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June 21, 2022

RE: Grant # 0620-20200701-PREDA 2021-2022 Grant Activity Report

Mr. Buffin,

On behalf of the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) I am pleased to submit the attached completed REDA Metrics 2021-2022 to Jobs Economy and Innovation as part of the reporting requirements of our grant. As Chair, I confirm that all JEI grant funds received under this funding agreement were used in their entirety for the purposes intended as described in this report.

Our region's economic development continues to benefit from regional collaboration, and we appreciate your support. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 780-512-9628 or our Executive Director, Dan Dibbelt at 780-527-4033.

Kind regards,

Elaine Garrow – MD of Spirit River #133
PREDA Chair
egarrow@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

Attachment: PREDA 2021-2022 Activity Report

Cc: PREDA - Dan Dibbelt; and Board of Directors
Victor Solis – GOA; Regional Economic Development Specialist
Nicole Nelles – GOA; Regional Economic Development Specialist



2021-2022 Activity Report

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Governance

PREDA's Board of Directors are elected by the membership for a four-year term. At the 2022 AGM the Board of Directors (below) was elected.

PREDA 2022-2026 Board of Directors					
Member Organization	Elected November 4, 2016	Address	Community	Postal	Phone
County of Grande Prairie	Director – Brian Peterson	100001 84 Avenue	Clairmont	T0H 0W0	780-567-4299
Town of Sexsmith	Director - Kenneth Hildebrand	9927-100 Street	Sexsmith	T0H 3C0	780-978-1820
MD of Spirit River #133	Director - Elaine Garrow	Box 389	Spirit River	T0H 3G0	780-512-9628
Northern Sunrise County	Director -Carolyn Kolebaba	Box 1300	Peace River	T8S 1Y9	780-617-2381
Village of Rycroft	Director - Joe Chelick	Box 360	Rycroft	T0H 3A0	780-765-3652
Birch Hills County	Director – Deanne Woodland	Box 157	Wanham	T0H 3P0	780-694-3793
County of Northern Lights	Director – Gary These	Box 10	Manning	T0H 2M0	780-836-3348
MD of Peace	Director – Robert Willing	P.O. Box 34	Berwyn	T0H 0E0	780-338-3845

Note: The municipality is elected; the municipality designates the representative.

Operations

Operational Facilities: PREDA operates under a virtual office model utilizing its website as the portal for information distribution to its membership. In 2021-2022, PREDA held its quarterly membership meetings from a single central location (MD of Spirit River) to decrease cost of PREDA administrative travel and accommodation expenses.

Human Resources: Currently PREDA has 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff allowance of 35 hours per week which is allocated across: 1) Executive for high-end economic consultations and government diplomacy at .25FTE, and 2) Administration, Book-keeping, Website maintenance, Research, and Meeting Coordination at .75FTE.

Revenue Sources: PREDA has two major revenue sources. The first is an annual membership fee which is set at .75c per capita for municipalities and various flat rates for non-municipal members. The second major revenue source is an annual operating grant of 50K from the provincial ministry of Jobs, Economy, and Innovation. PREDA's annual budget is ~105K.

Major expenditures: PREDA expenditures are operational based. PREDA does not provide external funding for projects.

CORE ACTIVITIES

Listed below are the core activities of PREDA in 2021-2022. The listed core activities are available to all members and encompassed under their annual membership fees unless otherwise stated.

Activity 1: Quarterly Board / Membership Roundtables

PREDA researches and organizes membership symposiums on a quarterly basis. These symposiums are thematic with a variety of speakers and represent collective regional issues that impact the region's ability to build local capacity and strengthen economic development, awareness, action planning, and collective positioning. PREDA does not charge its membership to attend these meetings. Coordination, printing, venue, catering, research, and speaker fees are covered under PREDA's operational budget.

March 4th, 2022	Theme: Minerals in the Peace Region	Agenda Attached
January 21, 2022	Theme: Small Town Advantage	Agenda Attached
September 17, 2021	Theme: Keeping Seniors in Their Homes	Agenda Attached
June 25th, 2021	PREDA 2021 AGM	Agenda Attached

Activity 2: Municipal Consultations & Services:

PREDA provides preliminary customized consultations with member Municipalities, Economic Development Officers, and Chief Administrative Officers. In 2021-2022 PREDA assisted the Town of Fairview in their recruitment efforts for a Physio-therapist; the Village of Nampa with advocating against the closure of a local school; Birch Hills County, Town of Spirit River, & the Village of Berwyn with CAO recruitment; the MD of Spirit River with intermittent Council administration training & services; the Town of Grimshaw new Council Orientation & Planning; Board of Directors consultations to Family & Community services to the Town of Spirit River, the MD of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft; and consultations with the Town Sexsmith Economic Development Committee. PREDA does not charge for these preliminary services.

Activity 3: Municipal Project Fund:

Due to COVID19 restrictions and lockdowns the funds for MFP were not dispersed in 2021-2022. These funds will be carried over to the next fiscal year on behalf of the MPF. PREDA provides all administrative services to the MPF committee (ie.. invoicing, banking, meeting coordination, grant agreement forms & contracts). PREDA does not charge the MPF Committee for services provided.

Activity 4: Networking and Advocacy

4.a PREDA maintained an active membership in the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Alberta Urban Municipalities in 2021-2022. PREDA also participates in the Growing the North Annual conference, and regional REDA meetings. In 2021 PREDA discontinued its membership in the Economic Developers Association of Alberta (EDA) and the Economic Development Association of Canada (EDAC).

