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**Members of the media,**

BCMM Sport & Recreation club will be defending its title as the champions of municipal employees’ games under the Southern Africa Inter-municipal Sport Association in Middelburg, Mpumalanga from 24 – 29 September 2017.

 Last year, Team BCMM won gold medals in 7 codes out of 12, thus making us the overall champions for 7 consecutive years. Team BCMM will be participating in the following codes: athletics, aerobics, cricket (new code), darts, fishing, golf, netball, pool, soccer, table tennis, tennis & volleyball. Last year 48 municipalities participated from the following countries, South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Swaziland and Namibia.

The purpose of the games is to promote wellness and friendship between municipal employees. The interaction across racial and cultural lines increases awareness and appreciation of our diversity and how to live in harmony as human beings.  They also create a platform for officials to share best practices about their work to improve service delivery.

A day before the departure date, the team will hold a parade and a send-off prayer. See attached program for details.

For more information, please contact: Thandy Matebese – Chairperson Sport & Recreation Club.

Regards