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POTHOLES AND GRASS CUTTING CONCERNS ADRESSED

Dear residents,

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality is aware of the high number of complaints about the backlog regarding horticultural maintenance and arboriculture maintenance. The festive season break, and the severe rainfall received in the last few weeks, has resulted in the backlog of maintenance in parks and walkways.

We are working hard to resolve the problem.

The Municipality will find the resources to take up the work on a priority basis. We apologise for the inconvenience caused to residents and we urge residents to be patient. Please bear with us. We are also aware of the urgent need to ramp up road repairs and storm water problems.

The reoccurring heavy rainfall has caused extensive damage to the Municipality's road infrastructure and there is no point in repairing these problems now just to be damaged again at a later stage. As soon as the weather conditions are favourable, the Municipality will launch a road rehabilitation campaign to fix potholes and pavements in the municipal area.

Potholes are not only a significant inconvenience but also a serious safety problem. We urge road users to drive cautiously. Members of the public are also urged to contact the Municipality in case they notice any related defects. Priority will be given to the most affected roads, but the entire municipal area will eventually be covered.

Please be aware that repairing potholes can take several hours and cause traffic delays.

Residents can report potholes to the Roads Department on the following numbers 013 249 7170/7344/7348/7349/7714 or email betty@stlm.gov.za and Parks Department for grass cutting on this number 013 249 7209/7344/7348/7349/7714 or email parkss@stlm.gov.za

Yours sincerely

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