

Banff region looks to attract hordes of golf-thirsty tourists

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economic lifeblood.

Real estate values have shot up the past decade, angering some residents and would-be residents opposed to Three Sisters and the 2,000 new homes it could add. A basic, three-bedroom home in the Canmore area has climbed to \$140,000, much higher than 10 years ago, Gunn said.

If growth continues, some fear Canmore could eventually mirror the town of Banff, a resort that

rivals communities like Aspen and Vail, Colo., Gunn said.

"Banff looks like the West Edmonton mall without a roof," he said.

Kananaskis Country Golf Course was the first golf project to go before the NRCB, Director of Golf Brian Bygrave said. One golf course, no real estate and no re-zoning were involved. No one qualified for intervenor status. Public hearings before the NRCB took four days.

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Three Sisters — with its four courses, 2,000 homes, resort hotel and re-zoning requirements for a portion of Wind Valley — was

expected to take two months.

"You can't compare the two projects," Bygrave said. "Three Sisters is a mega-project. Ours is a mini-project."

"Still, it was frustrating to have to go through that process since we are in an area that was already zoned for what we wanted to do. There was some opposition, but not much."

The same can't be said of Three Sisters. Big Horn Municipal Manager Sam Hall said the

controversy surrounding the bigger project involves the perceived environmental sensitivity of Wind Valley; fears the hundreds of miles of abandoned coal mine tunnels that underlie the property render it unstable; and the fact that Three Sisters Calgary-based development company is not local.

"Some projects seem to get a lot of negative press and others don't," Hall said.

Attempts to reach Three Sisters officials were unsuccessful.

Perry Dye opens European office, inks first pact

DENVER, Colo. — Perry O. Dye Designs International, Inc., has broken ground on Dye's first project in Europe — Schloss Seltenheim Golf & Country Club near Klagenfurt, Austria.

The project will be a collaboration of Dye Designs, Kanovsky Golf Construction of Klagenfurt, and G.&G. Hauser Golf & Landscape of Vienna.

Dye will design the 18-hole championship golf course around a castle — Schloss Seltenheim — the baronial home of the Hapsburg family.

Dye will provide other services including construction supervision, shaping, and a maintenance consultant beginning with grow-in. The project will also include a nine-hole Romantic course and practice facility designed by Architect Ing. Gerold Hauser, president of The European Society of Golf Course Architects, and a clubhouse designed by Wien & Klimbacher.

With the establishment of a site office at Seltenheim, Dye expects to coordinate its other European business from this location.

Legends opens North Course, readies South

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — The North Course at Legends Club of Tennessee opened for play June 27. The Club's South Course will open later this year.

Legends Club will be the permanent home of the Tennessee PGA, the Tennessee Golf Association and the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame.

Legends Club of Tennessee is owned and operated by Kite/Cupp Golf Enterprises. Based in Atlanta, Ga., the board of directors of Kite/Cupp Golf Enterprises is chaired by Robert E. Cupp and Tom Kite Jr.

Management of the clubs will be directed by the board of directors of Kite/Cupp Golf Enterprises, Inc., with their directions carried out by the club director. Members will be appointed to serve on the Clubs' Golf Committees to insure that they have teaching programs, tournaments, and events that actively promote the enjoyment of the game for the entire golf communities.



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