

Dates: Thursday, September 3rd, 2026 AND Friday, September 4th, 2026

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Location: Grande Cache Hotel

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Thursday - September 3rd, 2026

Evening Social

7:00PM to 9:00PM

In partnership with the MD of Greenview Council, you are invited to a meet and greet to celebrate the opportunities emerging in the MD of Greenview and region.

Friday - September 4th, 2026

Membership Meeting

9:00AM to 3:00PM

9:00AM Call to Order / Welcomes Tom Burton – PREDA Chair (MD of Greenview)

Greetings: Reeve Ryan Ratzlaff – MD of Greenview

What's Happening? Larry Gibson - Manager of Economic Development, MD of Greenview

10:00AM PREDA's Future?

PREDA is one of 9 **Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDA)** originally launched by the Government of Alberta in 1998 with GOA staff managing each REDA. In 2011 the GOA withdrew staffing and all on-site operational supports (e.g. office space, equipment, phone, website, travel, etc ..).. In 2024 the REDAs were re-contracted for 3 years with the GOA under the caveat that as of March 2027 the GOA will discontinue all funding to the REDAs. Is there an alternative? Is there another pathway for the strong regional collaborations built through 30 years of REDAs in general? PREDA specifically?

12:00PM

LUNCH

The Beauty of Grande Cache and Area!

Kristina Hollack – Tourism Officer, MD of Greenview

Grande Cache Chamber of Commerce



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**The COAL Industry
12:30PM to 2:00PM**

Canadian Coal Association – Robin Campbell; President. Robin is no stranger to PREDA's membership. Initially elected as a Member of the Legislature of Alberta in 2008 (West Yellowhead); Robin was appointed as the Chair of the Northern Alberta Development Council that same year. In 2014 Robin was appointed Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board by Premier Jim Prentice. In 2015 Robin accepted the position of President of the Coal Association of Canada; a position he continues to hold to this day. Robin will provide an overview of the coal industry in Canada; its success and challenges as this vital source of energy and infrastructure continues its contribution to Canada's economy. Resources: [Coal -Transport and Ports](#) [Advocacy for Critical Mineral Status](#)

IN PROGRESS

The Grande Cache Coal Mine - CST Canada Coal Limited will provide an update on the status of the Grande Cache Coal. Grande Cache has varied history with many players over the years. Today CST Canada Coal operates the mine which produces metallurgical coal (ie.. steel). CST is a Hong Kong-based company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The coal extracted in Grande Cache is sold to Japan, Korea, and China.

IN PROGRESS

**Open Discussion – Municipal Dissolution?
2:00PM to 3:00PM**

[We Can Not Ignore our Reality Anymore - The Demise of Northwest Alberta](#) (Video 20m)

What happens when a municipality dissolves? At the request of the PREDA municipal membership, this section will be an open discussion on the process of dissolution. As more and more small urbans across Alberta witness closures of schools, banks, local retail, community airports, restaurants, GOA offices, and health services - all in tandem with population declines and hence declines in tax-payer revenues – being able to provide municipal services is increasingly difficult. In 2019 the [Town of Grande Cache dissolved](#), becoming a hamlet of the MD of Greenview. In 2021 the [Village of Hythe dissolved](#) becoming a hamlet of the County of Grande Prairie. What is the legal process? Impact on residents? Small Businesses? How are assets shared (swimming pools, parks, ice rinks?)

Thank-you !



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