4.b PREDA assists the Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (NTAB) as a sub-committee housed within PREDA. At the governance level, PREDA's Chair attended meetings and provided regular updates to membership. PREDA provides book-keeping, meeting coordination, agenda preparation with related research/documents, attendance and minute taking at NTAB meetings, and distribution to NTAB members. In 2022 PREDA will assist NTAB with its website development and resource library. PREDA charges NTAB an annual stipend of \$12,000 for these services.

4.c PREDA maintains an open access link to the MOVE-UP magazine on its website. MOVE-UP is a local promotional tool showcasing municipalities and job opportunities in the Northwest. PREDA members were founders of this magazine. PREDA maintains a reciprocal relationship with this member. PREDA does charge a membership fee in exchange for PREDA logo and occasional storyline. MOVE-UP magazine has access to all PREDA research and membership symposium information. The MOVE_UP link is available to the members and the public and to employers as a component of recruitment efforts for the PREDA region.

Activity 5: COVID19 Impact (Note: this category was required by GOA Funder)

5a. At the beginning of the COVID19 pandemic in 2020 PREDA identified a potential crisis in services to seniors in long-term care facilities. In partnership with Northern Lakes College, PREDA provided a full-day symposium on the current status of the Health Care Aide training available in the region and the potential impact changes to this training may have on the delivery of services within our region. See Agenda Sept. 2020 Theme: Health Care Aide Training in the Northwest. As a follow-up to this symposium, in 2021-2022 PREDA researched and coordinated a full day session on community best practices that facilitate seniors to staying longer in their own homes. See Agenda - September 17, 2021, Theme: Keeping Seniors in Their Homes.

5b. In 2020-2021 PREDA assisted with a business survey to collect information on the impact COVID19 has had on our local businesses. While conducting this survey service it was identified that municipal members and/or chambers of commerce do not have a full business contact dataset. In 2021-2022 PREDA did not follow-up on the COVID19 Business Survey as it was identified to be the mandate of the regional Chambers of Commerce and hence a duplication of efforts.

5.c At the beginning of the COVID19 pandemic PREDA identified the potential impact on urbanites and three pivotal points that could catapult 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. PREDA organized a membership symposium Theme: Homesteads, Agrihoods, and Tiny Homes on Wheels – Feb 2021. A follow-up symposium in 2022 highlighted the urban growing demand for affordable single-family homes with back-yards. See Agenda Jan. 2021 Theme: Small Town Advantage.

5.d **JOB FAIR** In response to critical job losses and recruitment challenges due to COVID19 restrictions, lockdowns and small business closures PREDA partnered with Economic Development Officers to provide recruitment marketing. PREDA hosted a booth that focused on 85 municipal job openings across the PREDA region.

Activity 6: Regional Research

6.a PREDA completed an extensive research project on the commodity types, production volumes, export values, and potential new global markets for the Northwest region. In 2021-2022 PREDA did not follow-up on this activity due to not having the financial or human resources to commit to research updates. Recently the GOA has provided an opportunity to update the agricultural section of this report. This update will be completed in the upcoming year.

6.b PREDA maintains an open access link to the GOA economic dashboard on its website. This link is accessible to PREDA members and the public.

6.c PREDA maintains an open access link to provincial traffic counts for municipal members. If requested PREDA will assist a municipality with data downloads and schematic interpretations. This data is requested and/or accessed by potential investors, business developers, and site locators. Access to this open link is restricted to PREDA members only.

6.d PREDA maintains an open access link to Statistics Canada Community Profiles, the Census of Agriculture, and Population Census. Access to these open links is restricted to PREDA members only.

6.e PREDA maintains a professional subscription to *Statista*. Members needing global data and / or reports can use this subscription for free. If requested PREDA will assist a municipality with data searches, downloads and graphic interpretations. Access to PREDA's *Statista* subscription is restricted to PREDA members only.

6.f PREDA maintains a professional subscription to *Survey Monkey*. Members needing survey services can use this service for free. If requested PREDA will assist a municipality with survey design, data collection & analysis, and report writing. Access to PREDA's *Survey Monkey* subscription is restricted to PREDA members only.

Attachments

Attachment 1: REDA Grant Metrics - GOA Template

Attachment 2: PREDA Year End Finances – Mach 31, 2022

Attachment 3: PREDA Activities 2021-2022

- 3.a Municipal Job Listings – Job Fair – March 17, 2022
- 3.b Symposium Theme: Northern Arctic Sovereignty (NTAB) – March 11, 2022
- 3.c Symposium Theme: Minerals in the Peace Region - March 4th, 2022
- 3.d Symposium Theme: Small Town Advantage - January 21, 2022
- 3.e Symposium Theme: Keeping Seniors in Their Homes – Sept. 17, 2021
- 3.f AGM – Regional Economic Updates - June 2021
- 3.g Symposium Theme: Agrihoods and Tiny Homes – Feb 2021

REDA Metrics – Peace Region Economic Development Alliance – 2021/2022

Sustainability Metrics							
Total Funding Raised in 2021-2022 fiscal year including JEI's \$50,000 (no reserves)			106,565 (Note: PREDA collects monies on behalf of two self-directed committees. PREDA does have access to these funds. See Appendix A)				
Annual JEI Funding Ratio <i>= (TOTAL FUNDING RAISED - \$50,000) / \$50,000</i>			(105,615 - 50,000) / 50,000 Annual JEI Funding Ratio = 1.11				
Regional Capacity Metrics			Projects/Initiatives (#)	Non-REDA initiatives engaged in (#)	Strategic Partnerships Led (#)	Time Allocation (est. % annually)	
Business Retention & Expansion Job Fair – Recruitment for Municipalities			1		1	20%	
Investment Attraction Research - Attracting Urbanites to PREDA – COVID Impact Small Town Advantage Metals in the PREDA Region			1		1	25%	
Tourism							
COVID-19 Support and Recovery Keeping Our Seniors in Their Homes			1		1	20%	
Other* Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau Traffic Counts – Business Case Development Community Health Profiles One-off research requests from Membership			3		3	20%	
Operations • Website, Book-keeping, Meetings Coordination & Hosting,							15%
Investment and Growth Metrics (based of the Inv. & Growth Str.)	Principal Sectors			Enabling Sectors			Other Sectors
	Energy	Agriculture	Tourism	Technology	Aerospace	Financial Services	Other
Regional Initiatives Led (#)	1						Health – 1 Data & Research Services -3+
Reg. Initiatives Engaged-In (#)							Northern Leaders AUMA & RMA Attendance Growth the North - Speaker

