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Advancing Canada's Grasslands Together

Thursday, November 12, 2026

830AM – 430PM MT

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FB0fX341TG63iM2rcfAWzA>

AGENDA

MORNING: Shared Understanding + Project Updates

8:30 — 8:35	Welcome & Opening Remarks(MacLeod/Drever)
8:35 — 8:45	Process and Structure (Pattison-Williams)
8:45 – 9:00	Purpose and Outcomes (TBD) <i>Description: Why this workshop now: aligning national grassland science, stewardship, and policy momentum. How Tomorrow's Prairies and GLKH complement each other: baselines + learning pathways, modelling + mobilization, indicators + practitioner relevance. What we aim to leave with: shared priorities, actionable next steps, and cross-sector commitments.</i>
9:00 – 10:00	Project Update #1 — Tomorrow's Prairies: Baselines & Projections (Drever et al) Description: <i>Brief update</i> - Two-year accomplishments across classification, biodiversity, carbon, socio-economic drivers, and modelling. - Early insights on grassland condition, pressures, and projected change to 2050. - How this supports national climate and nature priorities (NSCSF, nature-based solutions, carbon storage, biodiversity). <i>What's next:</i> - Refining and project wrap-up activities. - Opportunities for industry + conservation partners to shape final-year outputs. <i>Q&A (10 min)</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Project Update #2 — Grassland Learning & Knowledge Hub (Pattison-Williams et al) Description: <i>Brief update:</i> - Course framework development: economics, human dimensions, policy, conservation, producer, Indigenous knowledge. - How GLKH is building accessible, plain-language learning pathways for diverse audiences. - Early prototypes: modules, case studies, cross-perspective dialogues.



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	<i>What's next</i> - Finalizing module areas, further research focus points, building national entry points. - Opportunities for extension agents, producers, NGOs, and governments to contribute. <i>Q&A (10 min)</i>
10:30 – 10:50	Health Break
10:50 – 11:15	Continued - Project Update #2 — Grassland Learning & Knowledge Hub (Pattison-Williams et al)
11:15 – 11:50	Plenary Discussion — “Where Are Canada’s Grasslands Heading?” (Drever, Pattison-Williams) <i>Facilitated discussion exploring:</i> <i>Shared pressures across east/west and annual/perennial systems. Where science, policy, and industry narratives align—and where they diverge. What Tomorrow’s Prairies + GLKH reveal about the next decade of grassland stewardship.</i>
11:50 – 12:00	Roundtable Setup + Theme Introductions <i>Description: Introduce the three core roundtable themes:</i> 1. Indicators & Knowledge Mobilization (How Tomorrow’s Prairies + GLKH can jointly support decision-making) 2. Industry Pathways & Producer-Centered Solutions (Annual + perennial crop sectors, cattle producers, extension) 3. Conservation, Policy & Cross-Jurisdiction Collaboration (NGOs, governments, Indigenous Nations, regional stewardship groups) <i>Participants choose their first table.</i>
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH
AFTERNOON: Facilitated Roundtables to Push Outcomes Forward	
1:00 – 1:40	Roundtable Rotation #1 <i>Description: Each table explores:</i> - What the project findings mean for their sector. - What’s missing or needs refinement. - What actions could be taken in the next 12–18 months. <i>Notetakers at each table capture insights on preformatted worksheet(s)</i>
1:40 – 2:20	Roundtable Rotation #2 <i>Description: Participants rotate to a new table to:</i> - Build on previous group’s ideas.



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	- Identify cross-sector opportunities. - Flag potential barriers and enablers
2:20 – 2:45	Report Back: Reviewing Roundtable Insights <i>Description: Share insights captured at each table – expand for more initial thoughts or takeaways.</i>
2:45 – 3:10	Health Break
3:10 – 4:00	Synthesis + Next Steps for Canada's Grasslands <i>Description: Share</i> - Common insights - Emerging cross-sector priorities. - Areas of alignment between Tomorrow's Prairies and GLKH. <i>Participants identify:</i> - 3–5 national priorities for grassland stewardship. - 3–5 immediate actions for the next year. - Key partners needed to move each forward.
4:00 – 4:15	Workshop Closing Remarks and Comments <i>Description: Opportunities for ongoing involvement (pilot modules, indicator testing, regional dialogues). Participant commitments: "What will you take forward from today?"</i>
4:15 – 4:30	Concluding Thoughts (MacLeod)