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RE: Grant # 0620-20200701-PREDA 2022-2023 Activity Report

M. Turtiak,

On behalf of the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) I am pleased to submit the attached completed REDA Metrics 2022-2023 and Activity Report to Jobs Economy and Trade as part of the annual reporting requirements of our grant. As Vice-Chair, I confirm that all JET grant funds received under this funding agreement for the three-year period of 2020-2021; 2021-2022; and 2022- 2023 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 780-617-2381 or our Executive Director, Dan Dibbelt at 780-527-4033.

Kind regards,

Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County
PREDA Vice-Chair

Attachments: PREDA – GOA Metrics Template – Completed
PREDA 2022-2023 Activity Report

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

REDA Metrics – Peace Region Economic Development Alliance 2022-23

Sustainability Metrics				
Total Funding Raised (including EDTT \$50,000)	EDTT		50,000	
	PREDA Membership		59,061	
	<u>Restricted Funds (i.e. not available for PREDA Operational)</u>			
	Municipal Project Fund		21,624	
	Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau		26,520	
	EDTT Research Project		25,000	
		Total 182,205		
Annual EDTT Funding Ratio <i>=(TOTAL FUNDING RAISED-\$50,000)/\$50,000</i>		2.64		
Regional Capacity Metrics	Projects (#)	Non-REDA initiatives engaged in (#)	Strategic Partnerships Led (#)	Time Allocation (est. % annually)
Business Retention & Expansion E.g. entrepreneurship themed activities		0	2	15%
Investment Attraction E.g. investment readiness, marketing and promotion		0	2	15%
Tourism E.g. product development		0	0	0
COVID-19 Support and Recovery E.g. targeted regional and business supports		0	0	0
Other* Broadband, Environmental		0	2	15%
Operations E.g. day-to-day operations				55%

* Identify other _____

Investment and Growth Metrics (based of the Inv. & Growth Str.)	Principal Sectors			Enabling Sectors			Other Sectors
	Energy	Agriculture	Tourism	Technology	Aerospace	Financial Services	Other - Forestry
Regional Initiatives Led (#) e.g. partnerships and projects	2	2	0	1	0	0	1
Reg. Initiatives Engaged-In (#) e.g. partnerships and projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Identify other _____

Please identify any success stories (investment attracted and/or jobs created)

- 1) **Minerals in the Peace Region** Development of metallic and industrial mineral resources in Alberta has long been overshadowed by a focus on oil, natural gas, oil sands and coal. 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. PREDA hosted the Alberta Geological Survey (AGS) to present an overview of their interactive mapping services available that show where mineral deposits have been identified in the PREDA. Especially lithium; the highest demand for lithium is the EV battery markets. Two Peace Region industry stakeholders also provided an update on the status of their mineral exploration in the Peace Region – NeoLitica and PRISM. NeoLithica reports **10 Million Tonne LCE Inferred Mineral Resource on its Peace River Property** in Northwest Albert; PRISM holds a compliant resource of 182 million tonnes of iron and 2.45 billion pounds of vanadium. **PRISM's strategic mineral resource is located at Clear Hills County.** PRISM has spent several years extensively developing these resources and plans to enter the commercialization stage with production operations anticipated for 2024.
- 2) **Small Nuclear Reactors** As of May, 2022 there were 439 nuclear reactors in operation in 30 countries around the world (i.e. connected to an electrical grid). Small Modular Reactors are a fraction of the size of a conventional nuclear power reactor, are designed to be factory-assembled and then transported as a unit to a location for installation. SMRs with an output of up to 300 megawatts could generate enough electricity to power approximately 230,000 homes. PREDA hosted NuScale; the first US publicly traded company focused on the design and deployment of SMR technology; accelerating the commercialization of SMR technology AND Canadian Nuclear Association to present PREDA members. Challenges identified largely centered on federal jurisdiction and lack of GOA commitment to fully engage the possibility of municipalities investing in nuclear. As a follow-up with the GOA; it was **recently announced that SMR's will be a focus for the GOA** in the upcoming years.
- 3) **Local Investing Cooperatives** - Across Alberta, co-operatives and credit unions empower communities with ownership and voice and help drive deep-rooted economic health. PREDA hosted the Alberta Community and Cooperative Association to present an overview of the types of local initiatives possible to support local economic development and community revitalization. PREDA engaged the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development (LCED) team to assist other PREDA members in developing a cooperative that invests in local businesses. The LCED has already meet with lawyers, investment guides, and set-up a legal society. They are currently working with a small business within their community as a pilot project. PREDA will be partnering with LCED to deliver **customized set-up sessions to other PREDA municipalities** in the upcoming year.