Peace Region Economic Development Revenues and Expenses - Year End April 2021 through March 2022

	Apr '21 - Mar 22
Income	
Government Grants	50,000.00
MPF Income	19,679.10 ¹
NTAB Income	22,632.50 ²
PREDA Membership Fees	55,615.00 ³
Total Income	147,926.60
Gross Profit	147,926.60
Expense	
2021-2022 Membership Projects	
2021 - 2022 LCRED	0.00
MPF Expenses	
Job Fair	3,280.80
Total MPF Expenses	3,280.80
NTAB Expenses	
Admin, Exec Dir, Finan, Website	12,000.00
Postage & Printing	323.41
Telecom, Supplies, Softwares	1,611.55
Website Platform & Development	8,106.86
Total NTAB Expenses	22,041.82
Total 2021-2022 Membership Projects	25,322.62
Contract Services	78,000.00
Operations	
Annual Financial Review	2,154.76
Bank Interest and Charges	282.33
Computer & Software	1,753.81 ⁴
Meetings	3,304.52
Memberships and Dues	2,083.33 ⁵
Revenue Canada - GST Payable	5,279.79
Society Registration	514.52
Supplies	2,449.81
Telecommunications	6,890.64 ⁶
Website Platform	1,437.20 ⁷
Total Operations	26,150.71
Total Expense	129,473.33
Net Income	18,453.27 ⁸

NOTES:

- 1,2,3 Membership List Attached
- 4 Includes Financial, Survey, and Microsoft, Adobe Software Licenses
- 5 Includes RMA, AUMA, Statista, and Report Linker
- 6 Includes Cell Phones, Internet, GotoMeeting, Zoom, E-Fax
- 7 Includes Domain Registration, Customer Service, and Operating System Upgrades
- 8 Year End remaining Funds: MPF = \$16,398.30 NTAB = \$590.68 PREDA = \$1,464.29

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2	MUNICIPAL JOBS				
3	<u>BIG LAKES COUNTY - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
4	BLC - High Prairie	Eunice McCauley - HR 780-523-5955	Assistant Agricultural Fieldman	Full-time	Diploma in Agriculture or Environmental
5	BLC - High Prairie	Eunice McCauley - HR 780-523-5955	Agricultural Fieldman	Full-time	Diploma in Agriculture or Environmental
6	BLC - High Prairie	Eunice McCauley - HR 780-523-5955	Class 1 Driver	Seasonal	Class 1 Operator Grade 12 diploma
7	BLC - High Prairie	Eunice McCauley - HR 780-523-5955	Agricultural Laborers	Seasonal	Class 5 Operator Grade 12
8	BLC - High Prairie	Eunice McCauley - HR 780-523-5955	Director of Corporate Services	Full-time	CGA, CMA or CPA/CA desirable
9	BLC - High Prairie	Eunice McCauley - HR 780-523-5955	Mower Operators	Seasonal	Class 5 Operator Grade 12
10	BLC - High Prairie	Eunice McCauley - HR 780-523-5955	Labourers	Seasonal	Class 5 Operator Grade 12
11	<u>Birch Hills County - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
12	BHC - Wanham	Shelley Braun shelleyb@birchhillscounty.com	Finance Coordinator - Assess. & Tax	Full-time	Experience Grade 12 Finance Preferred
13	BHC - Wanham	Dion Hynes dionh@birchhillscounty.com	Water / Wastewater Operator	Full-time	Water Operator 2, Wastewater Operator 1 Must reside within 1 hour of BHC
14	BHC - Wanham	Dion Hynes dionh@birchhillscounty.com	Road Side Mowers	Seasonal	Class 5
15	BHC - Wanham	Dion Hynes dionh@birchhillscounty.com	Weed Inspectors/Sprayers	Seasonal	Class 5
16	BHC - Wanham	Dion Hynes dionh@birchhillscounty.com	Agriculture Labourers	Seasonal	Class 5
17	BHC - Wanham	Dion Hynes dionh@birchhillscounty.com	Public Works Labourer	Seasonal	Class 5
18	<u>Clear Hills County - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
19	CHC - Worsley	Terry Shewchuk Public Works Manager	MOWER OPERATORS	Seasonal	Class 5 \$25.53 HR
20	CHC - Worsley	Terry Shewchuk Public Works Manager	Public Works Foreman	Full-time	Class 5 / 3 Operator Grade 12 diploma
21	<u>County of Grande Prairie - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
22	CGP - Clairmont	Charlotte Bierman - HR 780-532-9842	Assessment Summer Student	Seasonal	Class 5 Grade 12
23	CGP - La Glace	Charlotte Bierman - HR 780-532-9842	Library Summer Program Facilitator	Seasonal	Class 5 Grade 12 CPR/First Aid with AED
24	CGP - Demmitt	Charlotte Bierman - HR 780-532-9842	Park / Campground	Contract	Class 5
25	CGP - Clairmont	Charlotte Bierman - HR 780-532-9842	Parkland Patrol Officer	Seasonal	Crim. Record Check, Driver's Abstract Class 5
26	CGP - Pipestone	Charlotte Bierman - HR 780-532-9842	Campground Labourer	Seasonal	Class 5
27	CGP - Clairmont	Charlotte Bierman - HR 780-532-9842	Program Assistant - FCSS	Seasonal	Class 5 CPR/First Aid with AED
28	CGP - Clairmont	Charlotte Bierman - HR 780-532-9842	Program Coordinator - FCSS	Seasonal	Class 5 Grade 12 CPR/First Aid with AED
29	CGP - Clairmont	Charlotte Bierman - HR 780-532-9842	Student Planner	Temp	Class 5
30	<u>County of Northern Lights - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
31	CNL - Manning	Karly Blanton blantonk@countyofnorthernlights.com	Labourers - Public Works	Seasonal	Driver's Abstract and Class 5
32	CNL - Manning	Karly Blanton blantonk@countyofnorthernlights.com	Mowers	Seasonal	Driver's Abstract and Class 5
33	CNL - Manning	Karly Blanton blantonk@countyofnorthernlights.com	Equipment Operators	Seasonal	Driver's Abstract and Class 5

