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National Park Jasper



Information Update Jasper Intergovernmental Forum, October 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 October 8, 2019 Intergovernmental Forum highlights include:

Fire Fuel Reduction Program Update

- Parks Canada is working with fire risk expertise from other Federal departments to determine where to focus any subsequent forest thinning or clearing activities to further protect our community from the risk of wildfire. As weather conditions allow, the area already treated on the Pyramid Bench will be augmented through the use of prescribed fire.
- The Municipality of Jasper and Parks Canada are continuing their partnership to FireSmart areas immediately adjacent to the town site. Unit flagging and project planning is ongoing, and Jasperites can expect to see FireSmart crews at work again this winter. The Municipality of Jasper submitted another grant funding application to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) and Parks Canada will continue to provide financial and in-kind support for the project.

Managing Bears and Attractants

- Local fruit trees had an exceptionally good crop this year, attracting several bears into town and causing challenges for Parks Canada's resource conservation team. So far this fall, two black bears have been destroyed due to becoming habituated to food sources in town. Jasperites should consider removing fruit trees from their properties. They are also reminded to pick fruit early to remove attractants from the trees, and to report problem bears as soon as possible by calling Jasper Dispatch at 780-852-6155. The bears' chance of rehabilitation and survival can increase significantly through early intervention.

Other discussion items from the October 8, 2019 Intergovernmental Forum include:

- Parks Canada capital projects update;
- Whistlers Campground closure;
- Service standards and timelines for development permits;
- National park visitors demand on municipal infrastructure;
- Level of land use and planning jurisdiction; and
- Terms of reference for the Jasper Intergovernmental Forum.



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