

New refuse truck improves service delivery.

Dikgatlong Municipality experienced many challenges with the removal of refuse from residences and places of business in the municipal area.

To make matters worse the municipality is responsible for refuse services in Koopmansfontein, approximately 90km to the west as well as Windsorton 40km to the east of Barkly West. The area includes nine settlements.

The municipality was servicing the town of Barkly West with only one old truck which experienced many breakdowns due to age. The municipality had a backlog of approximately six months.

Windsorton is serviced with a tractor, Delportshoop also made use of an old truck which was just as unreliable as the one used in Barkly West. The settlement at Longlands was not serviced at all. This situation severely compromised service delivery and the municipality received many complaints.

When the Dikgatlong Municipality requested assistance from the district municipality to acquire a refuse truck, the latter handled the procurement processes, which included the research on specifications.

The specifications included a maintenance and service plan for the trucks for at least the first year. The Dikgatlong Municipality will include in its budget maintenance of the truck thereafter to ensure sustainable service delivery.

On 02 May 2014 the executive mayor of the district municipality, Ms Khadi Moloi, handed over the truck to Mr Willie Mogongwa the mayor of the Dikgatlong Municipality.

The route of the truck will accommodate the town of Barkly West and Longlands to ensure better service delivery in terms of refuse removal.

“As Frances Baard District Municipality we are committed to assist and support our locals as far as possible to give the best services to communities in realizing our dream of a better life for all,” she said.

The truck is a 12.5 ton Mercedes truck with a 21m³ rear loading packer for refuse. The truck accommodates a closed cab for an assistant to sit in when it rains.

The district municipality have allocated funds in the 2014/2015 financial year for the procurement of additional vehicles for the Dikgatlong Municipality to help strengthen service delivery in this area.

These vehicles include a cherry picker to assist with electrical maintenance that will cut down on the occurrence and duration of power outages. It also includes the procurement of a TLB for water and road maintenance to assist with burst pipes and the re-gravelling of roads and a sanitation truck for Stilwater and Windsorton.



The executive mayor of the FBDM, Ms Khadi Moloi hands over the keys to the new refuse truck to the mayor of Dikgatlong Municipality, Mr Willie Mogongwa.



The executive mayor of the FBDM and several councillors and officials watch as the mayor of the Dikgatlong Municipality hands over the keys to the driver of the new refuse truck, Mr Daniel Mkhari.