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City Manager Extends Invitation
to All Presque Isle Business Owners

In an effort to spur economic development and improve the business climate within Presque Isle, the City Council has approved a new Business Visitation Program. As a key component of their work plan for the next year, the Council encouraged City staff to be more aggressive in their outreach efforts. The visitation program is the initial major initiative towards the Council's goal.

City Manager, Jim Bennett, stated, "It has become clear that we need to encourage more business investment within our great city. From my perspective, I need to help by 'setting the tone' within Presque Isle city government. I believe that we need to become quicker in our reviews of projects, more predictable in our decision-making, and generally friendly towards commercial enterprises seeking to move, expand or grow their businesses."

Bennett extended a personal invitation to meet one-on-one with more than 200 business owners in the Presque Isle area. He and key City staff are excited to hear their thoughts, ideas and suggestions about improving the 'business friendliness' of Presque Isle.

Bennett stated, "I clearly have my thoughts regarding how we can make improvements. However, I also know that business owners have more to offer than I do."

City Council appreciates the personal investment that business owners have put into Presque Isle and recognizes the importance of fostering sustainability and growth in those businesses.

All business owners in Presque Isle are welcome to set an appointment with Bennett by contacting his office at 760-2785 or jbennett@presqueisleme.us.

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