



**City Manager's Report
March 11, 2024**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	The EPA is working to put out an RFP for a contractor to clean up the steam plant. On the Diesel Plant Brownfields project, work is underway to inventory and consolidate hazardous petroleum products.
Broadband Initiative	Absolutely no new updates despite repeated attempts.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates.
Events and Marketing	There will be an eclipse on April 8, 2024. Caribou is in the path of totality. Eclipse glasses will be available at the Wellness Center and Nylander Museum this week for \$3. We also have Eclipse t-shirts available for purchase at the Wellness Center during their normal business hours. All proceeds will benefit community events.
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	The Planning Board worked on the Land Use Table and Zoning map for Riverfront at their 03.07.2024 work session.
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Staff is working on two applications for County ARPA funds.
Blight Cleanup	Thanks to Soderberg Construction, the property at 273 Sweden Street has been cleaned up and hauled to the landfill.
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates.
Caribou Development Committee	Met on March 5. Next meeting is March 20. Good things happening.
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	Next meeting is on March 28.
Business Outreach	Multiple conversations with business owners after the newsletters were mailed on March 1.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	No new updates.
Nylander	No new updates.
Fire Structural Work	No new updates.
Fire Station Renovations	FY 2024 CDS Request is still in the federal budget awaiting passage.
Police Station	The police station committee met March 1 and staff is working on some "homework".
River Road	No new updates.
Investment Policy	No new updates.
Trailer Park Closure	Gearing up for clearing out the poles and brush in 2024. The Community Garden and "Nurture By Nature" will be back!
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates.
Airport	The Airport Wildlife Hazard Site Visit Report has been received.
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	No new updates.
Personnel Changes	No new updates.
DOT Village Partnership	Kick-off meeting held Friday March 1.
Aroostook Waste Solutions	Voted to work with member communities in the "Blight Fight" by accepting a limited amount of CDD at no charge.
Cary Medical Center	The 100th anniversary of Jefferson Cary's vision for a Caribou community hospital will be celebrated in 2024.
Other Updates	Again, thank you to Soderberg Construction for the cleanup at 273 Sweden Street .
Administrative Approvals	No new updates.