



# RM OF DUFFERIN # 190

## 2018 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

### MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES

The 2018 Taxable Assessment is 269,601,580 with the municipal mill rate for 2018 being set at 3.1 mills.

School mill rates, which are now established by the Provincial Government, remain unchanged from 2017. Listed below are the following mill rates for municipal and school tax levying:

1.	Municipal Mill Rate –	3.1 mills
2.	School Mill Rates:	
	• Agricultural Class of Property	1.43
	• Residential and Seasonal Residential	4.12
	• Commercial Industrial	6.27
	• Commercial Industrial Resource	9.68

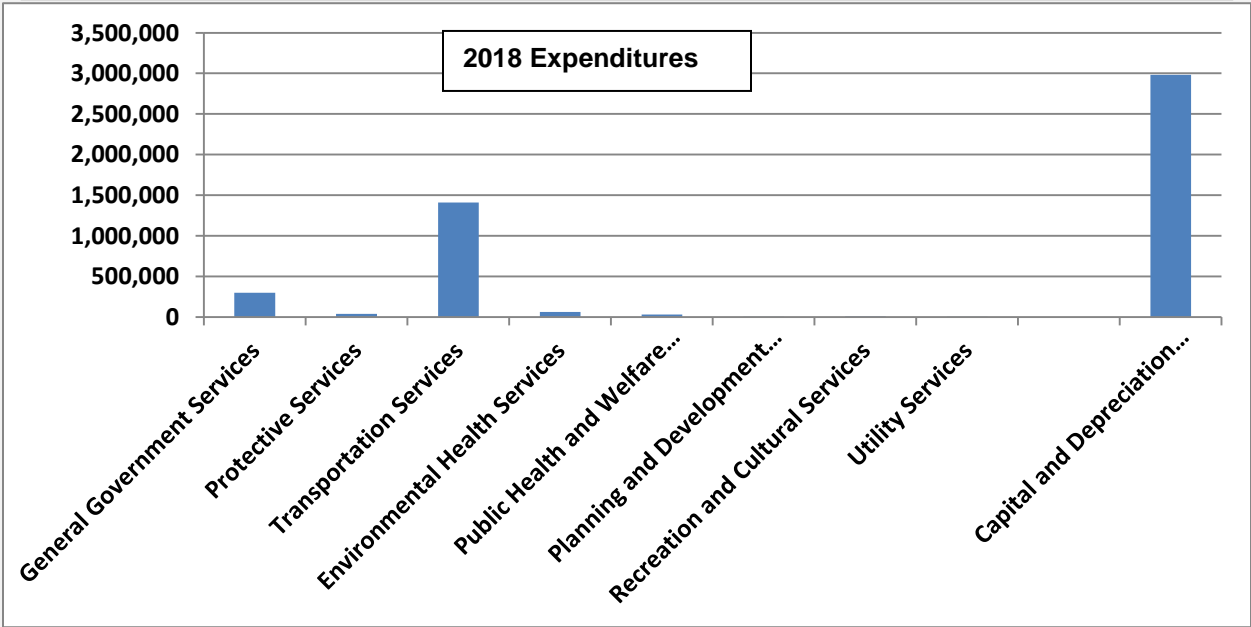
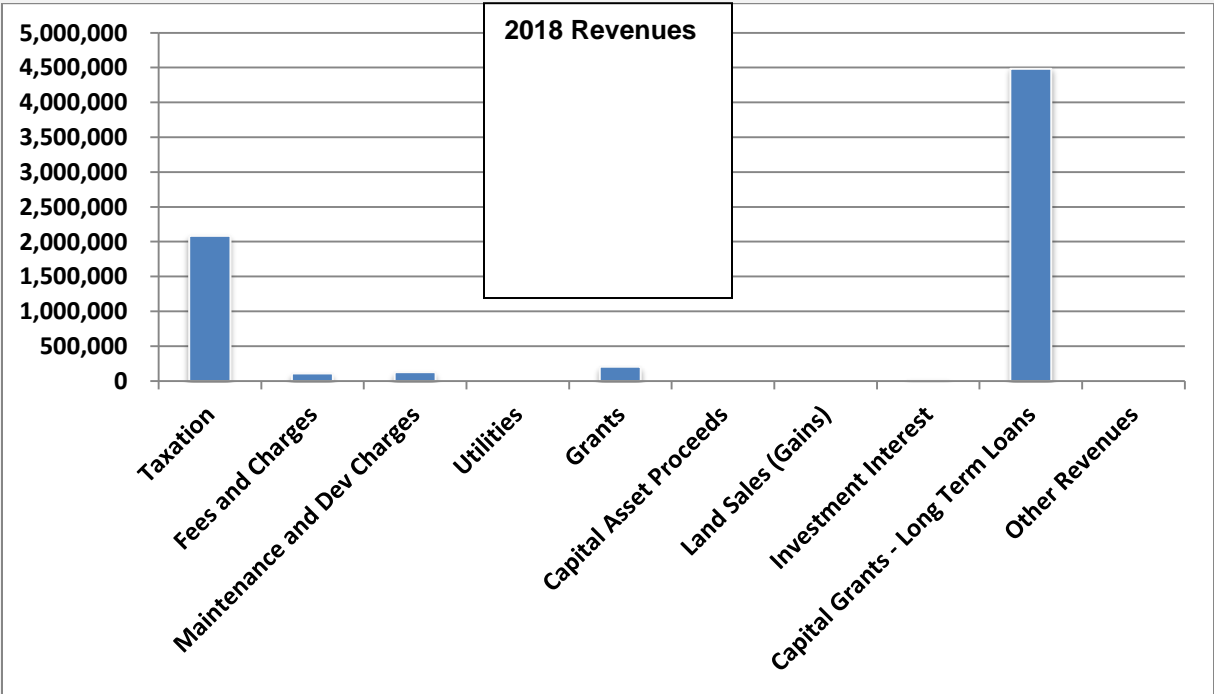
#### 2018 Budget Revenues / Expenditures