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2	MUNICIPAL JOBS				
34	CNL - Manning	Karly Blanton blantonk@countyofnorthernlights.com	Weed Inspectors	Seasonal	Driver's Abstract and Class 5
35	<u>MD of Fairview - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
36	MDF - Fairview	hr@mdfairview.ab.ca	Office Clerk	Temp	Post-secondary Office or Business Admin. Crim Record Check, Driver Abstract Class 5 \$18.73 HR
37	MDF - Fairview	hr@mdfairview.ab.ca	Mower - Agriculture Operator	Seasonal	Experience preferred. Grade 12 Class 5 Driver's abstract Crim. Record Check Certified or willing to obtain certification in WHMIS, TDG, Standard First Aid/CPR-C, Hazard Identification, Assessment & Control, ROC-A Certification \$29.41 HR
38	MDF - Fairview	hr@mdfairview.ab.ca	Weed Inspectors	Seasonal	Pesticide Applicator Certification Grade 12 Class 5 Driver's abstract Criminal Record Check Certified or willing to obtain certification in WHMIS, TDG, Standard First Aid/CPR-C, Hazard Identification, Assessment & Control, ROC-A Certification \$20.98 HR
39	MDF - Fairview	hr@mdfairview.ab.ca	Recreation/Cemetery Lead Operator	Seasonal	Grade 12 Class 5 Driver's abstract Criminal Record Check Certified or willing to obtain certification in WHMIS, TDG, Standard First Aid/CPR-C, Hazard Identification, Assessment & Control, ROC-A Certification. \$23.67 HR
40	MDF - Fairview	hr@mdfairview.ab.ca	Recreation/Cemetery Workers	Seasonal	Grade 12 Class 5 Driver's abstract Criminal Record Check Certified or willing to obtain certification in WHMIS, TDG, Standard First Aid/CPR-C, Hazard Identification, Assessment & Control, ROC-A Certification \$18.73 HR
41	MDF - Fairview	hr@mdfairview.ab.ca	Public Works Operator	Seasonal	Heavy equipment operation – Dozer, Grader, and Trackhoe experience preferred – Class 1 license an asset.
42	MDF - Fairview	hr@mdfairview.ab.ca	Public Works Operator	Seasonal	Gravel truck operation – Class 1 license
43	MDF - Fairview	hr@mdfairview.ab.ca	Public Works Labourers	Seasonal	3 positions
44	<u>MD of Greenview - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
45	MDG - Grande Cache	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	Full-time	3 years equipment operation and road maintenance Class 1 Class 3 minimum.

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2	MUNICIPAL JOBS				
46	MDG - Valleyview	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	FITNESS PROGRAMMER	Full-time	1 year experience AFLCA or Canfit Pro Class 5 First Aid / CPR / AED Crim Record Check \$56k-\$67K
47	MDG - Grande Cache	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	Temp	5 years experience, Post-secondary Fire, Emergency Management, Alberta Safety
48	MDG - Valleyview	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Full-time	Post-secondary Public Administration or Business 8 years experience Class 5
49	MDG - Valleyview	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	UTILITY OPERATOR	Full-time	Post-secondary water and wastewater treatment preferred. Minimum one (1) year experience in water / water waste Class 5
50	MDG - Valleyview	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	UTILITIES SUPERVISOR	Full-time	Water Distribution 2 Water Treatment 2 Wastewater Collection 2 • Wastewater Treatment 2 First aid, Class 5
51	MDG - Valleyview	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, CAO	Temp	3 years experience Advanced training as an Administrative Professional
52	MDG - Valleyview	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	Temp	5 years' experience Post-secondary Secretarial / Business Administration Class 5
53	MDG - Valleyview	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	PROCUREMENT OFFICER	Full-time	Engineering or Supply Chain Management. 3 years experience Supply Chain Management Professional (SCMP) designation or registration or CPPB/CPPO certification from the NIGP, Institute for Public Procurement
54	MDG - Grande Cache	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	BEAUTIFICATION TECHNICIAN	Seasonal	Grade 10. • Pesticide application knowledge and experience. • Class 5 driver's license
55	MDG - Debolt	careers@mdgreenview.ab.ca	INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN	Full-time	Postsecondary Computer Information Systems, Networking 2 years experience
56	<u>Northern Sunrise County - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
57	NSC	Olive Toews otoews@northernsunrise.net	JUNIOR ENGINEER	Full-time	Postsecondary Civil Engineering Registration with APEGA Class 5
58	NSC	Olive Toews otoews@northernsunrise.net	PUBLIC WORKS LABOURER	Seasonal	Grade 12 First Aid and CPR Class 5
59	NSC	Olive Toews otoews@northernsunrise.net	PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Seasonal	Grade 12 First Aid CPR Postsecondary Recreation, Sport, Tourism, Early Childhood Education, and/or Social Work Class 5

