

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday March 6th, 2025

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Agenda

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

Approval of Agenda

Administration:

- 1) Previous Minutes Dec 2024 (Attachment 1)
- 2) Finances YTD Feb 28 & Membership Lists (Attachment 2a, 2b,2.c,2d)
- 3) Articles of Association – Final (Attachment 3)
- 4) Strategic Consulting Report (Attachment 4)
- 5) GOA Reporting Deadlines – 2024/25 & 2025/26

Project Updates:

- 1) Digital Nomads – PREDA & Mighty Peace Tourism (Launched)
- 2) Growing the North 2025 – PREDA On Stage
- 3) Northern Transportation Advocacy – The Arctic Circle Event (Attachment 5)
- 4) Community Rail Advocacy – Update Meeting
- 5) Municipal Project Fund – Call for Submissions / Download Updated
- 6) PREDA Regional Airports Report – Inserted Provincial Main Report

PREDA Membership Meeting: Economic Drivers – Major Projects (Attachment 6)

Next Board of Directors Meeting – Thursday, June 5th (AGM Preparation)

Next Membership Meeting – Friday, June 6th (AGM)

1200PM Adjournment

PREDA Membership Symposiums September 6th,2024 December 6th,2024 March 7th, 2025, June 6th, 2025 (AGM)

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Minutes

Carolyn Kolebabba – Northern Sunrise County
Sandra Eastman – MD of Peace
Nick vanRootselaar - MD of Spirit River
Gary These – County of Northern Lights

Ken Hildebrand – Town of Sexsmith
Brian Peterson – County of Grande Prairie
Deanne Wendland – Birch Hills County

Regrets: J. Chelick – Village of Rycroft

10:00AM Call to Order – Carolyn Kolebaba – PREDA Chair

- 1) Motion: Approval of Agenda with Additions
Add 1) Projected Budget 2025-2026
Add 2) P.O.V. REDA Chairs / Managers Submissions to GOA (C.K.)

Moved By: S. Eastman

Carried

- 2) Motion: Approval of Minutes Dec 2024 (Submitted)

Moved By: B. Peterson

Carried

- 3) Motion: Approval of Finances / 2025-2026 Budget (Submitted)

Moved By: N. vanRootselaar 2nd: B. Peterson

Carried

- 4) Articles of Association – Final Review

Action: Admin. to complete final edits as per Board review & feedback in preparation for June AGM.

- 5) Strategic Consulting Report – Consultant unavailable to present and review.

Action: Administration to incorporate Board feedback for official commentary to Gov. of AB

- 6) GOA Reporting Deadlines – 2024/25 & 2025/26

Action: Administration to prepare reports in preparation for June AGM.

- 7) Motion to Accept: Project Updates – Discussions

Moved By: S. Eastman

Carried

- 8) FYI - Upcoming PREDA Membership Symposium – Major Projects – Friday, March 7th, 2025

- 9) FYI - Next PREDA Membership Symposium – Friday, June 6th (AGM)

- 10) Motion to Adjourn – 12:00PM

Moved By: K. Hildebrand

Carried

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Date: Friday March 7th, 2025

Time: 9:30AM – 3:30PM

Location: MD of Spirit River – Brownlee Bld. ([Map](#))

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9:30AM Networking – Good Morning Chats

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

The PREDA region is currently buzzing with economic opportunities. The major projects presented will also bring demands on our communities. Small-urban growth acceleration demands housing, health clinics, internet, recreational facilities, childcare, and schools.

Welcome Mayor Dober; City of Dawson Creek

Confirmed

The municipalities in the PREDA region have had a long-standing affinity with the BC Peace; sharing infrastructure, regional identity, skilled labor pools, and economic synergies. We are honored to welcome Mayor Dober who will provide an overview of the activities happening within Dawson Creek & Area.

