PREDA
PEACE REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

Membership Meeting
Friday -December 4th, 2026
10:00AM to 3:00PM

Location: Sandman Hotel 9805 - 100th Street, Grande Prairie, AB Phone Hotel: (780) 513-5555

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10:00AM Call to Order / Welcomes Tom Burton – PREDA Chair (MD of Greenview)

Previous Sept. 2026 - Directives from PREDA Membership to PREDA Board of Directors Link 1

Water Capacity – Mega Projects

Two mega projects in the PREDA region are increasingly engaged with community consultations resulting in municipal leaders seeking information for their Councils, residents, and industry & businesses. Water capacity is a frequently noted question. What is PREDA's water capacity? How much water will these mega-projects need? The following speakers are not only presented to assist PREDA municipal leaders specifically related to water capacity, but to also reflect on the economic impact on their communities – i.e... the demand for skilled trades, temporary vs. permanent housing demands, and other investors & services that may leverage from the mega-projects as they progress.

1) Water Capacity? In Alberta, over 143 billion cubic metres (m3) of non-saline water is available yearly from lakes, rivers, overland flow (runoff), and relatively shallow groundwater. This includes water from lakes and rivers, overland flow (runoff), and relatively shallow groundwater. The Alberta Energy Regulator oversees the use & allocation of water resources. "INSERT Name" will provide the baseline of the PREDA region water capacity. Link 2 – Alberta Water Act **In Progress**

2) Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project – Proposed location County of Northern Lights
Eight municipalities have created the Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA) to provide a leadership role in the advancement of nuclear energy development in Northwestern Alberta. This group of eight municipalities has been working tirelessly for almost two years to gather information, responding to Nuclear companies, conversing with provincial & federal regulators, and coordinating community information sessions. Most recently PREA has recruited a professional communications team to assist them in their efforts. Terry Ungarian, Reeve of Northern Lights County and Chair of the newly formed PREA presents work done to date and next steps. Link 3 - PREA Position Statement **Confirmed**

3) **Wonder Valley AI Data Center** – Proposed location Municipal District of Greenview
The first announcement of the Wonder Valley AI Data Centre was made in December 2024, with the project being developed by O'Leary Ventures. The announcement highlighted the project's ambitious scale, aiming to become the world's largest AI data center industrial park, and its significant investment of over $70 billion. Community consultations, stakeholder meetings, and information portals have been on-going since day one. Zach Parston, Chief Operating Officer for O'Leary Digital presents an overview of the project, current status, and next steps. Link 4 - Fact Sheet **In Progress**

Lunch Provided 12:00PM to 12:30PM

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4) **Regional Airport Management – Business Case**
Background: November 2022 seventeen (17) small urban communities in Alberta were put on notice they would be losing their fixed-wing medi-vac services due to community airport conditions – effective immediately! The Town of Spirit was one of these 17 communities. The Town of Spirit River immediately brought the notice to the attention of the Central Peace municipalities (Rycroft, Birch Hills, Saddle Hills, and the MD of Spirit River).

The MD of Spirit River laddered it up to Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau, it was immediately laddered up to the full PREDA membership, it was then laddered up to the Rural Municipalities Association; concurrently the Alberta Airports Management Association were fully engaged through Will Stewart, Terminal Director of the Grande Prairie Regional Airport which is a member of PREDA/NTAB, and Will Stewart then being Chair of the Alberta Airports Management Association.

The crisis was resolved and ultimately led to an Award of Excellence for the PREDA / NTAB / Municipal regional collaboration and northern advocacy that was immediately generated under one collective voice.

And PREDA learned something very valuable – our small community airports are **vital** to northern residents, and our small community airports are **vulnerable**. PREDA commissioned two reports. In 2025-2026 PREDA commissioned a briefing spec sheet on all PREDA small community airports. In 2025-2026 PREDA commissioned a business case for potential regional community airport management.

Current: In 2026-2027 PREDA is facilitating full engagement to discuss, brainstorm, and collectively unite to address the needs of small community airports. In October 2026 a meeting was held first with the communities that "house" the airport infrastructure. PREDA's meeting today brings the discussion for a Regional Airport Management service to the full-PREDA membership.
Link 5 : Regional Airport Management - Business Case

5) **Economic Development Resources – Identifying Duplication & Partnerships**

PREDA is one of numerous regional resources umbrellaed under the term "economic development". In 2025 PREDA witnessed a major change-over of municipal leadership. Many of whom were never on municipal councils; let alone aware of PREDA's regional influence and history. Concerns were voiced to PREDA of duplication of mandates, too many meetings for Councillors, travel expenses, and residents demanding outcomes. In response PREDA has commissioned a review of organizations to identify potential sharing of limited resources. PREDA presents a draft overview of the information collected. The report is also intended to assist the PREDA membership in determining next steps / future for PREDA as of April 1st, 2027. Link 6 - Draft Report (In Progress)

Next PREDA Membership Meeting – March 5th, 2027

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