

# PRAIRIE SKY GONDOLA - ROSSDALE

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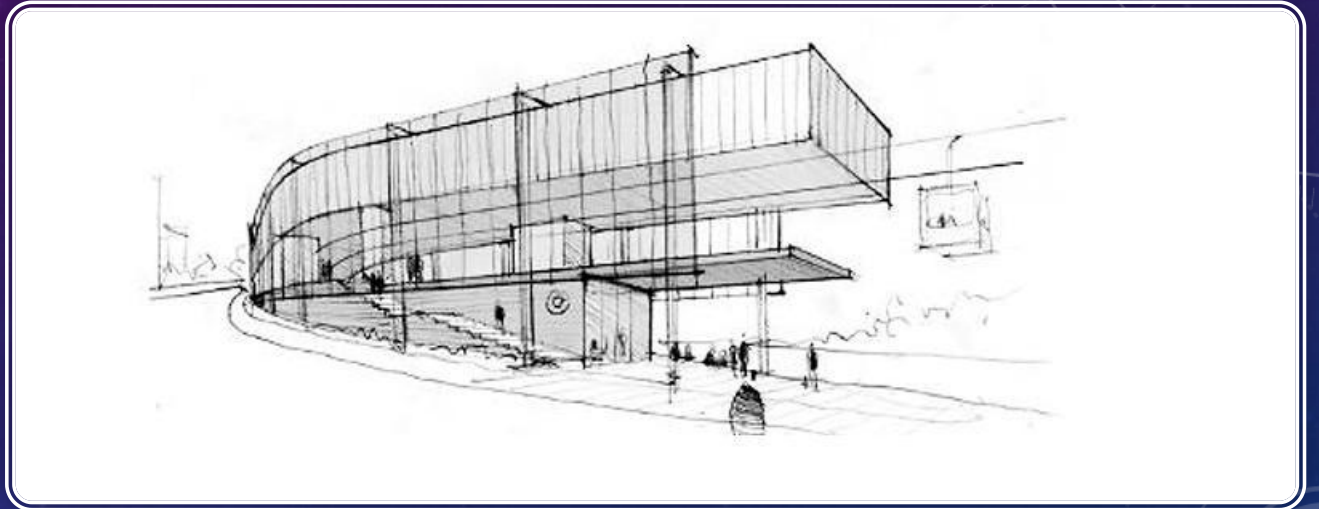
# CODY SHARPHEAD

- Enoch Cree Nation member/Sharphead Stoney Indian reserve descendant
- Involved with archaeology since 2007
- BA in human geography and BA in anthropology
- Archaeological field school, GPR experience
- Excavations in Utah, Hardisty, Wabamun, Enoch



# GONDOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVISOR

- Gondola project support hinges on First Nations' archaeological program
- Lack of First Nations archaeologists
- Lack of archaeological knowledge
- Cultural experience/knowledge
- Alberta Historic Resource Act
- First Nations' artifacts





# ARCHAEOLOGY

- Low probability for human burial
- High probability for animal remains
- Cultural artifacts may be present
- Alberta Culture will recommend monitoring/testing/excavation
- If necessary, permit holding archaeologist would be trained on First Nations' cultural awareness





# ENGAGEMENT/EXCAVATION

- Proper protocol/ceremony before ground opening
- First Nations led archaeological mitigation program
- Only way Rossdale should be developed is with a First Nations' archaeological advisor and elders
- Our ancestors are buried nearby, so we have more at stake for this project
- Handouts/Brochures should acknowledge and place Indigenous participants/feedback first





# FIRST NATIONS EXPERIENCE

- The river is vital for First Nations' peoples and has been in use since the river formed 12,000 years ago
- Gondola can tie into Indigenous tourism aspects with vendors
- Cultural nature walks, canoe experience
- History awareness can be utilized through gondola use
- Learn about the first peoples and our use of the river



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