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# THE LIFTLINE

CASTLE MOUNTAIN  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Finn, CMCA President

After a cool wet summer, it's been a wet cool fall in the Castle. Hmmm! I wonder what kind of winter we will have. I don't know about anyone else, but I'm laying in firewood and heading for the ski swap in Calgary this weekend. And, just in case mother nature pulls a fast one, the snow making ponds are full of water and the guns are ready to help-out with a little man-made snow.

Wow! Things have come a long way at the Castle.

Things are proceeding on many fronts. The MD of Pincher Creek's Castle Mountain Area Structure Plan (ASP) received first reading on October 15. This document has been in the works since 2012 and provides much more definition and clarity for the approved uses of CMR's fee-simple lands. Most importantly from many residents' points of view, the document allows for subdivision which could make changes in cabin ownership much simpler in future.

The next step in the process of turning the ASP into a by-law is consultation (December 12) Thanks to all who submitted comments on the document or attended the consultation meeting. The certainty provided by this Plan is very important for the future of our community so all efforts to further the plan are much appreciated.

CMR's domestic water supply has been restricted this fall due to a leak in the distribution system. As a result, we ask all residents to conserve water until our domestic water license is renewed in the new year. I hope everyone saw the recent note on water from CMR. The Department of Environment has issued a Temporary Water License, which permits CMR to draw a limited

amount of water from our well. This is a huge win. CMR can stop borrowing money to buy truckloads of water each day at great cost. However, Environment has been clear. The Temporary License is for a limited amount. If we run out, we run out. Not one drop more except from a truck. So, with the ski season about to happen, and Christmas soon after, it is critical we conserve every drop possible. Please refrain from filling the hot tub till the new year. Replace old fixtures with certified low flow ones. Don't run taps. Limit shower times. And most important: teach your children and guests how to conserve water. It's easy to do. It just takes remembering and practice.

Water is a major issue throughout southern Alberta. There just isn't enough to ensure every industry, every community and everybody can have all they want, all the time. Water conservation will increasingly be necessary to stretch limited supplies. So your Community Association -- together with CMR, the MD and the Province -- are developing a plan based on best practices to manage water consumption in the resort and the community.

Finally, I want to let everyone know about our Christmas Membership and fundraising drive. Once again, the executive will be canvassing the community over Christmas to sign you up for another year, make sure we have the correct contact information and obtain your permission to contact you and let you know about community events, activities and issues. Feel free to invite us in, ply us with cookies and cakes, and consider making a generous donation so we can continue to make our community the community we all want to live and play in.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

T-Bar Pub Opens For Winter 29

### DECEMBER

Opening Day of 2019/20 Season 7

Ugly Sweater Party 21

Christmas at Castle 25

Night Skiing on Green Chair 26-28

NYE Parties 31

### JANUARY

SKIMO Races 3-5

Alpenland Demo Day 4

Moonlit Snowshoe & Fine Dining Experience 17

U14 Provincial SL / GS Races 17-19

Avalanche Awareness Days 8-19

### FEBRUARY

Maritime Night 1

Moonlit Snowshoe & Fine Dining Experience 14

Family Day Weekend Activities 15-17

Nancy Green Terrain Event 22

### MARCH

IFSA Junior Big Mountain Regionals 6-8

Alpenland Demo Day 7

Moonlit Snowshoe & Fine Dining Experience 13

Beats in the Base Spring Concert Series Begins 14

Casino Royale 14

Boarderline Jib In The Park 21

Tom Tatarzyn World's Longest Slalom Race 28

### APRIL

Spring Fest 4-5

Closing Day (tentative) 5

# HAMISH COLLINS "GEMÜTLICHKEIT"

Recipient of the 2018 Dieter Award

By Julie Heinrich



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**H**amish is an integral part of our Castle family. He's one of our few full time residents and I'm proud to call him a friend.

No, he's more than a friend; he's family. Hamish ran weddings seamlessly this summer when the job was added to his already full docket. He cares for his coworkers and neighbours as siblings and cares for his siblings even better, even from across the globe.

