



## Membership Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**TIME:** 9:30AM – 4:00PM

**Location:** Grande Prairie Alliance Church ([Map](#))

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### **Theme: Regional Sharing & Partnerships**

The PREDA region is frequently noted for its unique characteristic of municipalities, community services, and regional stakeholders to willingly jump in and offer assistance to each other. No doubt founded upon the frontier belief that we are in the north together and if it is good for your community then it is good for all of us. Over many decades of sharing limited community services, infrastructure and human resources, this PREDA membership meeting showcases the benefits of collaboration and identifies potential new partnerships amongst our membership.

**9:30 Call to Order/ Welcomes** – Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County; PREDA Chair

**Content Experts for Hire** There are numerous credential standards required for municipalities to operationally meet the legislation mandates under the *Municipal Government Act*. This section showcases three content expert offerings created by member municipalities which can be accessed on a fee for use model.

Safety Code Services – County of Grande Prairie Gas, Plumbing, Electrical, and Sewer permits for residential and non-residential developments require Master level certifications. Nick Lapp, General Manager of the Department of Safety Codes , Planning & Development; will provide an overview of the services offered and benchmark costs to access these services.

Property Tax Assessments – Northern Sunrise County Whether it be residential properties, farmland, commercial, linear assessments or machinery, Northern Sunrise County has built a team of Provincially Certified Assessors that can be hired to assist other municipalities. Alan Down, Director of Assessment; will provide an overview of the services offered and benchmark costs to access these services.

Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency Balancing competing interests to achieve ecological, social, and economic sustainability over rural and urban landscapes offering services such as Land Use By-Laws, GIS Mapping, Subdivision Appeals, Community Designs; and much more. MMSA (head office Village of Berwyn) is a membership service offering a team of professional municipal planners that work with municipalities to build upon municipal development plans. Brian Allen, Executive Director, will provide an overview of the services offered and benchmark costs to access these services.

**10:30AM Regional Infrastructure** Medical clinics, community airports, fire stations, landfills, water treatment plants, recreation centers, residential houses? This section discusses municipal partnerships focused on building; ... and more often than not having to also manage these vital infrastructures in our region. Open to the floor for examples and discussion.

**Moderator: Will Stewart - Director of Terminal Services, Grande Prairie Airport**



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**12:00 Lunch Provided By**



**1:00PM External Partnerships** Chambers of Commerce, Post-Secondary Advisories, School Board Committees, Community Futures, and Industry Specific Boards. Actively participating with these organizations is strategically important for municipal Councilors. Providing input and being “in the loop” on upcoming events and projects is important to the success of our external partners; and municipalities advocating/championing on their behalf.

Moderator: Jasmine Light, Chair Business Programs and Regional Stewardship - Northern Lakes College

**1:30PM Municipal Staffing** Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Management, Economic Development, Legislative Services, Executive Assistant, Public Works. When it's a challenge to build a qualified team to run the municipality it is hard to deliver the services of the municipality. What resources are available to municipalities being challenged with filling these vital positions? Creative short-term sharing among municipalities?

Moderator: Larry Gibson, Director of Economic Development; MD of Greenview

**2:00PM Capital Assets & Software Licenses** Fleet vehicles, snowplows, agricultural spray equipment, recruitment housing, software licenses for labour market data; emergency notifications, these are examples of large tangible purchases that have the potential to be cost-shared with municipal neighbors.

Moderator: Ken Hildebrand, Town of Sexsmith - Board of Directors PREDA, Water North, Sexsmith Museum, ...

**2:30PMPM Mandatory Committees & Non-Profit Boards** Mandatory committees are required under specific GOA Acts & Regulations, such as agricultural service boards, emergency advisory; and libraries. There are also numerous non-profit committees such as cemeteries, museums, and various social services. Municipal Councilor appointments can be time intensive and very hands on (e.g. hiring staff, fund-raising, grant applications, and approving programs). This section reviews the variety of these committees; asking if there are ways to mediate the time and tasks required at the municipal level.

Moderator: Jo Chelick, Village of Rycroft – Board of Directors FCSS, Grande Spirit Housing, PREDA, ...

**3:00PM Round Table Comments –Bringing ideas back to your Councils.**

**4:00PM Adjournment**

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Next PREDA Membership Meeting December 6<sup>th</sup> Working Theme – Municipal Owned Corporations

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**Thank-you to Hetti Huls - Economic Development Officer**

