

Tswelopele Local Municipality

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Tswelopele Local Municipality Shines with SALGA Early Settlement Award During the Provincial Members Assembly

Tswelopele Local Municipality has once again demonstrated its commitment to responsible financial management and active participation in the development of local government. At the recent South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Free State Provincial Members Assembly, held at the prestigious Imvelo Safari Lodge in Bloemfontein, the municipality was honoured with the coveted Early Settlement of Membership Levies Award. This recognition highlights Tswelopele's exemplary record of settling its membership levies within 24 hours of receiving the invoice — for two consecutive years.

The award was presented during an awards and networking session on the evening of 26 November 2024, where the municipalities' dedication to maintaining prompt financial discipline, and performance in various key performance areas was celebrated.

Accepting the award on behalf of the municipality, Executive Mayor Cllr Kenalemang Phukuntsi expressed pride in the municipality's achievement, acknowledging the hard work and cooperation of both municipal officials and leadership.

The SALGA membership levies are crucial for enabling the association to carry out its vital mandate of representation, promotion, and protection of municipalities across the country. Additionally, the levies contribute to various capacity-building programmes aimed at enhancing the skills and capabilities of municipal managers and councillors. By prioritising the early settlement of these levies, Tswelopele ensures that it remains an active and engaged member of SALGA, benefiting from the association's support and networking opportunities.



Tswelopele Mayor, Cllr Kenalemang Phukuntsi, During the SALGA Award Ceremony

This award serves as a testament to the municipality's commitment to good governance and sound financial management. By meeting these financial obligations promptly, Tswelopele sets an example for other municipalities, demonstrating that efficiency and responsibility go hand in hand in building a strong local government framework.

As the municipality continues to strive for excellence, this recognition reinforces its reputation as a leader in good governance

and financial accountability. Tswelopele Local Municipality remains focused on enhancing service delivery and empowering its leadership to better serve the needs of the community.

Congratulations to all the team members involved, and special thanks to Cllr Kenalemang Phukuntsi for representing the municipality with pride and dedication. Tswelopele continues to move forward, ensuring a brighter future for its residents.

Tswelopele Local Municipality: Leading the Way in Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Mitigation



Tswelopele Municipality's Environmental Manager, Mr. Teboho Moepi, spearheading a public awareness campaign in schools

Tswelopele Local Municipality is proud to stand at the forefront of environmental sustainability and climate change initiatives in the Free State. Despite the common challenges faced by local governments, Tswelopele has demonstrated resilience and commitment to creating a greener,

more sustainable future. In recognition of its efforts, the municipality was honoured in March 2024 as one of the Cleanest and Greenest Municipalities in the Free State, awarded through the Cleanest and Greenest Municipal Competition. This accolade highlights the significant strides



made in environmental management and the municipality's proactive approach to addressing climate change.

Tswelopele has made notable progress in developing and implementing key environmental strategies, even as it faces resource limitations and other challenges. Some of the municipality's standout achievements include:

- **Governance:** One of Tswelopele's most significant accomplishments is the establishment of its dedicated environmental management unit. This forward-thinking structure ensures the effective implementation and oversight of environmental and climate change initiatives, placing Tswelopele ahead of many other municipalities in the district.
- **Strategic Environmental Plans:** The municipality has developed two key documents that guide its environmental efforts: the Integrated Environmental Management Plan and the Greening Plan. These comprehensive strategies set a clear path for sustainable development and focus on improving green spaces, promoting eco-friendly practices, and enhancing the municipality's resilience to climate change.
- **Community-Based Environmental Projects:** Tswelopele's commitment to greening and environmental education is reflected in various community initiatives.

Notably, the municipality has launched several tree planting projects in newly established townships, a move aimed at improving air quality, providing shade, and mitigating the impacts of climate-related risks. These efforts not only contribute to environmental preservation but also serve as a way to engage and educate residents about the importance of sustainability.