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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members,

AMPPE's Annual General Meeting was held on March 17th - thank you to those of you who were able to attend. I am excited to welcome several new AMPPE Board Members: Ghada Wirth, General Manager of Castle Mountain Chalets, Mark Howe, Owner of Jasper Whitewater Rafting Company and Tony Bielec, General Manager of Sawridge Inn. These Directors will fill the positions of representation for the Outlying Commercial Accommodations (OCAs), Jasper Attractions and Jasper Accommodations, respectively. I would also like to thank our out-going Directors for their years of service with AMPPE!

Sincerely, *Casey Peirce, Executive Director*



AMPPE Advocacy in Action – Bison Introduction in Banff National Park

AMPPE has always actively supported the vision for reintroduction of bison to Banff National Park. We continue to meet with Parks Canada executives to share concerns of potential economic and ecological risks that AMPPE has identified in the current plan. I encourage our Members to contact our office with your views or concerns so that we may represent you as the reintroduction plan moves forward. A link to AMPPE's position statement on bison can be found on our website by clicking on the link below.

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Kananaskis golf course decision will affect tourism in valley

Provincial funds are on hold for multi-million dollar repairs to flood-damaged Kananaskis Country golf course, while a review is underway to ensure the money being spent is in the best public interest. A \$10 million funding approval this month for the course was met with criticism by the PC government's opposition. The course drew about 60,000 golfers annually and over the two years since it was forced to close the greens, the economic effects have been felt throughout the Bow Valley, said Andrew Nickerson, president and chief executive officer at Canmore Business and Tourism.

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Parks Canada conditionally approves Jasper Gran Fondo

Parks Canada has given conditional approval for a Gran Fondo bike race to be held in Jasper this June. Trevor Soll of Multisports Canada has been working to organize the event since last year, and said that there are only a few minor details to work out — mostly related to wildlife safety — before the event is 100 per cent official. "[Jasper] is the perfect venue for It — the roads are great and it's one of those untapped markets: Jasper has nothing like a Gran Fondo right now," he said.

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Maligne Lake Chalet designated as National Historic Site of Canada

Ever since explorer Mary Schaffer found her way to Maligne Lake in 1908, it has captured the imagination of adventurers and wilderness lovers across the world. Fred Brewster later made it accessible to the wider population through pack trips and, in 1927, the building of the Maligne Lake Chalet. This rich history was recognized earlier in March when the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada announced that it had designated the Maligne Lake Chalet and Guest House a National Historic Site. Today Maligne Tours Ltd. operates the chalet on a lease from Parks Canada.

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