

RM OF DUFFERIN # 190 – 2014 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, 2014.
- 6 % if paid by September 30, 2014
- 4 % if paid by October 31, 2014
- 2 % if paid by November 30, 2014
- 0 % in December 31, 2014

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 discounts that may be applied. 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.

As of 2013, the Ministry of Government Relations amended legislation exempting the education portion of property taxes from discount rates in municipalities.

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES

The 2014 Taxable Assessment is 191,060,946. The municipal mill rate for 2014 has been set at 4.413, an increase of 0.5 mills from 2013.

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

1. Municipal Mill Rate – 4.413 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.

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

Rainfall events of June 28-29, 2014 created a number of adversities for ratepayers in the RM of Dufferin #190. A number of roads were flooded over or washed out, some yard sites were flooded and others shut off by closed roads. Due to the severity of the situation the Council made application to declare a disaster area and be eligible for assistance under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP).

Ratepayers experiencing cleanup or damage costs related to the June 28-29, 2014 rainfall events that are not covered by insurance may be eligible for assistance funding. Application Forms are available at the municipal office. Please note that registration of claims must be submitted by December 29, 2014 and work must be completed by June 29, 2015.

For more information please contact the municipal office or PDAP at 1-866-632-4033.

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.

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**RESORT WASTE COLLECTION— VALLEYVIEW, HIGHWOOD BEACH
KEDLESTON BEACH & MARION HEIGHTS RESORT**

The Municipal office has received *NUMEROUS complaints* regarding resort property waste bins being filled with grass clippings, tree cuttings, lumber, furniture and other waste materials. **PLEASE REMEMBER** that the waste collection bins at all the resorts are for bagged household garbage only. *Your cooperation is appreciated.*

The 2014 sanitation levy remains unchanged from 2013. Sanitation levies continue to reflect a recouping of the cost to the municipality for the contracted waste collection service.

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

Through an Agreement with the Village of Bethune, the R.M. of Dufferin ratepayers have access and are permitted to use the recycling bins located in the Village of Bethune.

Single Stream Recycling

- Multi-Materials bins -Tin cans, Household plastics, newsprint and cardboard may be placed in the bins without having to be separated. Please ensure that all the boxes are broken down before placing in the bins to maximize the bins capacity.

During the last few years the municipality has experienced substantial development. Progress continues in resource development, pipeline maintenance, resort property development and country residential developments.

The municipality will be contemplating a number of capital improvement projects in the next few years. Some projects being considered are; improvements to low level crossing surfaces; clay capping haul section of Grid #642; road construction in haul areas. Projects may be considered upon funding availability from Provincial and Federal grant programs.

On primary weight corridor roads (Grid #642 & Grid #739) the municipality will be applying greater amounts of gravel and applying coarser materials in an effort to provide a more effective base and driving surface. Normal gravelling will occur on other grid road and main farm access roads.

Further to this, the municipality will be enhancing dust control applications around the municipality targeting areas where there are higher traffic volumes. In 2014, the municipality will be budgeting approximately \$70,000 for dust control product and application. *Please note that all sites or intersections may not have dust control product applied.* Areas done will be reviewed annually to ensure dust control applications are being maximized in the higher traffic volume areas.

The Council extends their appreciation to all ratepayers for their patience and co-operation as these development opportunities, capital projects and maintenance projects continue in the RM of Dufferin #190.

Members of the Council for the RM of Dufferin #190:

Reeve Terry Neugebauer
Division 1 - Warren Martin
Division 4 – Shirley Hickey

Division 2 – Lorrie Zinn
Division 5 – George Riche

Division 3 – Les Paul
Division 6 – Vance Edwards

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Regular municipal office hours are as follows

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

For updates on municipal development, news releases and public notices visit the RM of Dufferin #190 website at www.rmofdufferin190.com

In an effort to communicate public notices, emergency notices and other information of interest to ratepayers, the municipality is administering a Facebook page with the Village of Bethune. Social media is playing a more important role in the notification of events and happenings and it is anticipated that the Village of Bethune and RM of Dufferin #190 Facebook page will be an effective tool in this regard. Remember to "LIKE" us on Facebook so that you may receive posting updates.

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