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Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA) Establishes Two Sub-Committees to Support Regional Nuclear Development Preparedness and Drive Position Paper Mandate

PEACE RIVER, AB — November 24, 2026 — The Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA) today announced the formal establishment of two dedicated sub-committees: the Municipal Readiness and Infrastructure Sub-Committee and the Public Engagement and Education Sub-Committee. The structure was approved at the November 12, 2026 PREA Membership Meeting.

These bodies are structured to accelerate the strategic priorities outlined in PREA's landmark July 2026 Position Paper, which serves as the region's blueprint for sustainable energy development, economic resilience, and cross-sector collaboration. According to PREA's July 2026 release, "Building a Social License for Nuclear Energy Development in Northwestern Alberta," the initiative does not immediately approve a specific proponent, but rather establishes a framework to share scientific evidence-based information, address emergency preparedness and waste management, and ensure the region has the supply chain and infrastructure ready when future energy opportunities materialize. The committees will be made up of volunteer members of the public and both elected and administrative representation of the PREA municipalities.

"We definitely want the Province of Alberta, the Canadian Government, nuclear energy development proponents and future nuclear supply chain 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 growth and be a leader in advocating for economic prosperity for the entire Peace Region," stated Chair Ungarian.

As the energy landscape undergoes rapid transformation in Alberta, the newly formed sub-committees will bridge the gap between regional policy and actionable, community-level execution. PREA is seeking professionals and subject-matter experts who are willing to volunteer their time to help the sub-committees carry out their terms of reference.

The first sub-committee is the **Municipal Readiness and Infrastructure Sub-Committee**, which will focus on preparing local government frameworks, infrastructure, and regional assets for incoming energy projects.

The key responsibilities include:

- Evaluating zoning, bylaws, and permitting processes to streamline clean energy and infrastructure investments.
- Assessing regional grid capacity, transportation networks, and supply chain logistics required to support large-scale energy projects.
- Developing a unified municipal toolkit to ensure local governments across the Peace Region are equipped to attract and manage emerging energy sectors safely and efficiently.

The second sub-committee is the **Public Engagement and Education Sub-Committee** which is designed to foster education, transparency and shared economic literacy and this sub-committee will serve as the primary conduit between PREA and the community. Key responsibilities include:

- Designing and delivering an **Energy Exploration Event 2027** which will be geared to demystifying complex nuclear energy data and information through access to federal and provincial agencies, industry, academia working in the nuclear space, and developing presentations, and informational campaigns for the Peace Region.
- Creating educational partnerships with local schools, technical institutes, and other communities to align future workforce skills with regional energy needs based on Alberta’s future public policy framework.
- Gathering community feedback to ensure public sentiment directly informs PREA's ongoing advisory work with industry leaders and policymakers.

"The publication of our July 2026 Position Paper established a clear vision, but vision requires a roadmap to become reality," said Chair Terry Ungarian of the Peace Regional Energy Alliance. "By dividing our focus into municipal readiness and public education, we are simultaneously ensuring that our

physical infrastructure can support new energy economies and that our citizens are informed, engaged, and ready to benefit from them."

The establishment and delivery of an Energy Exploration Event in mid 2027 will bring nuclear expertise, industry, governments and the public together to learn more about this extremely important economic development generator for both the Province of Alberta and more specifically for Peace Region."

Both sub-committees will convene their inaugural meetings in early 2027 to finalize their respective terms of reference, and map out immediate deliverables for the first half of 2027, including the Energy Exploration Event. Regular progress reports will be made available to the public on agendas via the PREA membership meeting framework.

Members of the public can apply online at https://na4.documents.adobe.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFCIBAA3AAABLblqZhAx8Tz2NIB_WL3I61bKuCtv0WjlEkYgYaB8zh1luyIfI3EaDEt8mUUOI-y4FrT4o3g*, or request a hard copy of the application from their local PREA municipality. Draft Terms of Reference are also available on each PREA member municipality's website.

If you have additional questions on the sub committees contact either jakepastore@summitpcg.ca or Cindy Millar at cmillar@northernsunrise.net.

About PREA:

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 the Position Paper entitled "**Building a Social License for Nuclear Energy Development in Northwestern Alberta"** in July 2026 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.

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