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Information Update Jasper Intergovernmental Forum, February 2019

The Municipality of Jasper and the Parks Canada Agency in Jasper National Park are committed to a positive, mutually beneficial relationship based on shared goals and interests. To this end, representatives from the two organizations as well as mayor and council meet three to four times per year to discuss and advance topics of mutual interest. The February 12, 2019 Intergovernmental Forum highlights include:

Wildfire Risk Reduction Update

- Fuel reduction on the Pyramid Bench is proceeding on schedule. More than 300 hectares are undergoing treatment, and wood removal should be completed by first week of April. Restoration and trail remediation will continue into the summer.
- FireSmart activities adjacent to town are also proceeding well, with Parks Canada and the Municipality of Jasper working in partnership. This work will continue next winter.
- Whistlers Campground tree removal is complete, in advance of the campsite construction work that will commence in the near future. This work fulfills three objectives: reduction of fuel, removal of hazard trees and clearing of construction limitations.
- Combined, these three areas of work significantly improve our ability to address wildfires that may threaten town.

Whistlers Campground Closure Update

- Parks Canada remains committed to communicating the closure of Whistlers Campground. Since 2017, Parks Canada staff have engaged in numerous communication activities, focusing on campers, local and regional stakeholders, tour operators and rental companies. Whistlers Campground staff will also be working at all of Jasper National Park's entrance gates this summer, helping redirect campers without reservations to areas outside of the park with vacancies. Parks Canada staff will also be monitoring inside the park and helping to redirect campers who don't have a reservation. Municipality of Jasper staff will also be monitoring within the town site.

Other discussion items from the February 12, 2019 Intergovernmental Forum include:

- Configuration of the cemetery turning lane in accordance with Alberta traffic safety standards
- Safety concerns at Walkerville
- Upcoming Parks Canada public consultation for Accessory Dwelling Units, the Town of Jasper Zoning Regulations and the National Parks Management Plan
- Reallocation of funds identified for Icefields Trail project
- Land use and planning
- Fixed land rent
- Accessibility requirements



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