



### **A place of stories....**

The Juniper Hotel & Bistro embraces all that Banff National Park has to offer - abundant wildlife, stunning vistas and a rich history. Archaeological records show that the Juniper's location, set on a sunny bench with incredible views of the Bow Valley, is the place of several ancient home sites. For example, in the trees, 150 meters east of the hotel are the remains of a 4,000 year old partial pit dwelling or "kiguli". Park archeologists think this kiguli was actually built by the Shuswap, from BC's interior, as a place to travel to when came to hunt, or trade salmon with bison-hunters - therefore Banff's first official "guests"!

Surrounded by castle hotels like the Banff Springs and Rimrock, The Juniper was originally designed and built in the 1950's by John A. Cawston, an Albertan who was a champion for modern architecture in the province. A savvy marketer as well, Cawston chose the hotel's continuous clean lines to evoke a visual connection to speed and technology to tie in with the newly opened TransCanada Highway. Originally named the "Timberline", it had the distinction of having the first outdoor patio dining room - a feature locals and guests to the Juniper enjoy today. The hotel was also the first in Banff to feature "television sets to entertain guests, with reception the best in the area" as well as "several rooms with natural fireplaces."

The renovated Juniper Hotel & Bistro is the first hotel in North America to reflect Art Eco design. It is a term coined by the Banff based design team from [Arctos & Bird](#) as the perfect way to describe the reclamation, recycling and re-use that characterized the 2003-2004 restoration of the hotel. Inspired by the way the hotel fit in so naturally into its surroundings, the team looked to the existing property to find materials to rebuild and enhance the hotel. For example, the rippled glass that graces the reception wall was found tucked away in a mechanical room. The roof of one of the outbuildings yielded six pallets of re-usable slate.

The mosaic floor in the lobby is made of stones from the old penthouse patio. The screen behind the Bistro's bar is of recycled fir timbers, stacked as they would have been around the ancient kiguli dwelling that was originally on the site.

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Conservation then conversion was the mantra for the renovation behind the Juniper Hotel & Bistro. Recycled fir wood was salvaged from a World War II Vinatage Air Hangar in Fort MacLeod, AB. Guests will find this wood used in the construction of the bar, the end table bocks, the wood on the front desk and the large seating bench in the lobby. The slate that was originally used for the roof of the old staff house was recycled and used for hotel room numbers, signage and serving plates.

The Juniper Hotel & Bistro is also the first hotel in Banff to incorporate green roofs into its design. The drive through canopy, the lobby and ski and bike shed have green roofs which grow grass and plants. These roofs reduce storm run off, create sound barriers and add extra insulation that helps reduce energy consumption while helping to put more oxygen into the air.

Juniper's Bistro, Muk a Muk, is named after a first peoples' word which is Chinook for "food" or "feast". Dining is inspired by the Bow Valley corridor bridging two abundant food baskets from the prairie grasslands to the Fraser Valley Delta. Described as "Cross Roads" cuisine, it is drawn from the memory of the first peoples who traveled between the salmon region to the west and the buffalo plains to the east. The team at the Juniper is proud to weave the stories of regional growers and producers to in to their menus.

Summer rates begin at CDN\$163.00 and for more information people may go to [www.thejuniper.com](http://www.thejuniper.com).

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