

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council Meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021, in the Council Chambers with the following members present; Councilors Boma, Goughan, Morrell, Theriault, Willey and Deputy Mayor Ayer. Mayor Smith was absent and excused.

Penny Thompson, Interim City Manager was present at the meeting.

Department managers Kenneth G Murchison (Zoning Administrator), Gary Marquis (Supt. Of Parks and Recreation), Christina Kane-Gibson (Events & Marketing Director), and Peter Baldwin (Librarian). Carl Grant (Tax Collector) was present via Zoom.

Hannah Catlin of the Aroostook Republican covered the meeting, and it was broadcasted via Spectrum and YouTube.

Council Agenda Item #2: Invocation / Inspirational Thought

Deputy Mayor Ayer read an invocation.

Council Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Ayer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Agenda Item #4: Public Forum

Sandra Haines the Chairperson of Recovery Aroostook:

It's Grass Roots Recovery Community Organization that was formed 11 years ago. It was formed to help support recovery after a wave of substance use related overdoses rocketed our city. Their mission is to support recovery through fundraisers, education, awareness, and community engagement. She stated that they partner with the Center for Advancement of Rural Livings Multiyear building communities of recovery grant. Their goals are to promote long-term recovery success and reduce the stigma surrounding the recovery community and those with substance abuse disorder.

Dawn Guzman – 544 Van Buren Road:

She stated that she was served with a paper to vacate because the town now owns the trailer. She stated that her ex-boyfriend had previously owned the trailer. She explained that she has made many improvements since taking the trailer over and she had assumed that he had filled out the paper for the taxes and that he hadn't. She would like to be able to buy the trailer back and clean up the violations. She is asking if she can stay there until at least the 7th so that when she gets her check on the first, then she can find a place.

Deputy Mayor Ayer explained that she should contact the Interim City Manager to discuss the situation.

Council Agenda Item #5: Minutes

a. Amend July 26, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion made by Councilor Boma, seconded by Councilor Willey to accept the amendments to the July 26, 2021 meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

b. City Council Regular Meeting August 9, 2021

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the minutes from August 9, 2021, adding the word taxes to the motion in 10D to abate the *taxes* at 30 North Street.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

Council Agenda Item #6: Bid Openings, Awards, and Appointments

a. National Recovery Monthly 2021 Proclamation

Councilor Boma read the National Recovery Month 2021 Proclamation

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the National Recovery Month 2021 Proclamation.

Council Agenda Item #7: Public Hearings and Possible Action Items

a. Ordinance No. 15, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment – Public Library Committee vacancies

Public Hearing Open: 6:19p.m.

There were no comments from the public

Close Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Council Agenda Item #8: Reports by Staff and Committees

a. Presentation from Artifex on proposed Police Station facility

Ellen Angel an engineer from Artifex was present and Gary Campbell was present via Zoom.

Ms. Angel presented information regarding our current police department and the history. The police department has been in the basement since 1952. Ames Associates started in 2017 looking at options for the department. In 2021 different sites were looked at in the community to try to see what would meet the needs for the community and facility. Sites that were looked at were the Birdseye site, Washburn Street and Water Street. Some of the objectives that they have are longevity, operational efficiency, durable yet flexible, safe yet inviting.

The new facilities would need to handle interview rooms, prisoner handling, child molestation cases, drug processing, an armory and safe evidence handling & storage.

Mr. Campbell explained that they look at five categories, Command Space, Operations, Patrol where they can drive in to lessen the chances of the person potentially running away, Evidence/Lab for processing, storage, decontamination and, Common spaces which would have the locker rooms, showers, fitness areas and storage areas.

Ms. Angel explained that they have produced a floor plan and stated that the suggested site would be the Birdseye site. This site provides space for in and out traffic, area to park, access to utilities and there is no loss in tax because it is already City owned.

The area would provide a fifty-foot standoff from the public drive and the building for security. The site has excess area that could also be developed in the future for additional items. The estimated total construction is \$9,500,840.

Councilor Theriault asked if we are going to try to get this to the November ballot. She stated that she would like to put it to ballot as not to exceed \$10,000,000.

Deputy Mayor Ayer stated that he believes that the best spot would be where the trailer park was on Main Street.

Ms. Angel explained that costs are rising and that the longer that you wait the more the project could cost.

