



**City Manager's Report**  
**August 28, 2023**

**Economic Projects**

<b>River Front - Powerplants</b>	Brownfields conference August 7-11 in Detroit. Agreement with QEP on the agenda tonight.
<b>Broadband Initiative</b>	There is a final draft contract in the hands of Charter / Spectrum. They are due to MCA at end of September.
<b>CDBG</b>	No new updates.
<b>Ogren Dump Solar Project</b>	No new updates.
<b>Events and Marketing</b>	Parks and Recreation is working on the Annual Craft Fair.
<b>Landbank</b>	Councilor Bagley has been looking into Land Bank ideas & present to CEGC at their last meeting.
<b>Chapter 13 Rewrite</b>	No new updates.
<b>Federal American Rescue Plan Act</b>	No new updates.
<b>Blight Cleanup</b>	No new updates.
<b>Birdseye Cleanup</b>	No new updates.
<b>Caribou Development Committee</b>	There was not a quorum for the August 23 meeting.
<b>River Front - Master Plan</b>	The City of Caribou was award a grant that will include a Riverfront Master Plan!
<b>Façade Improvement Program</b>	The Fall application period is open. Applications due September 29.
<b>Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage</b>	No new updates.
<b>Caribou Economic Growth Council</b>	Met on August 24. A special meeting has been scheduled for August 29.
<b>Business Outreach</b>	Many inquires about the façade improvement grant program (now open).

**Other Administrative Projects**

<b>Tax Acquired Property Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>Nylander</b>	Work is ongoing.
<b>Fire Structural Work</b>	No new updates.
<b>Fire Station Renovations</b>	No new updates.
<b>Police Station</b>	Artifex received some helpful information from Dale Blackstone and the Caribou utilities District.
<b>River Road</b>	No new updates.
<b>Investment Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>Trailer Park Closure</b>	No new updates.
<b>Cable Franchise Renewal</b>	No new updates.
<b>Airport</b>	No new updates.
<b>Personnel Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>New LED Street lights</b>	No new updates.
<b>Comp Plan Update</b>	Economy work session will be held on Thursday August 31 at the Wellness Center. All are invited.
<b>LD 2003 Implementation</b>	No new updates.
<b>15 Prospect Street</b>	This is in the courts.
<b>Water Street Fire</b>	CEGC received a letter requesting a discharge of the amount owed by owners of 7 Water Street.
<b>Age-Friendly Efforts</b>	Meeting held on August 22.
<b>Personnel Changes</b>	No new updates.
<b>DOT Village Partnership</b>	RFP will be out soon.
<b>Aroostook Waste Solutions</b>	Construction of 5&6 underway.
<b>Cary Medical Center</b>	100th Anniversary in 2024. Planning underway. If you have old photos, memorabilia or stories, please reach out to Bill Flagg.
<b>Administrative Approvals</b>	Liquor license renewal - Northern Maine Brewing; Extension of premises extension for Evergreen Lanes
<b>Other Updates</b>	The lack of available childcare in Caribou is a workforce and economic development issue.