

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION BY THE MAYOR OF COLLINS CHABANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, HIS WORSHIP, CLLR Moses Maluleke.

29 September 2021

Greetings.

Fellow Councillors,  
Administration team led by the Acting MM,  
All our valued Stakeholders,  
Fellow citizens of Collins Chabane Municipality.



I'd like to take this opportunity to appreciate each and every one of you for the sterling job, the support and dedication that you've displayed during the past year of our finances particularly with relation to how we steered matters on our respective portfolios and the way in which we decently channeled matters to Council in line with our responsibilities.

Your maximized participation to all functions of the Political Management, Executive Committee, Senior Management, Advisory roles and all Municipal work has not gone unnoticed. In fact, it only gave us a recognition from SALGA, the Provincial Government and indeed, the community we serve.

Last night (28/9/2021), our Municipality has been appreciated by SALGA, for attaining an Unqualified Audit Opinion for the 2019/2020 financial year.

The Municipality received a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a trophy during the SALGA 2019/2020 Municipal Awards Gala Dinner.

This is a true testament of the collective efforts, done by both Councillors (PMT, EXCO, Sec. 79s and all Councillors) and all officials, from the level of a general worker to the Acting Municipal Manager.

You've all done your part. It won't be amiss of me if I said that all sane and sighted people are witnessing the changes we are bringing every day. It is true that we have delivered most of the promises we made when we took office in 2016.

I must also appreciate all our Stakeholders who have been working with us throughout the years since our establishment giving us support, guidance and whipping us whenever necessary.

The Traditional Leaders, Faith based organizations (Pastors Forum and Traditional Health Practitioners), Business Community, the youth, SANCO and other organized Community-based structures, Gender and Children's Forum, Personal Foundations, the Media, Forum of those living with Disability, our sector departments, the governing party, the African National Congress as well as other political parties, and every single resident of Collins Chabane Municipality, from Ward 1 to 36.

You have all pushed us to the limit and we are proud to have you as partners in this agenda of making Collins Chabane a working Municipality.

Let me also stress that our Municipality has been in existence for only 5 years but we have outdone ourselves and of course, we have shamed all prophets and prophetess of doom. We have outwitted all superlatives.

We have done this in the spirit of "Working together to do more!" We have also done this in line with the call by the president for all of us to be servants of the people - the "Thuma Mina" spirit.

Today, almost all our people have equal access to electricity, waste removal, sport facilities, graded and tarred streets, street lights, we also took offices to all four (4) clusters of our Municipality.

Through our concerted efforts and diligence in the use of public funds, government gave us an additional R26 million for disaster relief on top of our annual budget, in recognition of our prudent use of our people's money.

Vhembe Districts Municipality is also assisting us to ensure that there's clean water and decent sanitation for all.

I am confident that I will be speaking on behalf of all of us when I say that we have surpassed most expectations from our communities.

We have gone as far as fencing graveyards and completing major projects such as the Xigalo Landfill amongst many others.

We procured vehicles and a variety of machineries to speed up service delivery and ensure that change is felt in all corners of our Municipality.

To all outgoing Councillors you're the ground-breakers. You must own this because it is your work. This is your masterpiece, and you owe your successors all the support and advices so that your work does not fall into tatters.

Those that continues on, you've done well so far. It is your responsibility to allow space for the new inheritors of this Council to work together with you, and emulate the Council of 2016-2021 tenure and to do more.

Our people will be exercising their democratic right on the 1st of November 2021 during the Local Government Elections by voting-in their preferred Councillors. Let us go out and encourage them to go out in numbers and cast their votes. Let us also encourage them to vote correctly.

Finally, we have not escaped the scourge of Covid-19 yet. Indeed, numbers of infected people are declining and the president moved the country to Alert Level 2 but we must know that the danger posed by this pandemic is not yet over.

Our people must be encouraged to take vaccinations at their nearest vaccination points. This will save their lives and lives of their loved ones. May we all continue wearing our masks and sanitizing our hands.

Remember, this Corona Virus does not move, people move it.

I love you all and thank you for being a good team player.

Cllr Maluleke Moses  
Mayor: Collins Chabane Local Municipality