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## AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

### *Your source for up-to-date information in the Mountain Parks*

Good Afternoon AMPPE Members,  
Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday. We have a lot of excitement approaching us in the New Year. Keep updated by visiting our website for up-to date articles regarding our Mountain Parks and AMPPE's involvement. <http://amppe.org/>

*Sincerely Our AMPPE Team,*

*Marilyn Bell & Carly O'Neill*



## Draft bison plan draws big response

Parks Canada received more than 1,000 comments on its plan to reintroduce plains bison to Banff National Park. The public comment period on the draft Plan for Reintroduction of Plains Bison in Banff National Park ended Nov. 1 and Mark Merchant, partnership and community engagement officer for the Banff Field Unit, said the number of responses shows the public is passionate about national parks. "We're really happy that so many Canadians chose to participate in the consultation process on the project, it is really encouraging that people are showing such passion on the park," Merchant said.



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## Tourist towns join forces in grant application

Banff, Canmore and Jasper are like no other small Alberta towns – and the three mountain tourist towns are trying to convince the Alberta government of that. The three municipalities are working together on an application for 100 per cent grant funding for a Competitive Tourism Communities Project under the province's regional collaboration program. Officials say the three municipalities want to build an evidence-based case on why tourist destinations have unique challenges to traditional municipalities, including the costs it takes to provide infrastructure in support of tourism.



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## Sunshine Village's Goat's Eye Lodge has to meet water treatment

Parks Canada has approved the construction of a new day lodge by Sunshine Village, but the project will have to meet a higher water treatment standard before it proceeds. The Mountain Parks Leadership Standards sets targets for wastewater treatment facilities, including the level of phosphorous. Sunshine's proposal for its new wastewater treatment plant that would be developed in conjunction with the Goat's Eye day lodge did not meet the requirement for phosphorous, which are set at 0.15 milligrams per litre. An environmental impact assessment by Golder and Associates found the proposal would have minimal changes to the environmental conditions of the area.



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## Special events a concern at Parks Canada planning forum

The issue of large scale events and the increasing number of them being held in Banff National Park came up at Parks Canada's recent planning forum earlier this month. Banff field unit Superintendent Dave McDonough said the issue is not a new one, and recognized it is a contentious one in the community. "This is not a new debate in terms of how do you find that balance where you can provide people new opportunities to come to the park and experience things and particularly activities that are appropriate like cycling or running," McDonough said. "They are healthy ways to enjoy the park and certainly active ways for people to come to Banff."



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