



The Wood Buffalo Monthly

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Message from your Executive Director:

As mentioned in our last news letter I am Deb Kirkpatrick your new executive director. I am excited to be part of such a well established organization. I recognize that I have some pretty big shoes to fill with accepting this position, however with the training that Debbie McGlenen has provided me it is my goal that the transition in the change of staff comes with few challenges to you the Members. I look forward to personally meeting all of our members in the coming months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Builders/Trade

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Planning; Development and Engineering Services Departments have now completed their office move to Timberlea Landing. They continue to make the necessary changes to front counter services in order to ensure the simplicity of all application processes.

Land Developers

UDI Wood Buffalo is now in possession of the proposed changes to the Engineering Standards. The proposed changes for the Parks and Landscaping section are scheduled to arrive within the next week. . If you are interested in reviewing either item please contact the office. A meeting will be scheduled to review these changes with all interested parties.

Make Note

Unfortunately due to lack of participation we were forced to cancel our UDI luncheon event on May 28th with guest speaker Scott Hennig. Do you have an event idea that you would like us to consider? Please feel free to forward to the office any suggestions for events that would be of interest to you. ***Our events provide an excellent opportunity for industry networking and strongly encourage all members and interested parties to attend.***

Announcements



The Golf Classic on June 18th was held at the Fort McMurray Golf Course and was attended by a full slate of golfers. Thanks to all the sponsors, participants and volunteers. Congratulations to all of the winners! A special thank you to our partners Fort McMurray Construction Association and the Regional Safety Committee for their dedication in making this such a successful event.



Our Builders BBQ is now being planned! Be sure to watch our next newsletter with date, time and location! Hope to see you all there!

Membership Renewals:

For members with a June 30th membership expiry date your renewal invoice will be mailed shortly. Please review your information on our website at www.udewoodbuffalo.com, if revisions are necessary please contact the office. Please make your cheque payable to UDI-Wood Buffalo and remit to the address below. Thank you in advance for your timely remittance.

UDI Alberta AGM

UDI-Wood Buffalo attended the June 18th AGM for UDI-Alberta in Edmonton. The UDI-Alberta board has announced their new President; Mr. Ray Watkins. Mr. Watkins has accepted this position for a one year term. We wish to thank Onufry Shinkewski for his dedication and great work. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

Permits Stats

Building permits issued for the month of May **Single Family Dwellings - 21** **Multi Family - 3**

UDI-Wood Buffalo stakeholder programs update:

Lower Townsite Area Redevelopment Plan As many of you know, the Lower Townsite Area Redevelopment Plan was approved by Council. The Planning & Development department would like to thank all of you for your time and dedication in the project. . This plan could not have been done without your collaboration. A PDF of The Lower Townsite Area Redevelopment Plan link can be found below:

<http://www.udewoodbuffalo.com/LowerTownsiteAreaRedevelopmentPlan.pdf> (10 MB)

Population Projection Methodology (PPM): Applications Management has now created a draft model for common methodology in forecasting population for the region. A workshop with technical individuals is being planned to solidify the models assumptions.

Commercial Industrial Land Use Study (CILUS): This document has now been completed and is waiting to go to council hopefully before the summer session is called. This study ties into several other initiatives like the PPM and the Lower Townsite ARP. The sooner the study is released the sooner we can address the critical issue facing our community-the acute shortage and availability of commercial/industrial land.

Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) A meeting was not scheduled for the month of June. Due to time constraints at the June 23rd Council meeting this document review has been moved to

the next scheduled council meeting. The provided proposed document may be found below for your review.

<http://www.udewoodbuffalo.com/14-ParsonsCreekDesignBrief.pdf> (15 MB)

Members Profile



Superior Safety Codes' mission is to provide all individuals ethical and timely service through an absolute commitment to integrity.

Superior Safety Codes Inc. is an **Authorized Accredited Agency**. *Superior Safety Codes'* clientele include, but are not limited to, Accredited Municipalities, Governmental Departments, Construction Contractors, and the General Public. Our goal is to continue to work with these stakeholders with the result being that **Public Safety** has been properly addressed in a fair and intelligent manner, as it pertains to the Safety Codes Act of Alberta.

Superior Safety Codes presently service 135 non-accredited Municipalities out of six offices in the Province of Alberta under our **authorization agreement** with Alberta Municipal Affairs. We have also entered into contracts with 72 Accredited Municipalities and 5 Accredited Corporations. We currently employ 23 administrative staff and 32 Safety Codes Officers.

Superior Safety Codes also has a 50% stake in Transtrue Vehicle Safety Inc. This Company holds the Vehicle Inspection Program contract with Alberta Transportation which includes auditing of over 4,000 vehicle inspection facilities across the Province of Alberta. By **focusing on our strengths**, our **key customers** and their **underlying values**, *Superior Safety Codes* will continue to grow and succeed in the Safety Codes Industry.

Superior Safety Codes Inc. was incorporated on June 1, 2004. Our foundation was built in a very short timeframe and we soon were the buzz of the Safety Codes Industry. Six offices are now open and are fully operational. Our **market share continues** to grow in both Alberta Municipal Affairs jurisdiction and with Accredited Municipalities. This success is largely attributable to executive experience and the core group of founding employees that have joined *Superior Safety Codes*.

Superior Safety Codes' commitment to quality versus quantity will bode well for larger Municipalities as our marketing strategy is focused on contracts that require the full spectrum of Safety Codes services in all disciplines.

Superior Safety Codes' compliance monitoring system was built with **customer needs** in mind. The increased level of inspections not only addresses public safety more diligently but also strengthens our risk management profile.

Superior Safety Codes' commitment to providing a local team that lives with their families in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is a key to community involvement. *Superior Safety Codes* supports local charities across the Province of Alberta and many of our team members are dedicated volunteers. Discounted permit fees are always considered for non-profit organizations.

Please consider supporting our members if you have a need for the services they provide.

Quote of the Month

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.

Author: Zig Ziglar

Please forward any comments or concerns

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