Deputy Mayor Ayer explained that we shouldn't put a dollar amount on it, just leave it at councils' discretion to be determined.

Councilor Boma explained that "not to exceed" means that you do not have to use it all.

Councilor Morrell stated that he has seen this before and all the funds that have been approved in the past all the money has been used and or exceeded in the past.

Deputy Mayor Ayer stated that what he wants to see is that you do it once and do it right.

Ms. Angel explained that cuts can happen, but you cannot cut into the bone. She is suggesting that you get something on the table.

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Boma to put it on November's referendum – Shall the City of Caribou build a police station not to exceed nine million dollars at a site to be determined at a later date.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – No, Morrell – No, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - No, (Motion failed)

Councilor Morrell stated that he doesn't believe that they should be trying to pick a number at this time.

Deputy Mayor Ayer stated that he would like to see it go to referendum, but he does not want to put a number to it.

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Boma – Shall the City of Caribou build a police station not to exceed eight million dollars at a site to be determined.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – No, Morrell – No, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - No, (Motion failed)

b. Financial Report for July 2021

Carl Grant, Treasurer reviewed the July 2021 Financial Report.

Motion made by Councilor Morrell, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the July 2021 Financial Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - No, (So voted)

c. CS Management / BRSA request re: Mecon Street

Kenneth Murchison explained that they have been approached by Jim Rouix from BRSA Engineering on behalf of CS Management for the project on 60 Mecon Street. What they would like or have requested is that we convey the lands of Mecon Street. This is a strange road in that it goes up into their driveway and

leaves out of the corner of the driveway back to their lot. He stated that it is so odd in fact that we can not prove that it is a city way or a public way at all.

Interim Manager Thompson explained that the original plan of the City that we are showing it as just a 40 foot right of way for utilities. She believes that it would not need to be discontinued because it is not a street.

Councilor Morrell stated that we should table the discussion until we can get it figured out and know what we are talking about.

Interested parties were not in attendance at the meeting, discussion will be scheduled for a later date.

d. Manager's Report

Interim Manager Thompson reviewed the City Manager's Report dated August 20, 2021.

Interim Manager Thompson explained that she is going to be away for a conference and needs to appoint an acting City Manager in her absence and would like to appoint Chief Michael Gahagan.

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Willey to appoint Chief Michael Gahagan as the acting manager in the absence of the Interim Manager Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

e. RFQ for Caribou Municipal Airport General Consultant / Airport Engineer

The RFQ for Caribou Municipal Airport General Consultant / Airport Engineer will be discussed at the meeting on September 7, 2021.

Council Agenda Item #9: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Introduction of Ordinance No. 16, 2021 Series, Chapter 20 Riverfront Development Committee

Councilor Morrell asked, in appointing this development committee in no way ties the city's hands to spending money.

Kenneth Murchison explained that there is no money attached to this, basically decisions would come back to council and would ask for council guidance.

Councilor Theriault introduced Ordinance No. 16, 2021 Series, Chapter 20 Riverfront Development Committee.

b. Discussion / Possible Introduction of Ordinance No. 17, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment, Amending the Capital Improvement Referendum Process

Councilor Morrell stated that through the years 1,000-1,500 people have been able to steer the City's direction on large spends and whatever side of the aisle you are on for spending or not spending, it is the council's job on this.

Interim Manager Thompson explained that we have been looking at the numbers of registered voters to voter turnout.

Danielle Brissette, City Clerk explained that there are currently 5,683 voters registered in the City of Caribou and the process of a voter being inactive and how long it takes for them to come off the list. She explained that a typical November election has closer to 1,100 voters.

Councilor Theriault explained that 65% is not fitting, we would never get the numbers and it is not realistic.

Councilor Boma stated that she feels as if people do not want to vote for something they can come vote against it.

Councilor Theriault explained that she has worked at the polls before and with these figures at least 3,500 would have to come in and vote, and maybe 200-300 on the June ballot. The only time you reach those numbers is when there is a large presidential election that is controversial and if we go with this, we will never get anything purchased for the city, such as a fire truck.

Councilor Morrell stated that as elected officials they would need to go to the people door to door and explain what the plans are.

Interim Manager Thompson summed up the conversation that 65% of the registered voters would need to come out and vote and simple majority would pass the referendum on that day.