- 4) **Community Financing Program** (Federal) Home improvements can make a huge difference on savings from energy costs, yet many of our property owners may not have the 10K or more to spend upfront. The CEF is part of the Green Municipal Fund operated by the Federation of Municipalities and delivers energy efficient financing programs for low-rise residential properties. The CEF program is designed to help municipalities upfront costs on behalf of residents with terms of payback such as property tax levies. PREDA hosted Federation of Canadian Municipalities to present an overview of the CEF and the steps required for municipalities to qualify to offer this service to its residents. It was identified from this information session that many small municipalities do not have the capacity to pursue this opportunity. In response PREDA found and linked an **assistance service that specializes in the CEF** to local municipal leaders.
- 5) **Farmer's Right to Repair** - There are 100's of thousands of pieces of agricultural equipment across the globe. With each passing year the operations of these machines are increasingly computer / software dependent / and GPS monitored. The largest agricultural equipment providers in world have been incorporating this technology for more than a decade. What are the capabilities of remotely controlling agricultural equipment and the positive and negative potential impacts on farming in the future? Some federal MPs are trying to pass Bill C-272; enshrining the right to repair. This issue was prioritized by PREDA members last fall when numerous farmers were "held up due to failure of electronic on their equipment" and could not get serviced in a timely manner (week to ten days having equipment locked down by softwares) due to a lack specialized agricultural equipment computer technicians in the Region. As a follow-up PREDA is advocating to **Fairview Campus to prioritize local technician programs in partnership with the global equipment manufacturers** in our Region.
- 6) **Community Airports** are critical in serving health, forestry, fire, and local residents. However, keeping up with the costs of operating and maintaining these airports is increasingly difficult for small municipalities. PREDA hosted the Alberta Airports Management Association to provide an overview of challenges and opportunities across the small airports in Alberta. This issue was prioritized from PREDA members due to the sudden announcement of the discontinuance of fixed wing AHS services in the Town of Spirit River; fearful it was just one of many about to happen (Valleyview, Donnelly, Fairview, High Prairie, etc.. PREDA advocated in partnership with municipal leaders resulting in the discontinuance of fixed wing AHS services in the Town of Spirit River **being revoked by the GOA**. Municipal advocates received the annual **Regional Partnership award** from Alberta Airports Management Association for their collective action on stopping the shut down of this service in our Region.
- 7) **Y2Y (green corridors)** An environmental organization stretching from Yellowstone to the Yukon that includes the lower Peace Region along the MD of Greenview. This group is funded in the millions and heavily lead through the United States. PREDA research identified the mandate of this organization is in conflict with economic development for Northwest Alberta's forestry, oil&gas, tourism, and any potential for a northern trade / rail corridor. PREDA will be hosting Y2Y to present to municipalities in the upcoming year. This organization was brought to the attention of PREDA following the economic impact assessment of the **Species at Risk regulations conducted by the REDI region**.



2022-2023 Activity Report

June 30, 2023

Governance

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

PREDA 2022-2026 Board of Directors					
Member Organization	Elected June 2022	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 - Jo Chelick	Box 360	Rycroft	T0H 3A0	780-765-3652
Birch Hills County	Director – Deanne Wendland	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.

Financial Structure

Overview PREDA Revenue: PREDA had two operational revenue sources in 2022-2023. The first was 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 was an annual operating grant of 50K from the Government of Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy, and Trade. In 2022-2023 PREDA Membership fees totaled \$59K. Combined, PREDA Membership fees and the GOA operating grant provided PREDA with **\$109K** to operate in 2022-2023.

Overview PREDA Expenses: PREDA expenditures are operational based. PREDA does not provide external funding for projects. Overall in 2022-2023 PREDA spent 78K (+GST) on staffing, and 24K (+GST) on operations; a total cost of **\$107K** to operate in 2022-2023.

Other 2022-2023 PREDA Finances:

- 1) Collected on behalf of PREDA subcommittee MPF = \$21,624 (see Activity 3 for details)
- 2) Collected on behalf of PREDA subcommittee NTAB = \$26,520 (see Activity 4 for details)
- 3) Research Project Grant 25K + 1,250 GST. (see Activity 5 for details)

Operations

Human Resources: PREDA **does not** have employees. PREDA has *Fee for Service Agreements* equivalent to 1.0 FTE allocated at .25 Executive for higher-end government diplomacy, economic development consultations with municipal councils / regional economic development officers, site locators, and/or investor inquiries. The remaining .75 FTE is allocated for Administration, Book-keeping, Website maintenance, Research, and Meeting Coordination. In 2022-2023 PREDA paid 78K (+GST) for human resources.

Operational Model: PREDA operates under a virtual office model utilizing its website as the primary portal for information distribution to its membership. In 2022-2023, PREDA held its quarterly membership meetings from a single central location (MD of Spirit River) for three of the four quarterly meetings to decrease the cost of delivering meetings. In 2022-2023 PREDA's operational costs totaled 24K.

CORE ACTIVITIES

Listed below are the core activities of PREDA in 2022-2023. 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. All information collected for meetings are archived to PREDA's website under the Member Log-in. Meeting dates for PREDANTAB are listed below; Agendas are attached.

March 2, 2022	Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2022	Membership Meeting: Minerals in the Peace Region
June 3, 2022	AGM – Board Election
Sept 7, 2022	Board of Directors: Orientation Session
Sept 9, 2022	Membership Meeting: Small Nuclear Reactors
Dec 8, 2022	Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 9, 2022	Membership Meeting: Local Investing / Community Financing
March 3, 2023	Evaluating PREDA

Activity 2: Municipal Consultations & Services:

PREDA provides customized consultations with member Municipalities, Economic Development Officers, and Chief Administrative Officers on a regular basis throughout the year. PREDA does not charge for these customized consultation services. Of note during 2022-2023 was a compilation of PREDA municipal job vacancies; assistance to the Village of Berwyn and the Town of Spirit River for new CAO mentoring; a continuation of assisting the Town of Grimshaw Council; and mentoring Town of Sexsmith economic development. PREDA does not charge for these customized consultation services.

