

## City Manager's Report February 26, 2024

## **Economic Projects**

River Front - Powerplants	The 30-day comment period on the ABCA is still open. The EPA sent a contractor to board up the steam plant.
Broadband Initiative	No new updates.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates.
Events and Marketing	Trails are open. Have fun, be safe and please patronize our Caribou businesses. There will be an eclipse on April 8, 2024. Caribou is in the path of totality. The Snow Bowl starts this week.
Landbank	Councilor Bagley has information to present about moving forward with a Landbank Initiative. This will be on the March 25 City Council meeting agenda.
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates.
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Letters of Interest were submitted. Staff received work that both projects meet the eligibility requirements and therefore the City has been invited to submit a full application.
Blight Cleanup	No new updates.
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates.
Caribou Development Committee	Met on February 27, 2024. Housing Symposium was February 22. Next meeting is March 5.
River Front - Master Plan	Staff has received a "partial notice to proceed" for NEPA review but not for the Riverfront Master Plan.
Façade Improvement Program	The Spring Façade Improvement Grant period is now open with a March 15 application deadline.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates.
Caribou Economic Growth Council	CEGC met on Thursday February 22.
Business Outreach	Business newsletter will be going out soon with tools to prepare for Eclipse visitors. They are at the printers now.

	Other Administrative Projects
Tax Acquired Property Policy	This was discussed at the Housing Symposium.
Nylander	"Dino Days" were held during February break.
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	There will be a TEAMS meeting with Stantec on the airport's DBE program on March 5 @ 10:30 am.
Personnel Policy	No new updates.
New LED Street lights	No new updates.
Comp Plan Update	NMDC and staff are working on the various sections.
LD 2003 Implementation	Planning Board received a document for their review from NMDC.
15 Prospect Street	No new updates.
Water Street Fire	No new updates.
Age-Friendly Efforts	There will be a planning luncheon at Cary for those with ideas for Age-Friendly projects on February 27 @ 11:30.
Personnel Changes	Assistant to the Chief of Police Anna Robinoson has started work at the Police Department.
DOT Village Partnership	Kick-off meeting will be Friday March 1.
Aroostook Waste Solutions	Next meeting is March 1.
Cary Medical Center	The 100th anniversary of Jefferson Cary's vision for a Caribou community hospital will be celebrated in 2024.
Other Updates	Thank you to all who attended the Housing Symposium on Thursday.
Administrative Approvals	No new updates.