Councilor Morrell introduced Ordinance No. 17, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment, Amending the Capital Improvement Referendum Process

Council Agenda Item #10: Old Business

a. Ordinance No. 13, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment, Filling Council Vacancies (June 2022)

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to approve Ordinance No. 13, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment, Filling Council Vacancies, and place on the June 2022 ballot.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

b. Ordinance No. 14, 2021, Series, Charter Amendment, Employee Political Activities (November 2021)

Motion made by Councilor Morrell, seconded by Councilor Willey to approve Ordinance No. 14, 2021, Series, Charter Amendment, Employee Political Activities, and place on the November 2021 ballot.

Ordinance No. 14, 2021, Series, Charter Amendment, Employee Political Activities

c. Ordinance No. 15, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment, Public Library Committee vacancies (June 2022)

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to approve Ordinance No. 15, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment, Public Library Committee vacancies and place on the June 2022 ballot.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

d. Tax-acquired property #23 from bid list (tabled from last meeting)

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Willey to sell the property #23 – 16 Sincock Street to Maine Equity Builders, LLC (Christopher Poirier) for the bid amount of \$4,800.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – No, Morrell – No, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - No, (No quorum)

Council advised that the property should go back out to bid.

e. Discussion of Nylander Museum

Interim Manager Thompson explained that on Thursday the sprinkler system compressor was installed in the morning. When the Nylander board went for the meeting at 6:00 p.m. they heard water and there was water coming from the ceiling of the North Gallery. The sprinkler system had been tripped between 2:30 and 6:00 p.m. At that time the board contacted the fire department and city officials who contacted the sprinkler repair company.

Power has been restored to the building, along with water and dehumidifiers are on the way as well.

Council stated that at this time there should be limited access to the building to Dave Ouellette until the adjusters come in to assess the damage.

Gail Hagelstein came to speak regarding the Nylander. She stated that she would like to thank many entities and people. They would like to thank the fire department, police department, city manager for being cool, calm, and professional, Councilor Theriault. She explained that she did go in on Saturday and took pictures. She explained that when the items from the North gallery are moved it would make it almost impossible for visitors and traffic patterns.

The following letter was provided and read at the meeting by Gail Hagelstein:

“We could go through each and every item on Andrew Ketch’s long letter, but we choose to share the facts and evidence of only a few as his letter is rather long and it is getting late. There is no drama, no emotions, no personalities. Just the facts ma’am.

Also please remember, these are the facts as we know them. It is not our responsibility to constantly ask questions of a group that, in our opinion, should be freely disseminating and sharing information about itself. We only know what we been told.

We thank our interim City Manager, and the City Clerk and her staff for doing the research that proves Mr. Olof Nylander sold his collection to the City of Caribou and the City of Caribou bought his collection and earned a salary each week from the city, as well as a stipend for teaching. The collection was NOT a donation from the Nylander family to the city of Caribou. It belongs to the city. Period. It was purchased by the city. Period. It was also the city that helped build the structure that houses for the bought and paid for collection. Period.

“Said Olof Nylander agrees to sell and deliver his scientific collection of geological and botanical specimens to said town of Caribou.”

This document also continues that Mr. Nylander would act as curator of the museum for \$25.00 a year as long as he lived, along with an additional sum of \$1,300 for services as instructor in schools, according to the contract made for the purchase of the Nylander collection.

Another section explains the cooperation between the City of Caribou and the Maine Development Commission in construction of a building to house the Nylander Collection with the Works Progress Administration to furnish labor and materials. Local, state, and federal governmental agencies working together.

The Nylander Collection was NOT donated by the family. It was bought and paid for by the City of Caribou from Mr. Olof Nylander directly. All this information, as well as copies of the documents was sent to council members on July 22, 2021.

The first time the first graders Andrew mentioned in his letter came to the museum for mini- lessons, happened four years ago. Yes, he was there the entire day helping with the small groups as they rotated through the three of us as we interacted with these students and shared ocean life information. We all enjoyed the day and looked forward to the next year’s adventure.

The following year, he was able to only be there half the day and the board was able to find someone to fill in the other half day. We understood, life happens.

The following year, the third year, the first graders were unable to visit and attend our mini-classes. Why you might ask why...it was last year, 2020. In a worldwide pandemic, the world shut down; schools and libraries were closed, rec centers, museums, theaters, restaurants, some types of businesses and stores were closed.

