chains on Mayors of Mopani. The MEC stressed the importance of IGFs "These forums are critical as they allow the confluence of information, minds and other resources are within our grasp to serve our communities" said MEC Makamu. MEC Makamu continued to say "They are aimed at creating a perfect platform for engagement, with only one purpose that is to deal decisively with service delivery issues affecting our institutions".



**MEC Makamu confers the Mayoral chain to Mayor Gerson Molapisane at Karibu Leisure Resort on 19 May 2022. The MEC conferred chains on all the Mayors in Mopani.**

## Mayor meets with Farmer's representative body



**Mayor Gerson Molapisane, speaks to Pierter Voster (Chairperson of the Agri-Letaba), Kobus Van Wyk and Carel Minaar.**

On 2 February 2022, the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, His Worship Gerson Molapisane met with the leadership of Agri-Letaba as part of his "100 Days" programme. The meeting dealt with issues of mutual interest between the farming community and the municipality. Pierter Voster, the Chairperson of the Agri-Letaba, and his colleagues raised several is-

ssues which require the attention of the municipality with electricity dominating the discussions. The Agri-Letaba team raised concerns about the reliability of the electricity network, especially in the farming areas which they argue affects their productivity. Voster also raised concerns about the condition of the Eiland Road, the Ofcalaco road, and the portion of the R36 road between Nkowankowa and Tzaneen. The Mayor promised to engage the MEC for Public Works for intervention.

The organization which represents around 130 farmers offered to help the municipality with vegetation control which is a source of power outages in the farming areas. They said that the offer was free of charge but work will only be done along electricity lines inside their properties. Also in attendance from Agri-Letaba were executive committee members Kobus Van Wyk, Carel Minaar, and Naomi Excel. The Mayor was supported by Councillor Sophy Raganya (EXCO: Head of Planning and Economic Development), Benjamin Mathebula (Director Planning and Economic Development) and Freddy Rammallo (Manager Local Economic Development).

## Minister switches off Tzaneen from analogue to digital



**MDM Executive Mayor Pule Shayi, Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies Khumbudzo Ntshavheni and Limpopo MEC for Economic Development and Tourism Thabo Mokone at the launch on 8 February 2022.**

On the 08th of February 2022, Minister for Communications and Digital Technologies, Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, Limpopo MEC for Economic Development and Tourism Thabo Mokone, Mopani District Executive Mayor Pule Shayi, and the acting Mayor for Greater

Tzaneen Municipality Thabo Maunatlala switched off the analogue transmitter in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality as part of the department's digital migration programme. "This initiative will help boost media and network services in the municipality and limit the cost of communication by ensuring that communities enjoy the benefit of affordable internet", said Minister Ntshavheni.

The entourage embarked on a door-to-door campaign in Muhlaba village. The Minister visited the Mushwana and Mhlanga families to interact with them and assess where the installation has been done.

In order to qualify for free government subsidised decoder and installation, South African citizens with a household monthly income of R3500 or less can apply at the nearest post office or through [www.stbregistration.gov.za](http://www.stbregistration.gov.za).

## More commercial developments in the pipeline

On 1 February 2022, Mayor Gerson Molapisane and Councillor Sophy Raganya (Head of Planning and Economic Development) supported by the Benjamin Mathebula (Director for Planning and Economic Development) and Freddy Rammallo (Manager Local Economic Development) met with Andre Thomas of Thomas and Swannepol to discuss a range of developmental issues in Tzaneen. Thomas and Swannepol represent the Resilient group which owns Tzaneng Mall, Tzaneen Crossing, and Tzaneen Lifestyle Centre. The law firm also represents the owners of the property next to Sasol Garage opposite the Tzaneen Lifestyle Center on the R71 where fast food outlet McDonald's will be located. The two parties agreed to work together in order to unlock opportunities for locals and to create employment. Expect more commercial developments in Tzaneen in the coming months. Thomas said that the business fraternity and the community were



**Mayor Gerson Molapisane, Councillor Sophy Raganya (Head of Planning and Economic Development) and Andre Thomas of Thomas and Swannepol after their meeting.**

happy about the quality of the work done on the rehabilitated Boundary and Billy Maritz streets in Tzaneen. He said that his clients were willing to assist the municipality in addressing challenges affecting the town.

## Mayor launches AIDS Council



**Mayor Gerson Molapisane with the members of the Local AIDS Council on 18 May 2022**

On 18 May 2022, Greater Tzaneen Municipality Mayor Gerson Molapisane officially launched the Local AIDS Council in the old fire hall. The Local AIDS Council comprises 40 members from different sectors. Represented in the council are sex workers, traditional healers and leaders, non-governmental organisations, government departments, people living with HIV, and the LGBTQ communi-

ty. The term of the AIDS council is five years in line with the term of municipal councils and is chaired by the Mayor. The council will devise strategies to reduce the spread of HIV, create awareness and promote HIV counselling and testing. The council will also deal with the prevention of stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS.



