



FETAKGOMO MUNICIPALITY OVERSIGHT REPORT 2008-2009

INTRODUCTION

The oversight report serves to provide council with practical guidance in financial governance and to assist in maintaining oversight within the broader Government context.

BACKGROUND

Council is obliged to consider an annual report and later adopt an oversight report in terms of section 127 and 129 of MFMA, Act 56 of 2003. The council is vested with responsibility to oversee the performance of their respective municipality as required by the constitution, MFMA and MSA. The oversight responsibility of the council is practically important for the process of considering Annual Reports. It is important for the council to ensure that the budget gives effect to projects contained in the IDP.

2008/2009 IDP PROGRAMME

An IDP was published in due course, consultation and public participation were conducted in all three municipal nodal point.

Recommendations:

- Ward public participation meeting in wards should be intensified through ward mass meeting as per ward committee schedule of meetings.

EDUCATION

Current education facilities in Fetakgomo

- 61 Schools are without administration blocks, others without laboratories and libraries, water resources are scarce in our schools, toilets in school are below RDP standard.

Recommendation:

- That the department of education develops a mechanism to equip the remaining school with required buildings.

HEALTH

- Health facilities such as clinics are built in Fetakgomo, but a great challenge is that there is no hospital in the municipality. Fetakgomo is the only municipality without a hospital in the Province.

Recommendation:

- That negotiation with the department of Health & Social Development to upgrade Ga-Nchabeleng Health Centre into hospital be intensified.

HIV/AIDS

Recommendation:

- That statistics for HIV prevalence by age group in Fetakgomo be sourced from the Department of Health & Social Development.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Recommendation:

- That the statistics be updated to the recent dates e.g., year under review.

PAYPOINTS

Quite a number of pay points are still without shelters, people still queue in open spaces to receive grants.

Recommendation:

- That open air system of paypoints be discouraged.
- That SASSA and Sekhukhune District Municipality be engaged on the erection of pay points and provision of ablution facilities
- That council explore the possibilities of the Greater Sekhukhune District Municipality transferring completed pay points to the local municipality

FOOD INSECURITY AND VULNERABILITY

Recommendation:

- That the Department responsible should adhere to the dates they have agreed upon with the beneficiaries.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR FETAKGOMO MUNICIPAL AREA

Recommendation:

- That measures be taken to minimize the high crime rate in Fetakgomo
- That the temporary police station in Apel be upgraded to a proper structure.

SOCIAL FACILITIES

The Thusong Service Centre is functional. Quite large number of beneficiaries from ATOK Nodal Points are benefiting from this facilities.

Recommendation:

- Negotiation with the Department that withdrawn from utilizing the facilities should be reviewed.
- With regard to Post Offices that are delimited, processes of negotiations should start.

ELECTRICITY

There is a serious backlog with regard to electricity.

Recommendation:

- Consideration be given to villages that are not covered.
- Post connections still be considered by ESKOM while still upgrading capacity in their respective station.

FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY

This was conducted in some wards where the Technical Services Division conducted awareness and assisted in documenting applications prior submission to ESKOM for processing.

Recommendation:

- That the lists of approved beneficiaries be put at the nodal point for the beneficiaries to identity themselves.
- ANGLO Platinum funding be directed to the municipality for other project.

ROADS AND TRANSPORT

Recommendation:

- RAL should speed up the implementation of the upgrading of Atok-Mandagshoek road from gravel to tar as advertised in the 2008/9 financial year.
- Phase 2 implementation of Road P33 (37) be facilitated.
- GSDM should speed up procurement of a grader promised to FTM for maintenance of access roads.

- FTMR1-4 RAL failed to implement.
- FTMR 5-14 not implemented by the District.

Recommendation:

- District need to play their role in all projects in terms of its powers and functions

LAND USE MANAGEMENT

Recommendation:

- Policy on land be implemented to control illegal settlement or invasion from the fighting villages.
- That more land be secured for development.

HOUSING UNITS

There is still a high level of housing back log in the municipality.

Recommendation:

- That more housing units be allocated to the municipality
- That incomplete housing unit at Ga-Selepe, Monametse, ATOK, Tjibeng and Manotwane be completed.

WATER SUPPLY

The backlog is very serious, for bulk water and reticulation as well as yard connection.

Recommendation:

- GSDM should delegate all powers of water authority and service provision to Fetakgomo Municipality.

SANITATION

There are serious backlogs on sanitation.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

- Audit committee raised no worrying matter on financial status of the municipality.
- Detailed records are kept in the Municipality archives.

- According to AG's opinion, the municipality obtained unqualified report.

Recommendation of the Oversight Committee:

- That council approve the Annual Report for 2008/9 without reservations.