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**RM OF DUFFERIN # 190 - ANNUAL NEWSLETTER**  
**July 2011**

Dear Ratepayer:

The RM of Dufferin #190 is pleased to again offer the following discounts for the early payment of taxes in the municipality:

- 15 % if paid by August 31, 2011.
- 10 % if paid by September 30, 2011
- 5 % if paid by October 31, 2011
- 2 % if paid by November 30, 2011
- 0 % in December 31, 2011

Please note that the 15 % does not apply to Saskatchewan Municipal Hail. The Hail insurance Act was amended in 2008 limiting the maximum amount-of discount-that can be given. Hail Discount is 6% if paid by August 31, 6% if paid by September 30, 4% if paid by October 31, and 2% if paid by November 30th. The amount owing after discounts is shown on the tax notice.

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**MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES**

The municipal mill rate for 2011 has remained unchanged from 2011. School mill rates, which are now established by the Provincial Government, have been amended for 2011. Listed below are the following mill rates for municipal and school tax levying:

1. Municipal Mill Rate - 6.7 mills
2. School Mill Rates:
  - Agricultural Class of Property 3.91
  - Residential and Seasonal Residential 9.51
  - Commercial 12.25 – 14.75 – 18.55 (Changes as the assessment increases)

**PAYMENT OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

Payment of your tax account may be made at the municipal office, by mail or electronically.

Ratepayers wishing to make payment online may do so for the following financial institutions Conexus Credit Union, Bank of Nova Scotia, Royal Bank of Canada, Page Credit Union, C.I.B.C.

Depending on your financial institution you will have to go into the financial institution and set the R.M. of Dufferin # 190 up as a bill Payee. The municipality will be using owner numbers which are on the Tax notice (located just above the name on the Tax notice). The R.M. of Dufferin # 190 owner numbers are from 1 to 999. Please note a receipt will be issued after the amount is deposited into the R.M. Account.

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**JULY AND AUGUST OFFICE HOURS**

I will be away on holidays for three weeks commencing July 18 to August 5, 2011 inclusive. The municipal office will be open follows:

- Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
  - Wednesday - 8:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.
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#### MUNICIPAL PROJECTS - 2011

With the development of the potash deposits by K+S Potash Canada (formerly Potash One) a number of road improvement projects have been initiated. Contract tenders have been let out and accepted on approximately 44.8 km (28 miles) of road being constructed and improved in 2011 and 2012. This is seemingly unprecedented for any municipality to consider in one year. The Council appreciates the hardships some of this development and road improvement may cause during construction, however ratepayer co-operation and understanding is appreciated as improvements are made to municipal infrastructure.

The municipality is also providing for 3.2 km of road improvements along Grid #739 in 2011. This will complete this primary weight improvement from Highway #2 to the Findlater Grid

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#### NON-POTABLE WATER DECLARATION

Pursuant to Section 14 of the Public Health Act the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin # 190 have chosen to post the Gladstone Well located on the NE-29-20-24-2 as non-potable due to the water not being treated. This water should not be used for drinking, cooking, food preparation or oral hygiene purposes. Environmental Health Department Regina Qu'Appelle Region requires that we notify all ratepayers in the tax notice mail out.

#### RESORT WASTE COLLECTION—NORTH SHORE ESTATES, VALLEYVIEW, HIGHWOOD BEACH KEDLESTON BEACH & MARION HEIGHTS RESORT

Please remember that the waste collection bins at all the resorts are for bagged household garbage only. Your co-operation to ensure tires, furniture, building materials etc. **ARE NOT** deposited in the bins is appreciated.

#### RURAL FIRE CALLS

A reminder to all rural ratepayers to check their insurance policies to ensure there is coverage for charges relating to fire calls attended by the volunteer fire department. The Village of Bethune / RM of Dufferin #190 Volunteer Fire Department charges property owners for calls attended to in the rural municipality. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact your insurance agent.

#### RECYCLING:

R.M. of Dufferin ratepayers are allowed to use the recycling bins located in the Village of Bethune.

- Big Blue Bin-Newsprint and cardboard only
  - Multi-Material Storage-Tin cans, Household plastics, newsprint and cardboard. Please ensure that all the boxes are broken down before placing in the bins.
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The Council would like again thank all ratepayers for their co-operation during 2011. The municipality is experiencing vast development in all areas and the Council will continue to work diligently on behalf of all ratepayers to ensure for managed progress.

Sincerely,

Rodney E. Audette, RMA  
Administrator