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RM OF DUFFERIN # 190 – 2013 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Ratepayer:

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

- 8 % if paid by August 31, 2013.
- 6 % if paid by September 30, 2013
- 4 % if paid by October 31, 2013
- 2 % if paid by November 30, 2013
- 0 % in December 31, 2013

Please note that the municipal percentage discount 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.

PLEASE NOTE effective 2013, the Ministry of Government Relations has amended legislation exempting the education portion of taxes from discount rates in municipalities.

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES

With the Province wide assessment revaluation in 2013 the municipality saw an increase in the overall Taxable Assessment. The 2012 Taxable Assessment was 106,714,540 and in 2013 the unconfirmed Taxable Assessment is 183,417,641. The municipal mill rate for 2013 has been set at 3.913, a reduction from 2012 in which the mill rate was set at 6.7. The 2013 mill rate was established to generate approximately the same municipal tax revenue in 2013 that was levied in 2012.

School mill rates, which are now established by the Provincial Government, have been changed for 2013. Listed below are the following mill rates for municipal and school tax levying:

1. Municipal Mill Rate – 3.913 mills
2. School Mill Rates:
 - Agricultural Class of Property 2.67
 - Residential and Seasonal Residential 5.03
 - Commercial Industrial 8.28
 - Commercial Industrial Resource 11.04

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, and 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.

Municipal Office

Normal office hours are as follows

- Monday through Friday - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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The RM of Dufferin #190 has a new website for posting information and public notices. The site is new and new information is being added as time permits – visit the website at www.rmofdufferin190.com/.

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS - 2013

The RM of Dufferin #190 will not be constructing any new projects this season. The Council will be considering a couple of road improvement projects for the 2014 season. Ratepayers within those areas will be contacted to advise of potential developments in the spring of 2014.

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.

You will notice sanitation levies have increased over previous years. This is due to a significant deficit in this area over the past two years. Sanitation levies will reflect a recouping of a part of this cost and reflect more closely current sanitation costs for resort areas.

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.

For those ratepayers wishing to have controlled burns on their lands, please remember to contact 310-5000 to advise of a time and land location so that in the event a fire call is reported to 911 you will not be charged for a call out. Otherwise, if you do have a controlled burn, and the fire department responds to a 911 call, you will be charged accordingly for said call out.

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 to extend their appreciation to all ratepayers for their patience and co-operation as development opportunities continue in the municipality. The Council is extremely excited about the future of the municipality and continues to work diligently on your behalf.