



**City Manager's Report
February 28, 2022**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	More asbestos testing has been done in the steam plant. Asbestos exists in more places than previously suspected. We are awaiting a final number on the estimated cost of abatement.
Broadband Initiative	Workshop with the Caribou Utilities District was held on Tuesday February 22.
CDBG	Will bring a proposal forward for the City Council in March.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	Received an email from the developer this past week. Financing for the project is progressing.
Events and Marketing	City staff is working on plans for Winter Carnival, Thursdays on Sweden and Caribou Cares. We have magnets available as a reminder of the #TOSS dates.
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	A Letter of Intent was submitted. The County of Aroostook plans to notify applicants of their status to submit a full application this week.
Blight Cleanup	No new updates
Birdseye Cleanup	We have been alerted to the possible upcoming availability of some Brownfields Site funding.
60 Access Highway	No new updates
River Front - Master Plan	No new updates
Façade Improvement Program	Application is on the website. There will be a ribbon cutting at Bennett Drive Redemption tomorrow 3/1 @ 7:45. They were a recipient in 2021.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	No new updates
Business Outreach	No new updates.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	On tonight's agenda
Nylander	No new updates
Fire Structural Work	Another leak on Monday 2/21. Representatives from contractors came last week to repair.
Fire Station Renovations	Mechanical Services were at the Fire Station on Wednesday February 16. No quote received yet.
Police Station	There is a sketch of what the proposed police station might look like on the website.
River Road	No new updates
Investment Policy	No new updates
Trailer Park Closure	Caribou Housing Authority is assisting two families.
Fish Hatchery Bridge	No new updates
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates
Airport	No new updates
Personnel Policy	No new updates
Chambers AV System	No new updates
Procurement Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	No new updates
Comp Plan Update	No new updates
COVID-19 Status	No new updates
Administrative Approvals	We have increased security on our webpages and have communicated to staff to be vigilant with email and online.
Personnel Changes	Currently advertising for multiple positions - without success.
Age-Friendly Efforts	Next meeting is scheduled for March 2.