

Board of Directors
Agenda

Location: Red Earth Creek Community Hall

September 5th, 2025 3:00PM to 4PM

3:00PM Call to Order – Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County PREDA Chair

- a) Approval of Agenda
- b) Approval of Previous Minutes (June 2025 Submitted)
- c) Approval of YTD (Aug. 30, 2025 Submitted)
- d) Motion to Approve: 2025 Financial Statements as Complied By: Freisen Bain Chartered Accountants (Submitted)
- e) Research Projects: Follow-up as presented at June 2025 AGM for discussion. GOA 2025-2026 funding agreement requires a minimum of 25% to be allocated towards projects. These projects are for final approval requested for Administration to initiate fee-for services agreements with researchers.

Project 1 : Housing Status in the Peace Region. Description and projected costs attached.
Project 2: Business Case - Community Airport Regional Management. Description and projected costs attached.
- f) Next Board Meeting / Motion to Adjourn

Note: FYI Attached Agenda PREDA Membership Symposium (Housing) – Septemeber 5th Red Earth Creek

FYI Attached Agenda Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau – September 6th Peace River Airport

Board of Directors Minutes - September 2025

Red Earth Creek & Peace River Airport

MD of Spirit River #133	Director - Nick vanRootselaar	Present
Northern Sunrise County	Director - Carolyn Kolebaba	Present
Birch Hills County	Director - Deanne Woodland	Regrets
Town of Sexsmith	Director - Ken Hildebrand	Present
County of Grande Prairie	Director - Brian Peterson	Present
County of Northern Lights	Director - Gary These	Present
Village of Rycroft	Director - Joe Chelick	Regrets
MD of Peace	Director - Sandra Eastman	Regrets

3:00PM September 5th - Red Earth Creek Community Hall

Call to Order – Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County PREDA Chair

- a) Motion to Approve Agenda: Moved By: N. vanRootselaar Carried
- b) Motion to Approve Previous Minutes (Submitted) Moved By: B. Peterson Carried
- c) Motion to Approve YTD Aug. 30, 2025 (Submitted) :
Moved By: N. vanRootselaar 2nd K. Hildebrand Carried

4:00PM Motion to Suspend Board Meeting and Reconvene at Peace River Airport Sept. 6th at 2:00PM:
Moved By: G. These Carried

2:00PM 00PM September 6th – Peace River Airport

Call to Order – Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County PREDA Chair

- d) Motion to Contract Dibbelt Northern Development Services to conduct research on PREDA region Housing as described in submitted Project Proposal #1. Maximum allocation for research project will be \$32,500 + GST. Completion deadline will be no later than March 31, 2026.
Moved By: K. Hildebrand 2nd By: N. vanRootselaar Carried
- e) Motion to Contract Global Airport Training to conduct research on Community Airport Management Business Case as described in submitted Project Proposal #2. Maximum allocation for research project will be \$25,000 + GST. Completion deadline will be no later than March 31, 2026.
Moved By: N. vanRootselaar 2nd: K. Hildebrand Carried
- f) FYI – Next Board of Directors Meeting – December 4th (Virtual)

2:30PM Motion to Adjourn: Moved By: G. These Carried

DATE: Friday, September 5th, 2025

Location: Back Lakes Sports Complex, Red Earth Creek ([Click Map](#))

TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00PM

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

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

Need Help? 780-527-6232 (PREDA Cell)

9:30AM Doors Open - Coffee is ON! / Networking / Technical Set-up **AND** PRE-order LUNCH MENU (Thanks Burger Baron!)

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

Red Earth Creek

An industrious lively hamlet of 315 “hard working souls” within the MD of Opportunity. For decades the community has been highlighted within numerous transportation schematics advocating for the completion of the “east-west” connection of Fort McMurray to the Peace Region. In March 2025, the AB Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors announced that the completion of the “east-west” connector has reached priority status. **Brendan Powell** - Red Earth Creek resident; MD of Opportunity Councilor, and also the designated rep for PREDA / NTAB explains the impact the completion of the “east-west”connector will have on Red Earth Creek and the communities along the completed route leading into the Peace Region. Note: The east-west connector will be further discussed at NTAB meeting in the Town of Peace River (Saturday Sept. 6th). [Video \(3m\)](#) [Highway Map](#) **Confirmed**

Housing

10:30AM Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority (WDHA): Originally within the MD of Opportunity #17 as the Department of Housing & Social Services; as of 2019 has evolved into the WDHA. Lisa Johnson, CEO will provide an overview of the evolution process, noting administrative and legislative challenges, and successes along the way. **Confirmed**

11:00AM Designated trades are professions that are regulated by the *Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act*. Alberta has 50 designated trades. Some are categorized as journeyman compulsory (e.g. Electrician), and some are not designated journeyman compulsory (Carpentry)? Paul Uchacz, a compliance inspector for Apprenticeship & Industry Training, will clarify the categories and potential opportunities to bring home building skills into our communities. **Confirmed**

11:30AM Shared Housing Development: Enticing a “from the ground up” home developer to commit to a handful of family homes is very difficult for most PREDA municipalities. Is there a way to pool resources to bring a major developer to the region if there is more than one municipality committed to utilizing their services to build homes?

