

# SEA TO SKY GONDOLA

FACT SHEET – June 2011

## Proposed Sea To Sky Gondola Project, Squamish BC

### *Facts at a Glance*

**The Sea to Sky Gondola:**

- A key piece of “tourism infrastructure” that further solidifies Squamish as the Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada.
- A catalyst for Squamish’s continued economic growth, creating jobs IN Squamish, and spurring new tourism investment opportunities.
- Access for everyone to a stunning mountain top location, offering a variety of experiences and extraordinary views of Howe Sound, Mount Garibaldi and Sky Pilot Mountain.
- Follows an alignment route to the ridge leading to Mount Habrich, NOT the Stawamus Chief.
- Requesting public input from the Squamish community and special interest groups.

**Proposed Project Specs:**

Base area location: Vacant gravel pit site off Highway 99, north of Shannon Falls, south of Stawamus Chief

Top area location: Ridge leading to Mount Habrich, Sky Pilot Mountain and Goat Ridge NOT to the top of the Stawamus Chief

Elevation gain: 2,700 feet

Accessibility: Fully accessible, including visitors with strollers or wheelchairs.

Gondola Type: Eight-passenger gondola cabins, detachable gondola system

Gondola Manufacturer: Yet to be chosen

**Base Terminal to include:**

- Ticketing, parking and maintenance facilities, a small food and beverage outlet, retail space, outdoor equipment and activity guiding services.
- Envisions a walking experience to link the Sea to Sky Gondola with the Malamute, Stawamus Chief Provincial Park viewing area and trail, and Shannon Falls Provincial Park.

**Top Terminal has the potential to include:**

- Access to mountain top viewing areas, interpretive walks, hikes, cross country mountain bike trails, snowshoeing, a West Coast inspired lodge serving a high quality locally produced menu, and a theatre experience highlighting the history, culture and activities in the area.
- Mountain top access leading to Mount Habrich, Sky Pilot Mountain and Goat Ridge.

**Proposed Timeline:**

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| Launch                                      | Late June 2011                  |
| Public Engagement Process                   | July 2011 to July 2012          |
| District of Squamish Rezoning Process       | July 2011 to Nov. 2011          |
| BC Parks Assessment and Approval            | Sept. 2011 to July 2012         |
| SLRD Rezoning Process                       | Nov. 2011 to Mar. 2012          |
| BC Crown Land Tenure Process                | Nov. 2011 to Jul. 2012          |
| Development and Construction Permit Process | Mar. 2012 to July 2012          |
| Construction                                | Aug. 2012 to spring/summer 2013 |
| Sea to Sky Gondola Opens                    | Spring/summer 2013              |

Gondola Project Team: GroundEffects Development Inc.

Further information, photos, detailed benefits and guiding principles are available at [www.seatoskygondola.com](http://www.seatoskygondola.com).