# New Greater Tzaneen Sports Confederation Committee elected



**Newly elected GT Sports Confederation Executive Committee: Front row left to right:** Mathebula Doctor (EXCO), Shai Adam (2nd Deputy Chairperson ), Mhlongo Joseph (Chairperson) and Makhubele Jane (Deputy Secretary ),

**Standing:** - Mohale Moses (Secretary ), Cate Maake (GTM Sport Officer), Mathonsi Monica (EXCO member), Schoolboy Shilubane (Secretary of District Sport Confederation, Mushwana Johannes (EXCO ), Daniel Matita (Chairperson of District Sport Confederation)

Not in the picture: Baloyi Sharlote (1st Deputy Chairperson), and Rakgwahla Edward (Treasurer )

# Mayor celebrates birthday handing over wheelchairs



**Mayor Molapisane and Council Maggie Makwala share a cake with one of the wheelchair beneficiaries**

On 25 February 2022, Mayor for the GTM Gerson Molapisane gave away wheelchairs to six physically challenged persons to celebrate his birthday which was on 07 February.

The six were identified from different wards in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Evans Mushwana from ward 22, Mhangweni village who received a new wheelchair thanked the Mayor for his generous gesture.

Molapisane said, “I feel honoured to be celebrating my special month with special people”. He also expressed gratitude to all stakeholders who have helped to identify the beneficiaries and support the project.

The platform was also meant to acknowledge stakeholders from the Mopani West District Department of Education who assisted with the Mayor’s Students Financial Aid programme . Certificates to recognise their efforts were given to Department of Education’s Planning Officer Kwena Magabane and Supply Chain Officer Shaun Mhlongo.

Raymond Mabuza, Mopani District Disability Coordinator appreciated the Mayor’s efforts on behalf of the stakeholders “We are truly grateful for these assets, they will make a great difference.”

# Mayor reopens the newly rehabilitated Boundary and Billy Maritz streets



**Mayor Molapisane cuts ribbon to mark the official opening of Boundry Street and Billy Maritz street on 8 April 2022.**

On 8 April 2022, the Mayor for Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Councillor Gerson Molapisane officially opened the newly rehabilitated Boundary and Billy Maritz streets in Tzaneen. Approximately 1.5 km of the surface of the Boundary Street and Billy Maritz street was rehabilitated.

Mayor Molapisane said that as the leadership of the GTM they took pride in the quality of the work done on the two streets.

“We are proud of this project because it was done with our funds.” said the Mayor. Most infrastructure projects are funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG).

The project planning, design, and supervision services were insourced saving thousands of rands in engineering consulting fees.

The project was completed in 3 months and cost the municipality R4.9 million.

Molapisane complimented the work done by the contractor, Quality Plant hire/Expctera CC JV. “ The quality work that you have done on this project will continue to speak for you in many years to come,” said the Mayor

The project scope incorporated patch-work, base correction, installation of concrete V-drains, road markings, replacement of road signs, asphalt overlaying in Boundary street, and asphalt surfacing in Billy Maritz street.

Fourteen people were employed in the project comprising eight males and six females with one of the males being a person living with a disability.

# Mopye family gets a house from MEC



**MEC for Social Development Nkakareng Rakgoale cuts a ribbon to mark the official handover of a new house to Johanna Makhudu of Mopye Village on 28 April 2022.**

On 28 April 2022, the MEC for Social Development Nkakareng Rakgoale officially handed over a two-bedroom house with the Mayor for Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Councillor Gerson Molapisane to Johanna Makhudu of Mopye village.

The official handover to the family of four was done today, the 28th of April 2022 at Mopye village.

Rakgoale first learned of the woman’s tragedy in 2021 when her house collapsed during a storm,” My heart broke when I saw what happened to the family, and I thank God that he has answered their prayers through the good Samaritans who pledged to build a house and

donate furniture and a Jojo tank to assist them through my office.”

The Department of Social Development has assisted the family since the collapse of their house with food parcels for 3 months, she also added.

Rakgoale extended her gratitude to GTM Mayor Molapisane for his prompt response on the matter “he quickly came on board when we approached him and furnished the house for the family “. Rakgoale said she will now have peace knowing that the family will sleep comfortably in their newly built house with a built-in kitchen, wardrobe, and new furniture.

# How to report water & sewer problems

## SWITCHING WATER ON/OFF

Residents are also reminded that water from the Dan Reservoirs is switched on daily from 3 am and switched off at 8 am (5 hours a day). Water from the bypass which goes directly to residents from the water treatment plant is switched on from 4 am and switched off from 8 pm (16 hours a day)

## WATER & SEWER REPORTING CONTACTS

If you have any challenges with our water or sewer services please make use of the contacts below. There are people assigned to each of the five towns under the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. The number under backup contacts can only be used if the people assigned to your town can not be reached. You can also make use of our 24-hour call center ((082 679-0720) to report electricity, water, and sewer challenges. Report water leaks, pipe bursts, blocked sewage, water abuse, lack of water, etc

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