Open Discussion Moderator: Sherri Crawford – Community Futures Peace Country

Confirmed

LUNCH

12:45PM Next Labour Market? Careers Next Generation works directly with highschools and recent graduates. Regional Manager, Dale Tiedemann will present an overview of services and potential skills / career opportunities to bring our local youth into our home building discussions. **Confirmed**

1:15PM Work-site Apprenticeship Certification? Residential construction companies have teams of various trade & skilled professions involved in building a home. Is there a way to have these companies certified to deliver Alberta apprenticeship training modules at the worksite in partnership with our local College resources - Northern Lakes College and Northwestern Polytech - to increase our regional capacity to build homes. **Confirmed**

1:45PM The Professional Home Builders Institute (PHBI) Established in Alberta in 1987, by builders for builders. The PHBI has kept pace with the home construction industry’s ever-changing needs by designing and delivering practical education. Keith Kristalovich- Vice President; presents an overview and ideas for creating local home construction teams. **In Progress**

2:15PM **Roundtable** The Alberta Government provides a housing needs assessment template to better understand local housing needs, support community planning and inform decision-making. Over the next few months PREDA will be contacting municipal members to submit through this portal to build a regional report to contribute to PREDA’s next steps action plan.

Thank you to our sponsor and presenters



PREDA Members: Related Documents are available for download in the PREDA Virtual Office



Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

Date: Saturday September 6th, 2025

NEED HELP? 780-527-6232 (NTAB Cell)

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Peace River Airport

Note: There is no Internet Access

AGENDA

10:00 AM Call to Order / Welcomes: Carolyn Kolebaba – NTAB Chair

Peace River Airport: Facility & Grounds Tour

[NavCan: Peace River Airport Executive Summary \(2023\)](#)

Discussion Topics:

- 1) East – West Connector: Following from yesterday’s PREDA meeting in Red Earth Creek; the completion of the east-west connector from Fort McMurray into Peace River has been designated as a priority by the Alberta Government. What will be the impact on the Peace River area?
- 2) 10:30 Will Call - Port of Valdez, Alaska: Jeremy Talbott; Ports and Harbors Director will provide an update on the recent USA announcement of “drill baby drill” priority for pipeline development and energy exports for Alaska; effectively making Valdez no longer being available to develop a partnership with northern Alberta for a railway corridor, oil & gas exports, and access to tidal waters?
[\(Link: Photo of Port of Valdez – Oil Storage Tanks\)](#)
- 3) 11:00 Will Call - Fort McMurray to Alaska Railway Corridor ([G7G Background](#)): For 40 years, Dr. Matt Vickers has been advocating for northern corridor infrastructure development founded upon indigenous equity/revenue sharing partnerships; economic prosperity, and alternative solutions beyond the stifling legislations; nonsensical regulations, and an overall lack of nation building vision. Matt has been a long-time contributor to our municipal leaders advocating for northern economic corridors. We first met Matt in Yellowknife 15 years ago. Today Matt joins us to review the G7G idea and how the USA’s priority to champion Alaska’s resources may impact Alberta’s access to tidal waters.
NOTE: Since we last spoke with Matt: MANY MANY [Congratulations to Dr. Matt Vickers](#): 1) Island Rail Corporation appointment as Chairman of the Board; 2) Honorary Doctorates awarded from Vancouver Island University; and University Canada West; and 3) Co-Chair of Honoring Nations Canada - Fulbright Canada.

*NOTE: Imagine the existing North American railway system connected to **ports in Alaska**, expediting world-wide import and export of commodities. Consider the economic boost to be enjoyed by remote communities along the 2570 km route. [REDI Marketing1 Video](#)*
- 4) Community Airport Management Services - Business Case. Building capacity and retention for the PREDA region community airports is important to long-term viability. Will Stewart is the CEO of Global Airport Training, and Director of Terminal Services Grande Prairie Airport; and Property Management of Peace River Airport; and on the Board of Directors of Alberta Airports Management Association. In 2023, Will completed a regional overview of PREDA’s community airports. Through this overview it was identified that most of our community airports do not have “someone on the ground” to maintain the local infrastructure and services. On behalf of PREDA & NTAB, Will is following up on this finding to ascertain if there is a business case for the municipalities with community airports to join resources to create a regional fee-for-service airport “care-taker” role.
- 5) Member Request: Birch Hills County: Revisiting Watino ([Video 2m](#)) [Link: Background – Northern Alberta Railway](#)

NTAB Membership

Big Lakes County
Birch Hills County
Clear Hills County
County of Grande Prairie #1
County of Northern Lights #22
MD of Fairview #136
MD of Greenvale #16
MD of Smoky River #130
MD of Spirit River #133
MD of Opportunity #17
MD of Peace #135
Northern Sunrise County
Saddle Hills County
Town of Peace River
Town of Sexsmith

FYI: Yellowknife formalizes support of Arctic Security Corridor stretching northeast to Nunavut and the Arctic coast. The project aims at strengthening Canadian Arctic sovereignty and security by building a 600 km all season road from Yellowknife to Nunavut’s Grays Bay and upgrading the port of Grays Bay? Diavik Mines closing in early 2026. [Link: Press Release](#)