We thought it was common knowledge that all these were closed and the first graders would not be visiting us last year. We all hunkered own, sheltered in place, worked from home, taught from home, learned from home. In such an unprecedented history making situation, I'm sure we can be forgiven for overlooking this small detail of contacting him. One the other hand: There is also the fact that Andy, a number of times in his letter, made the comment that we needed to contact them. Well, wouldn't that communication goes both ways? Why didn't he contact us? Just a question...

This year, 2021, although most schools were open, then at times closed, then reopened, that vicious cycle of COVID, it was determined by school administrators and school boards that there would be no field trips or even visitors in school buildings. Also by state COVID mandates, the Nylander could not have that many in the museum anyway. Again common knowledge that capacity in buildings of all types was limited.

Next year, we hope, fingers crossed, all the first graders can attend our mini-classes. Andrew is more than welcome, as usual, and we will contact him to keep him informed as this, hopefully, becomes a reality. It was nothing personal, there were a lot of changes going on in our worlds.

When the museum board started scheduling speakers, also about four years ago, Andrew knew we were scheduling them. He offered suggestions. He even hosted a popular speaker, one we have had return.

As for being a speaker for the museum, we didn't know he was interested. Throughout the discussions and brainstorming, he never offered, nor did he mention his interest. We understood, he's a busy man with a young family, farming, not being able to find farm workers, even then, his house inspection business took him all over the state. Now that the board knows of his interest, we have put him on a growing list of speakers and hope to have him share his memories of Mr. Nylander. Perhaps even his cousin Nelson will join him.

There was no secret meeting between the lawyer and museum board members. We are believers in everyone hear the same thing at the same time, hear the same questions and the corresponding answers. That way nothing is lost in translation nor forgotten. After denying us access to the city attorney for advice, we were told by the former city manager to pay for a lawyer ourselves, out of our pockets, or find one that would work pro bono. Richard Engels was asked and stepped up to the plate to help both organizations find a way to work together.

The following email shows Andrew Ketch was included in not only the knowledge of the meeting, but also the time and day. This was written by the then president of the museum board, Nelson Ketch, his cousin, sent on August 21, 2018, a week before the meeting.

Friends of the Nylander

There is a meeting set for Monday the 27th of August at Bemis and Rossignol's office at 454 Main St. in Presque Isle for the Nylander 501c3 officers/directors and any other Friends of the Nylander or Nylander Trustees so that we can work out our massive differences of opinions on how this should work.

The officers we have listed are:

- Andrew Ketch Pres.
- Debbie Tardy Treas.
- Debbie Nichols
- Kimber Noyes
- Gail Hagelstein

The other city 501c3's such as the Cary Foundation, the Caribou library and the Rec center were the model we used when setting up the Nylander 501c3, we have been informed by the Friends of the Nylander that we can't even see how much we have in the account, or who donated so that we can put up the donation board in the museum that thanks the many businesses and individuals that donated, like the one at the library or in the main hallway at Cary. We have a commitment to the prime donor to purchase the items they wanted part of the money to be used for. We also have some memorial money and money from the Aroostook Savings & Loan that is to be spent on display cases.

The board of trustees needs to know what is available for planning purposes as we have commitments and need to know how many extra display cases we can afford with out bleeding the donated funds down too far. 2 years ago, we had bids for around \$1700 -

\$2100 per case. We will have to get new bids and we are looking at 4-6 new display cases that match our old ones. We are also looking into getting safety glass and LED lighting installed on our old display cases. The glass alone is around \$1000. This is just info on what we are thinking about not what we have decided yet.

We did not submit a bid for a TV/projector to the friends a couple of months ago as that was a proposal for using a TV instead of a projector and was wanting to know what you guys thought about it, since then we have decided a 65" TV will work better.

We discussed at our last meeting your proposal to hang the animals from the walls and love the proposal, we would like you to hold off until we have a final plan on where the new and old displays cases will be placed so that the animals can be hung in the best viewing area for our young visitors.

As requested by the Friends of the Nylander we need to sit down and work out all the protocols for interacting and working with each other, due to it being Labor Day on Sept. 1st we won't have many trustees around, also won't be available on the 20th of September as won't have a quorum. We suggest meeting possibly on a Monday evening at your groups choosing and as soon as we can, next month.

Thank Brandy Makepeace-Cote for the great work on Sweden St. and the parade as we have had many new visitors to the museum because of her and other Friends efforts.

