

## Mayor's inauguration speech.

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Before I start my address, I would like to pay my respects and pass on my best wishes to the former Executive Mayor of Mogale City, Cllr Lynn Pannall, who was forced to resign prematurely due to ill health. We thank you for the positive contribution you have made in the time that you were at the helm, and reassure you that your efforts have not gone unnoticed and we will be bearing the fruit of the foundation that was laid.

I stand before you in awe..... of your support to have me as your Executive Mayor. I am honoured and humbled to be addressing you today as the Executive Mayor of Mogale City. I thank the majority of councillors for placing their trust in me to lead our city to frontiers it is yet to see. I am well aware of all the hard work that is required to have Mogale become a Model Municipality.

Since August 2016, the new, DA led administration has been working tirelessly to address the mess that was left behind. Myself and my team of MMC'S, which I will announce shortly, will address every challenge head-on to ensure that the most important goal of SERVICE DELIVERY is achieved. It is a mandate we refuse to fail on.

Top of the agenda is to restore the rule of law.

I want to assure the residents of Mogale City that we are a government for ALL. Gone will be the days, where advantage was received due to a specific membership card or connection of some sort. Now is not the time for politicking and pursuing individual political agendas. We are at a cross- roads where it's either political squabbles or service delivery, and I know on which side I fall and I will be ensuring that service delivery is of a dignified and efficient quality.

The word UBUNTU. So simple yet so powerful. In philosophical terms meaning, "the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity." I ask that we keep this in mind moving forward, ensuring that every decision that is taken is taken in order to provide to ALL our people.

I ask only one thing of the community and that is to be patient. There are no shortcuts or quick fixes to the mammoth task at hand. It is going to take time to correct many years of mismanagement and decay that has led to failures in Mogale City.

The DA has a plan grounded upon our promise to create jobs, deliver better services and eliminate all corruption from this administration.

Mogale City has the potential to become one of the best established municipalities in the country.

It is for this very reason that the "REJUVENATION OF THE INNER CITY" task team has been established, with numerous stakeholders playing an important role in ensuring that the inner city gets the "face lift" it requires. Rolling out of CCTV cameras and a no nonsense approach to drugs, prostitution and crime as a whole has seen this task team being at the forefront to unlocking economical potential within the inner city. Thus creating more job opportunities and providing an environment for the communities where economic participation will be easier.

The facilitation of the relocation of the Tudor Shaft residents. As we are all well aware of the situation we are faced with in Tudor shaft. It has also come to the new administrations attention that there could be flaws in the housing lists. We have therefore already begun the investigation into the housing list and by receiving all the relevant list's, we will conduct a full audit in the community to ensure that the correct people are fairly receiving their house.

The new administration has also come across a number of municipal employees who were unlawfully receiving a salary and have also begun the investigation thereof.

We have undertaken to maintain and look after municipal buildings, assets and properties.

The new development on Robert Broom has definitely provided more work opportunity and easy access to shops and entertainment.

The opening of the Krugersdorp West swimming pool, which has served as a milestone achievement in the Krugersdorp West community.

The new administration has also dealt hands-on with constant road maintenance and markings, ensuring that motorists are safe on our roads.

We are also looking to expedite the construction of the Lindley Waste Water Treatment Plant, which will be unlocking endless development opportunity and dignified waste water treatment for all rural areas.

I am well aware of the billing crisis in Mogale City with regards to the BIQ and ERP system, and I will ensure that this new administration and my team of MMC's work tirelessly until we have come to the bottom of the crisis. I definitely look around in the building when I am around and the conditions under which the staff members are expected to be carrying out their duties and responsibilities are of poor quality and the new administration has made it clear that the working conditions for the staff members will definitely be addressed. We will ensure the upliftment and development of rural communities, providing all residents with an equal opportunity to better their lives.

A full skills audit will be conducted throughout the municipality, to ensure the employee's skills are commensurate with their positions.

With regards to the current water crisis, my MMC for infrastructure has already indicated to me, the possibility of investigating a full upgrade of the telemetry system in order to ensure water security for the residents of Mogale City.

I reach out to all residents of Mogale City to unite behind the vision that will be brought to this city where we are all working together to maximise the city's full potential. Together we will bring change to Mogale City.

Change that creates jobs, delivers better services and rids this beautiful town of corruption. Together we will make sure Mogale City becomes a town with endless opportunities and growth.

I THANK YOU

My Mayoral Committee will be made up of the following Councillors:

MMC Social Upliftment – Cllr Margaret Mohube

MMC Corporate Support Services – Cllr Jaqueline Pannall

MMC Finance - Cllr Jaco Holtzhausen

MMC Infrastructure: Roads and Transport - Cllr Ernest Modise

MMC Public Safety – Cllr Tjaart Steenkamp

MMC Economic Development – Cllr Chris Van der Westhuisen

MMC Human Settlements – Cllr Bongani Nkosi

MMC Infrastructure - Cllr Jacques Hoon

MMC Sport, arts, culture and recreation – Cllr Themba Mokoena

MMC Environment – Cllr Annette Fourie