Enough about the current Castle star. His beginnings were humble and he was bound for Canada from the get-go. His family owns and runs a Christmas tree farm in Australia! Christmas trees down under... you heard it here! He was a people person even then, happily greeting and helping customers regularly. From there, he went on to be thoroughly educated and, luckily for us, he fell into ski bummary shortly after.

Hamish tirelessly strives to better his workplace, community and the lives of those around him. He has jumped cars, lent trucks, sat on committees, been the man in the middle, a shoulder to cry on and best of all, a pal with whom to celebrate. In our little ski community, he keeps the ski stoke high. Now that he's bounced back from injury, I'm sure we'll all be seeing him out on the slopes this winter. Much celebration is in order for this year's choice for the Dieter Award. "Gemütlichkeit" is a German word that encompasses Hamish's zest if you can pronounce it! I challenge you to do just that! As we are so lucky to have had Dieter in our little world, so are we incredibly glad to now have Hamish.

## EARLIEST OPENING IN 10 YEARS NOVEMBER 30TH

# JUNEAU ICEFIELD TRAVERSE

By Claire Clarkson



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**I**n May 2019, Sami Bierman, Amaya Selene, Caleigh Warner and myself completed a 120km self-propelled ski traverse across the Coast Mountains, from Juneau AK. to Atlin, B.C. The objective of our trip was to engage with the icefield while pushing our personal limits and increasing female representation in the outdoors. As part of our trip, we collaborated with the Juneau Icefield Research Program (JIRP) by collecting snow isotope

samples to contribute to their ongoing research study of the Juneau Icefield.

Our ski traverse started long before we took our first steps on the Juneau Icefield. Life on the icefield was simple, our objectives were clear and our minds present. However, leading up to the traverse, life was anything but simple. Instead, it was complex and chaotic. This kind of expedition was a first for us, which meant it required months of extensive planning,

packing and training. The preparation included juggling a strict training schedule, practicing rope systems, months of meal preparation and food dehydration, acquiring all the necessary gear, making maps, route planning, building pulks, organizing logistics, researching the icefield, applying for grants, creating an emergency response plan and so much more. Once on the icefield, our stress levels instantly plummeted and we adjusted to our surroundings and daily rituals. Our focus shifted to reading the weather, the terrain and taking care of each other.

In many ways, this trip was a manifestation of all the skills and empowerment I received from my parents, neighbors, close friends, ski coaches and the Castle community. It is hard to express my feelings of gratitude, but this is where I must begin--in the reflection of our journey. In honesty, we could not even have aspired to begin this adventure if it wasn't for those who believed in us from the beginning.

# THE OLD TREE

By Kina Pope

June 22, 2019: It was a significant day for many reasons. Although it was a mix of rain and sun, I was enjoying the day with my best friend of 20 years Chloe, my little brother Kai, and two good friends Mickey and Shelby. We had spent the day enjoying breakfast in Waterton, followed by a road trip on a long winding road. On the way down the mountain, I suggested to this motley crew that we go to one of my favourite spots -a place where I could just sit and reflect on life and enjoy the colour palate of nature at its finest. It truly was a place where I could spend a few hours and feel recharged from the hectic pace of the city where I reside. Just as we arrived at Castle Mountain, the skies cleared, offering us a bit of a break from the rain. Parking the vehicle, we jumped out and hiked to "my spot", something I wanted to share with those close to me. Walking down the narrow pathway, over the rickety wooden bridge, we found our way to Pebble Beach.

Here, the river runs gently along the pebbly beach, and on the bank is the willow chair unoccupied, just waiting to offer rest for tired bones. The tree stands tall; its many branches mostly bare except for one, which has ropes wrapped around it and the trunk. Two ropes hang down from the branch, approximately 20 feet, and attach on two sides of a wooden plank creating "the swing." The roots of the tree are exposed along the ground, fingers reaching out in all directions.

