

2026 Annual General Meeting

	Status	PREDA Designated Representatives 2026					
	Status	Member	Designated Rep				
1	Municipal - Voting	Big Lakes County	Richard Mifflin - Councilor				
2	Municipal - Voting	Birch Hills County	Karen Portelance - Deputy Reeve				
3	Municipal - Voting	Clear Hills County	Candice Stevenson - Councilor				
4	Municipal - Voting	County of Grande Prairie	Brian Peterson - Councilor				
5	Municipal - Voting	County of Northern Lights	Terry Ungarian - Reeve				
6	Municipal - Voting	MD of Fairview #136	John Przybylski - Deputy Reeve				
7	Municipal - Voting	MD of Greenview #16	Tom Burton - Deputy Reeve				
8	Municipal - Voting	MD of Opportunity #17	Brendan Powell - Deputy Reeve				
9	Municipal - Voting	MD of Peace #135	Sandra Eastman - Deputy Reeve				
10	Municipal - Voting	MD of Smoky River #130	Gilles Roy - Deputy Reeve				
11	Municipal - Voting	MD of Spirit River #133	Shelley Rozecki - Councilor				
12	Municipal - Voting	Northern Sunrise County	Jason Javos - Deputy Reeve				
13	Municipal - Voting	Saddle Hills County	Ed Armagost - Councilor				
14	Municipal - Voting	Town of Fairview	Joanne Fleming - Councilor				
15	Municipal - Voting	Town of Falher	Donna Buchinski - Mayor				
16	Municipal - Voting	Town of Grimshaw	Colleen Sklapsky - Deputy Mayor				
17	Municipal - Voting	Town of McLennan	Margaret Jacob - Councilor				
18	Municipal - Voting	Town of Sexsmith	Ken Hildebrand - Councilor				
19	Municipal - Voting	Town of Spirit River	Ryan Funk - Councilor				
20	Municipal - Voting	Town of Valleyview	Ken Wittig - Councilor				
21	Municipal - Voting	Village of Berwyn	Brian Carreau - Deputy Mayor				
22	Municipal - Voting	Village of Nampa	Perry Skrlík - Deputy Mayor				
23	Affiliate - Voting	Lac Cardinal Economic Develop.	Misty Velichka - Regional EDO				
24	Affiliate - Voting	Community Futures-GP	Holly Sorgen - General Manager				
25	Affiliate - Voting	Community Futures-PC	Sherry Crawford - General Manager				
26	Affiliate - Voting	Northern Lakes College	Jasmine Neustaeter - Region Steward				
27	Affiliate - Voting	Northwestern Polytechnic	Vanessa Sheane - President				
28	Parliamentarian	GP Regional Airport	Will Stewart -Terminal Services				

Highlighted are confirmed by their Council Board Requires Minimum of 3 / Maximum of 6

7. Role of Board of Directors

- A. The business of the Alliance shall be managed by the elected Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors may hold meetings as deemed fit to conduct the business of the Alliance. Quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors will be 50%.
- C. The Board of Directors may collect revenues and pay all expenses incurred in getting up and registering the Alliance, and henceforth the expenses of executing the delivery of the services provided through the Alliance.
- D. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more external service providers to conduct the business of the Alliance for such term and at such remuneration within the budget of the Alliance.
- E. The Board of Directors shall cause minutes to be made for the purpose of record:
 - i. of the appointment of the Executive Committee
 - ii. of the names present during meetings of the Board of Directors
 - iii. of motions approved during meetings of the Board of Directors
 - iv. of external documents signed on behalf of the Alliance
- F. The Board of Directors shall not receive direct remuneration from the Alliance unless approved through a special resolution presented to and approved by the Alliance.
- G. The Board of Directors shall cause true accounts to be kept:
 - i. shall cause to be created an annual financial statement through an external financial third party or, in the case of the first financial statement, since the incorporation of the Alliance, not more than 6 months following the end of the fiscal year of the Alliance.
 - ii. of all the sums of money received and disbursed by the Alliance and the matters in respect of which receipt and expenditure took place,
 - iii. of the assets and liabilities of the Alliance,
 - iv. the books of account shall be kept at the registered office of the Alliance, or at such other place as the Board of Directors determines to conduct the business of the Alliance.
- H. The Board of Directors of the Alliance shall duly comply with the provision of the *Companies Act*, or any statutory modification thereof for the time being in force, and in particular with the provisions in regard to the keeping registry of members of the Board of Directors, members of the Alliance, and to filing with the Corporate Registrar an annual report of said along with copies of approved resolutions that change these said Articles of Association, and of any change in the registered office.
- I. On behalf of the Alliance, upon actual or perceived non-beneficial, harm or conflict with the Alliance, the Board of Directors may decline new applications for membership. A *Notice of Decision* shall be forwarded to the applicant and recorded in the minutes of the Board of Directors.
- J. The Board may pass a resolution to terminate a member that: (i) is in material breach of these Articles and has not remedied the breach within 30 days of written notice; (ii) is bankrupt or dissolved; (iii) has engaged in conduct causing demonstrable financial or reputational harm to the Alliance. The member must receive written notice of the proposed resolution and an opportunity to make written or oral representations before the Board vote.



