

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

February 10, 2025

The City Public Works staff have been extra busy with snow removal and keeping up with frozen drains. I have received multiple calls commending their hard work and perseverance.

I have received numerous complaints about the areas along Main Street where business owners are pushing snow from the sidewalk into the gutter, blocking the water from draining and creating huge ice water puddles that potential customers to their business are having to navigate. Sadly, most of those complaining do not recognize that the City removes the snow from along the gutters in the middle of the night while traffic is light. It is not possible for the City to clear out the snow that is shoveled into the gutter during the day due to the traffic. City ordinance prohibits placing snow into the public streets because of the hazards it creates.

I have asked Sonya Brodhecker, who has accepted the position of Deputy Clerk, to come to the meeting to be introduced to the City Council and public in attendance. Her start date is February 13, but she has been in contact with me and is looking forward to her new position.

The Parks and Rec Committee is still looking for committee members. Any interested individuals should contact City Hall. There are currently only 3 members of the public on the Parks and Rec Committee. They had a great meeting this month, though and put together their calendar for the spring events that are coming up.

I will be meeting with Shannon McKnight this week to discuss creating a New Meadows Community Youth Advisory Board. I would like to see this implemented upon completion of the New Meadows Youth Center. It has always been my hope that we could find a way to get the youth of our community more involved and hopefully generate more interest in the City and it's activities.

The Mehen Memorial Skate Park project is moving forward and we have always planned on giving local contractors and suppliers the opportunity to donate and be involved in this important project. The Skate Park Committee has a list of some of the items that are needed for this project and any labor and equipment time that can be donated will be greatly appreciated.

"One kind word can warm three winter months." Japanese proverb