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Boots, Bottles, and Bullets: Recent Finds from Excavations at the Original Town of Fort Macleod

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Stage I, II, and III excavations were carried out at the original location of the town of Fort Macleod (1874 to 1884) on Macleod Island. During the summer and fall of 2016 and 2017 a total of 1,200 m² were opened up at the site with over 40,000 artifacts recovered. The site represents one of the earliest town sites in southern Alberta, with evidence of First Nations, Métis, and European inhabitants. Besides evidence of typical domestic and commercial activities at the time, there is abundant evidence that members of the town were heavily involved in the robe and fur trade. This evidence includes the presence of numerous glass hide working tools.

Rob Wondrasek is Atlatl's senior permit holder, and has an M.A. from the University of Saskatchewan where he specialized in Plains, Parkland, and Boreal Forest archaeology with a focus on Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Rob has been conducting Historic/Heritage Resource Impact Assessments and Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Environmental Knowledge Studies for over 20 years within the Canadian prairie provinces, Montana and Arizona. **Rachel Lindemann** has over 10

years of experience working in archaeology, in both the academic realm and the Cultural Resource Management sphere. Rachel grew up in Pincher Creek, satisfying her love of archaeology and history by working summers at the local museum. Rachel received her B.A. from the University of Lethbridge before moving to England to complete her M.A. in Maritime Archaeology and History. Projects have taken Rachel to diverse locations like Malta, England, Israel, the Yukon and various provinces in Canada. She yearly continues work in Israel on the site of Tel Beth Shemesh, a fortified city that saw massive destruction during the Late Bronze Age.



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