

MAYOR MOSES MALULEKE COMMEMORATES LATE MINISTER COLLINS CHABANE.

It is precisely seven years today since the passing of our freedom fighter, former South African Government and ANC leader Minister Collins Chabane well known as “The animal”.

His immense contributions to the political landscape and democracy of this country cannot go unnoticed.

Minister Collins Chabane was a patriot who was admired and respected for his simplicity, humility and profound intellect.

A man who dedicated his life to the struggle for freedom, justice and equality, and who has also served his country diligently since the dawn of freedom.

Collins Chabane well known as “The Animal” was born and bred in humble conditions engineered by the apartheid regime and was drawn to the struggle for national liberation and became an active member of the underground ANC at the early age of seventeen.

His outstanding commitment saw him named after the newly established municipality, Lim 345 which was later called Collins Chabane Local Municipality in 2016.

The name was unanimously accepted during the consultation processes, as a sign of honoring a legend and veteran for the Struggle of the liberation of the masses of our people.

As the Mayor of Collins Chabane Municipality on behalf of the Council, we commemorate his exact seven years since his death with pride, dignity and celebration.

He had served his people with pride and clear dedication.

On behalf of Collins Chabane residents, we are proud to acknowledge the fact that Minister Chabane made a valuable contribution to the process of bringing about the call for the people of Malamulele to have their own municipality.

We are honored to have known you; to have walked and worked with you for many years.

We are proud to have been part of your school of thoughts; to have shared your lives and benefited from your generosity and indeed, to have contributed to our well-being in several ways.

We will continue to interact and work with your spirit which will live forever be with us, using as our guide your wisdom and the experience of other South african leaders of your generation.

Leading a municipality that is named after you (icon chabane) is a privilege especially a man who was regarded as one of the best ministers in the country hence we are committed to emulate

all your good works and protect your legacy by providing quality service delivery to the people of Collins Chabane Local Municipality.

Fellow citizens, you will recall that the leadership of the Municipality made a commitment to Collins Chabane residents to run a transparent and accountable administration.

Following the release of the two unqualified audit report and best MIG spending Municipality award we can proudly say indeed we are learning from the best.

We are very proud as the Municipality which is rated as amongst the best municipalities in the Limpopo Province, having been affected by unfortunate Covid-19 pandemic but we managed to rise beyond and here we are seated with two Unqualified Audit Opinion plus 100 percent spending MIG award with the hope of achieving a fully clean audit opinion.

As we commemorate Minister Collins Chabane, we acknowledge the sacrifices that accompanied the struggle for democracy and we reaffirm our commitment to advance human rights as enshrined in the Constitution and emphasize our commitment to service delivery.

While executing underground tasks Minister Chabane was arrested and was sentenced to nine-year imprisonment on Robben Island.

During the transitional period, he contributed immensely to the development of our country's progressive Constitution.

His interest in constitutional affairs has also assisted the ANC and the entire South Africa. He has served the organization capably as chairperson of the National Executive Committee's subcommittee on constitutional affairs.

When the ANC came into government in 1994, Minister Chabane served in several key positions.

He served as the Provincial Secretary of ANC Limpopo, he has also served as a member of parliament in the national assembly and later in the Limpopo government as an MEC, in 2009 he was appointed by President Jacob Zuma to head the powerful monitoring commission that will evaluate the performance of state institutions, from Cabinet level right down to council which confirms that indeed he was a visionary leader of our country.

The intention for the appointment was meant to do continuous monitoring and evaluation of all government services which happens to cut across municipalities, deal with provincial governments and departments and with national departments and state institutions that provide in public services.

He passed on while serving as the Minister of Public Service and Administration.

The best way to remember Minister Chabane is to continue with the struggle to free all residents of Collins Chabane from poverty, starvation, homelessness, from joblessness; illiteracy, gender based violence and from all forms of human oppression.

The great tree of our nation will always be remembered, his roots run deep, in conditions of rain, of drought, and of floods, its sprouts will persist until Collins Chabane blossoms.

You shall always be among us.

Your noble ideas will live on for many generations.

We will always honor your memory by continuing the struggle for a better life for all, for which you committed in your entire life.

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