

CARIBOU ADMINISTRATION
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MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members
FROM: Penny Thompson, City Manager
DATE: September 15, 2025
RE: City Manager's Report

A hot topic that is not on the agenda for discussion tonight:

The Fort Street Bridge Project – On September 4, 2025, there was a stakeholder meeting for those that will be impacted by the Fort Street Aroostook River Bridge project due to a project that is scheduled to begin in 2027. This is a historic bridge, built in 1952 that had a pin replacement in 2005. The main project will be a deck replacement. There will also be truss repairs and truss strengthening. **There will be an extended bridge closure.** The Maine DOT investigated four options and decided on Option 4 which will cost \$22.1 million, last for 27 months, and impact traffic for 16 months. This period will have an 8-month total closure and an 8-month period of alternating closures. As more information becomes available, staff will have it loaded to the City of Caribou website at: [City Planning Projects – City of Caribou, Maine](#)

Since there will be several discussions about municipal buildings on the agenda, I have also attached two articles.

I am happy to answer any questions.

Suggested Action:

No action is required. This is informational only.