

PVMA FALL 2026 SPEAKER & SESSION INFORMATION
October 26th & 27th @ Red Deer Casino

Monday, October 26th

***Only 50 spots available for this extra session so register early**

Time	Presenter	Organization	Presentation Title	Credits Pending
1:00-3:30pm	Jeff Kerr, Manager	FortisAlberta	Powerline Safety and Hazard Awareness Workshop (Fortis Employee Development Centre 20 38040 RR 280) <i>This unique workshop provides an opportunity to connect classroom concepts with practical application while learning directly from Utility and vegetation management professionals.</i>	Applied for AB, BC, SK and ISA

Tuesday, October 27th

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9:15-10:15am	Carissa Viel Director of Disability Management and Principal Consultant	Seppala Consulting Ltd.	The Injury Management Advantage: Protecting Workers and Strengthening Alberta's Vegetation Management Industry <i>Effective injury management is about more than meeting regulatory requirements-it is about supporting workers, reducing the impact of workplace injuries, and maintaining a strong productive workforce</i> <i>Designed with the vegetation management industry in mind, this presentation will explore how proactive injury management can improve recovery outcomes, reduce costs, and strengthen organizational resilience.</i>	Applied for AB, BC, SK and ISA
10:45-11:45am	Toso Bozic CEO/Tree Expert	ATTS Group Inc.	Cost of Roadside and Utility Corridor Tree Damage <i>Trees and planted shelterbelts along roads, utility corridors, and near homes, farm, and communities are subject to numerous environmental and human-related stressors that can adversely affect their health, structure, and longevity. Although these linear corridors are essential for transportation and utility infrastructure, they frequently conflict with natural tree growth patterns. As a result, trees in these settings are damaged, leading to decline, increased hazard potential, and premature mortality. Roadside and utility vegetation management is a critical component of public safety and infrastructure maintenance and is conducted by landowners, municipal crews, provincial agencies, and utility contractors. Management practices typically involve mechanical and chemical vegetation control. While necessary, these activities can cause various forms of tree damage, contribution to reduced tree function, structural defects, and long-term health impacts.</i>	Applied for AB, BC, SK, and ISA
1:45-2:45pm	Markus Webber Founder/Advanced UAV Pilot	Landview Drones	Spray Drones have Finally Landed <i>Markus will discuss the exciting new opportunities for vegetation management now that aerial labels can be applied by drones. He'll also discuss progress being made on development of standards, measurements of spray quality, and research on effective swath width.</i>	Applied for AB, BC, SK, and ISA