



**City Manager's Report  
January 22 , 2024**

**Economic Projects**

<b>River Front - Powerplants</b>	The CRRC (Riverfront Development Committee) is the steering committee for the River Front Power Plants Brownfields project. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday January 30 at 6:00 pm to discuss the ABCA and the Community Engagement Plan. We encourage anyone interested to attend this important meeting.
<b>Broadband Initiative</b>	In the most recent email from MCA (1/4/2024), it is reported that, "The target for a contract is the end of this month. Charter has provided us with the location data, but we are reviewing it for all towns in the Reach Me grant, which takes time as we ensure that we're matching that data against what is included in the FCC maps that we are required to use. You are correct that there have been several mapping efforts to review unserved locations, including in Caribou. The complication now is that because of the source of these funds (US Dept of Treasury), we're required to match those locations to the map of broadband locations that the FCC has developed (and is updated every 6 months). For some locations, this is a relatively simple matching process, but in some cases, the dot on the map being in just a slightly different location means that the address used in Charter's system doesn't match perfectly with how the FCC has coded that particular home or business."
<b>Ogren Dump Solar Project</b>	This is changing ownership. City Attorney Rick Solman is looking over an estoppel that has been presented for signature.
<b>Events and Marketing</b>	Trails are open. Have fun, be safe and please patronize our Caribou businesses.
<b>Landbank</b>	Councilor Bagley has information to present about moving forward with a Landbank Initiative.
<b>Chapter 13 Rewrite</b>	The Caribou Planning Board is prioritizing this for 2024.
<b>Federal American Rescue Plan Act</b>	The County of Aroostook had a public hearing on program changes for 2024.
<b>Blight Cleanup</b>	The Caribou Planning Board is prioritizing this for 2024.
<b>Birdseye Cleanup</b>	Staff is working with the EPA and DEP on funding for the clean-up.
<b>Caribou Development Committee</b>	Next meeting is Wednesday January 24, 2024 @ 6 pm
<b>River Front - Master Plan</b>	Staff is working with NBRC on a "partial notice to proceed" so that work can begin on the Riverfront Master Plan.
<b>Façade Improvement Program</b>	The Spring Façade Improvement Grant period will be opening in February with a March 15 application deadline.
<b>Caribou Economic Growth Council</b>	Next meeting is Thursday January 25, 2024 @ 7am

**Other Administrative Projects**

<b>Tax Acquired Property Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>Nylander</b>	Look for more information soon on "Dino Days" coming during February break.
<b>Fire Structural Work</b>	No new updates.
<b>Fire Station Renovations</b>	No new updates.
<b>Police Station</b>	Police Station meeting held Friday January 19. The Chair will provide an update.
<b>River Road</b>	No new updates.
<b>Investment Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>Trailer Park Closure</b>	All mobile homes have been removed.
<b>Cable Franchise Renewal</b>	No new updates.
<b>Airport</b>	Staff has been working on compliance with all Federal mandates for DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) program.
<b>Personnel Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>New LED Street lights</b>	No new updates.
<b>Comp Plan Update</b>	No new updates.
<b>LD 2003 Implementation</b>	No new updates.
<b>15 Prospect Street</b>	Notices of violation were sent. Letters were received 1/16/2024. Moving on to next steps.
<b>Water Street Fire</b>	No new updates.
<b>Age-Friendly Efforts</b>	Next meeting Tuesday 1/23/2024 @ 2pm
<b>Personnel Changes</b>	Public Works, Caribou Police Department, Caribou Fire, City Clerk and Caribou Code Enforcement all hiring.
<b>DOT Village Partnership</b>	Contracts have been signed. The state has given the City the Win number for the project.
<b>Aroostook Waste Solutions</b>	Next meeting Friday January 26, 2024 @ 8am
<b>Cary Medical Center</b>	The 100th anniversary of Jefferson Cary's vision for a Caribou community hospital will be celebrated in 2024.
<b>Other Updates</b>	There will be an eclipse on April 8, 2024. Caribou is in the path of totality.
<b>Administrative Approvals</b>	No new updates.