



Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

Thursday - August 31, 2023

1:00PM – 3:00PM

Video Link: <https://www.gotomeet.me/MaryJoanAylward>

Teleconference: +1 (647) 497-9391 Access Code: 354-747-613

In Person: Brownlee Bld. - MD Spirit River

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

10:00 AM Call to Order– Nick vanRootselaar – MD Spirit River, PREDA Chair

- A) PREDA Board Minutes – June 2023 (Attachment 1)
- B) PREDA 2023-2024 Operational Budget – YTD July 31, 2023 (Attachment 2)
- C) Business From Previous Minutes:
 - HR Review
 - Prairie Oats Promotion
 - Regional Community Airports
- D) New Business:
 - GOA 2022-2023 Annual Report (Attachment 3)
 - Fairview College Meetings
 - PREDA Board of Directors
 - Appointment to Municipal Project Fund (Attachment 4)
 - PREDA Membership Meeting
- E) Next PREDA Board Meeting – November 30, 2023 10:00AM – 12:00PM
- F) Adjournment

PREDA Board of Directors Meetings: Nov 30th/23, Feb 29th/24, June 6th/24

Minutes
August 31, 2023

County of Grande Prairie	Director – Brian Peterson	Regrets
Town of Sexsmith	Director - Kenneth Hildebrand	Present
MD of Spirit River	Director - Nick vanRootselaar	Present
Northern Sunrise County	Vice Chair- Carolyn Kolebaba	Present
Village of Rycroft	Director - Jo Chelick	Present
Birch Hills County	Director – Deanne Wendland	Present
County of Northern Lights	Director – Gary These	Present
MD of Peace	Director – Bob Willing	Present
Dan Dibbelt – PREDA Executive Director / Mary Joan Aylward - PREDA Administrative		Present

1:00 PM Call to Order – C.Kolebaba, PREDA Vice Chair

- A) PREDA Board Minutes – June 2023 Submitted
Motion to Accept Agenda / Minutes Moved By D. Wendland Carried
- B) PREDA 2023-2024 Operational Budget – YTD July 31, 2023 Submitted
Motion to Accept YTD Moved By D.Wendland; 2nd N. vanRootselaar Carried
- C) GOA 2022-2023 Annual Report Submitted
Motion to Accept GOA Report Moved By D. Wendland Carried

- D) HR Review - PREDA's allocation for Executive & Administrative services were last reviewed 10 years ago in 2013. PREDA services are Fee for Service Agreement, as such PREDA does not provide medical, health, life, vacation, or pension benefits.

Motion to Increase PREDA's annual allocation for Management services by 12K to a maximum of \$90,000 effective April 1st, 2023. Moved By: K. Hildebrand 2nd N. vanRootselaar Carried

Motion: Exec. Dir. shall determine internal allocation as required to conduct the business of PREDA and submit a Fee for Service Agreement to the PREDA Board identifying the tasks to be included to conduct the business of PREDA. Fee for Service Agreement shall include the caveats based upon the operational budget of PREDA; and releasable with 30 days notice from both parties.

Moved By K. Hildebrand 2nd D. Wendland Carried

- E) PREDA Board of Directors - Received Letter of Notification (June 30) from MD of Spirit River that Nick vanRootselaar to replace Elaine Garrow as designated representative. PREDA administration requested an update of Board of Directors assignments for signing authority, provincial representation, and working with administration as per the pivotal role of Chair.

Motion to move into an internal assignment of the Chair of PREDA's Board of Directors.

Moved By: G.These 2nd D. Wendland Carried

Motion to Nominate C.Kolebaba as Chair of PREDA Board of Directors
Moved By: B.Willing 2nd D. Wendland Carried

Motion to Appoint C. Kolebaba as Chair of PREDA of Directors; effective Aug. 30, 2023
Moved By: N. vanRootselaar 2nd G.These Carried

Motion to move into an internal assignment of Vice Chair of PREDA's Board of Directors.
Moved By: G.These 2nd D. Wendland Carried

Motion to Vote: Appoint K. Hildebrand or Nick vanRootselaar as Vice Chair of PREDA Board of Directors. Moved By: B Willing 2nd D.Wendland Carried

Motion to Appoint K. Hildebrand as Vice Chair of PREDA Board of Directors.
Moved By: D.Wendland 2nd N. vanRootselaar Carried

Motion to Appoint N. vanRootselaar to the Municipal Project Fund Committee
Moved By: B Willing 2nd D. Wendland Carried

Motion to Add Signing Authorities to PREDA Chequing Account #824385924
Board of Director members Nick vanRootselaar and Ken Hildebrand are approved to be added as signing authorities on Peace Region Economic Development Alliance Account # 824385924
Transit# 07199 Branch# 219 ATB Financial 9907 106A Street Grande Prairie, AB T8V 8E9
Moved By: D.Wendland 2nd R. Willing Carried

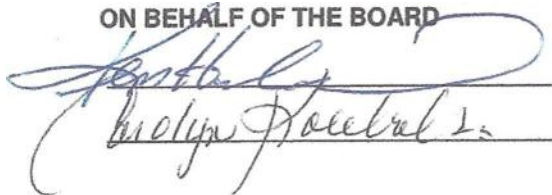
F) PREDA Membership Meeting – Theme Residential Construction Trades

G) Next PREDA Board Meeting – November 30, 2023

H) Motion to Adjourn Moved by: K. Hildebrand Carried

Submitted By: Dan Dibbelt – PREDA Executive Director

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD





Membership Meeting

Agenda PG 1 of 2

DATE: Friday September 1st, 2023

TIME: 10:00AM – 3:00 PM

In-Person: MD of Spirit River, Brownlee Bldg.