The 2018 Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan were adopted by the Council on May 9, 2018.

The bar graphs below illustrate the 2018 budgeted Operating Revenues and Operating Expenditures (including amortization of capital infrastructure and equipment purchases).

Operating Revenues, Capital Grants, proceeds from long term borrowing and transfers are budgeted for \$7.14 million while Operating & Capital Expenditures are being estimated at \$4.84 million. This results in a budgeted net change in surplus of \$ 2.29 million. Actual Cash Revenues are budgeted at \$2.504 million with Actual Operating Expenditures being budgeted at \$1.858 million resulting in a cash surplus of \$646,200.

Capital Projects for 2018 include: Completion of paving on Road #1 Legacy Road to KSPC Bethune Mine; clay capping of 3.2 km of Grid #642; clay capping 3.2 km of the Findlater Grid north of Grid Road #739; clay capping 3.2 km Range Road 245 south of Legacy Road; clay capping 3.2 km of Range Road 231 south of Kedleston Beach Access; clay capping 1.6 km of Twp Road 194 east of Grid Road #642





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

- 8 % if paid by August 31, 2018
- 6 % if paid by September 30, 2018
- 4 % if paid by October 31, 2018
- 2 % if paid by November 30, 2018
- 0 % in December 2018

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: 6% - paid by August 31, 5% - paid by September 30, 4% - paid by October 31, and 2%- 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.

### PAYMENT OF TAX ACCOUNTS

Payment of the tax accounts can be made in cash, by cheque or debit and electronically through the bank.

Ratepayers wishing to make payments online may do so via the following financial institutions: Connexus Credit Union, Bank of Nova Scotia, Royal Bank of Canada and C.I.B.C.

Depending on your financial institution you will have to go into their website and set up the R.M. of Dufferin # 190 as a Payee. The municipality will be using owner numbers as a reference for payment, which are on the Tax notice (located just above the name). The R.M. of Dufferin # 190 owner numbers are from 1 to 999. Make sure to set it up as 4 digit number. Ex.: Customer number is 500 therefore the number to be set on the Payee line as 0500. Please note a receipt will be issued after the amount is deposited into the R.M. bank account.