PEACE REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

PREDA

Date: June 6th, 2025 **Location:** Civic Centre - Sexsmith, AB

	Member Organization Present	Designate
Municipality	Big Lakes County	Richard Mifflin
Municipality	Birch Hills County (Board Director)	Karen Portelance (A)
Municipality	Clear Hills County	Amber Bean
Municipality	County of Grande Prairie #1 (Board Vice Chair)	Regrets
Municipality	County of Northern Lights (Board Director)	Gary These
Municipality	MD of Fairview #136	Regrets
Municipality	MD of Greenview #16	Ryan Ratzlaff
Municipality	MD of Opportunity	Regrets
Municipality	MD of Peace #135 (Board Director)	Sandra Eastman
Municipality	MD of Smoky River #130	Gilles Roy
Municipality	MD of Spirit River #133 (Board – MPP Delegate)	Nick vanRootselaar
Municipality	Northern Sunrise County (Board Chair)	Carolyn Kolebaba
Municipality	Saddle Hills County	Gerry Richard
Municipality	Town of Fairview	Joanne Fleming
Municipality	Town of Falher	Donna Buchinski
Municipality	Town of Grimsshaw	Carmen Johnson (A)
Municipality	Town of McLennan	Margaret Jacob
Municipality	Town of Peace River	Shelly Shannon
Municipality	Town of Sexsmith (Board Vice Chair)	Ken Hildebrand
Municipality	Town of Valleyview	Vern Lymburner
Municipality	Town of Spirit River	Tammy Yarenko
Municipality	Village of Berwyn	Dan Weber
Municipality	Village of Nampa	Perry Skrtlik
Municipality	Village of Rycroft (Board)	Jo Chelick
Non-Municipal	Community Futures – Peace Country	Regrets
Non-Municipal	Community Futures – Grande Prairie & Area	Regrets
Non-Municipal	Grande Prairie Regional Airport	Will Stewart
Non-Municipal	Jandel Homes	Regrets
Non-Municipal	Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development	Regrets
Non-Municipal	Northern Lakes College	Regrets
Non-Municipal	Northwestern Polytechnical College	Tanya Oliver
Reciprocal	Chambers of Commerce - GP	Tom Pura
Reciprocal	Mighty Peace Tourism	Regrets
Reciprocal	Careers Next Generation	Regrets
Reciprocal	MoveUp Magazine	Regrets

Non-Voting Members Present: County of Grande Prairie – Hetti Huls & Jordan Tidey;

Non-Member Observers: REDD-Andrew O'Rourke; Nicole Nelles – GOA (JETT)



PEACE REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

PREDA

**MINUTES
2025 Annual General Meeting**

Date: June 6th, 2025 **Location:** Civic Centre - Sexsmith, AB

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

Greetings Town of Sexsmith- Mayor Kate Potter

1) **Motion to Approve 2025 AGM Agenda** **Carried**

Moved By: A. Bean – Clear Hills County 2nd D. Buchinski – Town of Falher

2) **Motion to Approve 2024/2025 Year in Review & 2025/2026 Project Plan** **Carried**

(Submitted Att #1); with Amendments noted below:

Amendment #1: Project 1 - Focus 25% of JETT 2025/26 grant on Housing

Amendment #2: Project 2 – Internet; redirect as topic for NTAB agenda

Amendment #3: Follow-up on Regional Airports Review

Moved By: G. These – County of Northern Lights 2nd V. Lymburner – Town of Valleyview