It was obvious that someone had gone to a lot of effort to scale this old tree and secure the ropes. Whomever thought that this was a good idea was absolutely right! This tree, housing the swing, would take you over the water as you swung back and forth. Sometimes, you'd have to kick off the trunk in order not to hit it dead on, debating whether you were going to dump into the chilly water on your own or have your buddies hold onto the swing, the rope or your feet to get you back to the place from which you had launched. The laughter this would cause was infectious. People would be scrambling to be the next one to get on the swing and try to outdo the last guy. Good times indeed.

Unbeknownst to me at the time, this day turned out to be a bittersweet day. A fisherman saw us congregating at the tree and without a word, he moved over in the water. He was probably thinking, "Those nuts on the shore, I want to be as far away as possible from the path of the swing." Kai and Shelby hurried over to the tree, standing on the roots. Shelby wanting her picture taken and Kai looked to launch the swing. As I was lining up the perfect shot of Shelby, we all heard a deafening cracking noise, all of us wondering where this noise was coming from. Within seconds, this old landmark tree with "the swing" came crashing down, hitting the water. Moments ago, the fisherman had been standing in the line of impact. We all were gob-smacked, in total disbelief about what we had just witnessed. It only took seconds; the tree with the swing had succumbed to the elements. As we gathered our thoughts, we did a quick inventory of people: fisherman



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was safe, we were all safe. We realized how lucky we all were that no one was on the swing, and that the fisherman had moved away at the right moment. It could have been catastrophic indeed. Timing is everything!

Reflecting on this moment, I think of the many people who have sat on that swing, families gathering as I did on Mother's Day with my family. I thought of my 90 year old TUTU (Grandmother in Hawaiian) whose grandchildren had settled her onto that plank and launched her over the river, laughing and telling us how she didn't remember the last time she was on a swing, and loving every minute of it. Ironically, this day was my grandfather's birthday. Although he is no longer here (he would have been one of the first to grab the swing and hit the water), he was watching over us and made sure we all went home safely to our families. Now, the tree is gone, but the memories will last forever.

## YES YOU CAN



Get your chimney cleaned with no mess!! Ensure yourself that you won't have a chimney fire. Contact Smoke & Ladders (Paul 403-624-0021)



Park your car in the main parking lot so it is faster and easier to plow the roads within Castle Mountain Resort. Move the car the next day so that the Parking Lot can be cleared.



Contribute to the CMCA Community Drive when we come by your home during Christmas break. Your contribution gives your Castle community that extra sparkle of having Christmas lights, an informative newsletter, special events and the many extras that beautify our space and give us a sense of pride of ownership.



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# FALL WATER SITUATION

By Water Conservation Plan Committee

Early September had a turbulent start. An antiquated curb stop (outside water shutoff) was found during an inspection performed by a leak detection professional from Victoria BC. Calculations estimated that the curb stop had been leaking since April and had leaked a substantial amount of water back into the aquifer resulting in an overage on our annual water diversion license. In response, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) shut off the water access to our well. The subsequent consequences involved initially trucking water from Pincher Creek, and later from Beaver Mines upon obtaining the proper permits. After lengthy discussions with AEP, a temporary diversion license was implemented effective October 16th to December 31st for 6,702 m3. This license is dependent on water levels in the Castle River; chances are the levels won't last through

December. It should be noted that this water is only to be used for domestic use, snowmaking is currently running out of the new reservoir, which is being filled on a regular basis when levels in the Castle River are adequate.

Seeking avenues to resolve the causes of this incident, while planning for the future, is the most effective way of seeking resolution. A part of that resolution involves a water conservation plan, which the CMCA and CMR have undertaken. The results of the WCP will not only help us navigate the consequences of this situation, but ultimately help us to preserve the economic and ecological sustainability of our unique mountain habitat. The Castle Community and CMR form a unique symbiosis; interdependence and collaboration are the principles we were founded upon and are the principles that will see us through.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO CONSERVE WATER?

