



# *The Wood Buffalo Monthly*

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Builders/Trade Committee 5% GST** How does it affect you now. While the GST cut from 6% to 5% on all other goods is effective January 1, 2008, it is effective immediately on new homes, avoiding any potential disruption to the market by eliminating any incentive for home buyers to defer their purchase decision until the New Year. Please refer to the federal government website [www.fin.gc.ca/budtoce/2007/ec07\\_e.html](http://www.fin.gc.ca/budtoce/2007/ec07_e.html) for clarification. The **builders** committee would like to see a group effort from all builders to ensure that all sub trades are wearing hard hats and safety core standards are practiced by all.

**Land Developers Committee**— met with the RMWB to discuss construction completions, process and timing issues, FAC's and presented the RMWB with a letter of our concerns. If you have a specific problem concerning a specific project please make an appointment to go over it with the RMWB.

**Government Bylaw Committees** - along with the land developers are still working on the off site levies and will continue with more meetings scheduled for December and January.

## **WELCOME our Newest Members**

**ATCO Electric - Kerry Collette and Kerana Homes Ltd - Kirk Sweetapple .**

## **OUT and ABOUT**

The Festival of Trees had a beautiful selection of trees again this year among them were some of our own UDI members entries ATCO Electric, Birchwood Homes Ltd., Coldwell Banker Fort McMurray, H. Wilson Industries Ltd., HCS Focus Ltd., Keyano College and Sutton Group Fort McMurray. Sponsors that contributed were Home Hardware, Frank Reitz and Rona. Well done, great Christmas Community Spirit.

Don't forget the **SANTA CLAUSE PARADE - DECEMBER 8th—10 am**. Bring the family and bundle up to watch it.

The **BOARD ROOM** at the UDI-Wood Buffalo office can be booked for small meetings for our members when available. This can be arranged by phoning the office.

If you have any suggestions of items you would like to see in the newsletter or ideas for our next industry event please email them to the office.

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## **Quote of the Month**

We do not go to work only to earn an income, but to find meaning in our lives. What we do is a large part of what we are.

*Author-Alan Ryan*