



**Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
Thursday – February 29th, 2024**

10:30AM – 1:30PM

MD of Spirit River – Council Chambers

Video <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/629467829>

Teleconference: 1 (647) 497-9391 Access Code: 629-467-829

Help: 780-527-6232(PREDA Cell)

10:30AM Call to Order– Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County, PREDA Chair

1) Administration & Management

Approval / Additions to the Agenda

PREDA Board Minutes – November 30th, 2023

(Attachment 1)

PREDA 2023-2024 Operational Budget – YTD January 31, 2024

(Attachment 2)

GOA 2024-2025 Grant Request Submission / PREDA Membership

(Attachment 3)

Chair’s Letter to Village of Rycroft – Dec 6th, 2023

(Attachment 4)

New Members: Peace River (NTAB) , McLennan, NWPolytech, Jandel Homes

Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce – Presentation to the Board (Dec)

Fairview Campus Community Social (January)

County of Grande Prairie Small Business Sessions (Feb 13)

2) Projects Updates:

Prairie Oats Promotion – Final Report

Municipal Project Fund - Conference & AGM

Growing the North - PREDA Attendance & Sponsorship

Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau – Upcoming Feb 21 Meeting

(Attachment 5)

NRED Grant Partnership with County of Grande Prairie

(Attachment 6)

E-Motion #1 December 8th, 2023 **Yes 7/8** Carolyn, Nick, Deanne, Brian, Gary, Ken, Bob

1.a Approve a Letter of Support on behalf of all PREDA members to support the County of Grande Prairie’s application to the NRED fund requesting a bulk license to Lightcast.

1.b Approve PREDA contribute \$5,000 toward the County of Grande Prairie NRED application’s requirement of a 50% match for a bulk license to Lightcast.

E-Motion #2 December 18th, 2023 **Yes 7/8** Carolyn, Nick, Deanne, Brian, Gary, Ken, Bob

2.a Approve a Letter of Support on behalf of all PREDA members to support the County of Grande Prairie’s application to the NRED fund requesting funding to design a shared regional template that all municipalities in PREDA can enter their assets and site location data to facilitate investor inquiries.

2.b Approve PREDA contribute \$5,000 toward the County of Grande Prairie NRED application’s requirement of a 50% match for the development of a shared regional asset and site locator database.

3) PREDA Membership – Attracting Young Families / Water Management

(Attachment 7)

4) Next PREDA Board Meeting – Thursday - June 6th, 2024 / Adjournment

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Minutes

Carolyn Kolebabba – Northern Sunrise County
Bob Willing – MD of Peace
Deanne Wendland – Birch Hills County
J. Chelick – Village of Rycroft

Ken Hildebrand – Town of Sexsmith
Nick vanRootselaar - MD of Spirit River
Gary These – County of Northern Lights
Regrets: Brian Peterson – County of GP

10:45AM Call to Order – Ken Hildbrand – PREDA Vice- Chair

- 1) Motion: Approval of Agenda
Moved By: N. vanRootselaar **Carried**
- 2) Motion: Approval of Minutes - November 2023 (Submitted)
Moved By: D. Wendland **Carried**
- 3) Motion: Approval of YTD Finances and Projected Budget 2024/2025 (Submitted)
Moved By: G. These 2nd: B. Willing **Carried**
- 4) Motion to Accept PREDA GOA 2024-2025 Grant Request
Moved By: B. Willing **Carried**
Action: Administration will submit to GOA on behalf of the Board
- 5) Tabled: Chair’s Letter to Village of Rycroft – Dec 6th, 2023
Action: Administration will review Articles of Association for procedural directives.
- 6) Motion to Accept: Project Updates – Discussions
Moved By: B. Willing **Carried**
- 7) Motion to Carry E-Motion #1 December 8th, 2023 and E-Motion #2 December 18th, 2023
Moved By: G. These **Carried**
- 8) FYI: PREDA Membership Symposium – Young Families/Water Friday March 1st, 2024
- 9) Motion to Adjourn:
Moved By: N. vanRootselaar **Carried**

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PREDA Membership Symposiums September 1st,2023 December 1st ,2023 March 1st, 2024, June 17th/19th 2024 (AGM)

Note: Board meetings are scheduled for the Thursday morning before each Membership Symposium



Membership Meeting Agenda

PG 1 of 2

DATE: Friday March 1st

TIME: 9:30AM – 3:30 PM

In-Person: MD of Spirit River, Brownlee Bldg. ([Map](#))