### IN THE KITCHEN

1. Using a dishwasher versus hand washing.
2. If hand washing is required, do not let the water run. Fill a rinse / wash basin to save water.
3. Use one water glass, reducing the need to wash more dishes.
4. Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while scraping them.
5. Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl of water instead of running the water to wash them.
6. Try to think ahead and defrost food in the fridge.

### IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

7. Wash clothing off-site, if possible.
8. Match the amount of water you are using to the size of your laundry load.
9. Use cold water to save energy & water (plus it helps to keep colours bright)
10. When purchasing a new washer, look for machines that are energy and water saving.

### IN THE BATHROOM

11. Ensure you have low-flow shower heads installed (as per CMR development guidelines)

12. Taking short showers instead of baths
13. Turn water off when you are lathering up your hands with soap.
14. Ensure you have low-flow toilets installed (as per CMR development guidelines)
15. Checking for and repairing leaky fixtures.
16. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth.
17. Plug the sink instead of running water while you shave to rinse your razor.

Source — Indoor Water Conservation — City of Lethbridge.

<https://www.lethbridge.ca/living-here/water-wastewater/Pages/Indoor-Water-Conservation.aspx>

## HOME ROUTES MUSIC comes to Castle

By Caralee Marriott

Bringing musicians and audiences together in homes is live music at its very best. In the Maritime tradition, it's called a "Kitchen Party" or "Ceilidh" and is an informal musical gathering in a church or home. "Home Routes" is a bigger idea that encompasses all of Canada and all genres: blues, cajun, bluegrass, Celtic, World, American or Canadian music. Home Routes was created in 2007 by the founders of the Winnipeg Folk Festival, and the West End Cultural Centre, Mitch Podolak & Ava Kobrin. The goal was to create performance opportunities for musicians to reach audiences in rural, remote and urban centres across Canada. A network of volunteer hosts in regions across the country offer venues for musicians.

Costs are kept low for the artists as the hosts provide accommodations and food and the door charge of \$20 per person supports the artists and their transportation costs.

The Home Routes circuit in this area is named the "Heartland Ramble" and includes performances in Water Valley, Rocky Mountain House, Rimbey, Gleniffer Lake, Raymond, East End (SK), Frontier, Coaldale, Elkford (BC), Lundbreck and Okotoks.

Fortunately for the music lovers at Castle Mountain Resort, my husband Dave & I committed to host on dates that the musicians had open between their regular circuit shows. In 2020, we look forward to hosting:

**Ray Cooper** - Sunday, January 19th  
(<https://homeroutes.ca/homeroutes-artists/ray-cooper>)

**Sierra Noble** - Monday, March 9th (<https://homeroutes.ca/homeroutes-artists/sierra-noble>)

At Snowed Inn (#3), doors open at 7:30pm, admission is \$20. Cash only. BYOB

For more information about Home Routes, go to <https://homeroutes.ca> and check out both Ray Cooper and Sierra Noble on iTunes.

## SKI HILL YOGI

By Julie Hienrich

Yoga, by definition, means union so once again I'm going to relate it to life. My least favorite thing in yoga is breathing. I mean, I get it. We take air in (it's great) then we expel gas that we don't need. Said gas happens to feed trees -- cool. I've been told that what you're not good at, or don't like, is likely what you need. So here we go.

The year has four seasons and each season is

loosely like a stage in the breath cycle. Winter -- you breathe in all the goodness you can take. Feeling the cold air hit your lungs and suddenly just the air around you is like soul nourishing, winter mountain top views. In yoga, this stage is puraka. If nothing else, it sounds better than inhale.

Next is easily missed, and sometimes a season that passes with a blink. Spring -- the momentary pause with your lungs full. Holding onto that last day of skiing, riding the wave of all your growth and hard work over the winter.

Then summer hits and you can let go, exhale (rechaka) and unwind. Enjoy sunrises and sunsets that are so much further apart than they were in the winter, even push out that last little bit of air really expelling all that has past.