3) **Motion to Approve 2024 AGM Minutes (Submitted Att #2)** **Carried**

Moved By: V. Lymburner – Town of Valleyview 2nd: M. Jacob – Town of McLennan

4) **Motion to Approve 2025 Year End Review (Submitted Att #3)** **Carried**

Moved By: D. Weber – Village of Berwyn 2nd C. Johnson -Town of Grimshaw

5) **Motion to Register Articles of Association: (Submitted Att. 4)** **Carried**

Upon final legal review the Board of Directors shall register Articles of Association with Alberta Corporate Registry.

Moved By: J. Fleming – Town of Fairview 2nd: M. R. Ratzlaff – MD Greenview

6) **Motion to Approve Dates for Membership Symposiums:** **Carried**

September 5th (2025); December 5th (2025), March 6th (2026), June 5th (2026 AGM)

Moved By: S. Shannon – Town of Peace River 2nd: N vanRooselaar – MD of Spirit River

7) **Motion to Adjourn 2025 AGM (11:45PM)** **Carried**

Moved By: C. Johnson -Town of Grimshaw 2nd: S. Shannon

**PREDA 2026 AGM
Attachment 2A**

PREDA Year End			
April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026			
Revenues	Projected	Year End Actual	
FS2025 Year End	\$ 25,000.00	\$	24,194.00
AB Gov Grant *1	\$ 125,000.00	\$	125,000.00
Memberships *2	\$ 135,015.00	\$	134,290.20
GST Rebate*3	\$ 4,000.00	\$	2,209.11
Total Revenues	\$ 289,015.00	\$	285,693.31
Expenses	Projected	Year End Actual	
Executive & Administration	\$ 90,000.00	\$	90,000.00
Financial & Legal Services	\$ 14,000.00	\$	13,970.25
Advertising / Sponsor	\$ 8,500.00	\$	8,622.85
Bank Charges	\$ 325.00	\$	303.17
Communications	\$ 6,000.00	\$	6,098.34
Computer & Software	\$ 3,500.00	\$	3,561.28
Meetings (Venue, Catering, AV)	\$ 5,500.00	\$	5,482.94
Mem. & Sub	\$ 3,200.00	\$	3,209.19
Office / Equip/ Supplies	\$ 10,500.00	\$	10,506.09
Postage, Printing/Copying	\$ 850.00	\$	842.04
Travel	\$ 11,000.00	\$	11,331.01
Website Devel. & Content	\$ 5,500.00	\$	5,461.94
Research / Symposium/ Data	\$ 22,500.00	\$	22,374.49
Project- Municipal Fund	\$ 23,000.00	\$	19,000.00
Projects - NTAB	\$ 29,000.00	\$	28,627.77
Project - Housing	\$ 31,250.00	\$	31,250.00
Project - Community Airports	\$ 25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 289,625.00	\$	285,641.36

Year End Notes			
1) Year 2 of 3 Grant Agreement / Required 25% Projects			
2) Includes GENERAL, MPF and NTAB - Lists Attached			
3) Post-Year End CRA Assessment			
	Collected	Paid	
	\$ 6,714.57	\$ 12,743.46	
	Difference = Rebate 50% Projected	\$ 3,014.45	