Activity 3: Municipal Project Fund:

This fund was created by PREDA's municipal members for municipal members. The MPF has a committee consisting of member Economic Development Officers and Community Futures which review/approve distribution of the funds collected. Recipients of grants are required to present project outcomes / updates to the general membership. 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. Below are the approved projects in 2022-2023 through the MPF Committee. A sample MPF Grant Agreement is attached.

MPF Member	Project Name	MPF Grant
Town of Fairview	Event Attraction Strategy	\$ 6,000.00
Town of Grimshaw	Local Investor Cooperative Training	\$ 10,000.00
Town of Sexsmith	Advantage Promotion	\$ 2,000.00
Big Lakes County	Business Survey & Retention Strategy	\$ 2,500.00

Activity 4: Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

PREDA assists the Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (NTAB) as a sub-committee housed within PREDA. At the governance level, NTAB operates under a consensus model. 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, distribution to NTAB members. In 2022 – 2023 PREDA assisted NTAB with its website development and archived resource library (<https://www.northerntransportationadvocacybureau.com/>). PREDA charges NTAB an annual stipend of \$12,000 for these services. Meeting dates for NTAB are listed below; Agendas are attached.

March 11, 2022	Topics: Russia & China in the Arctic; Northern Trade Corridor
July 22, 2022	Topics: Farmer's Right to Repair; Community Airports; Northwest Passage
Nov 18, 2022	Information Session - Open Invitation to Councils
March 6, 2023	Topics: Rural Fixed Wing Air Cancellations, Rail Research, Highway 686
June 9, 2023	Topics: Rail Research; Uof C – Northern Trade Corridor; Y2Y (Green Corridors)

Activity 5: Networking and Advocacy

5.a PREDA maintained an active membership in the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Alberta Urban Municipalities in 2022-2023. PREDA also participates in the Growing the North Annual conference, and regional REDA meetings.

5.b 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 not 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 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 2022-2023 PREDA received a project grant to update the agricultural section of this resource document. This report is also made available to potential investors and site locators.

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.

6.g In partnership with NTAB, PREDA also provides Members subscription access to *The World Diplomat*, *Marine Traffic*, and *Flight Radar*.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Peace Region Economic Development Alliance 2022-2023 Agendas

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| 1.A | March 2, 2022 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 1.B | March 4, 2022 | Membership Meeting: Minerals in the Peace Region |
| 1.C | June 3, 2022 | AGM – Board Election |
| 1.D | Sept 7, 2022 | Board of Directors: Orientation Session |
| 1.E | Sept 9, 2022 | Membership Meeting: Small Nuclear Reactors |
| 1.F | Dec 8, 2022 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 1.G | Dec 9, 2022 | Membership Meeting: Local Investing / Community Financing |
| 1.H | March 3, 2023 | Evaluating PREDA |

Attachment 2: Municipal Project Fund – Sample Documents

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| 2.A | MPF – Application Submitted – Town of Sexsmith |
| 2.B | MPF – Letter of Approval – Town of Fairview |
| 2.C | MPF – Grant Agreement – Big Lakes County |

Attachment 3: Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau 2022-2023 Agendas

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| 3.A | March 11, 2022 | Russia & China in the Arctic; Northern Trade Corridor |
| 3.B | July 22, 2022 | Farmer's Right to Repair; Community Airports; Northwest Passage |
| 3.C | Nov 18, 2022 | Information Session - Open Invitation to Councils |
| 3.D | March 6, 2023 | Rural Fixed Wing Air Cancellations, Rail Research, Highway 686 |
| 3.E | June 9, 2023 | Rail Research; Uof C – Northern Trade Corridor; Y2Y (Green Corridors) |

Attachment 4: PREDA 2022-2023 Financial Statements



**Board of Directors
AGENDA**

Date: March 4th, 2022

Time: 2:15 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: MD of Spirit River - Brownlee

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

Teleconference: +1 (647) 497-9391 Access Code: 354-747-613

Elaine Garrow – MD of Spirit River, Chair	Cindy Hockley – Village of Berwyn – Director
Ken Hildebrand – Town of Sexsmith – Director	Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County – Director
Brian Peterson – County of Grande Prairie, Director	Deanne Wendland – Birch Hills County, Director

Call to Order – Elaine Garrow (MD of Spirit River) – Chair

- 1) Previous Minutes – September 10th, 2021 / February 28th, 2022 (SPECIAL) (Attachment 1.a)
Request Letter and project description prepared for GOA (Attachment 1.b)
- 2) PREDA February 28th, 2022 YTD Finances (Attachment 2)
Prepared for early request for 2022-2023 GOA Operational Grant
- 3) Membership Meetings
 - a) Current PREDA Membership Meeting – March 4th, 2022 10:00AM – 2:00PM
Theme: Minerals in the Peace Region – (Attachment 3)
 - b) Membership Input - Topics for Future PREDA Meetings.
- 4) Labour Market – Job Fair Opportunity – March 17, 2022
- 5) Regional Economic Boards – PREDA Membership Structure
Request for Board to review of per-capita membership fee structure
Background: PREDA has two member REBs – Smoky River and Lac Cardinal. REB's pay a flat fee of \$200 to belong to PREDA. The Lac Cardinal REB has three municipalities, all of which are municipal members of PREDA. The Smoky REB has five municipalities 2 of the five are municipal members of PREDA.
- 6) PREDA Annual General Meeting - Board of Directors – Election June 3, 2022

