



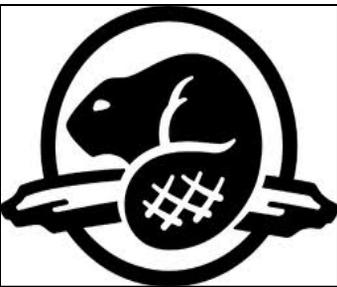
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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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In partnership with Travel Alberta and Tourism Jasper, AMPPE hosted "**Connecting Partners in Tourism**" June 15 at the Best Western Jasper Inn & Suites. Close to 40 stakeholders, tourism operators and AMPPE members attended the informative and social event, which included presentations on short and long term visitation projections, many of them cautiously optimistic. Thank-you to all who attended! Sincerely, Monica Andreeff, Executive Director.



Budget 2012: Parks Canada Eliminates 49 Vacant Positions

Due to federal budget cuts, 49 vacant positions with Parks Canada have now been cut, according to the Rocky Mountain Outlook: "That figure had not been previously publicly revealed, but the elimination of the 49 vacant positions is on top of 34 other "impacted" positions in the Banff field unit alone." Bison and caribou reintroduction projects will continue, along with the joint Parks Canada-Canadian Pacific Railway study to reduce grizzly bear mortality on the railway tracks.

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Parks Reduces Human Interaction in favour of Smart-Phone Apps

In a bid to save money, Parks Canada will be using brochures, audio tours and smart-phone apps instead of live interpreters across the country. Self-guided status will become the standard at many National Historic Sites in Alberta, Quebec & the Maritimes. Rather than guided tours with a personal interpreter, or welcoming guides dressed in period garb, these other means will be used to get the stories across to visitors.



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Grizzly Bear Species Faces Uncertain Future

Loss of habitat, increasing resort development and ongoing run-ins with humans are placing the Grizzly Bear species at risk. It has now been designated as a species of "special concern" by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. Although populations are declining in the southern range, there is no solid evidence of an overall decline in population.



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New Geo-Walk program in Yoho National Park

Every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning July 1st, a professional Burgess Shale geologist guide will meet visitors at the Parks Canada Visitor Reception Centre in Field, B.C. for guided geo-walks at 10:30 am & 2:30 pm. These walks are a new professional earth science education program designed to accommodate visitors who have limited time, or who cannot physically participate in full day hikes to the Burgess Shale.



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Canmore rated a "Top 25" community in Alberta Venture Magazine

Alberta Venture Magazine's June edition rated Canmore as one of the 25 best communities for business in Western Canada. Due to its proximity to Banff National Park and Kananaskis country, it is ideally situated for tourism-orientated businesses and offers low lease rates. Non-permanent residents have high disposable incomes to spend in town, and the new Canmore Business and Tourism organization has streamlined marketing initiatives to draw both visitors and investors to the area.



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