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9:30 AM Coffee Networking / Admin Set-up

10:00AM Call to Order/ Welcomes – Nick vanRootselaar – MD Spirit River, PREDA Chair

Theme: Housing in the PREDA region. ([Video Link – 5M](#))

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is warning that 5.8 million living units need to be built by 2030 to balance the housing market. (Globe&Mail, Aug 2023). The CMHC is calling it a housing crisis. For example; 2 million of these new living units will need to be rental units (as per current statistics). This is a tall order considering in the **last 30 years Canada only added ~500K rental units** to its housing inventory. This membership meeting asks – “Is this housing crisis occurring in the PREDA region?”

10:00AM PREDA Overview: Housing Characteristics / Housing Starts – By Municipality

10:15AM Government of Canada: Under [the National Housing Strategy](#), the main fundings are:

a) Rental Construction Financing Initiative (RCFI), b) National Housing Co-Investment Fund (NHCI), c) Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI), d) Affordable Housing Innovation Fund (AHIF) and e) the Federal Lands Initiative (FDI). Melissa Soparlo (Specialist, Outreach & Project Development) of the CMHC will provide an overview of these funding streams. (Alternative Offered)

10:45AM Government of Alberta: The [Housing Affordability Partnership](#)- \$55M in funding will be distributed across three years, to build affordable housing for seniors, families, individuals with low incomes, developmental disabilities, physical challenges, victims of violence, and others. Robert Craig (Director, Capital Planning) will provide an overview of this funding stream. (Confirmed)

11:15AM Industry Panel: Local Businesses Building Local Homes

Breton Plumbing & Heating: Originating from Cape Breton Island, Josh Campbell started his two person company (him & his wife) in Gordondale, AB in 2020. Josh’s skills are in high demand across the PREDA area; so much so that he is currently recruiting an apprentice. (Confirmed)

Clear Cut Electrical is located in Spirit River, AB; Ed Nellis, recently retired from CCE, is a Master Electrician with 41 years experience. Ed will speak to the demands for residential electrician services and the process of certifying these services. (Confirmed)

Environment Builders has developed into a leading Design/Builder in the Grande Prairie area. EB provides architectural, structural, mechanical & electrical design, engineering, general contracting and project management. Clay Dwernychuk, Project Manager for EB, speaks to hiring the variety of skilled trades required to build a home. (Confirmed)

Jandel Homes has been one of Western Canada’s largest manufactured and modular home retailers for over 45 years. Mark Huchulak, CEO & Owner of JH, has decades of experience, is passionate about the modular construction industry, and ultimately hands the keys to new homeowners. (Confirmed)

12:00PM Lunch Provided



Thank-you to the MD of Spirit River!

They are here! **7500 2lb sample bags of oats on behalf of the Prairie Oats Association!** The pallet loads are behind you in the kitchen area. You are encouraged to take these samples and distribute them to your residents at your local community events, rate payers meetings, etc .. Also, don't forget to grab your **PREDA product stickers**.

Municipal Project Fund – Daryl Greenhill (CAO) will provide an update to the membership on their economic development project *Event Attraction Strategy*. **(Confirmed)**

Trades in Residential Construction [Where Have all the Carpenters Gone?](#) (Video 10M)

1:00PM Home Builders Association: Since 1943, the (C)HBA has been "the voice of Canada's residential construction industry." Representing one of the largest industry sectors in Canada, with 8,500+ members. Scott Fash, Executive Director of the Alberta Chapter of this very extensive group of national peers will discuss the variety of [skilled trades involved in building homes](#). **(Confirmed)**

1:15PM Canadian Apprenticeship Forum: CAF is a non-profit organization that connects Canada's apprenticeship community. Participants work collaboratively to support vibrant and innovative apprenticeship systems and policies with a view to developing a highly skilled, inclusive, and mobile skilled trades workforce. Stephanie Schrum (Program Manager) will provide an overview of the federal GOV funding stream, [Canada Apprenticeship Service](#) which provides recruitment grants to employers to hire new first-year apprentices in 39 Red Seal trades across Canada. **(Confirmed)**

1:30PM PREDA Region Postsecondary Skilled Trades Training Labour market shortages in the skilled trades is one the biggest obstacles to building homes. In the PREDA region we are fortunate to have two publicly funded post-secondary institutions that offer Alberta Apprentice approved training programs; and potential access to other programs currently not offered in the region.

Alberta Apprenticeship: Jasmine Light (Chair, Business Programs & Regional Stewardship) and Angela White (Dean of Trades) have prepared an overview of apprenticeship training in Alberta; and the current status of the skilled trade programs offered through Northern Lakes College in the PREDA region. Jasmine Light will present on behalf of Northern Lakes College. **(Confirmed)**

Dean of Skilled Trades, Chris Laue, will present an overview of the current status of trades offered through Northwestern Polytechnic in the PREDA region. **(Confirmed)**

2:00PM – 3:00PM Membership Round Table / Next Steps

Thank-you to our Speakers