3:30PM Adjournment



Membership Meeting

Agenda

DATE: Friday March 4th, 2022In-Person ONLY: [MD Spirit River Chambers](#)

4202 50 St, Spirit River, AB

TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Need Help: 780-527-6232(PREDA Cell)

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 / Adjournment

Thank-you to our Meeting Host & Sponsor





AGENDA

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2022 Annual General Meeting

Date: June 3, 2022

Time: 9:30AM to 4:00PM

In Person Only: 780-527-6232 (PREDA Cell)

Location: MD of Spirit River

Council Chambers ([MapLink](#))

4202 50th St, Spirit River

9:30AM PREDA Members are invited to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for the Senior's Complex to be built in the Town of Spirit River. The building of this complex is a result of collaboration and funding from the five municipalities across the Central Peace – the Town of Spirit River, the Village of Rycroft, Birch Hills County, the MD of Spirit River, and Saddle Hills County. The MD of Spirit River will provide bus transportation to the devolvement site.

11:00AM PREDA Annual General Meeting - Call to Order
Chair - Elaine Garrow, MD of Spirit River #133

- a) 2021 AGM – Minutes (Attachment 1)
- b) 2021-2022 – Year End Financials – Review Submitted (Attachment 2)
PREDA Membership List (Attachment 2.a)
- c) Thank-you to our 2018–2022 Board of Directors
Elaine Garrow – MD of Spirit River
Deanne Wendland – Birch Hills County
Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County
Brianna Nettlefield & Cindy Hockley – Village of Berwyn
Daryl Beeston & Brian Peterson – County of Grande Prairie
Elaine Manzer – Town of Peace River
Ken Hildebrand – Town of Sexsmith
- d) Election of PREDA 2022-2026 Board of Directors – (Attachment 3)
Parliamentarian: Jasmine Light – Northern Lakes College
Lynn Florence – EDO, Northern Sunrise County
- e) PREDA 2022 Annual General Meeting – Adjourned

Lunch Provided

1:00PM – 4:00PM PREDA Membership Brainstorming and Strategic Discussion (Attachment 4)

Thank-you to our AGM Sponsor and Host



NOTE: PREDA 2022-2023 Membership Meetings: Sept 9th; Dec 2nd, March 3rd; June 2nd (AGM)



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

DATE: Wednesday, September 7th, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

In-Person ONLY: MD of Spirit River Chambers

Need Help: 780-527-6232(PREDA Cell)

6:00PM Supper / Admin Set-up

6:30PM Call to Order/ Welcome to PREDA 2022–2026 Board

- 1) Nomination of Chair of PREDA of Directors**
- 2) PREDA Purpose, Governance, Revenues & Expenses (Attachments)**
 - 2.a Original 2000 Articles of Association & Amending Resolutions, MPF Terms of Reference, NTAB Strategic Planning
 - 2.b Operational 2022 Annual Report
 - 2.c Finances Year to Date – August 31, 2022
 - PREDA 2022 Membership & Revenues
 - Municipal Project Fund 2022 Membership & Revenues
 - Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau 2022 Membership & Revenues
- 3) PREDA Activities (Attachments)**
 - 3.a Membership Meetings – Sample Agenda Topics
 - 3.b REDA Provincial Managers
 - 3.c Membership Services
 - 3.d Research Project: Northern Commodities – Agriculture Update
- 4) External Memberships & Subscriptions (Embedded Links)**
 - 4.a RMA, UMA
 - 4.b [Survey Monkey](#), [Marine Traffic](#), [Statista](#), [World Diplomat](#)
- 5) PREDA Website Review**
- 6) Future of PREDA**
- 7) Scheduling of PREDA Board of Directors Meetings**
- 8) Adjournment**

**On behalf of the PREDA membership
Thank-you for your time, commitment, and leadership!**



Membership Meeting

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DATE: Friday September 9th, 2022

TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

In-Person ONLY: Dunvegan Inn - Fairview, AB

Need Help: 780-527-6232(PREDA Cell)

9:30 – Coffee Networking / Admin Set-up

10:00AM Call to Order/ Welcomes - PREDA Chair

Greetings from Town of Fairview

10:15 Community Airports Will Stewart is the Manager of Operations and Maintenance at Grande Prairie Airport and the Chair of the Alberta Airports Management Association (AAMA). Will presents an overview of the advocacy work being championed by the AAMA on behalf of small community airports with highlights of their critical importance to communities in the PREDA region. ([Web Link - Airports in Alberta](#)) (Confirmed)

11:15 NEW GOA Representative Nicole Nelles is the new GOA representative for the PREDA region under the Department of Jobs, Economy, and Innovation. Nicole will present an overview of the purpose of her position and how this GOA job can provide support to PREDA. (Confirmed)

12:00PM Lunch – Roundtable Member Updates

12:45PM Topic Introduction: As of May, 2022 there were 439 nuclear reactors in operation in 30 countries around the world (i.e. connected to an electrical grid. [Small Modular Reactors \(Video\)](#) are a fraction of the size of a conventional nuclear power reactor, are designed to be factory-assembled and then transported as a unit to a location for installation. SMRs with an output of up to 300 megawatts could generate enough electricity to power approximately 230,000 homes.

