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COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Builders/Trade Committee** have met with Dennis Peck of the RMWB planning department to go over issues around the lengthy permit process. The Wednesday closures have now addressed some of the delays, however manpower is still an issue. We will meet again on August 21, 2007. If there are any concerns please inform the office.

The **Land Developers Committee and the Government Bylaws Committee** have been reviewing the new Development Charges May 2007 Update from the RMWB and will provide them with some feedback.

MEMBERSHIP

The UDI-Wood Buffalo Executive board has made the decision to have 2 billing cycles for membership dues. One is January and one is July. For example if a member joins the association from July onward then their renewal date will be July 2008. This will give the association an added tool in recruiting new members. So if you, or someone you know, were considering joining now is the time. Application forms are available on our website or call the office.

IN THE NEWS

Former Chamber of Commerce President, and local business owner, Mike Allen has put his name forward to run for municipal council in the next civic election on October 15, 2007.

UDI-Wood Buffalo has been invited to participate in a workshop, through the RMWB and Albian Sands, for Input on Water Conservation Awareness Strategy on August 15, 2007.

UDI-ALBERTA

The new President is Onufry Shinkewski, the Vice President is Robb Honsberger and the new executive director is Nicole Martell. Check out www.udialberta.com for more news.

Cold Lake is now looking at forming a Chapter of UDI in their region. Gilles Huiznga and Dave Marshall have been instrumental in helping them to achieve this.

2008 will mark **50** years since the formation of the Urban Development Institute!

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Quote of the Month:

A smile is the shortest distance between two people

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