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TIMES: 3:30PM – 8:00PM 8:30AM – 4:30PM

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DAY 1 Wednesday June 26th

3:30PM to 8:00PM

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PREDA 2024 Annual General Meeting

3:30PM AGM Call to Order Carolyn Kolebaba – Northern Sunrise County; PREDA Chair

Year in Review – PREDA Board of Directors (Submitted Att. #1)

2023 AGM Minutes (Submitted – Att. #2)

2024 Year End Finances / PREDA Memberships List (Submitted – Att. #3)

Articles of Association – Refreshed (Submitted Att. #4)

PREDA to Government of Alberta 2023-2024 Annual Report (Submitted – Att. #5)

AGM Adjourned

Conference Opening

4:30PM – 800PM On-site Registration Opens

Thank you to Northern Sunrise County Economic Development summer students for hosting our registration table.

Welcome - Master of Ceremonies

Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) – PREDA Chair

Social & Networking (Cash bar)

Full Course – Hot Buffet Supper (6PM)

Audio/Visual & Music Provided by Randy Hodgkinson Inc.

Thank-you to our Conference Presenters and Moderators



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7:30AM Continental Breakfast / Refreshments

8:30AM Master of Ceremonies - Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) – PREDA Chair

Alberta Value-Added Wood Products Program (InfoLink)
Honorable Todd Loewen – Minister of Forestry and Parks

Note: Time is Tentative

9:00AM The Center for Boreal Research works with industry and communities to support best management practices and reclamation of the boreal forest. A team of research scientists and technicians with professional designations in forestry, biology, and agrology work out of facilities located in Peace River, AB. Presenter: Kevin Kembal, Business Development Lead, NAIT; will provide an overview of CBR, and the types of trees, flora, and fauna in our boreal forest. **InfoLink** [CBR Website](#) **Confirmed**

9:30AM Timber Rights: Alberta's public forests are managed by the Alberta government under Alberta's Forests Act, the right to harvest Crown timber is allocated to companies and individuals through forest tenures. Presenter, Shane Neigel, Director of Forest Tenure, Trade and Economics Branch will provide an overview of the legislation, regulations, and processes to access our forest. **InfoLinks** [Alberta Forest Act](#) [2024 Company Timber Quotas](#) [Map of FMUs](#) **Confirmed**

10:00AM Jobs in Forestry cut across engineering, plant science, heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, and more. Presenter, Laura Brandon (RFP), Forestry Educator through WORK WILD and AFPA will provide an overview of the resources she has to promote careers in the forestry sector and her active role in promoting recruitment in the PREDA region. **InfoVideo** [It's Our Forest](#)

10:00AM Wood Pellets: Increasingly popular as evidenced by the rapid increase in the sales of wood pellet stoves and hoppers. Presenter Gordon Murray, Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Wood Pellets presents an overview of the sector, access to the products needed to create wood pellets, and distribution. **InfoVideo** [Power of Pellets: Production, Quality and Transportation](#) **Confirmed**

10:30AM Networking / Refreshment Break

11:30AM WoodWorks Alberta! is an industry led initiative under the Canadian Wood Council. Its focus is to increase the use of wood in non-residential, mid-rise and tall building markets in Canada. Presenter, Jerry Calara, Technical Manager will provide an overview of current activities and future projects. **InfoLink** [Social & Economic Benefits of Wood Buildings](#) **Confirmed**

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12:00PM LUNCH Click - Surprise Door Prize!

12:30PM BoreA Canada Essential Oils. As a producer and exporter based in Northern Québec, BoreA Canada produces essential oils, hydrosols and other high-quality extracts. Presenter, Jean-Claude Villeneuve presents an overview, opportunities & challenges a decade after founding his company.

InfoVideo [Straight From the Source: Black Spruce Essential Oil](#)

Confirmed

1:00PM Alberta Apothecary provides community accessible education around the lands, the plants and the medicines they both offer. Presenter, Ila, the Medicine Woman behind Alberta Apothecary out of Edmonton, Alberta will provide an overview of the services she offers and the growing trends she is witnessing in her specialty. **InfoLink** [Education in Apothecary](#)

In Progress

1:30PM Light Cellar Elixir Bar. Presenter: Malcolm Saunders, lead instructor, podcaster, owner, and founder of Light Cellar Super Foods; and Canada's first Elixir bar, provides an overview of His Calgary based store front, on-line courses, and products available. **InfoVideo** [Pine Power](#)

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2:00PM Networking / Refreshment Break

Door Prize: Meet the Bergerons! Owners & operators of *Peace Country Adventures!* Prepare to be amazed by the wildlife that live along our rivers, from deer and moose to majestic bears and eagles.

InfoVideo [Peace River Scenic Boat Tour](#)

2:15PM Computer Numeric Control (CNC) has been used by Western Archrib for decades. A leader in the design, manufacture, and custom fabrication of glued-laminated structural wood systems since 1951, Presenter, (TBA) will provide an overview of their products and how CNC is being incorporated into their technical staff training and products.

InfoLink [Building Northern Lakes College – High Prairie Campus](#)

In Progress

2:45PM Small Scale Wood Products: The group discusses their products, opportunities and challenges they encounter as a small-scale wood product producer in Alberta.

Moderator: Aspen Dudzic, Director of Communications (AFPA) and Podcaster of [Forestry Talks](#)

(Click for interview with T. Ungarian; Reeve of County of Northern Lights)

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3:30PM Labour Market Demands, Skill Gaps, Regional Assets

Deanna Bassard and Bev Lavender-March are PREDA's Workforce Consultants (Gov. of AB).

Deanne and Bev will provide an overview of the Forestry labour market and then will open the floor to discussion on making a living in forestry, access to training and recruitment.

4:00PM WRAP-UP Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) – PREDA Chair

Next Steps - Conference Briefing to the Minister of Forestry and Parks