



# *The Wood Buffalo Monthly*

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Builders/Trade Committee:** Alberta Permit Pro have announced that the Permit Tracker should be completed in September, 2007. The RMWB is very hopeful to have E permitting in the spring.

ATCO Gas has made a change in their Air Test Inspection regulations effective September 1, 2007. See our website under resources for more information.

Telus Communications Inc are currently offering to builders and developers TELUS "Future Friendly Home" Program. Aaron Martin is the new Service Manager at Telus and one of our newest members. He is responsible for all new development and construction for single and multi-family residences in the area. Please see the 2nd page of this newsletter for all of the details.

**Land Developers and Government Bylaw Committee:** Were successful in having the Land Use Bylaw General Text Amendments deferred recently so we could provide our industries input. The Shallows Utilities group has been meeting monthly to address construction related problems and to develop standards that can be presented to the Municipality. They are scheduled to begin workshops on the development cost charges update.

## **CIVIC ELECTION**

Sept 17th was the deadline for all candidates to be registered. Among the candidates is one of our own UDI-Wood Buffalo members Mila Bryon

## **WELCOME our newest members**

- **Lafarge Canada Inc. - Trevor Joyce**
- **H. Wilson Industries Ltd.-John Wilson**
- **Telus Communications Inc.- Aaron Martin**

## **UPCOMING EVENT October 11, 2007**

UDI-Wood Buffalo Luncheon will be October 11, 2007

This will be an all **CANDIDATES Luncheon FORUM**. There will be a meet and greet at 11:30 with lunch at 12 and forum to follow. We will have an open mike at the end of the formal presentations. Be sure to register early to reserve your spot. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the UDI-Wood Buffalo office. The M/C for this event will be Dana Prefontaine with CTV News

**A Water conservation workshop** put on in partnership with RMWB and Albion Sands was attended by UDI-Wood Buffalo representatives to give our industries input on water consumption and conservation. We in the development industry are trying to implement some of these changes and provide leadership on how to reduce consumption while minimizing the cost to the end consumer.

We will have a greywater recycling tank on display at the UDI-Wood Buffalo office in October and Winchester Homes will have an open house on Oct 25th at 378 Pacific Crescent for you to see it in action from 10 am-12 pm.

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## **Quote of the Month:**

Wherever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous decision .

*Author Peter Drucker*

## TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Hello Fellow Members,

My name is Aaron D. Martin, and I am the new Service Manager at TELUS responsible for all new development and construction for single and multi-family residences in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about one of the exciting programs that we are currently offering to builders and developers in the area, known as the TELUS "Future Friendly Home" program. Here is a quick breakdown of what it consists of:

1. New Inside Wiring Guidelines for Single and Multi-Family residences. These guidelines are available online at [www.telus.com/mybuilding](http://www.telus.com/mybuilding). If you would like a copy of these guidelines, you can print them from the website, or contact me, and I can get a copy to you.
2. Future Friendly Home Media Box - One Connection, Endless possibilities. This is a panel within the suite that allows the tenant to easily configure where they would like their phone, internet, and in the near future, TELUS TV to work within the suite.
3. TELUS "Warm Home" Program - We will pre-provision our local telephone line service in advance of your purchaser's occupancy. This will provide a customer friendly installation thanks to increased co-operation thereby providing activation within 24 hours.
4. Marketing opportunities - TELUS has a number of exciting opportunities for site signage, full service (Internet, voice, wireless networking, Home Sitter) and TELUS digital TV (when available) for your presentation centre.
5. There are also a number of possibilities for exclusive and non-exclusive partnerships with TELUS for your Future Friendly Home sites. When we speak of exclusive, we are talking about marketing, not exclusive service. The choice of service provider is still up to the tenants.

By partnering with TELUS for your Future Friendly Home, you will be able to increase value in your properties as you future-proof and differentiate your developments, while providing buyers with unlimited flexibility and choice for their telephone and data services.

I live and work in Fort McMurray, and I am here to assist you in any way that I can. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the services and partnerships available to you as builders and developers, as well as the additional benefits to your buyers. I will be working closely with you from planning up to and beyond tenancy to ensure that TELUS will live up to its commitment of delivering a superior customer experience. I can be contacted at (780) 742-8524 or by email at [aarond.martin@telus.com](mailto:aarond.martin@telus.com).

Kindest Regards,  
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