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## **BIKE BOARD AND SKI MOVES TO AN OWNER-OCCUPIED RETAIL STORE IN THE DOWNTOWN**

**Presque Isle, ME, May 21, 2021** — On May 17, 2021 Ignite Presque Isle acquired The Northeastland Hotel. A second component of this transaction was that Ignite PI also acquired the building next door to The Northeastland and immediately sold it to one of occupants, Bike, Board, and Ski. The building is also occupied by Clear Title, Bemis and Rossignol Law Offices, and NuTek.



Bike Board and Ski moved into their location in October of 2018. The business opened on May 13, 2013 and has moved its operations twice due to rapid growth. Almost 8 years to the day they closed on their current home and aspire to serve as a prominent business in the City of Presque Isle for years to come. “I feel extremely fortunate to be in the position we are in, starting with a small investment and being able to purchase what we view as one of Presque Isles best locations has been a dream come true. We have an amazing team and look forward to working with Ignite PI to improve the downtown!” said Andrew Bouchard, Owner of Bike Board and Ski.

“It is exciting! Just a week ago we took over operations of The Northeastland and the excitement that they must be feeling to own their building must be amazing. The entire deal would not have been possible if not for the efforts and patience of Andrew Bouchard and Mike Chase. Not only did they acquire the building, but they were our closing donor taking our fundraising campaign over the hump to close the deal.” said Clint Deschene of Ignite Presque Isle.

Julie French, Treasurer and Board Member of Ignite Presque Isle stated, “This is why I got involved with Ignite Presque Isle. Seeing businesses prosper and grow is essential to the sustained success of our community. I am so glad for Mike and Andrew to own their building and take their own steps to improving our City.”

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Ignite PI (IGNITE PI) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization registered with the State of Maine. Federal accreditation is pending and is expected in mid-2021. Ignite PI owns and operates The Northeastland Hotel consistent with the history and tradition and it is the future location of premier co-workspace and a business center. Ignite PI envisions itself as the compliment to all organizations dedicated to make the City of Presque Isle succeed. It is the goal of Ignite PI to use fundraising revenues, donations, membership fees, and grant proceeds to build the structure of an economic development agency that prioritizes the City of



Presque Isle. Ignite PI is a place for aspiring entrepreneurs to work and network as they establish a new business to create a synergy that will be contagious in the City.

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