Nelson Ketch

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Nelson

This email is from me, dated August 29, 2018:

Read the email Monday's meeting, dated August 29, 2018.

Other 501s do exactly that. Whether it is libraries, museums, hospitals, theaters, schools, they advertise their financials and donors for several reasons. Interestingly, by asking two neutral questions, Nylander board members have been able to ascertain how other 501c3s are handled.

The two questions:

How do other entities with 501s handle the knowledge and information of their financials?

And

How do these groups handle their list of donors?

Every one of them explained the transparency of both pieces of information. It SHOULD be public knowledge. They all shared that by being transparent, it helped both groups.

Communication between the two groups was vital for both organizations. There needed to be open discussions of the financials to set up budgets for the following year and/or projects. That anyone interested in their numbers could find them in print and/or online. Open and transparent, something every group was proud and happy to be.

As for donor names? Even in our city there are plaques, boards and signs sharing that type of information, and with other 501s the information is included in the print and online documents.

This information was the same all across the state and the country. And facts are facts.

Do we have different expectations regarding the information regarding the financials and donor names from the f-f? Yes, but we have done the research to realize this is an anomaly. We are not asking for this information to control, we are asking for the information for knowledge. We helped raise these funds and people ask about them.

We are told every penny is accounted for, that all we need to do is request funds.

We have done that, repeatedly, and have not received anything for more than two years.

There is a disconnect between the two groups, we have different expectations. You have heard Andrew's version and you are now hearing some emails and evidence from us tonight. Notice we are not pointing fingers, we are stating facts.

As for the scholarships, the information we have came from Debbie Tardy, Andrew's mother and the treasurer of the Friends-Foundation two years ago. We had no reason not to believe her. We know only what we have been told.

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Dated June 29, 2019 from her FB post: "We are also in the process of creating a scholarship program to offer to students that are majoring in the same fields of Olof O Nylander studied. We have grown considerably and are honored to be able to provide scholarships to students. It is very rewarding to see students walk in the footsteps of Olof O. Nylander." Please notice the verb tense.

Earlier this year, comes this from Andrew:

"The formation was a goal for the future growth of the Foundation when I was President as we started. We were excited in growing the Foundation. It never happened, was never created, was never an option to apply for and not a dollar was spent towards it though. Get your facts straight."

And yes, we did make calls to local high schools and the college and university about this scholarship. No one has had heard of this scholarship. We can't get information from the f-f, we've tried. As Andrew keeps reminding us, we can only ask for funding. If they changed this scholarship goal, why didn't they share this with donors, with those outside of the f-f group?

It is mentioned several times in the letter, that all we need to do is request funding.

Again from Debbie Tardy's FB post from two years again.

Two years ago, on May 5, 2019 Gail sent an email to the new president of the f-f, Thomas Ayer, the FotN, and the Nylander Museum board members:

Hi there,

We realize with a change of leadership, there may be a chance of emails being overlooked.

Here is the list of funding requests the Board of Trustees has made:

Feb 22	Storage totes	100.00
March 29	Additional funding for Dino Days	142.83
April 3	TripleR funding	100.00*
	Rock painting	100.00
April 18	Chewonki Bug Mobile	584.00
April 22	Seed disks	50.00
April 26	Artwork Supplies	50.00*
April 28	2 display cases	Aprx 2100.00 each
	2 drawer display cases	? each

- Haven't used this amount, still collecting receipts. We will return any extra with the original copies of receipts.

The reply from Thomas Ayer, dated May 9, 2019

Dear trustees,

I would like to meet with you at your next scheduled meeting to discuss your request for funds and any other issues there may be with the friends of the Nylander. Please let me know when your next meeting so I can mark my calendar. Thank you

Thomas Ayer
Caribou City Councilor

Reply from Travis, also dated May 9

We are scheduled to meet at 6pm on the 16th, next Thursday. This will be at the museum.

Travis

On the 16th, Tom Ayer walked in, with copies of these funding requests, shaking his hand in the air, asking if we were trying to “nickel and dime” them, meaning the friends. He then went on to explain that the F-F wanted to replace the lights and the heating units.

Needless to say, we were quite surprised as Andrew’s interview in the Aroostook Republican stated the “money raised will cover everything except operational costs and maintenance costs, as those are funded by the city.” March 31, 2018 We were also in the midst of writing a grant for those replacements.

