

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

May 13, 2024

There is a buzz of busyness at City Hall and throughout the community. Great things are happening and there is more to come!

Kyla, Hunter and I attended the ITD open house in Council last month to hear about the projects that will be taking place in our area. It was a very informative meeting and there is now a map in the back room at City Hall that shows the projects ITD has planned in our area. We will be having a considerable amount of construction on both Hwy 55 and Hwy 95 this summer. We will be keeping in touch with ITD and local residents on the impact of these projects.

The Children's Sack Lunch program will begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a collaborative effort between the City of New Meadows, Meadows Valley Community Foundation, Meadows Valley Public Library and Meadows Valley Food Bank. We expect to distribute even more meals this year and we have received a donated refrigerator which will create more storage space for the program.

The Childcare Facility Advisory Committee is up and running. We will be meeting the first and third Monday from 1 pm to 2 pm for facility planning and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month for policy planning. We hope to have a plan for City Council approval ready soon so it can go through design review and be put out for bid.

Kyla, Kirk, John Stone and I met with representatives from DEQ, USDA, Merrick and IRWA last week to do the final inspection of the water project. It is an impressive project that all parties felt has been extremely successful and of great benefit to our community. We will be planning a couple more community tours of the booster station facility this summer.

Due to many different factors including unknown timelines, S Heigho will be resurfaced this year with gravel. After more research, the use of the reclaimed asphalt is not the best option for the City streets at this time. We are still working on obtaining the material to do that project in the future but it will require much more planning than we have time for right now.

The City achieved the highest rating on priority for Wastewater Facility Plan Funding with DEQ which means we have another needed project on the horizon. We will continue to work to upgrade our infrastructure to keep us in line with the increased development of the area.

*"If we fail to adapt, we fail to move forward." John Wooden*