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60	NSC	Olive Toews otoews@northernsunrise.net	AGRICULTURAL LABOURER	Seasonal	Grade 12 First Aid and CPR Class 5
61	NSC	Olive Toews otoews@northernsunrise.net	Industrial Engineering Contract	RFQ	CN Crossing, Installation of Welded Steel Pipes Using Trenchless Methods
62	NSC	Olive Toews otoews@northernsunrise.net	Deputy Assessor	Full-time	Accredited Municipal Assessor of Alberta 5 years experience Real Property Assessment two-year certification. Must have computer assisted mass appraisal . Class 5
63	MD of Peace - Employment Page (Click to Open)				
64	MDP - Berwyn	Barbara Johnson bjohnson@mdpeace.com	Public Works Employee	Seasonal	Class 1 Driver's License or a Class 3
65	MDP - Berwyn	Barbara Johnson bjohnson@mdpeace.com	Parks & Recreation Maintenance	Seasonal	Class 5 Criminal Record Check
66	MDP - Berwyn	Barbara Johnson bjohnson@mdpeace.com	Director of Finance	Full-time	Microsoft Office Muniware / Diamond
67	MDP - Berwyn	Barbara Johnson bjohnson@mdpeace.com	WEED INSPECTOR	Seasonal	Class 5 and Driver's Abstract
68	MDP - Berwyn	Barbara Johnson bjohnson@mdpeace.com	WEED PICKERS/ ROCK PICKERS	Seasonal	Class 5 asset
69	Saddle Hills County - Employment Page (Click to Open)				
70	SHC	hr@saddlehills.ab.ca	Staffing II - Assessment	Seasonal	Grade 10 Microsoft Excel, Word prepared to learn PAVIS/PIA First Aid and H2S Alive Class 5 Criminal Record Check \$22.92 – \$27.2 HR
71	SHC - Spring Lake	hr@saddlehills.ab.ca	Park Caretaker	Contract	
72	SHC	hr@saddlehills.ab.ca	NURSE PRACTITIONER	Full-time	Nursing Registration CARNA and NPA \$130K-160K
73	MD of Smoky River - Employment Page (Click to Open)				
74	MDSMR - Falher	Director of Operations 780- 837-2221	GRAVEL TRUCK DRIVER	Seasonal	Class 1 Required 3 years experience with semi-trailers preferred
75	MDSMR - Falher	Director of Operations 780- 837-2221	PUBLIC WORKS POSITIONS	Seasonal	Various Summer Jobs Available
76	MD of Spirit River - Employment Page (Click to Open)				
77	MDSPR - Spirit River	mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca	Medium Duty Equipment Operator - AG	Seasonal	Class 5 Driver's abstract. Class 3 preferred. Pesticide applicator or Authorized Assistant
78	MDSPR - Spirit River	mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca	Medium Duty Equipment Operator - PW	Seasonal	Class 5 Driver's abstract. Class 3 preferred.
79	MDSPR - Spirit River	mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca	Agricultural Lead Hand	Seasonal	Class 5 Driver's abstract. Class 3 preferred. Pesticide applicator an asset
80	MDSPR - Spirit River	mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca	Light Equipment Operator and Labourer	Seasonal	Class 5 and Driver's abstract. Class 3 preferred. • Experience operating mowers, trimmers, seeders, UTVs, and ATVs

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81	MDSPR - Spirit River	mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca	Paratransit Bus Drivers	Casual	Minimum class 4 Operator's License, class 2 preferred Acceptable Drivers Abstract Clear, current Vulnerable Sector/Criminal Record Check Experience as a bus driver
82	<u>Town of Falher - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
83	Falher	admin@falher.ca	PARKS & RECREATION	Seasonal	
84	Falher	Monique Maisonneuve smokyrivermanatees@gmail.com	Head Coach	Seasonal	MED National Coaching Certification Coach Criminal Record Check \$17.50 - \$24.00
85	Falher	Monique Maisonneuve smokyrivermanatees@gmail.com	Assistant Coach	Seasonal	MED National Coaching Certification Coach Criminal Record Check \$17.50 - \$24.00
86	Falher	Sherry Limoges community@falher.ca	Lifeguards	Seasonal	6 positions National Lifeguard Service First Aid C.P.R. A.E.D. Water safety WHMIS Criminal Records Check
87	<u>Town of Grimshaw - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
88	Grimshaw	Tracy Halerewich tracyh@grimshaw.ca	POOL MANAGER	Seasonal	Minimum of 18 years of age Standard First Aid and CPR certifications National Lifesaving Society Certification Lifesaving Instructor Certification Water Safety Instructor Certification Pool Operators Level 1 Certification
89	Grimshaw	Tracy Halerewich tracyh@grimshaw.ca	Senior Guard / Instructors	Seasonal	First Aid and CPR National Lifesaving Society Certification Lifesaving Instructor Certification (an asset) Water Safety Instructor Certification Pool Operators Level 1 (an asset)
90	Grimshaw	Tracy Halerewich tracyh@grimshaw.ca	Junior Guard / Instructors	Seasonal	First Aid and CPR certifications National Lifesaving Society Certification Water Safety Instructor Certification
91	Grimshaw	Tracy Halerewich tracyh@grimshaw.ca	Life Guards	Seasonal	Minimum of 16 years of age First Aid and CPR certifications National Lifesaving
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93	<u>Town of Sexsmith - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				

