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## AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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## Parks considers new day lodge for Sunshine

A new and permanent day lodge at Goat's Eye Mountain at Sunshine Village ski resort appears to be a step closer to reality. Crosbie Cotton, director of the National Parks Ski Areas Association, said Sunshine has worked for more than a decade to advance a permanent facility at Goat's Eye to replace the existing "Fort McMurray construction trailers." As part of the community consultations requested by Parks Canada, Sunshine will hold a public Open House at the Banff Park Lodge on Tuesday evening Sept 24 from 6 – 9 p.m.



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## Parks Canada proposes bison herd for Banff backcountry

Parks Canada has released a proposal to bring plains bison back to Banff National Park, starting with a five-year pilot project for up to 50 animals in the backcountry before expanding to a larger, more visible area. "We want to start with a small, five-year pilot, putting somewhere between 30 to 50 animals into a fairly remote backcountry area in Banff and see how that works," said Bill Hunt, manager of resource conservation with Banff National Park. The much-anticipated draft plan suggests a phased approach to return bison to their natural habitat in the Rocky Mountains.



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## Legacy Trail paved in partnerships

Several government agencies partnering together, even after unprecedented flooding in the Bow Valley at the end of June, have made it possible for the Legacy Trail to be extended from the east gates of Banff National Park to Canmore. "Partnership is the key word that summarizes why we are here today. I can't say enough about the partnership that we have enjoyed," said Canmore Mayor John Borrowman. "That partnership has been between several bodies, it represents the government of Alberta, Parks Canada, the MD of Bighorn and the Town of Banff.



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## Parks to review train station changes

Proposed new commercial uses for the Banff train station lands, including hotel rooms and retail services as part of a redevelopment plan to revitalize the area, have raised alarm bells for Parks Canada. Parks Canada's main concerns centre on the fact that some of the proposed discretionary uses in the Land Use Bylaw fall outside of previous federal approvals, including a federal Order In Council approved last April.



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