

Item #1: Roll Call

A Workshop meeting of the Caribou City Council was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the Caribou Wellness Center with the following council members present: Mayor R. Mark Goughan, Joan L. Theriault, Hugh A. Kirkpatrick and Douglas C. Morrell. Nicole L Cote and Deputy Mayor Thomas Ayer were absent and excused. Jody R. Smith was absent.

Dennis L Marker, City Manager was present.

Department Managers and Staff present: Christina Kane- Gibson (Events and Marketing), Scott Susi (Fire Chief), Gary Marquis (Parks and Recreation Director), Danielle Brissette, City Clerk.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was limited to 50 persons. The meeting was broadcast live via the City's Facebook Page.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #2: City Manager's Report on 2019 EMS Related Expenses

Manager Marker Reviewed the report titled: "Caribou Fire/EMS Services to Outside Community" A Study of 2019 final budget numbers & projected 2020 numbers.

See Exhibit A.

Item #3: Public Comment

John Rasmussen- Perham: What are you trying to tell the communities?

Mayor R. Mark Goughan: This is to keep everyone involved and informed through the process from the beginning to the end, and to inform Caribou Citizens about the cost to them as taxpayers.

George "Bud" Finch- Limestone: What would it cost Caribou for only them without the outside communities versus the current process?

Manager Dennis Marker: We will perform an exercise to get the approximate numbers.

Will Barnum- Woodland: If 2020 was a standard year, would the communities have overpaid and where would that money go at the end of the budget year?

Mayor R. Mark Goughan: Council wanted to charge the outside communities the same as Caribou. Rates would be adjusted yearly to help and make it so that the rates would stay comparable for all communities.

Will Barnum- Woodland: Who owns the building? General maintenance cost should not go on to customers. People in outside communities don't have the same service, it does not get the ambulance there as fast. A per call assessment should be done rather than a per capita.

Dave Heald- Perham: Perham citizens would have a 2 mil increase to cover the services. Their services have been discontinued because they did not pay the bill and they now receive services from Presque Isle.

Councilor Doug Morrell: He is here to support the Caribou taxpayer, we covered/subsidized the cost with the Caribou citizens tax dollars when rates were at \$11.50 per person.

Sven Bondeson: How much is the cost per person without the outside communities?

Will Barnum- Woodland: Outside communities are glad to be able to attend and be involved in the process. He stated that with his quick basic math it looks like the city of Caribou netted roughly \$40,000 from the town of Woodland last year.

John Rasmussen- Perham: Businesses are not based on per capita income.

Mayor R. Mark Goughan: There is lots that go into having a department, training and many other items that go into having the service that the men provide. He commended the department for their work and noted that there is more costs to having the service than just runs.

John Hedman- Perham: The town of Perham has done a study with seven or eight other communities and the range in the county was from \$11.50 to \$16.50 per person. If you buy a product at \$4.00 then go back in two to three years that same product may be \$4.19, at 5 years maybe \$5.00 then it jumps to \$45.00 and you would stop and think, maybe someone priced this wrong. Smaller increases over a period would have been better.

Councilor Joan Theriault: She stated that she likes to look at this from a different perspective. This is like an insurance policy that you may never use, but you have the insurance.

Sven Bondeson: When we got the original information, we just assumed that it was nonnegotiable and that was six months ago. For Dennis-for the next meeting can we have the number of just caribou without the outside towns.

John Rasmussen- Perham: You've created a monopoly over the life and death over the surrounding communities and monopolies are illegal. This should be treated as a service and not a business.

Item #4: Next Meeting(s): September 21

Item #5: Motion made by D. Morrell, seconded by H. Kirkpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. (4 Yes) So Voted.

Danielle Brissette, Secretary

Reconsideration of service fee rates for the
**Caribou Fire/EMS Services to
Outside Community**

