



## *Office of the Mayor*

April 5, 2017

**Re: No Limits: Education for Everyone, Everywhere**

On behalf of Council and residents welcome to Jasper and to the No Limits: Education for Everyone, Everywhere conference.

The spectacular Canadian Rockies and everything our community and Jasper National Park have to offer has doubtlessly influenced your choice of venue. And while we hope you find time within your conference schedule to more fully enjoy our magnificent natural environment, we are confident that our surroundings will offer inspiration as you continue making strides to improve physical and outdoor education.

As a community of outdoor enthusiasts, we recognize the intrinsic value of having the world as a classroom. As students Venture Beyond the walls of traditional classrooms, with outdoor learning integrated into their curriculum, they become immersed in all that the natural world has to offer—broadening their perspectives, their interests, their studies and their personal skill-sets. Equally important, physical education helps students become and remain active, develops interest in different activities, builds teamwork and improves focus and academic performance.

I know you will enjoy your time at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, but I encourage you to take every opportunity to also Venture Beyond: to explore our community, to hike our diverse trails, to paddle on one of our breathtaking lakes – to be active.

I wish you an enjoyable and productive conference. We hope to see you back again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard G. Ireland".

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