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### **Ba-Phalaborwa Water and Sanitation Forum and local Councillors strengthen working relations**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation Community Forum and Councillors in Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality have committed to strengthen their working relationship to ensure that all the service delivery issues are sorted out.

This declaration was made during a meeting between the two parties which was held in the Ba-Phalaborwa recently to give an update on the progress of some projects and to identify problem areas with regard to water and sanitation services.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from Foskor mine and they also promised to use their social capacity to partner with the forum in order to address some of the water issues that will be reported by the councillors.

Water leakages topped the agenda during this meeting as it was identified as the main problem that is facing the local municipality and most councillors reported that their wards are affected by leakages. This challenge was identified as a contributing factor in water shortages in some communities as they affect the pressure pumps which in turn make it difficult for the water to reach all the areas intended in the first place.

The Ba-Phalaborwa Water and Sanitation Community Forum Chairperson Mmatapa Sophia Magomane called on councillors to make sure that all the leakages are reported to the municipality and follow-ups are being made during their council meetings as that impact their communities very badly.

“We should also make it our business to make sure that we partner with all the sectors to try and help out the municipality by fixing where we can, as the municipality cannot do it alone”, she said.

It was also agreed that the forum members will go around town and try and mobilise businesses to come on board so that all the leaking pipes are dealt with.



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The Secretary of the Forum, Matshidiso Primrose Khoza emphasised that the issue of leakages should be taken seriously by everyone as it has dire effects and put strain in water resources in the area

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