

**COLLINS CHABANE  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**  
Since 2016



Keynote address by the Mayor of Collins Chabane Local Municipality during the Official Launch of Collins Chabane Municipal Name and Logo at The Rest Lodge at 10h00 on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.

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Acknowledgements:

- Programme Director, The Honourable Speaker of Collins Chabane Municipality, Cllr Lebea ME;
- The MEC for the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ndou J;
- Honourable Chief Whip of Council, Cllr Chauke MG;
- Section 79 Chairpersons;
- Fellow Councillors;
- The House of Traditional Leaders present here;
- Leadership of the African National Congress and other political parties represented here;
- Municipal Officials led by the Municipal Manager, Ms Ngobeni TC;
- The Chabane Family;
- Ward Committee Members;
- Representatives from sector departments and government agencies;
- Collins Chabane Chamber of Business;

- **Collins Chabane Pastor's Forum;**
- **The Elderly Citizens Forums**
- **The Disability Forum;**
- **Traditional Health Practitioners Forum;**
- **NGOs and NPOs;**
- **SANCO Members present here;**
- **Home Based Carers;**
- **Collins Chabane Tourism Forum;**
- **Collins Chabane Transport Forum;**
- **Organised Community Based Structures;**
- **Youth formations;**
- **Media Houses in our midst;**
- **Organisers and Entertainers;**
- **Invited guests;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good morning!**

Let me take this opportunity to greet all of you who took time from your busy schedules, to attend this important and historic occasion of the official launch of our municipal name and logo. This momentous event began with a successful Memorial Lecture of the 'Animal,' 'Oom' Collins Chabane yesterday, which was intended to enable us to know profusely, the person who inspired the name of our municipality.

**Program Director,**

This event is organised in a month which is venerated in the South African calendar, as the Mandela Month – a month of honouring Mandela's legacy and values through volunteering to community service. During the month of July, we are all encouraged to extend a helping hand to those members of the community who are poor and vulnerable.

Coincidentally, this event is planned during the year which was declared by the president as the Year of Unity in Action, and the Year of Renewal.

President Ramaphosa further declared this year as the Centenary year of the two stalwarts of South African politics, the troupers of African history and engineers of world renaissance – Dr Nelson Mandela and Manana Albertina Sisulu.

These gentle giants would have turned 100 years this year had they still been alive. All of us gathered here today owe the existence of this free and democratic state to sacrifices made by people like these centenarians. It is through their resoluteness and persistence that we are free today.

In honouring their legacy, we need to take a conscious decision to ensure that we improve the quality of lives of our people – both as government and corporate partners. There is also a need for us to demonstrate qualities of respect and honour among all of us, as these were the strongest attributes of these two giants.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

When we took office in August 2016 as the first administration of Collins Chabane Municipality – established in terms of Section 2 of the Municipal Structures Act – we delivered a statement which carried hope and aspiration of the residents of Collins Chabane as Council – guided by the Manifesto of the ruling party – the African National Congress as victors of the 2016 Local Government Elections.

We signed a social contract with our people as civil servants that we shall become a responsive and caring government. That we will ensure that there is a provision of quality services such as electricity, housing, roads, storm water clean water and decent sanitation.

During that time, we had no identity, we had no name and we only had a handful of staff members. We were generally referred with our

code name – Lim345, and we used the national cote of arm as our temporary logo.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August this year, we will be celebrating our second year since the municipality was established in 2016, and I am confident that we have a good story to tell. Among other things:

- We have filled all Senior Management posts, including the Municipal Manager's Position;
- We managed to obtain a Qualified Audit Opinion from the Auditor General as a new municipality during the 2016/2017 Financial Year;
- We are one of the few rural municipalities that are implementing the street grading program in all wards;
- We have also procured compactor trucks for refuse removal which extends to remote areas; and
- Today we are officially launching the name and logo of our two-year-old municipality.

The logo we are launching today was carefully designed and considered our values as the people of Collins Chabane. It is our brand which will serve as a way of presenting our municipality to the people. It makes us instantly recognizable. It creates trust and reliability of our people towards their government and build a positive public image.

Allow me now to unpack the meaning of all symbols in the logo (with colours):

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**Objects:**

- The sun;
- Lions;
- Rivers – Xingwedzi and Rivhubye / Luvuvhu;
- Timbila;
- Maize;
- Spears;
- Collins Chabane Image;

**Colours:**

- Green Colour;
- Red;

Why the name Collins Chabane Municipality?

The name was arrived to after thorough consultative sessions were organised and it was unopposed.

**I thank you!**