

**Date:** Friday, February 19, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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10:00AM Call to Order/ Welcomes - Elaine Garrow - MD of Sprit River; PREDA Chair

**Theme - Agrihoods, Homesteads, and Tiny Houses**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Attachments are posted on the PREDA Website in the Membership Section**

Background: There are three pivotal points aligning that are positioning locations like the PREDA region into the limelight - 1) a global pandemic resulting in forced "stay home to work / learn; 2) urban dense apartment and condo dwellers wanting access to space and land; and 3) the local food movement underpinned by global food security concerns. This meeting will present information relative to these three points while identifying actions municipalities can take to respond to this potential economic development opportunity.

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**GIVE ME SPACE!!** Presenter by Chris Cline - Grassroots Realty & President of Grande Prairie Area Association of Realtors. A review of overall growth in demand for non-urban living since COVID19 restrictions with information on real estate / land demands across Canada and if these trends are being witnessed across the PREDA region.

**Agrihoods – What are they?** Presented by Jan Sotocinal and Komiete Tetteh, Master Level Municipal Planners with Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency. Agrihoods are multiple residences built around a farm. Each residence contributes to the cost of operating the farm and share the production from that farm. Agrihoods need a formal governance model and legal clarification of property ownerships. Can a municipality develop an Agrihood? Jan and Komiete will present an overview of key land-use by-laws, identifying current development and zoning restrictions, limitations of available utilities such as water & sewer. Through their presentation Jan and Komiete will provide examples of current Agrihoods, and various governance / legal models for municipalities to consider.

**Shared Homesteads?** Presented by PREDA. A homestead is typically defined as a single-family home on a farm where the family owns the land (or leases). Can three or more families build separate homes on one piece of farmland? What are the by-laws? What is the threshold of when multiple homesteads on one farm is technically an Agrihood? This presentation will show examples of the spectrum from technically pure Agrihoods to technically pure Homesteads and convergent models that fall within these two definitions.

**Are Tiny Homes Legal?** Presented by PREDA. Tiny Homes, RVs, 5th Wheels, Mobile Homes, Camper Vans, and Schoolies share the common denominator of mobilized living. Referred to as vagabonds for centuries, current monikers refer to these alternative living persons as digital nomads, world travelers, or location independents. Now there is a growing market of "tiny homeowners" that are seeking more permanent locations like hobby farms and homesteads; but can they legally be stationary year-round dwellings?

**Farm Direct Sales:** Presented by Tammy Swedburg, Executive Director for Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association (AFFPA). Many new homesteading families and those interested in venturing into the arena indicate that selling their produce, meats, eggs, etc. will be a source of revenue. The AFFPA is dedicated to supporting farm direct market sales. With local food producer members at various levels of experience; Tammy has a wealth of knowledge on the regulations to be able sell directly from a farm and at farmers' markets. **NOTE: AFFPA is seeking a Peace Region Board member!**

**HELP ME!** Presented by Kolby Peterson, Alberta Apprenticeship Coordinator for Young Agrarians (YA). YA is a service delivery program under the Agrarian Foundation that focuses on farmer-to-farmer educational resources and networking for new and young ecological, organic and regenerative farmers in Canada. The organization advertises farm apprenticeship opportunities; a landowner to land wanted matching service; and numerous foundational training seminars for new young "food farmers". Kolby is a farmer from the Pouce Coupe, BC area who is setting up farming apprenticeships on behalf of YA between local "food farms" and young people from all over Canada wanting to learn about food production farming.

**2:30 – 3:30 PM**

**Northern Lakes College (NLC) – Request for Support from PREDA Membership**

Jasmine Light, Chair of Academic Upgrading, and PREDA Member Representative

- 1) A northern Alberta bridging program for Registered Nursing programs
- 2) Changes to Advanced Education and the negative impact this will have on local community input.

**Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (NTAB) – Update**

Carolyn Kolebaba – Reeve of Northern Sunrise County, and PREDA Board of Directors

NTAB's most recent meeting in Dec 2020 witnessed the coming together of the Ports of Valdez, Anchorage, Stewart, and Prince Rupert, along with numerous senior level Gov of AB staff and MLA's to provide an overview on the visionary goal of building a transportation and utility corridor (rail, roads, water, pipelines, electricity, telecommunications) in Canada's north that will provide community development opportunities (i.e. new communities) and economic development export opportunities for the energy, forestry, agricultural, and mineral industries throughout Northern Alberta, the Northwest territories, the Yukon, and Alaska. Carolyn will provide an update to the PREDA membership, discuss the barriers of transportation and lack of access to industrial levels of water. The next NTAB meeting is scheduled for early March.

3:30PM Next Meeting – AGM May 7<sup>th</sup> Research Theme: Community Nuclear Reactors

**Thank-you to our Presenters**

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