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9:30 AM Members Coffee & Networking / Administrative Technical Set-up

10:00AM Call to Order/ Welcomes – Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County; PREDA Chair

PREDA Updates from the Board of Directors

June AGM/Conference

GOA - 3 years for REDA's to achieve operational self-sustainability (Attachment 1)

PREDA & County of Grande Prairie NRED Collaboration (Attachment 2)

Overview of PREDA Municipal Airports

Part 1: Attracting Young Families – Topics & Issues

10:30AM Block Chain, Bitcoin, Mining: Words that describe the new age of currency, especially among the younger generation; and some countries are diving full into the concept. Sandra Eastman, a self-taught bit-coin enthusiast asks the question; will this revolutionize the world? Sandra will provide an over-view of what she has learned in her personal quest to become more knowledgeable of this digital commerce movement. **Confirmed**

11:00AM YoloNomads: Promotes the advantages of small town living. Luke Panek, Community Success Director of Yolo presents an overview of how their services can help small towns and rural areas leverage their uniqueness to a growing demand from persons who make a living from their laptops; persons wanting a smaller, less expensive alternative to big city living, and / or persons who desire more connection with a local community and nature. Yolo is building a database of options and promoting communities to this target market. Today Luke showcases how our municipalities can promote themselves through YoloNomads. **Confirmed**

11:45 \$10 a Day Childcare: Mary Ellen Norton is the Owner/Operator of [Enlightened Beginnings](#) in Grimshaw. She and her husband Tyler (aka the construction & safety guru) have built up their childcare from the ground-up over a ten year span. Today *Enlightened Beginnings* provides childcare to 140 children from across the Peace River/Grimshaw/Fairview area and employs 20 Early Childhood Educators. Mary Ellen is also a member of the [Association of Childcare Entrepreneurs \(ACcE\)](#). Her viewpoint is *"the government is painting a beautiful picture of almost free childcare - \$10/ day is just about \$1/hour for most children. This (unrealistic picture) is having a detrimental effect on child care operators and the state of child care in Alberta, actually all of Canada"*. Why? Mary Ellen will present an overview of the \$10 a day childcare program, the position of the ACcE; and concrete examples of how her thriving small business will be negatively impacted. **Confirmed**

12:30PM Lunch

Provided by: *George's Catering* Phone 780-876-8077

Part 2 – Water

1:00PM Water Shortage Advisory (Attachment 3)

Alberta's government is working closely with communities, to take strong action to prepare for drought. Currently there are 51 rivers on the "watch list" for water shortage advisories; 9 of them are in the Northwest region ([Alberta's River Basins Interactive Database](#)). Rhonda Gauthier, Executive Director for the [Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance](#), which was formed in 2011 under the GOA's Water for Life Strategy; will provide an overview of the current status of our region and the impact this will have on our communities. **Pending**

1:30PM Alberta Trans-Boundary Water Agreements (Attachment 4) PREDA municipalities have identified concerns about the lack of a [Trans-Boundary Water Agreement](#) with British Columbia. PREDA/NTAB coordinated a tour of the Site C Dam last fall and were again reminded that this hydro-electric mega project is one of three dams that BC has placed along the Peace River, which generates electricity for southern BC. PREDA has sent a request for a status update from the Alberta Government on the "on-going negotiations" with British Columbia; note that "on-going" has been for 35+ years! **Pending**

2:00PM WaterSmart Solutions The Alberta Government has hired the consultants "[WaterSmart Solutions](#)" to develop a provincial response to drought. The company consists of water management experts that help create water strategies and implementation plans. Steven Herman M.Eng. P.Eng. Director of Engineering will present an overview of what a water management plan includes, the resources (human & financial) needed, and a typical time frame to completion. **Confirmed**

2:30PM Round Table – HELP! I need a Water Shortage Plan The advisement from Minister Shulz does not allow the luxury of spending a year, holding community forums, hiring consultants, to help our municipalities create a water shortage plan that is integrated, strategic, and long-term. What does a CAO do when he/she has no time and no resources. We help each other through it. Does your municipality have a plan? Have you accessed your water basin capacity data, created schematics and maps? assessed your current and future user demands? Are you willing to share your work with other municipalities to help them respond to this advisement from the Minister?

3:30PM Next Meeting AGM/Conference – June TBA / Adjournment

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