1:00PM NuScale: In May 2022, NuScale became the first US publicly traded company focused on the design and deployment of SMR technology; accelerating the commercialization of SMR technology. Dom Claudio, Director of Sales for NuScale provides an overview of progress to date and experience working with the Canadian Federal government. (Confirmed: Video conferencing from New Hampshire, USA).

1:30PM Canadian Nuclear Association: Riley Found, Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives will provide an overview of SMRs and what we can expect from them in the future. (Confirmed: Video conferencing from Ottawa, CA)

2:00PM NEW Deans of Fairview Campus. Northwestern Polytechnic (formerly GPRC) confirms its commitment to training for trades and skilled labour relevant to the PREDA region. Tony Smhyruk, Associate Dean of Trades will present an overview of the graduates, enrollments, and programs at the Fairview campus. Following the presentation Tony will lead a **walking tour of the Campus**. (Confirmed)

BTW Tony was awarded a 2020 Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Award of Excellence for Instruction!

Next Meeting – December 2022 / Adjournment



Related Attachments are posted to the PREDA website Member Login



**Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
REVISED**

DATE: Thursday December 8th 2022

TIME: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

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

Teleconference: +1 (647) 497-9391 Access Code: 354-747-613

Need Help: 780-527-6232(PREDA Cell)

7:00PM Call to Order– Elaine Garrow, PREDA Chair

- A) PREDA Board Minutes – September 2022 (Attachment 1)
- B) PREDA 2022-2023 Operational Budget YTD Finances – November 2022 (Attachment 2)
 - PREDA Memberships – Revenues (Attachment 2.a)
 - Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau – Expenses (Attachment 2.b)
 - Municipal Project Fund – Expenses (Attachment 2.c)
- C) Business from Previous Minutes:
 - 1) Articles of Association
 - 2) Municipal Project Fund
- D) New Business
 - GOA Operational Grant Announcement
 - Town of Spirit River Airport – AHS Discontinuance Notice (Attachment 3)
 - Rail in the PREDA Region
 - Scheduling of PREDA Board Meetings
 - PREDA Membership Meeting – December 9, 2022 (Attachment 4)
- E) Next Meeting? / Adjournment



Membership Meeting Agenda PG 1 of 1

DATE: Friday December 9th, 2022

TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

In-Person: MD of Spirit River Council Chambers

Need Help: 780-527-6232(PREDA Cell)

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9:30AM Networking / Set-up **10:00AM** Call to Order/ Welcomes Elaine Garrow, PREDA Chair

Nicole Nelles – Government of Alberta Update **Confirmed**

10:15AM [Community Efficiency Financing \(Video 3m\)](#) Home improvements can make a huge difference on savings from energy costs, yet many of our property owners may not have the 10K or more to spend upfront. The CEF (See Guidelines on PREDA website) is part of the Green Municipal Fund operated by the Federation of Municipalities and delivers energy efficient financing programs for low-rise residential properties. The CEF program is designed to help municipalities upfront costs on behalf of residents with terms of payback such as property tax levies. **Jean Pierre Ouellette, Advisor Program Outreach** on behalf of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, will present an overview of the CEF and the steps required for municipalities to qualify to offer this service to its residents. **Confirmed**

11:00AM Special Topics:

- A)** Town of Spirit River Airport – Alberta Health Services Discontinuance of Use (Posted to PREDA website)
- B)** Rail in the PREDA Region – Elaine Garrow
- C)** Municipal Project Fund - Hetti Hulls, EDO – County of Grande Prairie (Posted to PREDA website)

12:00PM LUNCH Provided By – MD of Spirit River THANK-YOU!

12:45PM Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board - Local Investors
Colleen Sklapsky – Town of Grimshaw



1:00PM Unleashing Local Capital- [Introduction Video \(10m\)](#): Across Alberta, co-operatives and credit unions empower communities with ownership and voice and help drive deep-rooted economic health. Paul Cabaj, Executive Director of **Alberta Community and Cooperative Association** and Dan Ohler, from the Town of Sangudo, will present an overview of the types of local initiatives possible to support local economic development and community revitalization. [Town of Sangudo](#) **Confirmed**

2:15PM - 3:00PM Relative to the above topics how can PREDA leverage from its regional influence to help our municipal members pursue these initiatives?

Next Membership Meeting – March 2023

Thank-you to our presenters



Related Attachments are posted to the PREDA website Member Login



Membership Meeting Agenda PG 1 of 1

DATE: Friday March 3rd, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

In-Person: MD of Spirit River Council Chambers

Need Help: 780-527-6232(PREDA Cell)

9:00 AM Coffee Networking / Admin Set-up

9:30 AM Call to Order/ Welcomes – Elaine Garrow, PREDA Chair

Board of Directors	Elected June 2022
County of Grande Prairie Tres / Sec)	Director – Brian Peterson
Town of Sexsmith	Director - Kenneth Hildebrand
MD of Spirit River (Chair)	Director - Elaine Garrow
Northern Sunrise County (Vice Chair)	Director -Carolyn Kolebaba
Village of Rycroft	Director - Joe Chelick
Birch Hills County	Director – Deanne Woodland
County of Northern Lights	Director – Gary These
MD of Peace	Director – Bob Willing

Strategic Planning Session

It has been 8 years since PREDA dedicated time to a strategic planning session. This session will offer a chance for PREDA's membership to review previous activities and to provide input into PREDA's future direction.

