

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL APPOINTS MUNICIPAL MANAGER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Metsimaholo Municipality is happy to announce the appointments of its Municipal Manager, Mr FJ Motlounge and the Chief Financial Officer, Ms FV Mareka as of 01 April 2024, following the municipal council meeting held on the 27th of March 2024.

The appointees are not new to the municipal environment since they have worked in different municipalities before and collectively bring a vast knowledge and experience apposite to municipal environment.

Following extensive engagements, the municipal council resolved to appoint Mr FJ Motlounge and Ms FV Mareka as Municipal Manager and Chief Financial Officer, respectively. Both Mr Motlounge and Ms Mareka, like any other candidates, went through intensive screening and evaluation guided by regulations applicable to local government.

Mr. Motlounge was initially appointed as Director Organizational Development and Corporate Services, from 1st of March 2023, and immediately impacted the Municipality's governance and corporate affairs. He has also filled the acting Municipal Manager position as needed in 2023 and has served as the Acting Municipal Manager as of 5th July 2023 until his recent appointment. With an academic background in Human Resource and Business Administration majoring in Public Sector and his vast experience municipal environment spanning over a period of twenty (20) years, as Director of Corporate Services, Manager Supply Chain Management, Assistant manager Parks and Resorts, Mr Motlounge brings extensive knowledge and experience in his new role.

Ms Mareka (CFO), has 16 years experience in Local Government particularly in Municipal Finance and over 5 years in private sector in financial accounting.

She has 9 years' experience in Budget and Reporting. She was appointed as acting CFO at Nketoana Municipality during the period of 2012/13 where she led the team and retained an unqualified audit opinion. She further got appointed as CFO at Masilonyana LM from 2014- 2018., with her vast experience, she was part of the Bitou Municipality team that contributed and ushered the current administration into clean audit.

She holds National Diploma in Cost and Management Accounting and Post Graduate Diploma in Management. She is currently finalizing her Masters degree which she anticipates graduating this year.

The Executive mayor, Cllr Jack Malindi, has welcomed the appointments of both FJ Motloung and FV Mareka saying, "We are hopeful that the Municipal Manager and the Chief Financial Officer will exercise their duties with the utmost care and diligence. The positions come with great responsibility, and one such responsibility is to always act in the best interest of this institution and within the confines of the law. They have our full support, and together we should be able to strive for the highest level of good governance."

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