

DATE: Friday, June 6th, 2025
TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:30PM

Location: Elks Hall - Town of Sexsmith
Need Help? 780-527-6232 (PREDA Cell)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
In Person Only – Limited Capacity (40)

9:30AM Coffee / Networking / Technical Set-up

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

PREDA 2025 AGM

Year in Review - GOA Reports (Submitted – Att. #1)

2024 AGM Minutes (Submitted – Att. #2)

2025 Year End Finances / Memberships List (Submitted – Att. #3)

Articles of Association (Submitted – Att. #4)

Membership Symposiums: Sept 5th, Dec 5th, March 6th, June 5th (2026 AGM) / Adjournment

11:00AM Side Family Centre for Entrepreneurial Excellence Northwestern Polytechnic;
Director, Tanya Oliver introduces this exciting new resource to PREDA region **Confirmed – In Person**

12:00PM **Lunch & Venue** Sponsored by Town of Sexsmith 😊

Interprovincial Trade Barriers

[Click: Video Background](#)

What are they? How do they impact PREDA's economic development opportunities? Labour certifications? Procurement restrictions? Trucking regulations? Food & Beverage protectionism? Canada's foremost interprovincial trade barrier expert joins PREDA members to present, discuss, and brainstorm as we collectively advocate for public policy that enhances our economic development opportunities. **Confirmed – In Person**

Ryan Manchua

CD Howe Institute / Harvard University

Author of the Award Winning

“Booze, Cigarettes, and Constitutional Dustups: Canada's Quest for Interprovincial Free Trade”

Registered PREDA Members will receive a copy of Ryan's book

3:00PM Celebrating Our Communities: Councillor Ken Hildebrand leads a walking tour of the *Town of Sexsmith* highlighting opportunities past, present, and visioned. Ken will be joined by the volunteers of the Sexsmith Museum who will showcase local exhibits, redesigned buildings, and newly created venues that offer the historical relevance and prestige of their community. ([Find Peace Country Museums – Click Map](#))

PS ... If you can, please bring a few dollars to donate to the end-of-season volunteer thank-you party!



PREDA Members: AGM & Background Documents are available for download in the PREDA Virtual Office.

Speaker Bio



Ryan Manucha is a leading expert on interprovincial trade in Canada and a Research Fellow at the C.D. Howe Institute. His work has appeared in prominent Canadian peer-reviewed legal journals, as well as in *The Globe and Mail*, *The National Post*, *The Toronto Star*, *The Ottawa Sun* and *Maclean's*. He has appeared on TVO's *The Agenda* with Steve Paikin, CBC Radio, and The Hub's podcast, and he has delivered remarks at the Competition Bureau's annual Competition Summit, and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's annual Ontario Economic Summit. He has also guest lectured at universities across the country.

In 2022, Ryan was commissioned to conduct a policy review for the Government of Alberta. Most recently, his interdisciplinary book *Booze, Cigarettes, and Constitutional Dust-Ups: Canada's Quest for Interprovincial Free Trade* was published by McGill-Queen's University Press. It won the 2022 Donner Prize for best in Canadian public policy.

In *Booze, Cigarettes, and Constitutional Dust-ups* Ryan explains the history of the internal trade barriers that have led to "head-scratching disparities". Opening his book with the with the saga of the 'trade-barrier dragon-slayer' Gerard Comeau, who in 2013 was fined for bringing 49 bottles of beer and three bottles of liquor into New Brunswick from Quebec."

Ryan obtained his JD from Harvard Law School, where he was awarded the Frederick Sheldon Fellowship to pursue research on interprovincial trade. He obtained his BA in Economics from Yale University. Ryan lives in Toronto; and is very excited to visit the Peace Region.

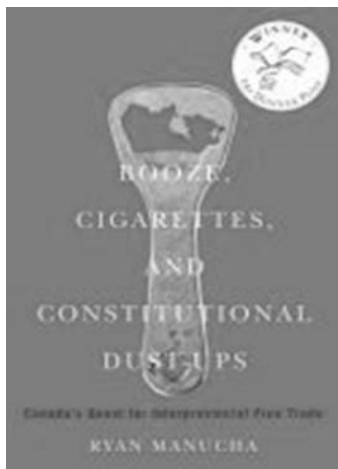


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Other Resources:

[Road Blocks: Internal Barriers to Trade in Canada's Truck Transportation Sector \(May 2024\) R. Manchua & T. Tombe](#)

[Breaking down Canada's Interprovincial Trade Barriers \(March 2025\) D. Teeter & C. Cotton Queens University](#)

[Let's Reclaim the Billions We Are Paying for Canada's Internal Trade Barriers \(Nov 2024\) M. Eichbaum, et al.](#)

[Timeline: Government of Canada on Advancing Internal Trade 2017 – 2025](#)

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 – MPF 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 Grimshaw	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 Yaremko
Municipality	Village of Berwyn	Dan Weber
Municipality	Village of Nampa	Perry Skrlík
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: REDI-Andrew O'Rourke; Nicole Nelles – GOA (JETI)

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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 JETI 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 vanRootselaar – MD of Spirit River

- 7) **Motion to Adjourn 2025 AGM (11:45PM)** **Carried**
Moved By: C. Johnson -Town of Grimshaw 2nd: S. Shannon