



Membership Symposium Friday – March 6th, 2026

Location: Redwood Inn (780) 357-1916
8117 99 St Clairmont ([Click for Map](#))

Time : 9:30AM – 3:00PM
PREDA Help 780-527-6232 (Joni cell)

Video <https://meet.goto.com/584833773>

Teleconference: 1(647) 497-9373 Code: 584833773#

9:30AM Morning Coffee & Networking / Administrative Technical Set-Up

Theme: Housing

10:00AM Call to Order / Welcomes Ken Hildebrand (Town of Sexsmith) PREDA Vice Chair

Overview: PREDA's Executive Director has compiled an overview report which is complemented with baseline statistics and trend reports. Input from our municipal members was compiled through a combination of e-surveys, sharing internal housing related documents, by-law reviews, and one-on-one conversations with Councillors, CAO's and EDO's. External stakeholders representing builders and housing foundations also contributed to the collation of the information presented.

Other Factors: Moderator Ken Hildebrand – PREDA Vice Chair

Development Costs: From land-purchase to keys for a home – what is your municipal checklist? Are there external development costs out of municipal control?

Net Zero: Changes in building codes to meet net zero targets can create significant extra costs.

Home Insurance: Contingent upon upgrades is emerging (e.g. windows, roofs, furnaces) placing significant costs on the new homeowner/ seller and can jeopardize mortgage approval.

Newcomers: Most PREDA municipalities have created specific recruitment committees targeted for doctors and other high-level professionals. Outside of this scope there are numerous newcomer families with various levels of skills immigrating to the PREDA region. **Donat Mpunga**, Director of Programs for the [Center for Newcomers](#) highlights that access to affordable housing is crucial to integration.

Thank-you

Hetti Huls, EDO for County of Grande Prairie for bringing the challenges facing newcomers to our Agenda.

Fairview Campus: There is an incongruence with a high demand for residential construction trades while the Fairview Campus shuts down facilities that have on-site resources to teach carpentry, electrical, plumbing, welding, and gas fitting. All trades that contribute to building homes.

Symposium Round-up: Summary and Next Steps



PREDA Members: Next Meeting June 5th, 2026