



**City Manager's Report
May 8, 2023**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	More vandalism has occurred at the power plants. Staff has reached out to Versant to work together to install cameras in the area.
Broadband Initiative	Staff has been in contact with Spectrum about the approval of the line extension grant from the Maine Connectivity Authority. Their first step is to sign a contract with MCA. They will keep us informed on the project.
CDBG	No new updates
Ogren Dump Solar Project	They are making some progress. Staff received a Business Equipment Tax Exemption form for the project which means that they have equipment on site but it is not yet generating power.
Events and Marketing	Brush clean up will begin Monday May 15. Public Works will make one pass through downtown neighborhoods. If you are in the country, please call. City Wide Yard Sale May 20 & 21; Thursdays on Sweden Events are being finalized. First one: June 1
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Grant Application for County funds was submitted on time. The request was for equipment to be used in the fire department and police department.
Blight Cleanup	No new updates
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
Caribou Development Committee	This is an agenda item on tonight's meeting
River Front - Master Plan	Staff was notified Friday that based on the NBRC Letter of Intent, Caribou has been invited to submit a complete application.
Façade Improvement Program	No new updates
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	Staff has been working with the City Attorney on the road section in this area.
Caribou Economic Growth Council	No new updates
Business Outreach	Staff has been working on a couple of projects.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	One offer on tonight's agenda
Nylander	Appointments will be made at the next City Council meeting.
Fire Structural Work	No new updates
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates
Police Station	Paperwork to access the \$2,500,000 CDS request is ready to be submitted. Staff has been working with USDA and Artifex.
River Road	No new updates
Investment Policy	No new updates
Trailer Park Closure	No new updates
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates
Airport	No new updates
Personnel Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	No new updates
Comp Plan Update	There was a work session on April 27. Topic: Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment. This is a required section of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. Thank you to Councilors Goughan, Morrill and Bagley who attended.
COVID-19 Status	No new updates
15 Prospect Street	Mr. Barretto was served with an order to respond to the dangerous building complaint before May 8.
Water Street Fire	Norstate discharged their lien. Property owners have not responded to requests from code enforcement or CEGC.
Age-Friendly Efforts	No new updates
Personnel Changes	The City of Caribou has multiple open positions. See the website for details.
Other Updates	Major announcement from the County of Aroostook: In 2024 Aroostook County will be transitioning to a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. (See attached email from Ryan Pelletier, County Administrator) Mayor Smith has expressed interest in transitioning the City of Caribou to a fiscal year to be in alignment with the County and the school.
Administrative Approvals	No new updates
DOT Village Partnership	This will part of the discussion at the DOT's June Work Plan meeting.