

International Clan Chisholm Gathering -2008 Banff/Canmore, Canada

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF CLAN CHISHOLM TO CELEBRATE THEIR SCOTTISH ROOTS IN THE HEART OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

The Gathering will be held on **Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1, 2008** (Labour Day Week-end) and will be held in conjunction with the Canmore Highland Games.

The Radisson Hotel and Convention Centre www.radisson.com/canmoreca located in the Town of Canmore which lies just outside the East gate of the Banff National Park, has been selected as the "Host Hotel" and Gathering headquarters. It is a superb facility, ideally located and one that is able to more than adequately meet our planned social function needs. A block of 100 rooms has been established at prices starting at \$153.00/night (an extremely good rate). All attendees are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements which can be made through the hotel website using the code word "clan" under "Promotional Codes" or by telephone at 403-678-3625. Booking can also be made on line thru our website using the code word "clan" under "Promotional Codes"

An interesting and full event schedule is being planned for the long week-end including a Meet & Greet, a President's Reception, Dinner with *The Chisholm*, a Western BBQ/Ceildh, Golf, Coach Tours of the Banff Area including a picnic and Afternoon Tea at the Banff Springs Hotel which could prove to be one of the highlights of the Gathering. This hotel, built in baronial style by Scottish stone masons in the late 1800s, is without doubt, the crown jewel of the Canadian Rockies.



Attendance at the Annual Canmore Highland Games www.canmorehighlandgames.ca to be held on Sunday, August 31st will also be arranged. These Games, one of the largest in Western Canada, attract participants from all over North America and Scotland.



Our Chief, Hamish Chisholm of Chisholm and his family have accepted our invitation to attend. We have requested that he be recognized as the "Chief of the Games" and as such will participate in all official functions.

The sound of the pipes echoing along the Bow Valley with the majestic Three Sisters watching sedately overhead will be truly an exceptional experience.

Plan to spend some additional time in the area as the Banff National Park is a world famous international tourist destination offering a variety of activities ranging from heli-hiking in the rugged Rockies to shopping along Banff's famous Caribou, Elk and Bear Streets. For detail please refer to: www.banff.ca/home.htm

We hope to have at least 200 attendees. Should you wish to join us for this exciting week-end, please complete the Registration Form as soon as possible and return it along with your cheque to cover the costs of the various events to Merritt Chisholm at #4 - 9885 Second Street, Sidney, BC V8L 3C7; Tel: 250-656-0030 or Email: fmchisholm@shaw.ca

Registration Forms are also available on line at www.clanchisholmsociety.org or from your local branch executive.