Submitted for Year End Audit

Fletcher Murdyck LLP Chartered Professional Accountants

**Peace Region Economic Development
PREDA Membership
April 2025 through March 2026**

PREDA 2026 AGM
Attachment 2B

Type	Date	Num	Name	Paid	Amount	Sales Tax A...
1 Membership PREDA Income						
Invoice	2025-04-01	874	County of Grande Prairie	Paid	17,000.00	850.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	875	MD of Spirit River #133	Paid	649.00	32.45
Invoice	2025-04-01	876	MD of Smoky River #130	Paid	1,684.00	84.20
Invoice	2025-04-01	877	MD of Peace #135	Paid	1,581.00	79.05
Invoice	2025-04-01	878	MD of Greenview #16	Paid	9,615.00	480.75
Invoice	2025-04-01	879	MD of Fairview #136	Paid	1,580.00	79.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	880	Clear Hills County	Paid	3,006.00	150.30
Invoice	2025-04-01	882	Birch Hills County	Paid	1,516.00	75.80
Invoice	2025-04-01	885	Saddle Hills County	Paid	2,338.00	116.90
Invoice	2025-04-01	886	Town of Grimshaw	Paid	2,601.00	130.05
Invoice	2025-04-01	887	County of Northern Lights #22	Paid	3,601.00	180.05
Invoice	2025-04-01	888	Village of Berwyn	Paid	5,777.00	28.85
Invoice	2025-04-01	889	Town of Valleyview	Paid	1,863.00	93.15
Invoice	2025-04-01	890	Town of Spirit River	Paid	849.00	42.45
Invoice	2025-04-01	891	Town of Fairview	Paid	2,817.00	140.85
Invoice	2025-04-01	893	Northern Sunrise County	Paid	1,711.00	85.55
Invoice	2025-04-01	894	Town of Falher	Paid	1,001.00	50.05
Invoice	2025-04-01	895	MD of Opportunity	Paid	3,382.00	169.10
Invoice	2025-04-01	896	Town of Sexsmith	Paid	2,422.00	121.35
Invoice	2025-04-01	897	Town of McEwan	Paid	695.00	34.75
Invoice	2025-04-01	898	Town of Peace River	Paid	6,619.00	330.95
Invoice	2025-04-01	899	Grande Prairie Regional Air...	Paid	1,500.00	75.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	900	Northern Lakes College	Paid	2,500.00	125.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	901	Northwestern Polytechnic	Paid	2,500.00	125.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	903	Community Futures Peace ...	Paid	500.00	25.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	904	LacCardinal Regional Econo...	Paid	2,000.00	10.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	905	Jandel Homes	Paid	1,500.00	75.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	906	Move-Up Magazine	Paid	0.00	0.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	907	Peace River Chamber	Paid	0.00	0.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	908	GP Chamber of Commerce1	Paid	0.00	0.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	892	Village of Nampa	Paid	367.00	18.35
Invoice	2025-04-01	910	Big Lakes County	Paid	4,986.00	249.30
Invoice	2025-04-01	914	Community Futures Grande ...	Paid	500.00	25.00

Total 1 Membership PREDA Income

TOTAL

81,665.00	4,083.25
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**Peace Region Economic Development
Municipal Project Fund Members
April 2025 through March 2026**

PREDA 2026 AGM
Attachment 2C

Type	Date	Num	Name	Paid	Amount	Sales Tax A...
1 Membership MPF Income						
Invoice	2025-04-01	874	County of Grande Pr...	Paid	6,998.70	349.94
Invoice	2025-04-01	875	MD of Spirit River #1...	Paid	194.70	9.74
Invoice	2025-04-01	876	MD of Smoky River ...	Paid	505.20	25.26
Invoice	2025-04-01	877	MD of Peace #135	Paid	474.30	23.72
Invoice	2025-04-01	878	MD of Greenview #16	Paid	2,894.50	144.22
Invoice	2025-04-01	879	MD of Fairview #136	Paid	474.00	23.70
Invoice	2025-04-01	880	Clear Hills County	Paid	901.80	45.09
Invoice	2025-04-01	882	Birch Hills County	Paid	454.80	22.74
Invoice	2025-04-01	885	Saddle Hills County	Paid	701.40	35.07
Invoice	2025-04-01	886	Town of Grimshaw	Paid	780.30	39.02
Invoice	2025-04-01	887	County of Northern ...	Paid	1,080.30	54.01
Invoice	2025-04-01	888	Village of Berwyn	Paid	173.10	8.66
Invoice	2025-04-01	889	Town of Valleyview	Paid	558.90	27.95
Invoice	2025-04-01	890	Town of Spirit River	Paid	254.70	12.74
Invoice	2025-04-01	891	Town of Fairview	Paid	845.10	42.26
Invoice	2025-04-01	893	Northern Sunrise Co...	Paid	513.30	25.67
Invoice	2025-04-01	894	Town of Falher	Paid	300.30	15.02
Invoice	2025-04-01	895	MD of Opportunity	Paid	1,014.60	50.73
Invoice	2025-04-01	896	Town of Sexsmith	Paid	728.10	36.41
Invoice	2025-04-01	897	Town of Madenan	Paid	208.50	10.43
Invoice	2025-04-01	898	Town of Peace River	Paid	1,985.70	99.28
Invoice	2025-04-01	892	Village of Nampana	Paid	110.10	5.51
Invoice	2025-04-01	910	Big Lakes County	Paid	1,495.80	74.79
Total 1 Membership MPF Income					23,638.20	1,181.96
TOTAL					23,638.20	1,181.96

