

**DATES:** **Wednesday: June 26<sup>th</sup>** AND Thursday: June 27<sup>th</sup>  
**TIMES:** 3:30PM – 8:00PM 8:30AM – 4:30PM

**Location:** Chateau Nova ([Map](#))  
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## PREDA 2024 Annual General Meeting

**3:30PM AGM Call to Order** Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County; PREDA Chair

2023 AGM Minutes (Submitted – Att. #1)  
2024 Year End Finances / PREDA Memberships List (Submitted – Att. #2)  
Year in Review – PREDA 2023-2024 Annual Report (Submitted – Att. #3)  
Articles of Association – Refreshed (Submitted Att. #4)  
Appointment to Municipal Project Fund Committee(Submitted – Att. #5)  
**AGM Adjourned**

## Value Added Forestry Conference Opening

**4:30PM – 800PM** On-site Registration Opens  
**Registration Table:** Northern Sunrise County Economic Development summer student Kate Gustafson

## Welcome - Master of Ceremonies

**Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) – PREDA Chair**

**Honorable Todd Loewen – Minister of Forestry and Parks**

**Social & Networking (Cash Bar Opens 4:30PM)**  
**Visit the display tables of our local product artisans!**

**Full Course – Hot Buffet Supper (6:00PM)**

**Thank-you to our Conference Presenters**  
**Audio/Visual & Music Provided by Randy Hodgkinson Inc.**



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**7:30AM Continental Breakfast**

**8:30AM Master of Ceremonies - Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) – PREDA Chair**

**9:00AM** The Center for Boreal Research works with industry and communities to support best management practices and reclamation of the boreal forest. A team of research scientists and technicians with professional designations in forestry, biology, and agrology work out of facilities located in Peace River, AB. Presenter: Kevin Kemball, Business Development Lead, NAIT; will provide an overview of CBR, and the types of trees, flora, and fauna in our boreal forest. **InfoLink** [CBR Website](#) **Confirmed In Person**

**9:30AM** Timber Rights: Alberta's public forests are managed by the Alberta government under Alberta's Forests Act, the right to harvest Crown timber is allocated to companies and individuals through forest tenures. Presenter, Shane Neigel, Director of Forest Tenure, Trade and Economics Branch will provide an overview of the legislation, regulations, and processes to access our forest. Shane will also provide an update on the Alberta Value-Added Wood Products Program. **InfoLinks:** [Alberta Forest Act](#) [2024 Company Timber Quotas](#) [Map of FMUs](#) [VAWPP](#) **Confirmed In Person**

**10:00AM** Jobs in Forestry cut across engineering, plant science, heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, and more. Presenter, Laura Brandon (RFP), Forestry Educator through WORK WILD and AFPA will provide an overview of the resources she has to promote careers in the forestry sector and her active role in promoting recruitment in the PREDA region. **InfoVideo** [It's Our Forest](#) **Confirmed In Person**

**10:30AM Networking / Refreshment Break Door Prizes**

**10:45AM** Wood Pellets: Increasingly popular as evidenced by the rapid increase in the sales of wood pellet stoves and hoppers. Presenters Gordon Murray, Executive Director & Dr. Fahimeh Yazdan Panah, Director of Research and Technical Development of the Wood Pellet Association of Canada presents an overview of the sector, access to the products needed to create wood pellets, and distribution. **InfoVideo** [Power of Pellets: Production, Quality and Transportation](#) **Confirmed In Person**

**11:15AM** WoodWorks Alberta! is an industry led initiative under the Canadian Wood Council. Its focus is to increase the use of wood in non-residential, mid-rise and tall building markets in Canada using mass timber technology, which emerged from Europe and is witnessing an increased usage in Canada. Presenter Jerry Calara, Technical Manager and market development advocate for this technology will provide an overview of what mass timber is, its benefits, current activities, and innovative opportunities possible. **InfoLink** [Social & Economic Benefits of Wood Buildings](#) **Confirmed in Person**

**11:45AM** Computer Numeric Control (CNC) has been used by Western Archrib for decades. A leader in the design, manufacture, and custom fabrication of glued-laminated structural wood systems since 1951. Andre Lema, Manager of Business Development, will provide an overview of their products and how CNC has been incorporated into their technical staff training and products. **InfoLink** [Building Northern Lakes College – High Prairie Campus](#) **Confirmed In Person**

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**12:15PM LUNCH Door prizes**

**12:45PM** BoreA Canada Essential Oils. As a producer and exporter based in Northern Québec, BoreA Canada produces essential oils, hydrosols and other high-quality extracts. Presenter, Jean-Claude Villeneuve presents an overview, opportunities & challenges a decade after founding his company.

**InfoVideo** [Straight From the Source: Black Spruce Essential Oil](#)

**Confirmed – Video**

**1:15PM** Alberta Apothecary provides community accessible education around the lands, the plants and the medicines they both offer. Presenter, Ila, the Medicine Woman behind Alberta Apothecary out of Edmonton, Alberta will provide an overview of the services she offers and the growing trends she is witnessing in her specialty. **InfoLink** [Education in Apothecary](#)

**Confirmed In Person**

**1:45PM** Light Cellar Elixir Bar. Presenter: Malcolm Saunders, lead instructor, podcaster, owner, and founder of Light Cellar Super Foods; and Canada's first Elixir bar, provides an overview of his Calgary based store front, on-line courses, and products available. **InfoVideo** [Pine Power](#)

**Confirmed In Person**

**2:15PM Networking / Refreshment Break** **Door Prize:** *Peace Country Adventures!*

Prepare to be amazed by the wildlife that live along our rivers. **InfoVideo** [Peace River Scenic Boat Tour](#)

**2:30PM** Small Scale Wood Products: The group discusses their products, opportunities and challenges they encounter as a small-scale wood product producer in Alberta. Our moderator is Aspen Dudzic, Director of Communications (AFPA) and well known for her successful Podcast *Forestry Talks*

**InfoPodcast** [Voices of the North: Terry Ungarian; Reeve of County of Northern Light](#) **Confirmed In Person**

**3:00PM** Labour Market Demands: Deanna Basarab and Bev Lavender-Marsh are PREDA's regional Workforce Consultants (Gov. of AB). They will provide an overview of the Forestry labour market and emerging skills training in the industry.

**Confirmed In Person**

**3:30PM** **Open Mic - Delegates Feedback** Our moderator is Jasmine Light, Chair of Business Programs and Northern Lakes College Regional Stewardship representative for PREDA.

**Confirmed In Person**

**Master of Ceremonies - Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) – PREDA Chair**

## **Next Steps - Conference Briefing to the Minister of Forestry and Parks**