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### **Banff's Whyte Museum Appoints Donna Livingstone as CEO**

Banff, Alberta – Marino DiManno, Chair of the Board of Directors, the Peter and Catharine Whyte Foundation, is pleased to announce that Donna Livingstone has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation and the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies in Banff, Alberta, effective June 24, 2019.

"We are pleased that someone with such excellent credentials has chosen to work with us," DiManno said. "Over the past several years, the strengths of the museum have grown, thanks to strong leadership in all aspects of operations, from finances, to art gallery, museum and archives, to the point that, although we are a smaller museum, we can offer a challenge for someone with Donna's depth of experience."

"Donna has led the Glenbow Museum in Calgary through six years of achievements in financial management, in improved attendance, and in innovative exhibitions and programs. We are looking forward to an exciting new era at the Whyte under her leadership," said DiManno.

Livingstone is excited by the opportunities to showcase the Whyte to the world. "The Whyte Museum is a dynamic gathering place for locals and for visitors to connect with the changing face of mountain culture," she says. "I am constantly touched by the remarkable legacy of Peter and Catharine Whyte, and it will be an honour to help carry their story forward. My husband and I have strong connections to Banff, so this will be like coming home!"

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### **Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies**

The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies acknowledges that we are on traditional Treaty 7 territory. This treaty was signed in 1877 with the Stoney Nakoda Nation (Bears paw, Chiniki, Wesley), the Blackfoot Confederacy (Kainai, Piikani, Siksika), the Tsuut'ina and Queen Victoria. Historically, there is a long standing connection to this valley by many Indigenous Nations who travelled the area - the Ktunaxa, Secwepemc, Métis, Dene & Mountain Cree, along with the Tsuut'ina, Blackfoot and Stoney Nakoda peoples.

The Whyte Museum inspires discovery and wonder when people and the Rocky Mountains meet. We share stories and explore the culture shaped by this mountain landscape. Our founders, Peter and Catharine Whyte, were local artists and philanthropists who wished to offer a place where people could gather and appreciate the culture and beauty of the area. Generous support from the Museum's Members, donors and sponsors makes our programming possible.

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