**Peace Region Economic Development
Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau
April 2025 through March 2026**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Paid	Amount	Sales Tax A...
1 Membership NTAB Income						
Invoice	2025-04-01	874	County of Grande Prairie	Paid	5,000.00	250.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	875	MD of Spirit River #133	Paid	1,000.00	50.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	876	MD of Smoky River #130	Paid	1,000.00	50.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	877	MD of Peace #135	Paid	1,000.00	50.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	878	MD of Greenview #16	Paid	4,807.50	240.38
Invoice	2025-04-01	879	MD of Fairview #136	Paid	1,000.00	50.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	880	Clear Hills County	Paid	1,503.00	75.15
Invoice	2025-04-01	882	Birch Hills County	Paid	1,000.00	50.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	885	Saddle Hills County	Paid	1,169.00	58.45
Invoice	2025-04-01	887	County of Northern Lights #22	Paid	1,800.50	90.03
Invoice	2025-04-01	893	Northern Sunrise County	Paid	1,000.00	50.00
Invoice	2025-04-01	895	MD of Opportunity	Paid	1,691.00	84.55
Invoice	2025-04-01	896	Town of Sexsmith	Paid	1,213.50	60.67
Invoice	2025-04-01	898	Town of Peace River	Paid	3,309.50	165.48
Invoice	2025-04-01	910	Big Lakes County	Paid	2,493.00	124.65

Total 1 Membership NTAB Income

TOTAL					28,987.00	1,449.36
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**PREDA 2026 AGM
Attachment 3**



Year in Review 2025-2026

June 30th, 2026

Governance

PREDA is a registered private non-profit under the Companies Act. The Board of Directors is elected by membership of the Alliance for a four-year term. As of March 31, 2026 PREDA’s Board of Directors are noted below. PREDA will be holding an election of the Board of Directors in its upcoming AGM June 2026.

Northern Sunrise County	MD of Spiitt River	Town of Sexsmith	County of Grande Prairie
Birch Hills County	County of Northern Lights	MD of Peace	

Operations Overview

Operational Facilities: PREDA operates under a virtual office model utilizing its website as the portal for information distribution to its membership.

Human Resources: PREDA executive and administrative duties are carried out through 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) allowance of 35 hours per week under a fee for service agreement which is allocated across: 1) Executive for high-end economic consultations and government diplomacy, and 2) Administration. PREDA does not contribute to medical, life insurances, pensions, EI, or CPP.

Revenue Sources: In 2025-2026 PREDA realized two revenue sources: 1) membership fees which generate 135K; and 2) \$125K from Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration. PREDA’s budget for 2025-2026 was 260K.

Year in Review 2025-2026

Activity 1: Membership Symposiums

PREDA's membership symposiums focus on collective regional issues researched and complimented with a variety of content experts accessed to provide information and insights. Underpinning these quarterly symposiums is a fundamental purpose to highlight how the information impacts local municipalities and municipal leaders. In 2025-2026 PREDA organized 4 membership symposiums. Access to PREDA membership symposiums is included under PREDA's membership fee. PREDA also includes an open invitation to municipal member Economic Development Officers; Chambers of Commerce and GOA REDA at no charge. Agendas and related resources are posted to the website. (Appendix A – Membership Symposium Agendas)

1) PREDA's June 2025 membership symposium focused on inter-provincial trade barriers. Dr. Ryan Manchua from the CD Howe Institute / Harvard University joined this meeting in person to present, discuss, and brainstorm with PREDA's members to advocate for public policy that enhance PREDA's economic development opportunities. Dr. Manchua is one of Canada's foremost interprovincial trade barrier experts, and author of the award winning "*Booze, Cigarettes, and Constitutional Dustups: Canada's Quest for Interprovincial Free Trade*"

2) PREDA's September 2025 membership symposium focused on the skills needed to build a robust housing development "workforce". AB Apprenticeship, Northern Lakes College Dean of Trades, the Professional Home Builders Institute (PHBI), and the Regional Manager of Careers Next Generation offered robust cross-discussions on potential synergies to support current and alternative approaches. The Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority (WDHA) provided an overview of the administrative and legislative challenges while addressing the housing needs in their municipality. This meeting was strategically held in Red Earth Creek so all PREDA members could drive along Highway 686 and become familiar with the Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau's priority for its completion. Highway 686, referred to as the "East-West Connector"; connects Fort McMurray to Peace River.