A study of 2019 final budget numbers & projected 2020 numbers

Prepared by Dennis Marker, City Manager
July 31, 2020

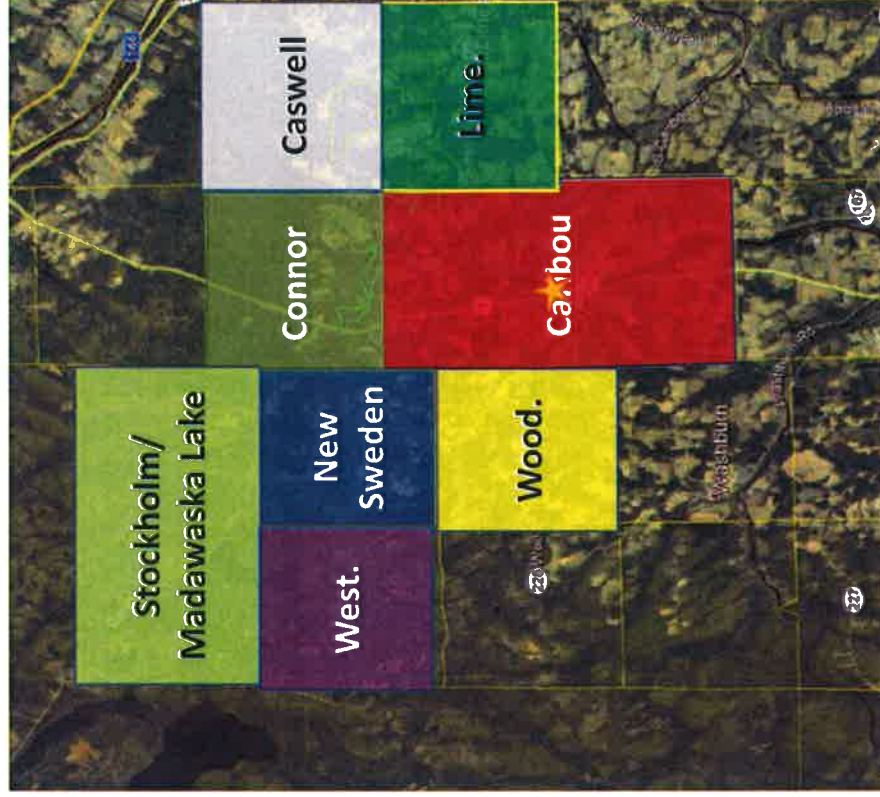
The Communities Covered - 2019

2019 COMMUNITIES	2019 Census Pop. Est.	% of Service Area
Caribou city	7,593	69.1%
Connor UT	424	3.9%
New Sweden town	569	5.2%
Perham town	365	3.3%
Stockholm town	232	2.1%
Westmanland town	57	0.5%
Woodland town	1,143	10.4%
Caswell town		
Limestone town		
Wade town (1/2)	132	1.2%
Washburn town (1/2)	771	7.0%
Madawaska Lake (Calculated)	150	1.4%
TOTAL	11436	100%



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Perham town		
Stockholm town	232	1.8%
Westmanland town	57	0.5%
Woodland town	1,143	9.1%
Caswell town	282	2.2%
Limestone town	2,173	17.2%
Wade town (1/2)		
Washburn town (1/2)		
Madawaska Lake (Calculated)	150	1.2%
TOTAL	12,623	100%



Contract Fees

Year	2019	2020
Fire	Varied	\$50 / Person
Ambulance	\$11.50 / person	\$100 / Person
Combined	Varied	\$125 / Person

Note: Contract amounts reference the latest available census estimates for billing purposes. The 2020 fees referred to the 2017 census estimates. The following values are based on 2019 Estimates

Contract Renewal Process

The 2020 agreements have an automatic renewal provision for subsequent 1-year terms and a 90-day provision for changes or cancellations. Any party wishing to alter the contract for 2021 must provide notice by September 30, 2020. Contract rates are tied to most recently published Census data.

	2020 Contracts (Used 2017 Estimates)	2021 Optioned (Using 2019 Estimates)
Fire Contracted Population	2158	2136
Fire Contract \$	\$50,975	\$50,455
EMS Contracted Pop.	4932	4871
EMS Contract \$	\$477,700	\$471,791
Total \$	\$528,675	\$522,247

2019 Financials – Year End

	Fire		EMS		Total
Total Fire/EMS Expense for 2020	\$ 521,708	21%	\$ 1,960,303	79%	\$ 2,482,011
Operations	\$ 384,407	17%	\$ 1,876,809	83%	\$ 2,261,216
Capital	\$ 16,050	20%	\$ 62,250	80%	\$ 78,300
Debt	\$ 121,251	85%	\$ 21,243	15%	\$ 142,495
Fire/EMS Revenue for 2020 Pre-Town Fees	\$ 5,128	0%	\$ 1,302,904	100%	\$ 1,308,032
Insurance	\$ -	0%	\$ 1,218,503	100%	\$ 1,218,503
Other	\$ 5,128	6%	\$ 84,401	94%	\$ 89,529
Net Cost of Service pre-town fees	\$ (516,580)	44%	\$ (657,399)	56%	\$ (1,173,978)
Regional Population Served (2019 Estimates)	9,729	85%	11,436	100%	11,436
Regional Cost per Person	\$ 53.10		\$ 57.49		\$ 102.66
Town Fees Collected based on 2017 populations	\$ 128,838	73%	\$ 46,684	27%	\$ 175,522
Fee per Non-Caribou Resident (2019 estimates)	\$ 60.32		\$ 12.15		\$ 15.35
Total Fire/EMS Revenue for 2020 with Town Fees	\$ 133,966	9%	\$ 1,349,588	91%	\$ 1,483,554
Net Cost of Service post-town fees (i.e. Caribou Resident Cost)	\$ 387,742	39%	\$ 610,715	61%	\$ 998,456
Cost to Caribou Residents per person (2019 Estimates)	\$ (51.07)		\$ (80.43)		\$ (131.50)
Caribou Portion of net Cost	-75.06%		-92.90%		-85.05%
Caribou Portion of 2019 Calls	88.02%		86.34%		86.45%
Caribou Runs/Total 2019 Runs	147/167		2130/2467		2277/2634

2019 Financials – Audited

	2019			2020 Bdgt		COVID 2020	
	Total*	Fire	EMS	Total		Total	
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Capital‡	\$ 2,394,603	\$ 373,899	\$ 1,825,504	\$ 2,575,246		\$ 2,516,246	
Debt**	\$ 142,495	\$ 121,251	\$ 21,243	\$ 143,361		\$ 143,361	
Total	\$ 2,537,098	\$ 615,350	\$ 1,921,748	\$ 2,718,607		\$ 2,659,607	
Total Income with contracted communities	\$ 1,619,085	\$ 133,966	\$ 1,485,119	\$ 1,956,318		\$ 1,626,607	
Net Cost to Caribou Residents	\$ (918,013)	\$ (481,384)	\$ (436,629)	\$ (762,289)		\$ (1,033,000)	
Caribou Population ***	7,593			7,593		7,593	
Cost/Caribou Resident	\$ (121)	\$ (63)	\$ (58)	\$ (100)		\$ (136)	

Note: Without the Limestone contract, the 2020 Caribou Budget cost would have been \$127.13 or slightly more than the \$125 paid by other towns.