

## **Maseke Community elated over the Inauguration of Kgoshigadi Malatji**

As rain clouds gathered, so did the Community Members of Maseke Village under the Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality to witness the Inauguration of their Kgoshigadi, Mapula Rossley Malatji on Saturday, 7 September 2019.

Addressing elated Community Members on the day, MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu outlined that the “Constitution of the Republic South Africa, 1996, Chapter 12 recognizes the Institution of Traditional Leadership and today we are here to witness and support the Institution of Traditional Leadership through this Inauguration,” he said.

MEC Makamu advised Hosi Malatji to take over from where her late brother, Kgoshi Gabriel Malatji left off and work hand in hand with her people in an effort to transform the community as he did.

He concluded by saying that: “As you assume the crown Acting Kgoshigadi, the country is in the grips of violence like we have never seen before. Violent scenes play themselves daily in the media. There is violence against women and children. There is violence against our people from other countries in Africa. For us to make a success in the New Dawn of the 6<sup>th</sup> Administration, we have to cleanse the mud of violence enveloping our country to pave the way to the revival of the our economy. This is where you come in Kgoshigadi, this is where Premier Mathabatha comes in, and this is where President Ramaphosa comes in. Leaders must lead,” he said.

Speaking on behalf of the Chairperson of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders, Kgoshi Malesela Dikgale, Hosi Phyllia N'wamitwa expressed how thankful she was that there was no dispute over who was to succeed the late Kgoshi Gabriel.

“This should be a lesson to all the Royal Houses that there should be no fighting over the Chieftaincy. As the House, we would like to thank the Maseke Royal House for handling this matter in such a glorified and civil manner,” Hosi N'wamitwa said.

In response to the flooding messages of support during the inaugural ceremony, Kgoshigadi Malatji said she was thankful that her family is in full support of her being the Traditional Leader.

“As a leader, I pledge to respect my community despite my position as a Traditional Leader and expect the same from them,” she concluded.