Lastly, before it all begins again, pause here in fall for a moment. Hold your lungs empty for just a blink, wishing those brightly coloured leaves could stay all year. Kumbhaka (in what I like to call yoganesse) and there you have it: a full breath and seasonal cycle. Yoga on my friends, yoga on.

# CASTLE FREESTYLE IS READY TO GO

By Ryan Brown

Castle Mountain Freestyle Ski Club is hard at work preparing for the upcoming season at Castle Mountain Resort. We are training hard both in the gym, as part of our off season dryland program, and also on the trampoline as part of our air awareness and aerial training program. The athletes are getting prepared and are looking to make a splash on the competitive scene this year.

While the athletes are hard at work training, the parents and volunteers are hard at work getting the sites and training tools ready as well. If you see something big and red through the trees, just above green chair, you may be looking at our newly repaired air bag! Our air bag repair day was a huge success and this bag will make its return to the air site on the hill. Kids will be flying through the air, practicing tricks and certifying themselves for inverts before attempting them on snow. There are only a very few of these bags in Alberta; our kids will be taking advantage of the one at Castle to get that edge for Freestyle and Big Mountain competitions.

Our program registration remains open and is currently accepting new athletes into the following programs:

**Fundamentalz:** Our beginner program for ages 6-9, provides young skiers with the

basics for negotiating the mountain and terrain, while introducing proper techniques of turning and negotiating bumps.

**Freestylarz:** Our intermediate program for ages 9-17, provides athletes further progression into skiing the mountain and ensures a solid foundation for turns, jumps, park features and natural features.

**Competitive Freestyle:** This program is for athletes aged 12 – 17 who want to excel at the sport of Freestyle skiing. This is for skiers who want to compete at a Provincial Freestyle level in moguls, dual moguls, slopestyle and potentially halfpipe. Travel is required for this program as these skiers compete throughout Alberta from December to March.

**Big Mountain:** This program is for athletes ages 12 – 17 who want to learn how to better negotiate the entire mountain, using natural features as part of their training. These skills can be utilized at various Freeride competitions throughout North America. Team members have the opportunity to travel as independent athletes to a number of different IFSA competitions running December through March.

Check us out at [www.castlefreestyle.ca](http://www.castlefreestyle.ca) or like us on Facebook for more information on programs. See you on the hill.

# WESTCASTLE SKI CLUB

Awarded Alberta Alpine's "EVENT OF THE YEAR"



At the Alberta Alpine AGM, Westcastle Ski Club was awarded "Event of the Year" for hosting the Castle Mountain U14 Provincial Race Series #2 on Feb 9-10, 2019.

Westcastle Ski Club would like to share this

award with and thank all who made this great event possible:

- Castle Mountain Resort management and staff
- Race Organizing Committee
- All the fearless Chiefs and our TD, Victor Henning
- WSC Club Volunteers
- The greater Castle community and the ski club alumni
- All the volunteers from other clubs who braved the cold to help us deliver a memorable event!
- Alberta Alpine staff and official trainers

**Looking forward to showing Alberta what we can do in warmer temps for our next U14 at Castle January 18-19, 2020!**

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## MANY THANKS TO

The hard work that CMR staff puts out at this time of year to prepare for our season opening.

# JUST ANOTHER DAY AT SCHOOL

By Jason Clifton



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The Livingstone Ski Academy (LSA) is in its fourth year of operations. Over the past two school years, LSA has been changing how students at Livingstone School, in Lundbreck Alberta, experience their education while redefining what it means to be a ski academy. We are a grade four to twelve program that has expanded from twenty five to over seventy student enrollments in only three years of operations. The LSA prides itself on being inclusive; we do not screen our students for academic achievement, nor for athletic capability. The only prerequisite to join LSA is a passion for the outdoors and a love of snow sports. The LSA is a public academy functioning out of a public school and we pride ourselves on keeping our tuition cost as low as possible. Through fundraising, grant writing and sponsorship efforts, the LSA is perhaps the most accessible ski academy in

the country. Many of the students attend fundraising events such as the landfill cleanups and our annual fiesta where they are able to help generate funds that keep tuition costs down. This method of 'earning your keep' fosters a sense of responsibility and appreciation among our student athletes.

