

## NEW TRADITIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE OPENS ITS DOORS.

new, State of the Art Traditional Council Office has opened its doors to the residents of Ga-Raphlahlelo, Greater Letaba Local Municipality on Friday, 30 August 2024. The modern Office boasts of a guard house, palisade fencing, pavement, ample parking, a borehole, and septic tank to better serve the community.

The Official Opening of the Raphahlelo Traditional Council Office bears testament to the Province's commitment to support Senior Traditional Leaders by providing them with adequate resources to execute their duties efficiently.

Speaking during the event, the MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu said, "This occasion not only marks the inauguration of a building but also reaffirms our commitment to the institution of Traditional Leadership as enshrined in our constitution. Let this ceremony not merely symbolizes the opening of a physical space but the

dawn of a renewed partnership between our democratic institutions and Traditional Leaders who shape the ethos of our communities. Together, let us continue to build a Province and a nation where tradition and progress work hand in hand, and where every citizen can look at the future with pride and hope".

The MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Mr Ernest Rachoene, encouraged members of the community to look after the office. Rachoene indicated that Traditional council offices play a special role in communities. According to Rachoene, they act as the front desks of service delivery which should be used not only by Traditional leaders but by other government departments and functionaries as well.

Kgoshigadi Raphahlelo thanked government for building the office and said it will act as a multi-purpose structure where members of the community will receive information and services.