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Jumbo polarizes the Columbia Valley







Left: Jumbo protesters. Top: Hikers walk the trails on the site of the proposed resort. Photos: Pat Morrow. Bottom: Rendering of built-out resort.

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RADIUM, BC—One of Canada's most controversial resort developments to date reached a pivotal stage on Feb. 19 with the incorporation of the Jumbo Glacier Resort Municipality. Jumbo Glacier Resort, slated to be built at the foot of Jumbo Mountain and Jumbo Glacier more than 50km west of Invermere, BC, has been a highly-debated proposition for more than 20 years.

A lengthy process

There is now an appointed mayor and two-person council in place, as well as the Master Agreement, Grant Costello, vice-president of Glacier Resorts Inc., owner and operator of Jumbo Glacier Resort told *CLN*. Those are the two pieces that will allow the development to move for-

ward. "Construction is set to start before the end of this year, but we don't expect to have any beds there or accommodations until 2015 or 2016 at the earliest," said Costello.

He said the resort will incorporate all aspects of a boutique resort including hotels, lodges, and bed and breakfasts, as well as single family chalets and condos. "Restaurants and bars and other retail services will grow as the population grows," said Costello.

"It's not just another ski area, it's very unique," he said. For one thing, unlike any other resort in Canada, Jumbo will be ski-able during all four seasons. Costello said there will be sightseeing and skiing above the treeline, and ski-lifts that rise 10,000 feet into heli-skiing country.

The Jumbo Valley site was specifically selected for its consistent snowfall, a factor that makes the resort more economically and environmentally feasible, said Oberto Oberti, president of Glacier Resorts Ltd. and owner of Oberto Oberti Inc. Architecture & Urban Design Inc. – a division of which is charged with designing the resort.

"Most ski areas in North America have or need to have snowmaking, a costly and less sustainable approach to ski resort development," Oberti told *CLN*. "The base is at an ideal 1,700 metres elevation, almost 500 metres above the rain line in winter, and offering an abundance of natural snow without ever needing snowmaking."

Despite what Oberti designated as an ideal location, the process of bringing Jumbo Glacier Resort to fruition was anything but ideal.

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First newbuild Park Inn in pipeline for Canada

CHICAGO—Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group will add three hotels to its Canadian roster over the next couple of years, with one now open and the other opening in May.

Carlson Rezidor's newest additions in Markham, ON and Calgary will complement its existing Canadian portfolio of 32 hotels and 4,815 rooms in operation and under development.

The first of these, the Park Inn by Radisson Toronto-Markham, opened March 1. This 170-room hotel, which used to be a Howard Johnson, has been extensively renovated. The hotel will offer the brand's RBG restaurant, meeting and convention space, and recreational facilities including an indoor pool and fitness centre.

"Park Inn is such a great conversion brand," said Sean Shannon, vice president, development for Canada. "The hotel wanted to reposition to get more of a business-oriented clientele. The Park Inn by Radisson brand enabled them to make that shift in market and drive revenue."

Park Inn recently took on the "by Radisson" moniker, adding traction to the brand.

Minaz Rahemtulla, managing director of Luxury Hotels Group, Canada, is the owner of the property. Luxury Hotels already has a number of hotels in Canada, and additional investments internationally.

Anshu Patack will be the general manager.

A Carlson campus?

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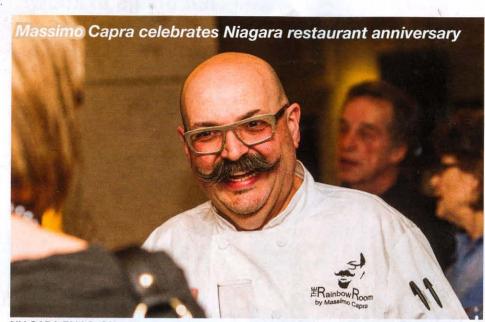
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Motel 6 Moncton makes list of Top 25 Bargain Hotels

MONCTON, NB—Motel 6 Moncton was chosen as a winner in the Top 25 Bargain Hotels in Canada category of the annual TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice awards. The awards are based on millions of reviews and opinions from travellers. Located at 2530 Mountain Road, Motel 6 Moncton is beside the new casino and near Magic Mountain

Water Park, Magnetic Hill, Magnetic Hill Zoo, and Centennial Beach. Motel 6 ranked 20th and was the only chain hotel to make the list.

Bargain category winners included:

- 1. Clark's Sunny Isle Motel, Summerside, PE
- 2. High Falls Motel and Cabins, Wawa, ON
- Arbutus Grove Motel, Parksville, BC
 Idabel Lake Resort, Idabel Lake, BC
- 5. Newcastle Country Inn, Drumheller, AB
- 6. Ainsworth Hotel, Ainsworth Hot Springs, BC

- 7. West Coast Motel on the Harbour, Ucluelet, BC
- 8. Beach Breeze Motel, Grand Pre, NS
- 9. Albert's Motel, Cheticamp, NS
- 10. Woody Island Resort, Woody Island, NL
- 11. Taku Resort and Marina, Quadra Island, BC
- 12. Studiotel Bromont, Bromont, QC
- 13. Fox Motor Inn, Napanee,
- 14. Pinewood Inn, Golden, BC
- 15. Bay Vista Motel, Cavendish,
- 16. Highland Heights Inn, Cape Breton Island, NS
- 17. Auberge des Cevennes, L'Anse St-Jean, QC
- 18. Hubs Motel, Wells, BC
- 19. Safari Beach Condo Resort, Osoyoos, BC
- 20. Motel 6 Moncton, Moncton, NB
- 21. Capri Inn, St. Catharines, ON
- 22. The Business Inn, Ottawa
- 23. Big Horn Motel, Radium Hot Springs, BC
- 24. Retasket Lodge and RV Park, Lillooet, BC
- 25. Park Motel, Hope, BC
 For winners in other categories go to www.tripadvisor.ca/
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Motel 6, Moncton, NB placed 20th among TripAdvisor's Top 25 Bargain Hotels.



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Eachyear Pantone announces their choice for colour of the year and it becomes the must-have hue in the design world. To celebrate Pantone's pick of the year, Atlas Homewares has introduced Emerald knobs to their Dream Glass collection.

KNOBS ARE SPOT ON

Atlas Homewares took the chosen colour and livened it up with a pop of polka-dots to create a limitededition collection. Addings plashes of colour is the easiest way to quickly transform any space, and these emerald spotted jewels are a great way to add some flair to a kitchen or bath. The limitededition Emerald Dream Glass Knobs are 1.5" in diameter and are available in either round or square with a matte black or polished chrome finish and retail for \$22.68 per knob.

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