LSA staff and students are extremely fortunate to have access to what is arguably some of the best ski and snowboarding terrain in the world. Our innovative partnership with Castle Mountain Resort has enabled LSA student athletes to receive professional coaching twice a week for grades four to six and three days a week for grades seven through twelve all season long. LSA boasts a wide range of training options for our skiers and boarders. From the far north to the legendary glades on Haig, developmental, freestyle, alpine and big mountain cohorts of LSA skiers and boarders

can be seen sharpening their technique on piste, or floating through the powder with their friends from the far north to the legendary glades on Haig.

Besides skiing, the LSA offers students a variety of unique learning opportunities including high school level fitness and weight training options, level 1 CSIA certification, AST I certification, shoulder season mountain biking and kayaking trips, as well as volunteer service and community building opportunities. All LSA students participate in a special program that offers a holistic approach to student development focusing on five specific domains including: academic, personal interests, career preparation, personal wellness and community service; we call this program the Continuum of Learning. Our blend of quality education and alpine athleticism promotes physical fitness and a healthy, active lifestyle while helping our student athletes make possible athletic, recreation and other alpine industry career connections. Through specialized programming, the LSA represents an opportunity to provide innovative, engaging, and memorable learning experience for students, regardless of skiing ability, academic aptitude, or socio-economic status. We are extremely pleased to be able to offer this unique and exciting program at Livingstone School.

For more information about the program, please contact the LSA Program Coordinator, Jason Clifton: [cliftonj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:cliftonj@lrsd.ab.ca).

## WONDERS OF WINTER

### Alberta Parks

It's quintessentially Canadian to picture the perfect winter scene. Imagine rosy cheeks from a day of snowshoeing or skiing, peals of laughter from children playing in the snow and the comforting heat from hot chocolate next to a crackling fire. The Castle Provincial Parks are the ideal setting to enjoy this winter wonderland.

There are recreational opportunities for every budget and skill level. Snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice fishing, wildlife viewing, backcountry camping and snowmobiling are just some of the activities you can enjoy in the Castle. Here are some tips and tricks to ensure everyone has a great experience this winter season.

#### Be Avalanche Aware

Before heading out into the backcountry, understand avalanche hazards and be prepared in case of emergency. Never travel in potential avalanche country alone. Watch for dangerous signs like overhanging edges of snow, sun on

the slopes and wet snow. If possible, carry and use avalanche beacons, probes and portable shovels in avalanche-prone areas. Be sure to check Avalanche Canada for reports and updates at [avalanche.ca](http://avalanche.ca) before planning your backcountry adventure.

#### Stay Hydrated

Although it is cold outside, it is still important to remain hydrated.

- Fill a thermos with warm water prior to your outing. Warmer water is easier to drink in the cold and is less likely to freeze.
- Soups or sports drinks are effective options to stay hydrated during physical activity.
- Avoid caffeinated drinks, like coffee, that will dehydrate you.

#### Winter Activities

• **Cross Country Skiing**  
Syncline Cross-Country Ski Area has ski trails between the South Castle and West Castle rivers, with some grooming available. The scenic beauty of these trails extends through rolling

landscapes of mountain forests and meadows. Afterwards, catch your breath and get cozy in the warming hut, which is available at Syncline South.

#### • Snowshoeing

Enjoy the satisfying crunch of snow as your gear buoys you up on top of the blanket of powder. Guided snowshoeing trips are available through private tour operators and can provide you with new insights into the world of winter.

#### • Ice Fishing

Try a new winter hobby-- ice fishing! This activity is encouraged at Beaver Mines Lake, Butcher Lake and Bathing Lake. If you're lucky, you could land a Rainbow trout, Bull trout, Brown trout, Cutthroat or Mountain Whitefish. Be sure to check the Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations for restrictions and requirements.