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2	MUNICIPAL JOBS				
94	Sexsmith	SANDY JACOBSON 780.944.1327	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer	Full-time	Postsecondary Public Administration, Land Use, Economic 5+ years experience Certificate in Local Government
95	Sexsmith	FCSS office 568-4345	Home Support Workers	Casual	Criminal Record Check and Willingness In-house Training
96	<u>Town of Spirit River - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
97	Spirit River	Ken Glover 780-902-1174	Chief Administrative Officer	Full-time	Post-secondary education. 5 years experience. Assets: municipal financials, CLGM, NACLAA, or LGA, emergency management
98	Spirit River	clerk@townofspiritrivier.ca	Public Works Operator & Labourer	Full-time	Grade 12 Class 5 Driver Abstract
99	Spirit River	clerk@townofspiritrivier.ca	Facility Workers	Seasonal	Min 14 years old. Preferred First Aid and Bronze levels
100	Spirit River	clerk@townofspiritrivier.ca	Lifegaurds	Seasonal	Min 16 years old. National Lifeguard Service First Aid
101	<u>Village of Nampa - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
102	Nampa	Olive Toews otoews@northernsunrise.net	MUSEUM DIRECTOR	Full-time	Museum Studies 2 years experience Class 5
103	<u>Village of Rycroft - Employment Page (Click to Open)</u>				
104	Rycroft	Dolan Isaac publicworks@rycroft.ca	Industrial Engineering	RFP	Re-line Sanitary Sewer and Manholes



Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

Date: Friday March 11th, 2022 HELP! 780-527-6232 (NTAB cell)
10:30AM to 3:30PM
MD of Spirit River – Council Chambers **(IN PERSON ONLY)**

AGENDA

Section 1: 10:30 AM NTAB Administration

10:30AM Call to Order - Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair), Northern Sunrise
Approval of Agenda /Additions

- 1A) NTAB Finances - YTD February 28th, 2022
- 1B) [NTAB – Growing the North Panelist](#) (Click to open)
- 1C) [NTAB Website – Launched](#) (Click to open)
- 1D) [NTAB Promotional Presentation](#) (Click to open)
- 1E) Next Steps? Membership Discussion

12:00PM (Working Lunch)

Section 2 1:00 PM. Discussion Topics

- 1. Russia & China in the Arctic:
 - [Russian Icebreakers](#) (Nov. 2020 - 15m)
 - [China – The Belt to Road](#) (Feb 2021 – 15m) [China - The Arctic Silk Road](#) (May 2021 – 4m)

Resources: Icebreakers in the Arctic – Article (The World Diplomat, May 2021)
China's Arctic Policy The white Paper (Government of China, Jan. 2018)

- 2. University of Calgary - The School of Public Policy – Canadian Northern corridor (Webinar 1 hr))
The Canadian Northern Corridor is an idea that responds to Canada's need to increase interregional and international trade, provide services to northern communities, and establish a broadly accepted approach to large-scale infrastructure development. This webinar presents key points from their latest research report [“Northern and Arctic Security and Sovereignty: Challenges and Opportunities for a Northern Corridor”](#).

3:30PM Next Meeting – Adjournment

Agenda

DATE: Friday March 4th, 2022

In-Person ONLY: [MD Spirit River Chambers](#)

4202 50 St, Spirit River, AB

TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Theme – Metallic & Industrial Minerals in the Peace Region

Background: Development of metallic and industrial mineral resources in Alberta has long been overshadowed by a focus on oil, natural gas, oil sands and coal. With a huge global demand for metallic and industrial minerals, the GOA is currently prioritizing this untapped economic opportunity for the province. This meeting will identify potential economic opportunities within the PREDA region for these metallic & industrial minerals. **Thank-you to the MD of Fairview for suggesting this topic.**

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

[Alberta Energy Minister - Press Conference Video \(November 2021\)](#) ½ Hour

10:30AM Mapping of Minerals Over the course of 100 years of oil & gas in Alberta there have been 460,000+ wells drilled. Inadvertently these wells have provided a huge core sampling inventory for mineral exploration. The Alberta Geological Survey (AGS) is the steward of this collection and all associated data. AGS will present an overview of the interactive mapping services available that show where mineral deposits have been identified.

11:00PM Mineral Ownership Mineral ownership is defined in detail in the *Mines and Minerals Act*, and its associated regulations. Mineral rights are registered in accordance with the Land Titles Act. However the situation can be very complex if there is more than one regulatory body impacted. For example, lithium brine over-laps water rights, mineral rights and the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). **Bill 82**, the *Mineral Resource Development Act*, received royal assent on December 2, 2021 which aligned the ARE's authority over minerals for metallic and industrial mineral development.

11:30PM NeoLithica has developed a strategic production plan to start production of lithium products within an accelerated 24-month timeline. NeoLithica's two-stage commercialization schedule is designed to rapidly place the company on the global stage as a sustainable producer of critical electric metal extracted from western Canada's formation brines. NeoLithica owns 260,000 hectares (1,005 sq. miles) of mineral permits in the PREDA region containing highly prospective lithium brines.

LUNCH

12:30PM PRISM successfully acquired 5,440 hectares of additional mineral permits proximal to its Clear Hills County project area in November 2021. The permits are prospective for poly-metallics and potentially for lithium-bearing formation brines.

