



The Wood Buffalo Monthly

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Committee Reports:

Builders/Trade:

Alberta Permit Pro: UDI-WB submitted a letter to the RMWB and recently had a meeting with the RMWB CAO requesting assurances that our members will be looked after during this unsettled transition process, as our Industry will be directly affected by a disruption to the delivery of service or a change in service. UDI-WB members need to know that these services will be available and the standard of services will remain unchanged. Chris Reddy the manger of current planning has informed us that occupancy permits will no longer be issued from now until Dec 31,2008. In the interim if your financial institution requires this certificate, Chris Reddy will be available to speak to them on your behalf, or answer any questions you might have. Chris can be reached at 780-743-7881 or email chris.reddy@woodbuffalo.ab.ca

UDI-Wood Buffalo Gives Back

On October 10,2008 UDI-Wood Buffalo presented a cheque for \$2589.00 to Habitat for Humanity. The cheque represents proceeds from our annual golf tournament and the Builders BBQ. This is the 3rd house that has been built by Habitat for Humanity in Fort McMurray and UDI-Wood Buffalo is pleased to partner by donating to this rewarding program. To see how you can become involved please call Allan Vinni at 780-790-9474



HELPING BUILD HOMES.

The Urban Development Institute of Wood Buffalo's Treasurer Dan Ball, UDI Director Bryan Lutes, Allan Vinni, Chairman of Habitat for Humanity and Steve Cook UDI Director.

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Builders/Trade Cont...

Richard Cho, Market Analyst for CMHC, provided the committee with a copy of a presentation on the Wood Buffalo Housing Market. Attached is an **updated version showing the corrected population**, please click below to view.

http://www.udewoodbuffalo.com/WoodBuffaloOutlook_PresentationInfoRequestOct24.pdf

Government Bylaws: The Land Use Bylaw General Text amendments went to council on October 28 for first reading. At UDI-WB's request, the landscaping section was not included until all parties affected could provide input. There will be a Public hearing scheduled for Nov.25, 08 Click on the link below to view these amendments

http://www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca/municipal_government/agendas+minutes/pdf_2008/oct28/3%20-%20LUB%20General%20Text%20Amendments.pdf

UPDATE on some of UDI-Wood Buffalo stakeholder programs where UDI-WB represents its members:

Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) recently had 2- half-day meetings on October 16th and 29th; it is still in the draft stage. UDI-WB felt that the Economic Development in this region has previously been minimal; we are hoping our involvement, along with the other stakeholders, will bring a much-desired plan to expand the community's diversification and development to a higher level and signify that the Wood Buffalo Region is open for business. The next meeting is scheduled for the last week of November.

Lower Town site (LTS) Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) There have been several meetings throughout the summer and our members have been actively involved in the working groups, advisory council and you may have seen them at the open houses, with the most recent presentation on October 8th. The next step is for RMWB administration to review and bring forward to council in November.

Santa Claus Parade: The RMWB will be organizing their first evening parade for November 29, Saturday at 6:30 pm. For sponsorship opportunities please see the package attached.

UDI-Wood Buffalo will again be supporting this event with a donation on behalf of our members. Please contact the office if you would like to participate.

Community Development Advisory Board – Parsons Creek- The development of Parsons Creek will be led by Housing and Urban Affairs along with a newly created Community Development Advisory Board. The purpose of the Board will be to make recommendations regarding the financing, land use and overall development of the Parsons Creek land parcel. UDI-Wood Buffalo has been selected, among other stakeholders, to put forward a nominee for representation on this board. The selection process should be completed by the end of October with announcements being made in early November.

Land Use Framework (LUF) is expected to have the draft LUF completed this fall, with the Northeast Alberta Regional Advisory Council members being selected first. UDI-Alberta made the case for separate representation and UDI-Wood Buffalo was permitted to put forward recommendations for a local delegate to participate. Lobbying will continue.

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If you have any comments or concerns please be sure to contact the office at the numbers listed below.

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Quote of the Month

You may never know what results will come from your actions, but if you do nothing- there will be no results.
AUTHOR: Gandhi

2008 Santa Claus Parade Sponsorship Opportunities

Listed below are the different sponsorship options. We will ensure your “Fly-Guy” is in the parade even if you are not able to enter a float. There are a limited number of “Fly-Guys” available so please give us a call right away if you are able to support this event. Thank you for your consideration.

\$5,000 – Golden Sponsor Level

- ❖ Company name/logo on two 48ft * 2ft banners
- ❖ Recognition in all pre-parade advertising
- ❖ Recognition on RMWB web page
- ❖ Certificate of recognition for your contribution
- ❖ Recognition in newspaper thank you ad – post parade
- ❖ Special gift from Santa

\$2000 – Santa Sponsor Level

- ☆ Choice of Custom” Fly-Guy” or “Two-Legged” Fly Guy
- ☆ Company name/logo displayed with “Fly-Guy”
- ☆ Recognition in pre parade advertising
- ☆ Recognition on RMWB web page
- ☆ Certificate of recognition for your contribution
- ☆ Recognition in newspaper thank you ad – post parade
- ☆ Special gift from Santa

\$1000 – Frosty the Snowman Sponsor Level

- ▽ Choice of “Fly-Guy” Sky Tickler
- ▽ Company name/logo displayed with “Fly-Guy” Sky Tickler
- ▽ Recognition in pre parade advertising
- ▽ Recognition on RMWB web page

▽ Recognition in newspaper thank you ad – post parade

▽ Special gift from Santa

\$500 – Happy Holiday Sponsor Level

✧ 10” Round “Happy Holiday’s” or “Snowflake” Helium Blimp

(Can be displayed on float or held by someone walking)

✧ Recognition in pre parade advertising

✧ Recognition on RMWB web page

✧ Recognition in newspaper thank you ad – post parade

✧ Special gift from Santa

Up To \$500 – Santa’s Helper Sponsor Level

♪ Recognition on RMWB web page

♪ Recognition in newspaper thank you ad – post parade

♪ Special gift from Santa



\$2000 – Santa Sponsor Level Choices

“Fly-Guy’s” Available for this level:



1 Available



2 Available



2 Available



(One Red and One Green Available)

\$1000 – Frosty the Snowman Sponsor Level

Sky Tickler “Fly-Guy” Available for this level:



1 Red 15" and 1 White 15" Available

\$500 Level - Happy Holiday Sponsor Level

Blimp's Available for this level:



1 Available



1 Available

Up to \$500 - Santa's Helper Level

“Gifts in kind” or a monetary contribution that is acceptable to your organization.

Thank you for helping make this event successful!

2008 Santa Parade Sponsorship Information

Please fill in the information below and fax it to 780-743-7099. Or you can email the information to maureen.mielke@woodbuffalo.ab.ca.

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Sponsorship Level Choice

- \$5000 Golden Sponsor Level
- \$2000 Santa Sponsor Level
- \$1000 Frosty the Snowman Sponsor Level
- \$500 Happy Holiday Sponsor

- up to \$500 Santa Helper Sponsor Level

Amount sponsoring \$ _____



Will you be entering a float in the parade? YES NO



Cheques can be mailed to:

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
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Attention: Maureen Mielke