Skip the hibernation this year and get outside to enjoy the wonders that this breathtaking season has to offer! For further information, recreational recommendations or tips, please email [swparks@gov.ab.ca](mailto:swparks@gov.ab.ca).



## UPDATE FROM THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

By Bev Everts, Councillor

As I put together this short M.D. update, the Provincial Budget 2019 has just been released.

These are not easy times ahead for our province or our local municipality. Council is working very hard to finalize our 2019-2020 budget, while the Administration continues to review the delivery of services to you, our residents. That is how we intend to ensure, as we move forward, that your tax dollars are receiving the best value possible. There are two important M.D. initiatives specific to Castle Mountain. First, the long awaited draft Area Structure Plan (ASP) for Castle Mountain Resort has received 1<sup>st</sup> reading with a public hearing scheduled for December 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the

Council Chambers. You can find more details on the M.D. website or pickup a hard copy for review at the office. The second initiative the M.D. has been working hard to advance is the Castle waterline installation project. As of October 23, 2019, contractors L.W. Dennis had completed 11,600 meters of the 25,400 meter water line. Funding for this project was secured in the spring of 2019. Work will recommence with the spring thaw. But before that happens, here's hoping for a banner ski season and many powder days with friends! See you on the slopes.

Contact Bev Everts at 403 627 4983 or CouncilDiv3@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

## LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ELEPHANT

By Jeff McLarty, General Manager Beaver Mines General Store

Everybody's talking about the elephant in Beaver Mines. "I heard the store is up for sale. What is up with that!?" Well here's the story, straight from the elephant's mouth.

First off, yes, the story is true and here, as Paul Harvey used to say, is the rest of the story. Steph and I first started discussing buying the store while on our honeymoon in the West Castle back in 2013. We had two full weeks, sitting by a campfire, talking about what we wanted our lives to be like. We decided that we wanted to work together to build a business and start a family.

As we saw it, a general store fit well into those plans and it sure has. We had our first child, Finn, in 2017 and number two is scheduled for arrival in January 2020. We have had lots

of fun building the store into what it is today, and we hope those who have visited us have enjoyed it too.

So why sell? We still love the area, the people and what we do, but as with any business, it does limit, to a certain extent, how long we can be away or work on other interests. We would really like to go travelling for a little while before our kids get to be of school age. Going forward, we are hoping we can find someone who loves this area as much as we do and who can continue to build the store to its full potential. We hope to find the right person/people, and we plan to return to the area after some time travelling. Thank you for all your support.

## MOUNTAIN MOMENTS OF THE PAST

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“[Paul Klaas] painted a piece of plywood 4X8 with a big cross on it and put it up on the top of the mountain and we cut our way toward it. We cut a line about six feet wide and that was the start of the lift line,” [recalls Stan Judd.] ...

“There are a lot of good memories and stories from those days [of living in a makeshift cabin at the bottom of the hill]. Jake liked these chocolate covered marshmallow cookies. The mice would get into the cookies at night and you know the wrappers were very noisy. This kept going on and going on and pretty soon he turned on this little battery light he had and you could hear him loading his gun. The noise stopped and so the light went back off. The mouse started eating again and the light came on and boom, he shot the mouse clear across the room, turned off his light and went back to sleep.”

“Another time it was pretty chilly one morning and we couldn't get the fire to stay lit in the stove so Jake got some powersaw gas, opens the line to the stove and dribbled it down into the stove. “Kaboom”, the lid flew off and the doors blew open and he's all black standing there in his underwear.”

## BE PART OF OUR NETWORK

Be part of the CMCA community. We welcome all Castle enthusiasts, regardless of where you live. If you love Castle Mountain Resort, then we invite you to join us in our commitment to making Castle an even better community. Add your email to our contact list and you will receive regular updates on Castle Mountain Community Association's activities, as well as an email copy of this newsletter 4 times a year.

Send your name and email to:  
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You can also check out our website at:  
castlemountaincommunity.org

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