1:00PM - 2:00PM Membership Roundtable: Follow-Up /

Next Meeting June 3rd, 2022 – AGM – ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS / Adjournment

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Date: Friday, January 21, 2022

Video: <https://www.gotomeet.me/MaryJoanAylward>

Call-in +1 (647) 497-9391

Access Code: 354-747-613

Time: 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

In-Person: [MD Spirit River Chambers](#)

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Theme – The Attractiveness of Small Urbans (Part 2)

[Music Video Link – Small Town](#)

(John Cougar Mellencamp, 1985)

Background: In February 2021 PREDA presented Part 1, a full-day session on agrihoods, homesteads, rural land use by-laws, the legalities of “tiny-homes”, and selling farm direct. A year ago, three emerging trends placed locations like the PREDA region into the limelight: 1) the global pandemic resulting in forced "stay home to work / learn; 2) urban dense dwellers wanting access to outdoor space and land; and 3) the local food movement underpinned by global food security concerns. These three trends are now impacting the revitalization of small urbans. The Peace Region is being catapulted into this trend. Right now, **IT** (i.e.,...attractiveness) is **NOT** about a particular job or resource extraction. **IT** is about our low population, open space, and knowing your neighbors. This meeting offers an opportunity to discuss this trend and how PREDA’s municipalities can embrace this window of opportunity to attract people to our region.

10:30AM Call to Order/ Welcomes - Elaine Garrow - MD of Sprit River; PREDA Chair

10:45 Urban Exodus: Royal LePage Mighty Peace Realty has been operating within the Fairview, Rycroft, Spirit River area for more than 30 years. Owner **Lenny Basnett** and Associate **Maria Summach** will present an overview of their housing inventory and how / if the growing demand for homes in small urbans / rural residential is being witnessed with their catchment radius.

11:15 Labour Market Partnership Funding: **Deanna Basarab** and **Beverley Lavender-Marsh** are GOA Workforce Consultants who service the PREDA region. Deanna and Beverly will provide an overview of the *Labour Market Partnership* grant which may be a possible source of funding for municipalities to implement strategies identified.

11:45 Local Recruitment & Retention: Economic Development Officers actively engage in recruitment and retention strategies. **Lynn Florence** – EDO Northern Sunrise County, **Hetti Huls** – EDO County of Grande Prairie, and **Kerri Taylor** – EDO MD of Greenview, will present current efforts and challenges relative to their recruitment and retention efforts on behalf of their municipalities.

LUNCH – Thank-you to our Meeting Host & Sponsor



12:30 Investing in Entrepreneurs: Community Futures Grande Prairie & Area is launching customized sessions focused on the needs of entrepreneurs. **Marley Heitrich** – *Smart Start* Coordinator; will provide an overview of the content of the program and the service delivery approach.

Dan Dibbelt, as an Economic Development Officer for Wetaskiwin, Falher, Northern Sunrise County, and Smoky Region economic Development **AND** one of the first GOA staff to help develop PREDA & REDI; **AND** as previous Executive Director for the Northern Alberta Development Council, **AND** providing leadership to numerous northern initiatives (such as Branding the Peace, Alberta North Beef, Northern Alberta Elected Leaders, and the Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau just to name a few!!) ... Dan is a highly sought-after northern development consultant and mentor. Today Dan will present his current experience in attempting to create an Investor COOP on behalf of the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board.

1:00 Micro-credentials: The latest “buzz word”, Northern Lakes College has been offering non-credit “just in time” workforce training for more than 30 years. Micro-credentials can expedite a person into the workforce or up the ladder of responsibility. **Jasmine Light**, NLC Community Engagement and Chair of Academic Upgrading **AND** **Monica Fisher**, Continuing Education and Corporate Training Coordinator will provide an overview of the “micro-credentials” offered through NLC.

1:30 Northwest Alberta Development Strategy: Within the last two years PREDA has been invited to participate in numerous government-initiated stakeholder sessions on rural economic development – both at the federal and provincial levels. PREDA has invited **MLA David Hanson** (Chair of NADC); and MLA Nate Horner – Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development to speak to the current status of a *northern development strategy*.

“Over the next year, we will be working on the development of a northern strategy for Alberta that focuses on advancing the development of one or more multi-modal corridors across the north, which would include broadband, utilities, roadways, and rail” NADC 2020-2021 Annual Report

2:30 Membership Roundtable: Follow-Up / Next Steps

3:00 2022 Membership Meeting Dates – March 4, June 3, September 2, December 2 / Adjournment

Thank-you to our 12 Presenters



Mighty Peace Realty



**NORTHERN SUNRISE
COUNTY**

Note: Attachments are posted on the PREDA Website in the Membership Section

Small Town

(John Cougar Mellencamp, 1985)

Well I was born in a small town
And I live in a small town
Prob'ly die in a small town
Oh, those small communities

All my friends are so small town
My parents live in the same small town
My job is so small town
Provides little opportunity

Educated in a small town
Taught the fear of Jesus in a small town
Used to daydream in that small town
Another boring romantic that's me

But I've seen it all in a small town
Had myself a ball in a small town
Married an L.A. doll and brought her to this small town
Now she's small town just like me

No I cannot forget where it is that I come from
I cannot forget the people who love me
Yeah, I can be myself here in this small town
And people let me be just what I want to be

Got nothing against a big town
Still hayseed enough to say
Look who's in the big town
But my bed is in a small town
Oh, and that's good enough for me

Well I was born in a small town
And I can breathe in a small town
Gonna die in this small town
And that's prob'ly where they'll bury me



Date: September 10th, 2021

Time: 10:00Am to 2:00PM

Location: MD of Spirit River - Brownlee Building [Click Map](#)

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9:30 Administrative Set-Up / Technical Assistance / Coffee / Networking

Theme – Helping our Seniors Stay in Their Homes (Part 2)

As a follow-up to a previous PREDA meeting, this meeting presents a variety of topics that have been shown to help seniors stay in their homes as long as reasonably possible. Background research, attachments and presentations are posted to the PREDA website membership section.