- 1) Review of PREDA - 2022 Annual Activity Report (Attachment 1)
 - Vision & Mission Statement
 - Governance Model
 - Membership List (Attachment 2)
 - Quarterly Meetings (Attachment 3)
 - Municipal Project Fund (Attachment 4)
 - Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (Attachment 5)
- 2) What PREDA does well? What PREDA can do better?
- 3) Priorities for 2023 - 2024?
- 4) Brainstorm: Future directives for PREDA?

Venue and Catering Paid for By



On behalf of the PREDA Membership – THANK-You!!

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SCHEDULE A

REQUEST FOR GRANT
MUNICIPAL PROJECT FUND 2022
Application Form

This grant is made available by the Members of the Municipal Project Fund.
Applicant must be a contributing member to the MPF to qualify for a grant.

Municipality Name: TOWN OF SEXSMITH, BOX 420, 9927-100 ST., AB T0H3C0

Project Name: SEXSMITH ADVANTAGE BROCHURE

Requested dollar amount: \$ 2,000

Application Deadline October 14, 2022

2021-2022 Municipal Project Fund Committee

County of Grande Prairie
Northern Lights County
MD of Greenview

Community Futures - Peace Country
Community Futures - Grande Prairie & Area
PREDA Chair

Background: The Municipal Project Fund (MPF) was created to provide the opportunity for contributing municipalities to support each other and local economic development projects. Review of applications and approval of grant disbursement is conducted by Economic Development Officers whose municipality is a member of PREDA. The MPF Committee has a Terms of Reference which clarifies the review and approval process. PREDA provides administrative services at no charge to the MPF.

____ I have read the Terms of Reference for the Municipal Project Fund

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 420 Postal Code: T0H3C0 **Physical Address:** 9927-100 St, Sexsmith AB
Contact: HASAN AKHTAR Title: ACAO Phone: 780-568-0215 E-mail: assistcao@sexsmith.ca

PROJECT Background

- 1) Does the project take place in the PREDA region or a member community? ☒ Yes No
- 2) Does this project have any other funding partners? *If yes, please provide details.* Yes
Potential advertising revenue. Please refer to the attachments.
- 3) How will you acknowledge support from the Municipal Project Fund Partners?
It will be printed on the proposed Sexsmith Advantage Prospectus.
- 4) If required, would you be available to present/conference with us to clarify your application? ☒ Yes No
- 5) What is the timeframe of your project? FY2023

Estimated Total Project Costs

LABOUR	SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT	ADVERTISING	TRAVEL	OTHER
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,000

Note : E-Signatures Acceptable

Rachel Wunsch

Signature of Chief Administrative Officer

Date: *October 6, 2022*

Signature of PREDA Council Representative

Date: *[Signature]*
October 6, 2022

September 2022 – MPF Application

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND:

The Peace Region Economic Development Alliance's (PREDA) Municipal Project Fund (MPF) grant is open for application intake until October 14, 2022. Sexsmith has taken advantage of this grant on at least two occasions. The grant was utilized to fund a promotional video for the Town and to formulate the local economic development plan. This year, we intend to apply for the grant for developing the Sexsmith Advantage Prospectus that is included the Strategic Priorities 2022. Our application will be based on the following criteria mentioned on the MPF's Terms of Reference:

Community Lifestyle Development – projects that develop such areas as recreational and cultural with the objective to enhance the quality of life of the community as it assists with efforts for further promotion of immigration to the community.

DISCUSSION:

At the council meeting of June 6, 2022, resolution # 338-06-22 was adopted to pursue a regional partnership administratively for the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program's Rural Renewal Stream (AAIP - RRS) designation. The County of Grande Prairie # 1 (the County) has included the Town with their application for the designation. On September 21, 2022, the County informed us that the application has been approved by the Ministry of Labor and Immigration. The brochure will be designed to convey strategic messaging to complement and support settlement of newcomers under the AAIP-RES.

The attached price quote has been received from the TNC Publishing Group (TNC). Previously, the company has designed 'The Town of Sexsmith Business & Community Profile' brochure. On October 3, 2022, resolution # 500-10-32 was adopted by the Sexsmith council approving the submission of an application for the MPF Grant in the amount of \$2,000.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

TNC has recommended a brochure format with 16 pages and 1200 copies. The number of copies and the number of pages will depend on the revenue generated. More revenue determines whether there are more pages or more copies and/or a combination of both. The cost without advertising will be \$6,000. There are also options for brochures with 8 pages and 1200 copies costing \$2,000 and 12 pages and 1200 copies costing \$3,500.

A minimum funding of \$2,000 will ensure creation of the brochure and reduce the project risk.



Daryl Greenhill - CAO

Town of Fairview

PO Box 730, Fairview, AB T0H 1L0

December 15, 2022

On behalf of PREDA's Municipal Project Fund Committee I am pleased to inform you that your request for funding for the project titled Event Development Strategy has been approved for the amount of \$6,000.

As noted in your feedback from the Municipal Project Fund Committee the approved amount reflects 60% of your request. The funds are intended to financially support the Town of Fairview's participation in the project. As identified in our feedback to you, the members of the Municipal Project Fund Committee strongly encourage you to also solicit financial support from the MD of Fairview and the Northwest Polytechnical Institute as they will be beneficiaries of the success of your project.

