

Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA) Establishes Leadership Role in the Advancement of Nuclear Energy Development in Northwestern Alberta

July 13, 2026, Peace River, AB – Today, PREA proudly released its **Position Paper** on the potential advancement of nuclear energy development in the Province of Alberta, indicating its strong and bold support for positioning itself as a leader and advocate for economic prosperity in Northwestern Alberta.

The Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA) brings together municipal leaders from across the Peace Region to provide a unified, region-first voice on major energy and economic development opportunities. PREA represents both elected officials and administrative leadership, working collaboratively to advance regional priorities. PREA's role is to advocate for responsible development, support economic diversification, and ensure communities are informed, engaged, and prepared for emerging energy opportunities.

With strong regional alignment and established leadership, PREA serves as a trusted bridge between government, industry, and communities. PREA is committed to establishing the Peace Region as Alberta's nuclear hub, supporting responsible development, regional prosperity, and long-term energy leadership. PREA will encourage the highest standards from both provincial and federal partners to ensure health, safety, and environmental stewardship remain critical components of any project development.

"The release of our Position Paper, which was endorsed by eight municipalities in our Region, provides strong support to the Province of Alberta in its journey to create a new public policy framework around the development of nuclear energy in our province. This Position Paper strongly endorses our Region as the potential location for nuclear energy development and sets out a commitment to the people in Northwestern Alberta that the dialogue, learning, education and full engagement around nuclear energy needs to continue to take place," stated Chair Terry Ungarian.



Today's release of the Position Paper entitled "**Building a Social License for Nuclear Energy Development in Northwestern Alberta**" outlines a careful balance of support for nuclear energy while maintaining a strong commitment to continued education, conversation, dialogue and engagement with the communities and residents of the Peace Region. PREA and Northwestern Alberta have the opportunity to become an advocate to advancing next



generation energy development by responsibly advancing discussions, dialogue, and encouraging engagement around nuclear technologies that support economic growth, grid reliability, industrial competitiveness, and emissions reduction.

"We fully understand as a Region, that nuclear energy development in Alberta may be years away. We also comprehend that by understanding, learning and educating ourselves through best practices and practical learning as well as engagement with experts, proponents, government stakeholders and bringing together a venue for professional conversations, that we are preparing our communities, our residents and business infrastructure for the future of nuclear energy development," stated Vice Chair Robert Willing.



"We definitely want the Province of Alberta, the Canadian Government, nuclear energy development proponents and future nuclear chain supply management businesses to understand and be advised that the Peace Region is ready to support these new energy development projects in the future. We also realize that as communities, we need to be prepared to review our infrastructure, be positioned for nuclear growth and be a leader in advocating for economic prosperity for the entire Peace Region," stated Chair Ungarian.

"Alberta's grid needs reliable, affordable and sustainable baseload power to support our province. PREA's leadership in Northwestern Alberta is exactly the kind of forward-thinking partnership we need to build a strong, modern foundation for our energy future that will secure long-term economic prosperity for Albertans." – Honourable RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Affordability and Utilities

"Bringing reliable, affordable, and sustainable power to our region isn't just about stabilizing the grid—it's about securing the future of our communities. PREA's leadership right here in Northwestern Alberta proves that local partnerships can drive provincial success, creating the stability our families and businesses need to thrive for generations to come." – Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs, MLA Peace River

The release of the Position Paper by PREA, establishes a clear and concise message to stakeholders that the Peace Region is prepared to partner and lead the conversation, initiate the dissemination of information and act as the voice for potential nuclear energy development in Northwestern Alberta.

Executive Summary

The Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA), representing a coalition of municipalities in Northwestern Alberta, is united in its support for advancing nuclear energy development in the Peace Region. As a coordinated alliance of municipal leaders, PREA is committed to ensuring communities are informed, prepared, and positioned to benefit from this transformative opportunity.

Alberta is entering a period of growth in electricity demand alongside a transition in how energy is generated. Nuclear energy offers a reliable, affordable, and zero-emission baseload solution that supports long-term energy security and economic stability. PREA supports the Government of Alberta in advancing nuclear energy as part of its long-term energy strategy and positions itself as an essential **regional partner** in this work. With appropriate resources and capacity, municipalities will be well-positioned to support planning, engagement, and infrastructure readiness.

PREA is equally committed to ensuring that communities are engaged early and meaningfully throughout the process. Through strong partnerships, transparent communication, and shared benefits, Northwestern Alberta is ready to lead responsible nuclear energy development and growth alongside both the provincial and federal governments.

PREA serves as the strong united voice of energy and economic diversification, committed to an advocacy role for the dissemination of unbiased and evidence-based information to Northwestern Albertans. PREA stands ready to work with the Government of Alberta as the province formalizes their nuclear energy stance and respective framework/policies.

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