### Dust Control Policy with Calcium Chloride

*The R.M. of Dufferin 190 may provide Dust Control to farm sites directly adjacent to roads at the request of the land owner in the following manner:*

- *For the purpose of this policy a farm site is deemed to be a maximum area of 600 feet;*
- *The municipality will provide dust control application to various occupied residential sites, intersections and targeted resort access roads annually.*
- *The municipality, in providing the dust control application at no cost, will target occupied residential sites along substantially travelled routes, haul routes and primary weight corridor roads. This shall be done at no cost to the ratepayer at the occupied residential site. A Substantially travelled road shall be defined as a road having daily traffic volume of 75 vehicles per day.*
- *In the event an occupied residential site is not provided dust control and a ratepayer requests dust control product, and of the Council's opinion, is situated on a road that is travelled very minimally, daily traffic volume of less than 75 vehicles per day, the ratepayer shall be charged \$300.00 per dust control application, where the municipality is required to apply a granular chloride product with the R.M. sand spreader and spray the area with the water immediately to activate the product;*
- *Council reserves the right to prioritize the requests based on needs and time constraints.*
- *Applications for dust control should be submitted to the municipal office in writing prior to May 1 of each year.*

### RURAL FIRE CALLS/ FIRE BAN

#### Did you know?

An individual could be held responsible for the cost of false Fire calls.

The RM of Dufferin 190 is warning all rural residents of the high cost of burning. An out-of-control grass fire could cost a property owner few thousands of dollars just for firefighting itself.

Please, make sure you have fire insurance policy, especially your deductible, to ensure it will meet all your requirements.

**No fire shall be ignited at any point while the FIRE BAN is in effect.** You are strongly advised to check with the RM office or on our website, if the Fire Ban has been lifted or not. Due to dry weather conditions in the past year and this summer coming the Fire Ban is important act to prevent severe damage. It would not take much in such conditions to spread the fire in rural or urban areas, and the impact could be disastrous.

#### CONTROLLED BURNING IN THE RM OF DUFFERIN

For those ratepayers wishing to have controlled burns on their lands, please remember to contact 1-866-404-4911 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 the said call out. Also please contact the RM office at 306-638-3112 with the same information to make sure that our Fire Department would be aware of the location for controlled fire in advance.



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### **Development Permits and Building Permits – IT IS YOUR Responsibility**

Each year a number of inquiries are made to whether or not Building Permits are necessary for all kinds of different types of development.

First and foremost, all municipalities in Saskatchewan are responsible for the orderly and regulated development within their municipal boundaries. As well within today's mortgage requirements, insurance requirements and an onus on ALL municipalities to ensure residential and commercial buildings are constructed to a minimum standard, it is only appropriate to advise and re-enforce the RM of Dufferin #190 Zoning and Building Development procedures and policies.

There are important steps to follow when considering building development and lot development. Development Permits and Building Permits are required when: new construction is contemplated; major building renovations where structural changes are necessary; and when buildings are moved into the municipality.

Prior to any construction or alteration of buildings, the proper municipal approval must be obtained. Plans for new construction and major renovations are subject to the Development Permit Application process. The Development Permit Application is reviewed to ensure Zoning Bylaw compliance within the RM of Dufferin #190. Permitted and Discretionary Uses are reviewed with appropriate process followed. When a successful Development Permit is issued, the Building Permit Application is forwarded to the building inspector for review. Included with the Building Permit Application will be construction details (engineered drawings); geotechnical reports (if required); and other information relating to the proposed development. The RM's Building Inspector will review the Building Permit Application and accompanying documentation to apply the National Building Code of Canada Regulations, Uniform Accessibility Standards & Regulations and Provincial Fire Regulations. Once the plans have been reviewed by a building inspector and alterations made if necessary, the building inspector may approve the Building Permit Application. **NO WORK CAN BE DONE UNTIL THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND BUILDING PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED.**

For more information on Development/Building Permit application processes visit the RM of Dufferin website at: [www.rmofdufferin190.com](http://www.rmofdufferin190.com).

