



**City Manager's Report
February 23, 2026**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	Diesel Plant - Work is ongoing and is 66% complete. Steam Plant - Kick off meeting was held February 2, with QEP Sevee & Maher, Maine DEP and US EPA.
Broadband Initiative	No new updates.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates.
Events and Marketing	The Snow Bowl will be held at Spud Speedway February 27 to March 1. More details are available at the Spud Speedway website.
Landbank	Councilor Bagley has been working on a new Chapter 19 to facilitate a Landbank.
Chapter 13 Rewrite	First read of updates to Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 on tonight's agenda.
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Funds must be spent by 12/31/2026
Blight Cleanup	No new updates.
Birdseye Cleanup	Brownfields RLF project is ongoing.
Caribou Development Committee	Executive session held after the last meeting. Many ideas presented.
River Front - Master Plan	The Riverfront Master Plan is underway. There is a survey online that we encourage residents to complete to share their vision for an improved Caribou Riverfront.
Façade Improvement Program	Already receiving inquiries for the Spring 2026 funding cycle.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates.
Caribou Economic Growth Council	CEGC met on 1/22, and will meet again on February 26.
Business Outreach	Eric is working with several possible businesses.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	Councilor Bagley has been working on a new Chapter 19 to bring the City's policy in line with new requirements.
Nylander	Dino Days were a huge success.
Fire Structural Work	No new updates.
Fire Station Renovations	90% Construction documents will be on the agenda at next regular meeting to go out for bid.
Police Station	Project kick-off 1/22. Potential sites have been viewed.
River Road	No new updates.
Investment Policy	No new updates.
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates.
Airport	Committee meeting held 2/10/2026.
Personnel Policy	No new updates.
New LED Street lights	No new updates.
Comp Plan Update	No new updates.
LD 2003 Implementation	No new updates.
15 Prospect Street	No new updates.
Water Street Fire	The ESA Phase I with funding provided by EPA Brownfields funding through Maine DEP to assess the site was held 1/15/2026.
Age-Friendly Efforts	Meeting to be held on February 24.
Personnel Changes	Congratulations to Denise Lausier for achieving Tax-Collector and Treasurer certifications.
DOT Village Partnership	Final Report has been sent by TYLin. Invoice for reimbursement (50%) has been sent to DOT.
Aroostook Waste Solutions	Please dispose of rechargeable batteries properly. You can take them to Lowes or the Tri-Community Landfill. (Do not dispose of with your waste). Keep an eye on your rechargeable batteries while charging. Unplug chargers when not in use.
Cary Medical Center	No new updates.
Other Updates	Any new updates on the Aroostook River Bridge project will be posted on our website.
Administrative Approvals	No new administrative approvals.

Caribou Riverfront Power Plants Abatement and Demolition

Current Project: Diesel Plant – 66% complete as of 02.20.2026
Made possible by a 2023 US EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant of \$900,000
QEP: County Environmental Engineering, LLC of Caribou
Contractor: Industrial Sales & Salvage of New Limerick



Caribou

This report shows the 2026-2028 Work Plan for Caribou. The total estimated project costs may extend into neighboring towns. It also shows a listing of maintenance work specifically recorded to Caribou in 2025, as well as Local Road Assistance payments. Finally, any capital projects that were completed in 2025 are also listed.

Planned Capital and Maintenance Work 2026-2028

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 1/Route 164

Description: Prestile Brook Bridge (#6248) over Prestile Brook on Route 1. Large culvert (#931080) at the Prestile Brook crossing on Route 164. FHWA Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) Grant recipient.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
022845.00	Highway Safety and Spot Improvements Rural Highways Highway Improvement- PE Only	HCP 1, 4	\$675,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 164

Description: Large culvert (#931080) located 1.07 miles north of Route 1. FHWA Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) Grant recipient.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
022845.10	Highway Safety and Spot Improvements Rural Highways Large Culvert Replacement	HCP 4	\$7,800,000

Work Plan Year: 2027

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 1

Description: Prestile Brook Bridge (#6248) over Prestile Brook. Located 1.12 miles north of Route 164. FHWA Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) Grant recipient.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
022845.20	Highway-Bridges Bridge Replacement	HCP 1	\$6,180,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 161

Description: Aroostook River Bridge (#5572) over Aroostook River. Located 0.14 of a mile east of Route 1.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
027278.00	Highway-Bridges Bridge Deck Replacement	HCP 2	\$25,800,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Caribou Municipal Airport

