



**City Manager's Report
May 9, 2022**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	I reached out to Mr. Marker for his recollections about the history of the project. He has responded and I am working through the information he provided.
Broadband Initiative	More information is coming out all the time. There was a webinar from PretiFlaherty Friday May 6 about some of the new developments and I am hoping that some points will be clarified.
CDBG	Letter of Intent for C&J submitted on time. C&J worked with Graham Warne from NMDC.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates
Events and Marketing	City-Wide Yard sale is this weekend! Thursdays on Sweden, Caribou Cares about Kids and the Craft Fair all in the works.
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Application for the County ARPA funds was submitted on time. Still have not received resolution on web permissions from the Department of Treasury to complete the report that was due 4/30. The required conflict of interest policy is on the agenda tonight.
Blight Cleanup	CEO Murchison is working on notices of violation.
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
60 Access Highway	Final resolution: The only party not to pay their obligation was County Bag. Attorney Solman said that County Bag has been administratively dissolved and therefore the City will not be able to collect.
River Front - Master Plan	Staff would like to apply for a planning grant from the Libra Foundation (on tonight's agenda).
Façade Improvement Program	No new updates
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	A permit has been issued for additional cold storage units.
Business Outreach	Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at "Thrive Body Spa".

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	We did have an inquiry from an abutting land owner with interest in a piece of land. Staff is working to determine the best course of action in keeping with state statute and our tax acquired property policy.
Nylander	No new updates
Fire Structural Work	No new updates
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates
Police Station	There will be a vote on the June ballot. I have had conversations with USDA/RD about their Community Facilities loan program should the question be passed. She expects the interest rate to increase in July.
River Road	No new updates
Investment Policy	There was an investment committee meeting and it was agreed to renew the certificates of deposit for a shorter term as interest rates are forecasted to rise.
Trailer Park Closure	Three families still in the park.
Fish Hatchery Bridge	No new updates
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates
Airport	No new updates
Personnel Policy	No new updates
Procurement Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	The online tool is not working but we are able to report outages by email.
Comp Plan Update	No new updates
COVID-19 Status	COVID-19 community levels still high in Aroostook County
Administrative Approvals	City Clerk Business Licenses renewed: Caldwell's Sanitation
Personnel Changes	The two new employees in the Public Works department (one full-time, one part-time) are working out well
Age-Friendly Efforts	Age-Friendly meeting held 5/4. The Age-Friendly Caribou Action Plan is on tonight's agenda.
Other Updates	Meetings this week: Penny will be out of the office 5/11 to 5/13.