Parks Canada reports annually on the implementation of the Jasper National Park Management Plan. The Management Plan guides our work to protect and present nationally significant natural and cultural heritage in Jasper National Park. Here are some highlights of that work from October 2015 to September 2016.

Received Federal Infrastructure funding to rejuvenate roads, bridges, parking lots, day use areas, trails, signs, and other valued infrastructure throughout the park.

Commenced construction of a new amphitheatre at Whistlers Campground to replace the original 1969 theatre. The new building will be fully operational for the 2017 camping season and sesquicentennial celebrations.

Improved visitor experience and public safety at the Valley of the Five Lakes Day Use Area with an expanded parking lot, upgraded trails and new trailhead, benches and a new dock at the Fifth Lake. Further upgrades are planned in 2017.

Continued to offer a wide range of engaging and educational interpretive activities in the park in all seasons, including Marmot Meadows Winter Hub, street theatre, talks and guided walks.

Undertook archaeological investigations in support of the federal infrastructure program and examined four locations of melting snow patches to uncover items that may have been dropped by caribou hunters in the past.

Prepared a draft Multi-Species Action Plan to support the conservation of the woodland caribou, Haller’s Apple Moss, common nighthawk and olive-sided flycatcher, their habitat, and maintaining biodiversity.

Continued to take action to restore whitebark pine with the collection of over 40,000 seeds from trees that appear to be resistant to white pine blister rust disease. Some of these seeds will be ready for planting in future years.

Advanced restoration of the Jasper Indigenous Cultural Area with the removal of buildings and concrete ponds associated with the former Fish hatchery headquarters.

Expanded the Caribou Ambassadors Program; collaborated with local businesses on volunteer-led initiatives; and welcomed 50 new Canadians to the Learn to Camp Program with support from many groups and organizations.

Completed the Maligne Valley Action Plan which outlines actions that will guide Parks Canada’s work in the valley over the next 5 to 10 years for visitor infrastructure and facilities renewal and conservation of ecological values.