

# 'Keep up the good work" AfriForum praises Moqhaka

A civil rights organisation – notoriously known to oppose the government – has this week sang praises for Moqhaka local municipality following the revitalisation of the dysfunctional Viljoenskroon sewage treatment plant.

Alta Pretorius, AfriForum District Coordinator together with the Viljoenskroon chairman conducted an inspection of the sewage situation in Viljoenskroon last week where he later expressed his "pleasant surprise" on the improvement made.

He commended the municipality's efforts in the situation of Viljoenskroon residents with regard to the challenges they faced with sewage.

"I am very thankful to report that our chairman in Viljoenskroon and I went to do an inspection of the sewage situation in Viljoenskroon. It was a pleasant surprise to see that the situation has improved tremendously. We can really see that a lot of effort went into the situation and we want to thank you for it," said Pretorius.

He further said that they will visit the WWTW again when everything is implemented. "It was so good to see how excited the lady in charge of the Works is about the opportunity to do her job and that she really wants to make a difference. We hope she will soon have the staff to bring the WWTW into



tip-top condition," said Pretorius.

According to Municipal spokesperson Dika Kheswe, the municipality has embarked on the revitalization program of the plant following it breakdown of electricity and motor mechanic components because of foreign objects found in it.

"The municipality would like to plead with community members to desist from the habit of throwing foreign objects in the plant as it causes blockages and dysfunctionality of the plant. Over the past few weeks the spillage of sewage was posing a health hazard to both animals and residents living closer to the plant," said Kheswa. He said the municipality is going to embark on an awareness campaign aimed at educating community members and stopping throwing foreign objects in the plant.