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COMMITTEE NEWS

Builders/Trade Committee needs more members to fill vacancies so please think about being on this committee, they usually meet once a month for 1-2 hours. This is your opportunity to help bring issues forward to the committee, executive and membership and help solve issues that concern the builders, trades and suppliers.

Land Developers Committee and Government Bylaw Committees have been reviewing the RMWB Development Charges Update 2007 and have scheduled a series of meetings starting Nov. 1st with the RMWB to facilitate in finalizing this document. This committee also recently met with the RMWB on developmental issues concerning process and timing, inspections, CCC's and FAC's. UDI hopes to schedule these on a regular basis.

Municipal Election Results

Elected for another term for Mayor is Melissa Blake. Councilors Ward 1 Mike Allen, Mila Byron (UDI Member) Sharon Clarkson, Sheldon Germaine, Phil Meagher, and John Vyboh. Ward 2—David Blair and John Chadi. Ward 3—Rene Rebus. Ward 4 Gordon Janvier. **Congratulations** to all of the successful candidates!!! We look forward to working with the new council and Mayor. UDI—Wood Buffalo would also like to thank the candidates for participating in our October 11th forum luncheon, it helped our members make an informed decision.

The Alberta Water Councils WETLANDS POLICY Project Team recently held a workshop in Fort McMurray that UDI-Wood Buffalo representatives attended. They were gathering input from the stakeholders to compile and draft a new Wetland Policy and Implementation Plan for Alberta. This is a very extreme policy that suggests that anywhere there is a desire to develop any land that may hold water, even for a short time during spring runoff, that the developer must replace that land with three times the land and then develop it into a naturalized state. This could cause huge hardships for developers. This could suggest that Calgary and Hannah could become wetlands. 180,000.00 hectares of land within province to develop into wetlands. All UDI-Chapters sent representatives and UDI-Alberta has sent a letter to Minister Renner's office requesting a meeting to discuss UDI's concerns in person.

UDI ALBERTA BOARD MEETING This was attended by Dave Marshall, who sits on the MGA Provincial Board, and Debbie McGlenen. Onufry Shinkewski President of UDI-Alberta and Executive Director Nicole Martell will be making their rounds to all of the chapters to make presentations. Cold Lake has now become the newest UDI Chapter. Plans are underway for a gala event to celebrate 50 years of UDI to be held in April 2008.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!!!

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Quote of the Month

Choose a job that you like and you will not have to work a day in your life
Author, Confucius