



**City Manager's Report  
October 23, 2023**

**Economic Projects**

<b>River Front - Powerplants</b>	No updates since the last meeting.
<b>Broadband Initiative</b>	The contract between the Maine Connectivity Authority and Charter / Spectrum has not been accepted - yet. No new update.
<b>CDBG</b>	No new updates.
<b>Ogren Dump Solar Project</b>	I have reached out and hope to have an update soon.
<b>Events and Marketing</b>	Next event is the Truck or Treat this Saturday October 28.
<b>Landbank</b>	No new updates.
<b>Chapter 13 Rewrite</b>	No new updates.
<b>Federal American Rescue Plan Act</b>	No new updates.
<b>Blight Cleanup</b>	Staff is working every day on these issues.
<b>Birdseye Cleanup</b>	Working to get some funding from EPA to remediate any remaining areas of concern and investigate possible reuses.
<b>Caribou Development Committee</b>	This committee has several great ideas to be spark plugs in the Caribou business community!
<b>River Front - Master Plan</b>	The contract from NBRC has been received. We have not received a notice to proceed or any information on the level of environmental review.
<b>Façade Improvement Program</b>	On tonight's agenda.
<b>Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage</b>	No new updates.
<b>Caribou Economic Growth Council</b>	Next meeting is October 26th at 7:00 am
<b>Business Outreach</b>	Fall business newsletter is in the works. Small business Saturday is November 25.

## Other Administrative Projects

<b>Tax Acquired Property Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>Nylander</b>	There was a successful soft opening at the Nylander Museum.
<b>Fire Structural Work</b>	No new updates.
<b>Fire Station Renovations</b>	No new updates.
<b>Police Station</b>	We hope to be able to schedule a police station committee meeting soon.
<b>River Road</b>	No new updates.
<b>Investment Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>Trailer Park Closure</b>	The trailer park is officially closed.
<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>	Community Visioning and Update Session will be held on Thursday October 26 @ 6:00 pm at the Wellness Center. All are invited. Childcare provided.
<b>LD 2003 Implementation</b>	Jay Kamm from NMDC will be presenting at the next Planning Board meeting about this subject.
<b>15 Prospect Street</b>	Several meetings with owner.
<b>Water Street Fire</b>	On tonight's agenda.
<b>Age-Friendly Efforts</b>	No new updates.
<b>Personnel Changes</b>	Public Works, Caribou Police Department, Caribou Public Library and Caribou Code Enforcement all hiring.
<b>DOT Village Partnership</b>	Proposals were due October 13. Two were received. DOT will be coming up on November 2 to have a review of proposals.
<b>Aroostook Waste Solutions</b>	No updates since the last meeting.
<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>Other Updates</b>	There will be an eclipse on April 8, 2024. Caribou is in the path of totality. Related to this, the Maine Solar System model has made plans to move the sun from Folsom Hall to outside on the UMPI campus. This project is led by Caribou businessman Dr. Kevin McCartney. Donations to make this happen in time for the eclipse are now being accepted.