After a discussion of alternative plans for display cases as Carol shared her perspective of the display boxes on the tables. We also made the decision to not put the mounted/stuffed animals on the wall. Councilor / President of the FotN Ayer left explaining he would bring the funding requests to the f-f board and let us know. There has been no word regarding these requests.

The most recent funding request was submitted on July 15, 2021 to the P.O.Box listed on the IRS site and an email was sent to Councilor Ayer. There has been no response nor acknowledgement.

Councilor Ayer has contacted me regarding the new display cases. Unfortunately, we can not move forward on this project. One piece of important information has not been shared and that is the project’s budget. If we don’t know how much funding is available, we can’t plan the project. We need a number please.

As for the lack of keys, two years ago in one of our quarterly meetings with the former cm, he asked how many museum keys were floating around the area. This is the reaction he received to his question. It was a good question.

The two co-presidents had no idea, we knew the current board members and the FotN had them, but had heard there were a number of them floating around the community. At that point, the cm authorized the expense to rekey the locks with specific instructions that only board members could have keys and they needed to be accounted for. This is something Travis has done diligently.

Why not the FotN? As we are told often by Andrew and the former cm, they are a separate entity, not connected to the city in anyway. This was not our decision, and we believe it would set a dangerous precedent to give keys to private citizens for access to city buildings and facilities.

Nor was it our decision to stop having private family gatherings in municipal buildings, nor having farm stands set up in the parking lot of a municipal building. The Caribou city council made these decisions, not us.

Oh by the way, as for the gold nugget; if the family knew it had been stolen years ago, why didn’t they inform the police? Was a police report filed? When was it stolen? Why has this information just now been revealed?

And yes, councilor Merrill, we have researched it. Three long term board members have no memories of this nugget back to the 1990s, long before any of us current members were on the board. We have also taken steps to ensure that anyone getting into any display case **while the museum** is open would cause notice and noise.

The Nylander board knew this issue would be discussed, we had hoped for a neutral discussion. We wanted a meeting where we could inform you of the situation and that’s all. Just inform you. We would like long denied access to the city lawyer for advice pertaining to the next step regarding the issue. Because there is a next step. It is up to the donors to take these steps, the Nylander board would like to know the consequences of these steps.

What is Andy’s goal? These are coming from a man who said, when the museum was on life support, he wanted to move the collection to his farmhouse, and not once, but also during lunch when the day the first graders came and in board meetings to which he was invited.

In our opinion, these letters have added another level of negativity to an already toxic relationship. After speaking with our council representative, we will not engage with any further letters from Andrew. There is no need to us to stand here and waste your time and ours.

The following was written before last week. We would like to thank our interim city manager and Councilor Merrill for their help with the compressor, as well as the rest of the exit signs. It is so good to be able to cross off these items from our collective list.

We would like to thank:

The board members, the fire department, the city manager, our ac... amazing custodian. They all rolled up their sleeves and we were a well-oiled machine, a cohesive group faced with a situation no one would want to walk into. All of us took this seriously. This is the city’s museum and it had been damaged.