In order to expedite the release of your funds please return a signed copy (e-signatures approved) of the attached contract along with an invoice for the approved amount to PREDA.

We look forward to you sharing the progress of your project with the membership of PREDA at our next annual general meeting which is scheduled for June 2, 2023. If you require further information, please contact our Executive Director Dan Dibbelt at 780-527-6232 or preda@peacecountrycanada.com.

Sincerely,

Elaine Garrow – MD of Spirit River Chair, Peace Region Economic Development Alliance

cc: Tim Schindel – Town of Fairview (PREDA Designate)
Jenna Armstrong – EDO Town of Fairview

Municipal Project Fund Committee

Lynn Florence, EDO – Northern Sunrise County
Hetti Huls, EDO – County of Grande Prairie
Kerri Taylor, EDO – MD of Greenview
Kevin Keller, EDO – MD of Greenview
Holly Sorgen, GM – Community Futures Grande Prairie
Randy Hodgkinson, GM – Community Futures Peace Country
Dan Dibbelt – ED - PREDA
Elaine Garrow – Chair – PREDA



Municipal Project Fund – Grant Agreement

The Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) has established the *Municipal Project Fund* (MPF) to create the opportunity for its members to access funds to support economic development projects within the PREDA region. Recognizing the challenges communities have in initiating projects due to financial constraints, and further noting that numerous government grants are based on regional concepts and partnerships and collaborations, this fund is intended to assist projects that do not necessarily fall in these categories. The selection of grant recipients is conducted through a peer review process as delineated in the *Terms of Reference* for the MPF Selection Committee.

Between

Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (herein referred to as ``Grantor``)

AND

Big Lakes County (herein referred to as ``Grantee``)

- 1) The Selection Committee of the Municipal Project Fund on behalf of PREDA (the Grantor), agrees to release funds in the amount of \$2,500 to Big Lakes County.
Amount
Grantee
- 2) As per the proposal submitted (Schedule A - Attached) by the ``Grantee``, the funds released through this grant agreement are to be directed toward the activities and deliverables for the project titled:
Community Development Promotional Package.
Project Name
- 3) The ``Grantee`` agrees to present an update and/or outcome report to the PREDA membership at the next Annual General Meeting on June 2, 2023.
Reporting
- 4) As per the *Terms of Reference* for the MPF, an extension of 3 months for the reporting requirement can be requested *in writing* for approval to the MPF Committee.
- 5) In the event that the above referenced project does not go ahead the ``Grantee`` will be required to return the full funding amount to PREDA.
- 6) If upon review it is identified by the MPF Selection Committee that the use of the funds granted deviated from the proposed activities or deliverables as outlined in Schedule A, the ``Grantee`` will be required to return funds granted - in part or full - as determined by the PREDA Executive Board.
- 7) To receive your funds please sign this agreement and send to PREDA along with an invoice for the amount approved.
- 8) Signatures:

Signature - On behalf of PREDA MPF

Elaine Garrow - Chair

Please Print Name and Title

December 14, 2022

Date - Month, Day, Year

Signature - On behalf of Big Lakes County

Please Print Name and Title

Date - Month, Day, Year



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)

Membership

Big Lakes County
 Birch Hills County
 Clear Hills County
 County of Grande Prairie
 County of Northern Lights #22
 MD of Fairview #136
 MD of Greenview #16
 MD of Smoky River #130
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 Town of Sexsmith

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



Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

Date: Friday July 22, 2022

HELP! 780-527-6232 (NTAB cell)

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MD of Spirit River – Council Chambers

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

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AGENDA**10:00 AM Administration**

Call to Order: Chair, Carolyn Kolebaba- Northern Sunrise County

A) Approval of Agenda / NTAB Finances - YTD June 30th, 2022

B) [NTAB Website – Resources Uploaded](#) (Click to open)**Discussion Topics****1) The Arctic Northwest Passage?**

The Importance of the Northwest Passage to Canada, the Arctic Council, and debate over Canada's sovereign right to the passage.

Article: [Importance of Canada's Northwest Passage](#) Video: [Arctic Shipping Growth](#)

2) Municipal Airports

Municipal Airports are critical in serving health, forestry, fire, and local residents.

However, keeping up with the costs of operating and maintaining these airports is increasingly difficult for municipalities. Will Stewart, Manager at GP Airport & Chair of the Alberta Airports Management Association will present an overview of the challenges faced by smaller airports and the advocacy the AAMA is doing to ensure we do not lose these critical resources in our smaller communities. **(RESCHEDULED to NEXT Meeting)**

12:00 PM Lunch - What's happening with NTAB related in the Region?**3) Agricultural Equipment – Remote Control & GPS**

There are 100's of thousands of pieces of agricultural equipment across the globe. With each passing year the operations of these machines are increasingly computer / software dependent / and GPS monitored.

The largest agricultural equipment providers in world have been incorporating this technology for more than a decade. What are the capabilities of remotely controlling agricultural equipment and the positive and negative potential impacts on farming in the future?