Description: Projected funds for the Caribou Municipal Airport.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
027900.26	Aviation Runway/Taxiway New Construction		\$277,000

Work Plan Year: 2027

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Caribou Municipal Airport

Description: Projected funds for the Caribou Municipal Airport.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
027900.27	Aviation Runway/Taxiway New Construction		\$292,000

Work Plan Year: 2028

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Caribou Municipal Airport

Description: Projected funds for the Caribou Municipal Airport.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
027900.28	Aviation Runway/Taxiway New Construction		\$292,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 228

Description: Beginning at Route 164 and extending northeast 16.11 miles to Lombard Road.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
028932.00	Highway Paving Light Capital Paving	HCP 4	

Work Plan Year: 2027

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 89

Description: Little Madawaska Bridge (#5567) over Little Madawaska River. Located 0.32 of a mile north of Route 223.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
029298.00	Highway-Bridges Bridge Painting	HCP 2	\$600,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 1

Description: Corridor management study between Interstate 95 in Houlton and Route 11 in Fort Kent.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
029546.00	Policy, Planning and Research Highways - General Feasibility Studies	HCP 1, 2	\$200,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Caribou Municipal Airport

Description: Acquire snow removal equipment (SRE) Phase II.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
029744.00	Airport Airport - General Capital Equipment Purchase		\$327,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Caribou Municipal Airport

Description: One carrier vehicle and blower attachment.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
029774.00	Airport Airport - General Capital Equipment Purchase		\$218,000

Work Plan Year: 2027

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Grimes Road

Description: Beginning at 1A and extending northwest 10.25 miles to Route 89.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
029826.00	Highway Paving Light Capital Paving	HCP 4	

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 89

Description: Beginning at Bennett Drive and extending east 0.13 of a mile to Route 1.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
030018.00	Highway Safety and Spot Improvements Rural Highways Drainage Improvements- PE Only	HCP 2	\$75,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 1

Description: Beginning 0.19 of a mile south of Route 161 and extending north 0.19 of a mile to Route 161.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
030190.00	Highway Safety and Spot Improvements Rural Highways Slope Stabilization/Protection- PE Only	HCP 1	\$100,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 89

Description: Installing asphalt plug joints and thrie beam guardrail to Little Madawaska Bridge (#5567) which carries Route 89 over Little Madawaska River in Caribou. Located 0.32 of a mile northeast of the intersection of Route 223.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
WR 49435	Bridge and Structural Maintenance	HCP 2	\$100,000

Work Plan Year: 2026

Municipalities(s): Caribou

Asset(s): Route 205

Description: Slip lining culvert (#46959) on Route 205 in Caribou. Located 260 feet south of the intersection of Route 161.

ID	Scope of Work	Highway Corridor Priority	Estimated Funding
WR 49713	Drainage Maintenance	HCP 4	\$22,000

Local Road Assistance – Fiscal Year – 2026

\$198,784

Maintenance Accomplishments – 2025

Activities managed on a larger scale, such as snow & ice control, and work done by contract are not listed. *The maintenance accomplishments may extend into neighboring towns but are listed in the first town where the work was reported.*

1.00	Bridge(s) Sealed
16.00	Bridge(s) Washed
20.00	Channel(s) Maintained
6.30	Ton(s) of Patch Applied
37.80	Shoulder Miles of Mowing
9.00	Emergency Event Responses
130.90	Miles of Striping Applied
0.70	Shoulder Miles of Sweeping
23.00	Drainage Structures Cleaned
2.00	Drainage Structures Repaired
1,852.00	Linear Feet of Backhoe Ditching
2,443.00	Linear Feet of Shoulder Rebuilt
4,999.00	Sq Feet of Pavement Legend Applied
2.80	Mile(s) of Shoulder prepared for LCP
125.00	Linear Feet of Guardrail or Fence Maintained

Completed Capital Projects – 2025

021696.00	CARIBOU-LIMESTONE, GREENLAW BROOK NO. 2 BRIDGE #5625 Greenlaw Brook No. 2 Bridge (#5625) over Greenlaw Brook. Located 0.18 of a mile north of Route 89.
026430.00	FORT FAIRFIELD-CARIBOU, ROUTE 161 Beginning at Route 1A and extending northwest 6.20 miles.
027822.00	MADAWASKA AREA LCP 2025 Madawaska Area LCP 2025
027054.00	STATEWIDE, RUMBLE STRIPS 2025 Rumble Strips: New and replacement for recently paved roads.
027712.00	REGION 5 ADA RAMP IMPROVEMENTS ADA improvements.