



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **POTCHEFSTROOM COUNCIL DELEGATION VISITS VÄXJÖ IN SWEDEN**

The Executive Mayor of Potchefstroom, Councillor Andrew Maphetle visited the City of Växjö in Sweden during August this year. Accompanied by the Council Whip Councillor Barei Segotso, Speaker Councillor Lucky Tsagae, DA Caucus Chairperson and Councillor, Alderman Chris Landsberg, Member of the Mayoral Committee for Social Services Councillor Meso Dassie, Member of the Mayoral Committee for Public Safety Councillor Gaba KaQhele, Councillor Thokozile Zwane, Councillor Neels Coetzer and some officials of the municipality – the Executive Mayor addressed the City Council of Växjö on various aspects of the relationship between the two cities.

The relations between the City Council of Potchefstroom and those of Växjö and Kronoberg County started two years ago when several aspects of stimulating and mutually contributing to sustainable regional development on economic, social and environmental matters, as well as strengthening democratic processes and public service and institutions, were identified.

The partners [Potchefstroom City Council, Växjö City Council and Kronoberg County Council] have agreed to exchange projects that will empower them on issues of democracy, capacity building, public administration, information and communication, social development, culture, trade and business. During this visit – the Potchefstroom delegation have met with representatives of the Kronoberg County Council (including the Chairperson Ms Eva Lonquist), the Vice Governor Mr Claes Sjoblom and senior politicians and officials of the Växjö City Council. This is an ongoing process and the Swedish delegation (City Councils of Växjö and Kronoberg) will be visiting Potchefstroom in October and November 2006.

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In his address to the City Council of Växjö, Executive Mayor Maphetle said, "The Potchefstroom City Council is keen on the Memorandum of Understanding that is envisaged between the Kronoberg County Council and the City of Växjö. We will be entering into this agreement in order to strengthen the ongoing partnership and contribute to a fruitful co-operation in both countries. We should initiate joint projects of mutual benefit and support co-operation between our municipalities, organizations and businesses from South Africa and Sweden".

**End.**

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**Executive Mayor Maphetle (sitting second from left) with the Potchefstroom delegation during their visit at the Swedish Emigrant Institute, Växjö.**

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