



City Manager's Report
October 10, 2023

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	Met with EPA & DEP at the Riverfront Power Plants site to discuss CERCLA action. EPA contractors were also at the site to determine how to proceed with removing compromised materials from the building.
Broadband Initiative	The contract between the Maine Connectivity Authority and Charter / Spectrum was due back to MCA by 09/30/2023.
CDBG	No new updates.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates.
Events and Marketing	The 49th Annual Caribou Craft Fair is October 21 & 22 10-4 at Caribou High School with over 135 vendors. This is Aroostook County's oldest and largest Craft Fair and has really put Caribou on the map.
Landbank	No new updates.
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates.
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	No new updates.
Blight Cleanup	Some owners are trying to do the right thing by working with the City, others are ignoring our efforts.
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates.
Caribou Development Committee	Next meeting is October 18th at 6:00 pm
River Front - Master Plan	LDD contract is on tonight's agenda.
Façade Improvement Program	The application period has closed. Staff will bring a recommendation to the City Council at the next meeting.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates.
Caribou Economic Growth Council	Next meeting is October 26th at 7:00 am
Business Outreach	Fall business newsletter is in the works. Small business Saturday is November 25.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	See additional information on this subject.
Nylander	Saturday October 14 @ 9:00 am will be the soft opening for the Nylander Museum.
Fire Structural Work	No new updates.
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates.
Police Station	No new updates.
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	Community Visioning and Update Session will be held on Thursday October 26 @ 6:00 pm at the Wellness Center. All are invited. Childcare provided.
LD 2003 Implementation	NMDC received funding to begin working on this October 1.
15 Prospect Street	Several meetings with owner.
Water Street Fire	On tonight's agenda.
Age-Friendly Efforts	No new updates.
Personnel Changes	Public Works, Caribou Police Department, Caribou Public Library and Caribou Code Enforcement all hiring.
DOT Village Partnership	RFP is out. Bids due back October 13.
Aroostook Waste Solutions	Construction of 5&6 underway despite all of the rain, only delayed 2 weeks.
Cary Medical Center	100th Anniversary in 2024. Planning underway. If you have old photos, memorabilia or stories, please reach out to Bill Flagg.
Administrative Approvals	Jade Palace, Par & Grill and Caribou Inn and Convention Center liquor license and Special Amusement permits
Other Updates	Congratulations to Spud Sweedway for a successful Caribou Dust Bowl.