Video: [John Deere Disables Stolen Tractors](#) (May 2022) Article: [Related](#) Video: [Right to Repair](#)

Website: [Canada MPs – Right to Repair Bill C-272](#)

4) Arctic Russia

Large urban centers, coal mines, ports, airports, and military stations. As the Arctic gains increasing global attention Russia's historical activity and investments in arctic development may be the deciding factor that extends its claims beyond its coastline toward the center of the arctic ocean.

Google Earth – [Arctic Ocean Overview](#) Videos: [Arctic Borders](#) (13m); [The Svalbard Treaty](#) (6m); [Russia Arctic Military Presence](#) (11m) Website: [Arctic Russia - Promotional](#)

2:00 PM Next Meeting / Adjournment**Thank-you to our Meeting Sponsor****NTAB Membership**

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NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY BUREAU

You Are Invited

PREDa 2022-2023 Activity Report Att: 2C

November 18, 2022

10:00AM – 2:00PM

\$50 per Attendee (Cost Recovery - Lunch Included)

Dunvegan Motor Inn – Fairview, AB

NTAB is a committee of municipal northern transportation advocates housed under PREDa.

This committee discusses issues at the international level and how these events impact the PREDa region.

As a member of PREDa we invite you to come and learn what NTAB is working on, the topics we discuss, and our northern transportation advocacy efforts on behalf of our Region.

Please RSVP by: November 16, 2022 to reserve your seat / lunch





Date: Monday March 6 2023 HELP! 780-527-6232 (NTAB cell)

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MD of Spirit River – Council Chambers

Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

AGENDA**10:00 AM Administration**

Call to Order: Chair, Carolyn Kolebaba- Northern Sunrise County

A) Approval of Agenda / NTAB Finances - YTD February 2023

Part 2 - Discussion Topics

- 1) **Rural Fixed Wing Air Cancellations** Municipal Airports are critical in serving health, forestry, fire, and local residents. However, keeping up with the costs of operating and maintaining these airports is increasingly difficult for municipalities. Will Stewart, Manager at GP Airport & Chair of the Alberta Airports Management Association will present perspective on the fixed wing air issue, as well as from the GP airport on what's happening there?
- 2) **Community Rail Advisory Alliance:** NTAB Chair Carolyn Kolebaba will speak to the new Rail Initiative emerging from the Grande Prairie area.
- 3) **Green Corridors** A collective term used to refer to a focus on reduced carbon emissions and/or wildlife preservation. Globally, this term has been increasingly used as a champion of climate change policies being implemented on economic development and trade. Green corridors most commonly refer to land masses; however, most recently this term is also being applied to the shipping industry. Two examples are below.
 - [Canada Joins Zero-Emission Shipping Mission](#)
Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced: the creation of a Canadian Green Shipping Corridors Framework and that Canada is joining the Zero-Emission Shipping Mission. These two new initiatives were highlighted by Canada COP27.
 - [Pacific Northwest to Alaska Cruises](#) - In 2022, the Port of Seattle, City and Borough of Juneau, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Carnival Corporation, Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, Royal Caribbean Group, Cruise Lines International Association, the Global Maritime Forum, Blue Sky Maritime Coalition, and Washington Maritime Blue launched a collaborative effort to explore the feasibility of a maritime green corridor aimed at accelerating the deployment of zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emission ships and operations between Alaska, British Columbia, and Washington. The communities of Sitka, Skagway, and Haines in Alaska and the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority have also joined the partnership.
 - [The Y2Y \(Yellowstone to Yukon\)](#) 3,400 kilometer land based green corridor started 30 years ago as a champion of grizzly bears and highway safety in national parks. Y2Y spans five American states, two Canadian provinces, two Canadian territories, and at least 75 Indigenous territories. In 2021, Y2Y's collaborative efforts to protect sensitive lands and waters in Alberta from open-pit coal mining gained huge momentum. Y2Y originated in 1993 out of Canmore, Alberta.
- 4) **An update on Highway 686 –** [Fort McMurray Today Press](#); [Map of HWY 686](#)
FYI - [Background Report: The Highway 63 / Highway 686 Parsons Interchange](#)

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2:00 PM Next Meeting / Adjournment**Note: Resources are underlined – click to access**



Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

Date: Friday June 9, 2023

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MD of Spirit River – Brownlee Building

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HELP! 780-527-6232 (Joni Cell)

AGENDA

10:00 AM Administration

Call to Order: Chair, Carolyn Kolebaba- Northern Sunrise County

- A) Agenda – Additions?
- B) Notes – March 2023 (Att 1)
- C) NTAB YTD May 2023 (Att 2)

Part 2 - Discussion Topics

- 1) Rural Fixed Wing Update – Dan Dibbelt
- 2) Community Rail Advisory Update – Carolyn Kolebaba
- 3) Tabled to next meeting due to Provincial Election / Wildfires
Y2Y will be invited to present on activity / plans for Peace Region.
MLA Lowen will be invited to speak on impact of Y2Y on forestry industry.
- 4) University of Calgary Update [Canadian Northern Corridor](#)
Dr. G. Kent Fellows, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary - Invited
- 5) Update on NORAD and NATO activity in Arctic Circle.

(Att 3) NATO chief tours Arctic defences as Canada comes under pressure to guard the Far North (CBC Aug 2022)

(Att 4) NATO allies wake up to Russian supremacy in the Arctic (Reuters, Nov 2022)
- 6) Topics for Next Meeting?
- 7) Next Meeting / Adjournment

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