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PHUMELELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HOSTS MEC SAKI MOKOENA DURING OVERSIGHT VISIT TO WARDEN WATER AND SEWER PROJECT

Warden, Free State: Phumelela Local Municipality successfully hosted the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, Saki Mokoena, during an oversight visit to Warden on Friday, 08 May 2026.

The visit formed part of the Free State Provincial Government's ongoing commitment to improving housing-related infrastructure and strengthening access to essential services, particularly water and sanitation, in municipalities across the province.

The day commenced with a meeting in the Warden Council Chamber, where the MEC met with the Mayor of Phumelela Local Municipality, councillors, and senior municipal officials to discuss progress on infrastructure projects and key service delivery priorities.

Following the meeting, MEC Mokoena and his delegation conducted an oversight visit to the Ezenzeleni Water and Sewer Project in Ezenzeleni Township. The project is designed to provide water and sanitation infrastructure to support 1009 residential sites, contributing significantly to improved living conditions and sustainable human settlements in the area.

The purpose of the site visit was to assess progress on the project and to monitor its contribution toward improving access to reliable water and sanitation services for residents of Ezenzeleni and the broader Warden community.

The programme concluded with a community meeting held at Sdudu Community Hall, where residents were afforded an opportunity to engage directly with the MEC and municipal

leadership. Community members raised concerns, shared their experiences, and received updates on ongoing service delivery interventions and the implementation status of the project.

Phumelela Local Municipality appreciates the support of MEC Mokoena and the Free State Department of Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements. The visit reaffirmed the shared commitment between provincial and local government to improving the quality of life of residents through responsive governance and sustainable infrastructure development.

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