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THE FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS - NOVEMBER 14TH

AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members,

Momentum is ramping up for this year's AMPPE fundraising Gala on Nov. 14th with many confirmed sponsors and attendees—don't miss your chance to be a part this fantastic evening complete with live entertainment, a Roaring Twenties themed four course plated meal and an exciting live auction featuring a private distillation experience at Park Distillery, a 4-day CMH heli-trip, a Rocky Mountaineer rail trip and a private movie viewing at the Lux Cinema. Tickets are \$175 per person or \$1600 for a table of 10 and can be purchased by contacting our office or visiting <http://amppe.org/fundraising-gala/> - we look forward to seeing you at the event!
Sincerely, *Casey Peirce, Executive Director*

AMPPE Advocacy in Action – CPAWS Activism



There has been considerable controversy recently resulting in alarmist campaigns for 'calls to action' to 'protect our parks'. AMPPE believes that nothing is to be gained by propagating fear-mongering and panic around the state of our National Parks, which are by all accounts healthier than ever and, in the case of Banff, over 95% protected wilderness. Rather, it is more proactive to continue working together to enhance awareness around ecological integrity and to trust the legislation that is in place to protect our natural spaces for all Canadians and future generations. Be assured that AMPPE will continue to encourage evidence based communications, with the goal of a fair and balanced perspective to our members, the community and the media.

Federal Election Candidates Forum co-sponsored by AMPPE & BLLHMA



On Oct. 15, AMPPE and BLLHMA are co-sponsoring a Federal Election Candidates Forum at the Banff High School from 7-9 p.m. The event is open to the public and will be moderated by Rob Murray of 106.5 Mountain FM. "Candidates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and share their platform," said Darren Reeder, executive director of BLLHMA. "They will also get a chance to provide closing comments and their platform objectives." Structured questions will be posed by the moderator followed by an open mic period, so come prepared with your questions for the candidates.

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Rebuild of Kananaskis Golf Course to proceed



An independent report by Deloitte LLP has identified that rebuilding the Kananaskis Country Golf Course is in the best interest of Alberta taxpayers. Following the June 2013 flood that devastated the golf course, the province committed to rebuild the course but reconstruction was halted earlier this year until a review of the current contracts was completed. The rebuild cost will be largely offset by federal funds that have been pre-approved through the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements.

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Heuer named bison reintroduction coordinator for Banff National Park



Karsten Heuer, former president of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, was appointed coordinator for Banff National Park's bison reintroduction project earlier this month. Heuer, a Calgary native, is a wildlife biologist and former Banff National Park warden has been involved with ecological projects in the Bow Valley for many years. As a representative of Y2Y, Heuer is still working to protect wildlife corridors in the Bow Valley, unconnected to his new role as a Parks Canada employee.

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#AlignedWithAMPPE Member Feature – Sunshine Village



Sunshine Village is now home to Canada's first chairlift with heated seats. The Teepee Town LX lift, located on Lookout Mountain, comes complete with orange bubble covers, footrests and heated seats. The resort worked closely with Parks Canada on an extensive environmental impact analysis to minimize the impact on vegetation and wildlife in the area. "Sunshine is committed to delivering exceptional guest experiences and this addition to the resort will clearly demonstrate our focus on providing comfort and value to our guests" said Dave Riley, Chief Operating Officer for Sunshine Village.

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