10:00AM Welcome – Elaine Garrow – PREDA Chair (MD of Spirit River #133)

10:15AM Northern Lakes College – UPDATE Health Care Aide Training

Northern Lakes College delivers the GOA created curriculum for HCAs in the PREDA region. Jasmine Light, NLC's Community Engagement advocate will present student enrollments, student profiles, and changes incorporated into the HCA curriculum in 2020.

Att 1: NLC Health Care Aide – 2021/2022 Course Fee Schedule

10:30AM Alberta Senior Benefits - Danielle Davids, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor with the Seniors Strategic Planning Branch (GOA); will provide an overview of the collection of senior benefits available to seniors through the Alberta Government.

Att 2: GOA Seniors Financial Assistance - Information Booklet 2021

10:45AM Alberta Health Services - Angela Gauthier, Area Manager for Seniors Health will present medical and personal care homecare services available through AHS

Att 3: AHS Home Care - Promotional Brochure

11:00AM ElderDog Canada is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to the well-being of older people and older dogs. Dr. Ardra Cole, a university professor living in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia has a background in educational psychology and the founder of ElderDog Canada, Ardra will provide an overview on how and why this organization was created to preserve the human-animal bond through care, companionship, education, and research.

Att 4: ElderDog Canada - History

11:30AM Golden Girls & Guys Canada is a home-sharing matching service specifically created to facilitate home sharing connections for senior adults. Founder, Dorothy Mazeau is a long-time community advocate, retired architect and practicing Realtor based in Ontario. Dorothy will share why this topic is her personal passion and best practices she learned along the way.

Att 5: Golden Girls & Guys Canada – Promotional Brochure

12:00 LUNCH BREAK Caterer – Burnt Offerings (Janet Sinkwich 780-876-2075)



12:30PM – 2:00PM

Our Individual & Collective Strengths. Cost-effective and innovative solutions to providing community and residential services to help our seniors stay in their homes as long as reasonably possible are clearly needed. Solutions that take advantage of existing infrastructure are ideal. The variety of examples below from our local **Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)** are presented for brainstorming and possible coordination of our individual & collective strengths.

GOA - Karen Wronko, Civil Society and Community Initiatives. Karen will present an overview of the FCSS Legislation and funding guidelines on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

Att 6: "Working Together" Series – Paper #2 MUNICIPALITIES

PREDA Region FCSS Program Directors There are 17 FCSS Municipal level offices in the PREDA region. (Hyperlink: [Find an FCSS Office in the PREDA Region](#)). The programs and services offered and supported through partnerships reflect the unique needs of residents served by each FCSS office. A selection of FCSS staff within the PREDA region present the programs offered, and challenges/opportunities identified while they work at ground level with our seniors.

Julie Temple - Program Director

Central Peace FCSS – MD of Spirit River, Town of Spirit River, Village of Rycroft
(e.g., Transportation, Snow Removal Flags, Fun Outings, Community Kitchen)

Amber Houle - Program Director

Northern Sunrise County, Village of Nampa , Cadotte Lake, Little Buffalo, Marie Reine, Reno St. Isidore
(e.g., Mr. & Mrs. Fix-it; Income Taxes)

Amber Hennig – Asst. Program Director

MD of Greenview, Town of Valleyview, DeBolt, Grande Cache, Grovedale, Landry Heights, Little Smoky, Ridgevalley (e.g. Form Assist, Caregiver Workshops; “Just in Case” Legal Services)

Round Table Discussion – Can we partner to streamline our seniors’ experience with community and government services. How can we make life easier for our seniors to facilitate them staying in their homes as long as reasonably possible?

2:00PM NEXT PREDA Meeting – December 3, 2021 / Meeting Adjourned



Thank-you to our Meeting Sponsor!

Annual General Meeting

Date: June 25, 2021

10:00AM to 2:00PM

Location: Memorial Hall ([MapLink](#))

5208 47 Ave, Rycroft

Video: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/647468149>

Call: 1-647-497-9391 Code: 647-468-149

9:30AM Sign in / Networking / Technical Assistance

10:00AM PREDA Annual General Meeting - Call to Order

Elaine Garrow, MD of Spirit River #133

- a) Year in Review - Elaine Garrow (PREDA Chair)
- b) 2020 AGM – Minutes (Attachment 1)
- c) 2020-2021 – Year End Financials – Review Submitted (Attachment 2)
- d) Bi-Election: Representative on PREDA Board of Directors (Attachment 3)

Candidates: Town of Fairview Town of Falher Town of Grimshaw
Town of Sexsmith Town of Spirit River Town of Valleyview

PREDA Annual General Meeting – Adjourned

11:00AM Open Topics

- 1) Northern Alberta Development Council
2020 Review of NADC economic development activities in the PREDA Region
MLA Hanson Confirmed – Video
- 2) Open Invitation to Northwest Alberta Members of Alberta Legislation
2020 Review of MLA economic development activities in the PREDA region
MLA Loewen Confirmed - In Person MLA Williams Confirmed – Video
MLA Allard Declined MLA Toews Confirmed – Video
- 3) Gov of Alberta - Regional Economic Development Specialist
2020 Review of RED economic development activities in the PREDA Region.
Kamie Currie Confirmed - In Person
- 4) Northern Alberta Transportation Advocacy Bureau – (Attachment 4)
Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County – Chair **Confirmed - In Person**
- 5) PREDA 2020 Research Updates: Regional Agricultural Statistics & Regional Traffic Counts

2:00PM Next Meeting – September 10, 2021 / Adjournment

Date: Friday, February 19, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Video: <https://www.gotomeet.me/MaryJoanAylward>

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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.

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 7th Research Theme: Community Nuclear Reactors

Thank-you to our Presenters

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