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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members,

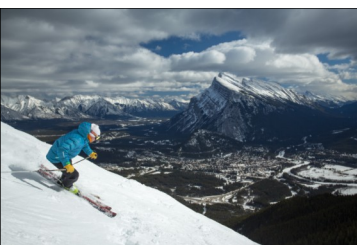
On November 14th The Roaring Twenties AMPPE Fundraising Gala was held at The Fairmont Banff Springs, celebrating the birth of tourism in the Rockies. Thanks to the support of the community, the annual event was a smashing success. The red carpet was rolled out to receive guests dressed in fabulous 1920s flapper dresses, headbands, suspenders and top hats. Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored or donated to the 2015 Gala. Your support and membership goes a long way to ensuring that Canada's Rocky Mountain parks remain world leaders in visitor experience to the millions of guests we welcome every year. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely, *Casey Peirce, Executive Director*



AMPPE Advocacy in Action – Government Relations

The dust is starting to settle on the changes in the provincial and federal government and our newly elected officials are taking action based on party promises and learnings acquired through recent stakeholder meetings. AMPPE continues to build relationships with our representatives and their teams in order to ensure a level of understanding of the advocacy work that we do on behalf of our members. Next week AMPPE Executive Director Casey Peirce will be in Ottawa for the TIAC Congress where these important conversations will continue and bring benefit to our members through greater influence with policy makers as it pertains to the success of the mountain parks.



Fehr introduced as new superintendent of Jasper National Park

Jasper National Park is under the new leadership of Alan Fehr. After filling in as acting superintendent while Greg Fenton was on leave last winter, Fehr returned to the helm of the Jasper Field Unit on Nov. 1 after Fenton accepted an assignment with Parks Canada's national office. Fehr is the former superintendent of the Northern Prairie and Western Arctic field units and comes to Jasper with 17 years of Parks Canada experience, as well as a Master of Science from the University of British Columbia and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Alberta.

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Grizzly bear population doubles in Alberta's foothills

As the province prepares to release its updated grizzly bear recovery strategy, a new survey of grizzlies in west-central Alberta shows the population has more than doubled in a decade. The Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan 2008-2013 was implemented after studies found there were fewer than 700 grizzlies left in Alberta, leading the province to declare the species threatened. Now a survey by fRI Research, formerly the Foothills Research Institute, shows the strategy is working in the area east of Banff and Jasper national parks where there is dramatic population growth.

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Jasper National Park announces new winter offers

Parks Canada has announced new winter terrain in Jasper National Park. At Whistlers Campground, Marmot Meadows will become a 'winter hub' with a manmade ice rink and a brand new intermediate cross country ski trail. Whirlpool will function as a winter camping site. Parks will flatpack new trails on Pyramid Bench, offering new places for fat bikers, snowshoers and winter hikers to explore. Parks will also be plowing the day use area at Sunwapta Falls to allow for skiing or snowshoeing around the falls.

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#AlignedWithAMPPE Member Feature – Copper Point Resort

Located on the "warm side of the Rockies" is a hidden gem called Copper Point Resort. Only an hour and a half from the Town of Banff, Copper Point Resort is located just outside of the newly completed Wildlife Crossing Project in Kootenay National Park. This park now boasts over 10 kms of animal fencing and four animal underpasses, increasing the safety of motorists and wildlife on Hwy 93. Surrounded by two famous hot springs, pristine warm lakes, the Columbia Headwaters and the Columbia River Wetlands, Copper Point Resort is at the centre of adventure in the Columbia Valley.

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