Year in Review 2025-2026

Activity 1: Membership Symposiums

3) PREDA's December 2025 membership symposium focused on Nurse Practitioners and the newly approved services they could deliver directly to residents under the *AB Health Professional Act*. PREDA communities presented administrative and legislative challenges while addressing access to health care in their municipality utilizing Nurse Practitioners.

4) PREDA's March 2026 focused on a page-by-page review of a research report created by PREDA on the Canadian vs. local housing crisis, costs of development, supply chain barriers, mortgage renewals, and the impact of municipal by-laws. This meeting also provided an opportunity for PREDA members to highlight assets and infrastructure losses within their communities.

Activity 2: Municipal Project Fund

Recognizing the challenges small urban and rural municipalities have in initiating projects due to financial and human resource constraints, PREDA established the Municipal Project Fund to create the opportunity for its municipal members to access funds to support / activate local economic development projects within their local municipalities. Funds from the MPF can also be used as leverage towards government grants. Economic Developments Officers, (appointed by PREDA municipal members), Community Futures Grande Prairie, Community Futures Peace Country, and an appointed member of the PREDA Board of Directors form the MPF Committee. The MPF Committee has a Terms of Reference which guides their decision making in grant allocation. PREDA provides administrative & financial services (at no charge) to the MPF Committee.

Activity 3: Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

NTAB is a self-directed municipal advocacy / research initiative housed under PREDA as a sub-committee. NTAB focuses on higher-level national & global issues that impact local rail, roads, air, ports, pipelines infrastructure. NTAB consistently advocates for all levels of Government to work together to build northern trade & utility corridors in a cohesive and comprehensive manner.

. Activity 4: Recruitment Promotion

Yolo Nomads

PREDA enhanced its promotional consumer internet link / email PDF download in partnership with YOLO Digital Nomads with the inclusion of an info-graphic map directly linking to each PREDA municipal website. This link is available to all PREDA members to embed in their social media resources, job advertisements, and/or community level marketing materials. PREDA partnered with Mighty Peace Tourism and the MoveUp Magazine which provided substantial use of their promotional and branding expertise. ([Link](#))

Activity 5: Information Access and Subscriptions

PREDA provides its membership access to information and services frequently required for the development of economic development projects such as investor portfolios and business feasibility studies. PREDA's links to these datasets/subscriptions are regularly refreshed and accessible to all members. If requested PREDA can assist a member with data downloads and schematic interpretations. Links/ subscriptions available through PREDA's Virtual Office include:

- 1) Government of AB dashboards; traffic counts; community health profiles, education data. PREDA can assist a member with data analysis and formatting raw data
- 2) Statistics Canada - Community Profiles, Census of Agriculture, Population Census; Labour Market reports. PREDA can assist a member with data analysis and formatting raw data.
- 3) PREDA maintains subscriptions to *Report Linker*, *The World Diplomat*, and *Survey Monkey*. . PREDA members can access for free. PREDA can assist a member with technical, report downloads, text conversions, and content analysis.
- 4) PREDA also accesses pay-as-you go services from *Marine Traffic*, *Flight Radar*, and *Statista*



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Research:

PREDA’s membership symposiums are research and coordination intensive. As previously noted, these symposiums are created & delivered every three months. In tandem PREDA also embarked upon two key research projects in 2025-2026 – Housing and Community Airports.