Welcome: Dale Tiedemann – Northwest Regional Manager Careers Next Generation

Confirmed

In response to “it’s happening now” reality; PREDA has offered **Careers Next Generation** a reciprocal membership to assist all our members in advocating that high-school curriculums invest in pre-skilled trades & pre-professional dual credits that assist **Careers Next Generation** in their role of advocating to our youth to educate here, build a career here, and lay the foundation roots to become the next generation of leaders for the Peace region.

PREDA Major Projects

As of January 2025, the Alberta Government lists 35 major (>5M) projects across the Peace Region. As noted on the attached list of projects, these projects are in various stages of development. This membership meeting provides our member municipalities an opportunity to update us on these major projects; along with various industry partners highlighting the economic impact to the PREDA region.

Big Lakes County - Kiwetinohk - Proposing to construct and operate a new natural gas-fueled electricity generating facility located approximately 19 kms south of Swan Hills. [The Black Bear Power Plant Project](#) would generate approximately 460 mws of electricity and include carbon capture systems. **Confirmed**

MD of Greenview EKONS : A one-tonne-per-day clean hydrogen plant at ARC's Gold Creek Natural Gas Plant near Grande Prairie, Alberta [Ekona](#) (Video 3M) to be commissioned and tested in 2025, and operated for commercial evaluation in 2026. **In Progress**

Saddle Hills County Entropy Inc. Phase 2 will see approximately 160,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions captured annually from the [Advantage Glacier Gas Plant](#) (Video 2M) . The project reached a positive final investment decision on July 9, 2024 with construction beginning immediately. **In Progress**

Next PREDA Meeting – June 6th – AGM

PREDA Major Projects

The Alberta Provincial Highway Network consists of all the roads, bridges and interchanges in Alberta that are maintained by the **Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC)**. This network includes 31,400 kilometers, and over 4,800 bridges and interchanges. [Google Earth](#) – Click & Zoom

MD of Opportunity - The project will see an investment in a new northern Alberta east-west corridor highway from Peerless Lake, AB to the Parsons Creek area of Fort McMurray. The new extension will measure approximately 238 kilometers in length. **In Progress**

County of Northern Lights: A new bridge spanning the Peace River along Highway 697 towards La Crete. Currently there is a seasonal ferry service which is converted into an ice-bridge in the winter. **Confirmed**

12:30PM Lunch Provided by *George's Catering*

1:00PM [Premier Danielle Smith - Nuclear Energy Mandate Letter \(Oct 2024\)](#)

Announcement: The Regional Energy Committee, formed in early 2024, consists of Council representatives of the County of Northern Lights, Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Northern Sunrise County, the Town of Grimshaw, and the Town of Peace River. After numerous hours of strategic planning, engaging various local organizations, meeting with Government leaders, and reviewing potential energy providers - **Energy Alberta, is hosting an open house** to continue the conversation on a large scale nuclear project; the [Peace Region Nuclear Power Project](#).

March 11th, 2025 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Weberville

Acknowledgement: Thank you to the Tri-Council Northern Leaders - Reeve Olson, Reeve Marshall, and Mayor Clayton for showcasing the 70B "Wonder Valley Artificial Intelligence" project on the mainstage at the recent Growing the North Conference. With 500+ attendees and the vast majority of PREDA's members present, we congratulate the perseverance & cooperation these municipalities anchored to bring this exciting opportunity to the PREDA region.

Open Discussion

1:30PM Economic Dev. Impact on Schools

Deputy Mayor Ken Wittig - Town of Valleyview

[Town of Falher – Ecole Heritage – Modernization](#) - Northwest Francophone Education Region

[MD of Opportunity - Red Earth Creek – New School](#) – Peace River School Division

[Town of Valleyview – New School](#) - Northern Gateway School Division

[Clear Hills County - Worsley school – Modernization](#) - Peace River School Division

[County of Northern Lights - Manning Auroa Composite](#) - Peace River School Division

[Town of Fairview – St. Thomas Moore - Governance Change](#) – Holy Family / GP Catholic Schools

3:00PM Round Table – PREDA Membership Action Directives

Thank you to our Venue Sponsor!

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