



October 24th, 2023

Attention:

Honourable K. Molefe, Cllr, Executive Mayor, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality.

Honourable N.D. Shuping, Cllr, Speaker, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality.

Honourable M. Kekana, Cllr, Chairperson MPAC, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality.

Mr. O.A. Losaba, Municipal Manager, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality.

Mr. M.J. Rassool, Director Technical Services, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality.

RE: GEYSDORP BULK WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE.

1. The mentioned bulk water supply pipeline has reference.
2. Bulk water supply is a core function of Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, this function constitutes an ever-growing challenge to the municipality, evident in the occurrence of more frequent protest actions in most of the municipalities under their authority.
3. The Geysdorp bulk water supply pipeline, supplies Delareyville town, Delareyville Extension 7 RDP, Delareyville Extension 8 Motshela Pad & Delareyville Extension 9 Seithimole, with clean water.
4. The dysfunctionality of the pipeline has been a challenge that left Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality wanting with regards to maintenance & repairs as well as reaction time to field repairs to pipe ruptures reported.
5. The year 2023 to date of this writing had 296 days, the Geysdorp pipeline has ruptured 14 times in this period & left Delareyville residents without water for 99 days & counting.
6. The track record to the mentioned pipeline look as follows,
 - a. 28 Jan - 15 Feb Pipe burst, 19 Days no water.
 - b. 23 Feb - 6 March, Pipe burst, 12 Days no water.
 - c. 2 April - 9 April, Pipe burst, 7 Days no water.
 - d. 17 April - 25 April, Pipe burst, 9 Days no water.
 - e. 8 May - 11 May, Pipe burst, 3 Days no water.
 - f. 25 May - 30 May, Pipe burst, 5 Days no water.

- g. 6 June - 21 June, Pipe burst, 5 Days no water.
 - h. 20 July - 27 July, Pipe burst, 7 Days no water.
 - i. 13 Aug - 15 Aug, Pipe burst, 3 Days no water.
 - j. 28 Aug - 31 Aug, Pipe burst, 4 Days no water.
 - k. 4 Sep - 6 Sep, Pipe burst, 3 Days no water.
 - l. 12 Sep - 24 Sep, Pipe burst, 13 Days no water.
 - m. 6 Oct - 9 Oct, Pipe burst, 4 Days no water.
 - n. 20 Oct – ongoing, Pipe burst, 4 Days no water & counting.
7. Feedback received four days after reporting the incident, from the NMMDM operator responsible, indicates that the pipe cannot be fixed due to the unavailability of a JCB & the absence of pipe clamps, this cannot be forwarded as a formal pardon to the total dysfunctionality of NMMDM with regards to the supply of bulk water.
8. The regular frequency of pipe ruptures indicates to the insufficiency of the supply line, I request the office of the MM to investigate the following & to submit a comprehensive report to council, reference must be made to;
- a. Reasons to the repeated failure of said pipeline.
 - b. Age & service life of the pipeline.
 - c. Average turnaround time with regards to repairs to the pipeline.
 - d. Total cost involved regarding the repair of ruptures to the line with specific reference to,
 - i. Manhours worked.
 - ii. Manhours travelled.
 - iii. KM travelled.
 - iv. Diesel consumed.
 - v. Overtime paid.
 - vi. Cost of repairs per point.
 - e. Cost comparison to possible replacement of the supply line.
9. It cannot be allowed, in this day and age, that communities in formal or informal settlements can be held hostage by the inability of a District Municipality to supply bulk clean water.
10. The over extension of Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality to failed local municipalities under their authority strains the NMMDM budget, equipment & personnel to the point of failure, avoiding this over extension will assist the District Municipality to focus on their core functions of bulk water & sanitation services.
11. Intervention into failed local municipalities remains a function of the Provincial Government and does not call for District Municipal assistance.

12. This and other challenges to water supply issues in the responsibility of NMMDM must urgently be investigated, defaulters to the processes must be formally disciplined.
13. Yours in service delivery.

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