1) **Housing Highlights:**

- A) The reality is that PREDA’s members focus their direct recruitment efforts on skilled professionals; as such housing offerings need to be aligned with these targeted recruitment efforts that typically want single-family home neighborhoods with back-yards OR on small residential acreages (2-5 acres). Current government level funding strategies are primarily targeted on low income, affordability, and high-density type housing. As per above, these funding pools generally do not meet the needs of the municipalities across the PREDA region.
- B) There is no unified, under one roof post-secondary focus that trains a team of individuals to collectively “build a home”. PREDA explored delivery models such as utilizing the business expertise of residential construction project managers who DO collectively bring all skills under one “outcome – to build a home”.
- C) Small urbans and limited linear assessment rurals in the PREDA region do not have the financial or development capacity to attract residential home development contractors. PREDA investigated the merging of small urbans and rurals to create a larger “Request for Development” that would be more attractive to potential residential home construction companies.
- D) The full report is available for download through PREDA’s Virtual Office. [\(Link\)](#).

2) **Community Airports – Highlights**

- A) This project investigated the creation of a regional shared service to assist municipalities in the maintenance and management of their community airports.
- B) Local current PREDA regional sharing models were investigated for best practices and familiar to local municipal leaders.
- C) In the PREDA region there are 11 “small community / municipal airports” which play a critical role in providing landing-strips for forest fire services, medical emergencies, recreational flyers, and industry charters. A common challenge identified through this over-view was the lack of content expertise in the PREDA region to maintain, service, and manage these critical “small community / municipal airports”.
- D) The full report is available for download through PREDA’s Virtual Office [\(Link\)](#)

Proposed Projects

2026 – 2027

PROJECT 1

\$45,000

The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Local Jobs

PROJECT 2

\$17,500

Sharing Resources and Avoiding Duplication

As per Grant Agreement #625273-20240305 with the Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration
PREDA is required to spend 50% of the \$125,000 grant received on projects (\$62.5K).

Project 1	The Impact of Artificial Intelligence On Local Jobs
<p>Description</p>	<p>As artificial intelligence (AI) progresses in its capability, the implementation of AI across economic sectors is exploding. White collar jobs have been identified as the “prepare for impact” category of the labour market that will witness an implosion of AI within their jobs. Lawyers, accountants, researchers, counsellors, teachers, graphic designers, music producers, and government workers, are examples of white-collar jobs that are increasingly augmented into AI platforms.</p> <p><u>AI’s Rapid Progress:</u> Fours ago GPChat caused concern across educational services for potential academic plagiarism. By 2026 GPChat is an afterthought. Microsoft CoPilot is already outdated. Today AI programs like Claude & Vibe Code can “ build code” to automate job functions in less than a day.</p> <p><u>Bringing it Closer to the Membership:</u> Will AI advance to a level that recording and scribing of meetings can automatically and in real time be cross-referenced with the Municipal Government Act; thus significantly changing the role of Chief Administrative Officers, Executive Clerks, and Legislative Services? Economic Development strategies can already be AI generated using community level information from statistics, labour market profiles, business registries, etc..</p> <p>Where does that leave the local labour force in our communities.</p> <p>This research project will explore AI augmentation and predicted impact on the labour market across PREDA. And if engagement, retraining, and mitigation, can prepare the PREDA region for the impending changes.</p>
<p>Key deliverables and outcomes</p>	<p>Overview of PREDA labour force profile / potential local job losses</p> <p>Types of AI and upcoming augmentations across White Collar jobs</p> <p>What are the AI platforms; what can they do? How much do they cost to maintain/upgrade</p> <p>How are Chambers of Commerce impacted? Local small business leases?</p> <p>Samples of augmented AI generated products</p>
<p>Alignment with region priorities and REDA business plan</p>	<p>“To enhance the ability of the region to respond to economic opportunities”.</p>
<p>Proposed Budget: \$45,000</p>	
<p>Project Coordination / Research</p>	<p>Start: April 1st, 2026 End: March 31st, 2027</p>
<p>Sampling AI Platforms / Outcomes</p>	<p>\$ 35,000</p>
<p>Stakeholder Input: municipalities, chambers, workforce consultants, post-secondary, etc ...</p>	<p>4,000</p>
<p>Report – Draft / Review / Final Formatting</p>	<p>1,000</p>
	<p>5,000</p>

Appendix A - Attached Agendas

June 2025 (AGM) – Interprovincial Trade Barriers

September 2025 – Housing & Red Earth Creek (HWY 686)

December 2025 – Nurse Practitioners / Review of PREDA Community Airports

March 2026 – Review of PREDA Housing Report / Loss of Local Assets

June 2026 (AGM) – GP Airport Update & Tour / Regional Organizations