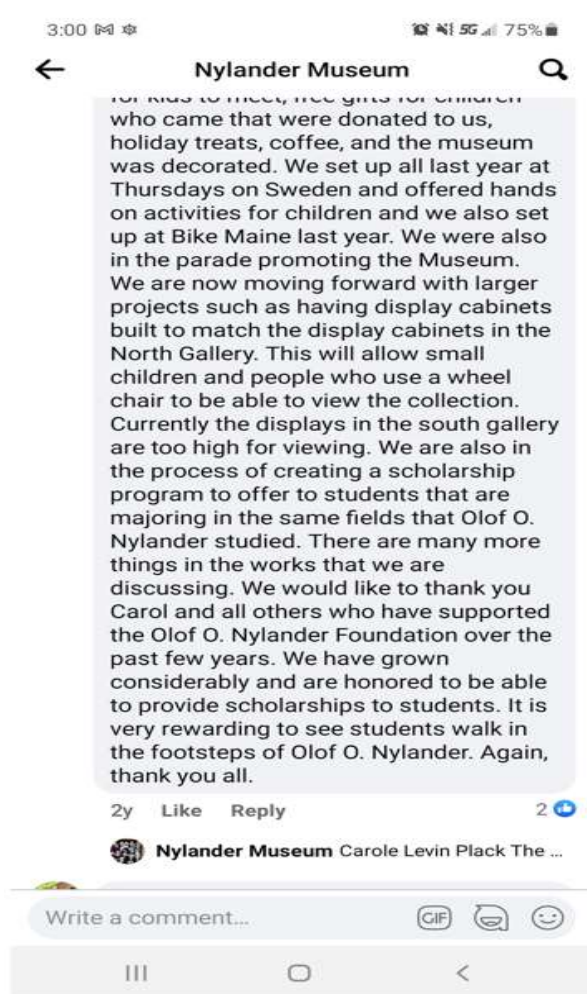
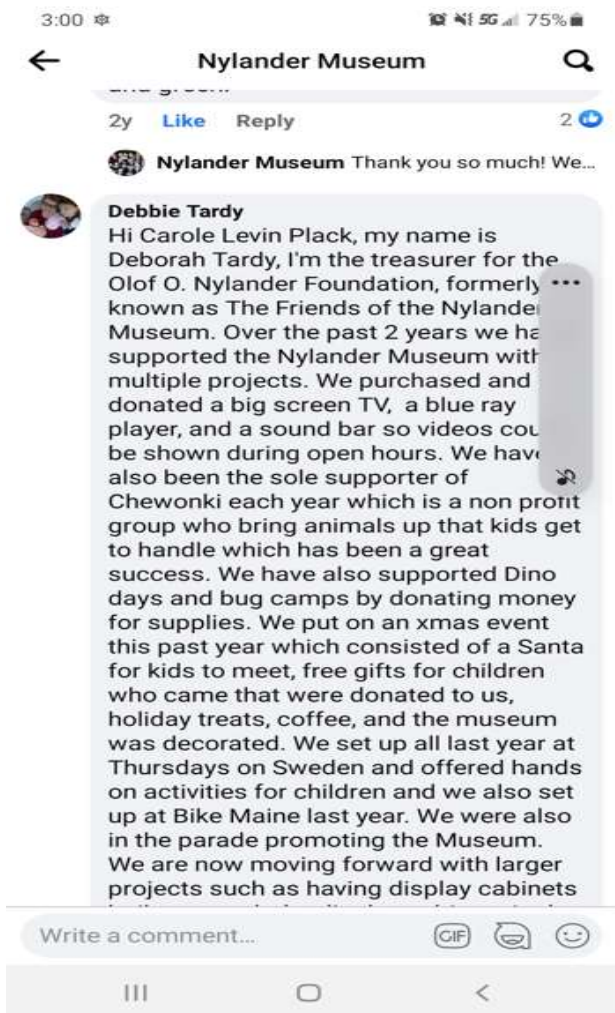
Also thank-you to public works for their help and assistance today, as well as RSU39 for giving us freezer space so we could try to save some paper-based museum items.

We thank you, the council, for supporting us. If there have been any doubts about whether we can handle running this department successfully, think of what we have accomplished with the roadblocks put in our way the last few years. We gave each of you the annual report for 2019 and 2020 the last time we met. Think about the positive accomplishments, how we not only revived the museum, but how it has flourished and grown, and become an important part of the community through our work and dedication ... even with the roadblocks.

With the discovery of the water damage, this board has worked and brainstormed regarding the situation Penny has kept us informed as we have with her. Again, if there is any doubt in your minds as to the ability of this Nylander board to handle and work the museum as a separate department, these last few days have proven our right to continue with the 2015 ordinance.

Thank-you.

The following screenshots were provided by Travis Michaud from the Nylander board.



Council Agenda Item #11: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members

Motion made by Councilor Boma, seconded by Councilor Willey to table the discussion regarding the new police station until a later date.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – No, Morrell – No, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - No, (motion failed)

Councilor Morrell wanted to commend Public Works for the job well done with repairing the guard rails and using old guard rails.

Council Agenda Item#12: Executive session(s) (May be called to discuss matters identified under MRSA, Title 1, §405.6)

a. Personnel items under §405.6.A

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Willey to enter executive session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss personnel items under §405.6.A

Council exited executive session at 9:05 p.m.

No action was taken.

Council Agenda Item #13: Next Regular Meetings: September 7, September 20

Council Agenda Item #14: Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Morrell, seconded by Councilor Goughan to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

Danielle Brissette, Secretary