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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members,

On July 15th the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq replaced Peter Kent as the Minister of Environment which is also responsible for Parks Canada. AMPPE is looking forward to a productive relationship with our new minister!

Sincerely, Executive Director Monica Andreeff.

Wilderness group concerned with Parks Canada development



Parks Canada has come under fire from a national conservation organization for what it sees as a dangerously increasing trend towards commercial development in Banff and Jasper national parks. The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) released its fifth annual report Monday (July 15). AMPPE's executive director Monica Andreeff says the CPAWS report is one-sided, "Canada's national parks are healthy, are meeting their legislated mandates and help visitors connect with the wilderness. The report is not fair to Parks Canada."

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Online survey says tourists pay a premium to stay in Alberta and B.C.



"We have heard sometimes the hotel rates look a little expensive, but we also are open year-round and there is opportunity to come and see us at different times of the year too," says Mary Darling interim CEO of Tourism Jasper.

Besides having a destination in top spot, Alberta also shares with British Columbia the dubious distinction of having five communities in the 20 most expensive destinations in the online survey.

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Volunteers help crews repair trails in Kananaskis



It was a popular walk through the forest, but the June flooding has turned Heart Creek Trail into more of a canyon hike.

To repair the trail, it took hundreds of hours of labour by Alberta Parks staff and dozens of volunteers just to make it safe again. Century-old trees were felled in the rushing water. Piles of debris covered the trail. All of the seven bridges crossing Heart Creek ended up in logjams.

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Maligne Tours in Jasper National Park Invests in Sustainable Tourism



After decades of responsible operation within Jasper National Park, Maligne Tours Ltd. is investing in the development of a comprehensive new sustainable tourism strategy focusing on active cultural and heritage preservation, renewing and enriching the experiences it offers and most importantly, continuing its long track record of stewardship at iconic Maligne Lake. Company General Manager Pat Crowley says the company has recognized the need for a fresh way forward in retaining and enhancing its relationships.

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Banff bouncing back from major flooding



On July 3rd, Former Environment Minister Peter Kent said the federal government will make sure Banff National Park keeps its status as one of Canada's top tourist destinations after flooding altered the backcountry and washed out roads and bridges. There isn't a cost estimate on the damage yet, but Kent said the federal government will fund the park's reconstruction.

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