### **293 (2) (E) Assessment Exemption**

The Municipalities Act provides for a assessment exemptions for land owned or leased in the municipality or an adjoining municipality, which is to be applied against a dwelling assessment occupied by the owner or lessee.

Under clause 293 (2) (E) of the Act the assessment on the dwelling that is situated outside of the organized hamlet and is occupied by an owner or lessee of land maybe reduced as follows:

1. If the taxable land assessment, owned or leased, has a property class of either A "Agricultural" or N "Grazing Land", and
2. The land is located in the municipality or in any adjoining municipality
3. The total of the eligible taxable land assessment may not exceed the taxable assessment on the dwelling.

It is the responsibility of the property owners to check their tax notice to ensure that the 293 (2) (E) exemption is correct. Should any one notice an error or require an additional clarification, please, contact the Municipal office.

It is as well the responsibility of the owner to annually complete and submit to the municipal office a statutory declaration for eligible leased land or land owned in an adjacent municipality.

### **Bethune and District Cemetery**

The RM of Dufferin 190 is accepting donations on behalf of the Bethune and District Cemetery Fund to assist in annual cost cemetery maintenance. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for any donations received.

The Council would like to extend a special thanks to Harold McNally and all the volunteers who work hard on the cemetery maintenance and beautification.

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In the spring of 2018 the RM of Dufferin #190 purchased a 24 niche Columbarium for the cemetery. The Columbarium will be a respectful sanctuary for peace and remembrance of the cremated remains of loved ones. For all inquiries, such as niche pricing, availability, plaque etc., please, contact the RM office in person, by phone or e-mail: 190@sasktel.net.



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

The 2018 sanitation levy for the resort property owners has been set at \$110.00. Sanitation levies continue to reflect a recouping of the cost to the municipality for the contracted waste collection service.

The RM of Dufferin has again provided for service 30 yard container in May this year to assist in having resort yard sites cleaned up. This "spring cleanup" service has received positive comments in the past few years and is anticipated to continue in the future years.

Just a quick reminder not to use your residential collection bins for grass clippings, lumber, furniture etc. as those type of bins are for general waste only.

If there are objects that in need for disposal, please, either use the recycling container that is based on the Railway Avenue in the Village of Bethune (paper, carton, plastic bottles, cans etc.) Or, you are required to take such waste to any nearby facilities where it can be disposed with no harm to the environment.

### *2018 – Municipal Election year*

**2018 is a Municipal Election Year with municipal elections Province wide scheduled for October 24, 2018. For the RM of Dufferin the following positions are up for election: Councilor Divisions: 2, 4, 6.**

If an election is required notice will be advertised in the Last Mountain Times newspaper and Public Notice will be posted to our Facebook page and RM of Dufferin 190 website.

Present members of the Council for the RM of Dufferin #190:

Reeve - Terry Neugebauer;	Division 1 – Brian Weisbrod	Division 2 – Lorrie Zinn	Division 3 – Colby Kivol;
	Division 4 – Brent Smith	Division 5 – George Riche	Division 6 – Vance Edwards

For information on Municipal Elections candidate and voter eligibility visit:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/election-procedures>.

### ***NON-POTABLE WATER DECLARATION***

As per previous year information the water quality at Gladstone Well (location SE 32-20-24-W2) stays the same (Section 14 of the Public Health Act). Due to water being untreated it 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 via the tax notice mail out.

### **RM of Dufferin 190 Municipal Office**

**Regular municipal office hours are as follows:**

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

Council meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month. If there are any changes RM of Dufferin 190 will notify residents via Public notice on Facebook and the RM website.

All our Council meetings are open to the public. Individuals and groups requesting to attend the meeting with the opportunity to make a presentation directly to the Council should make an appointment two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

If anyone has any concerns or questions that require Council's attention, please, e-mail your questions to: [190@sasktel.net](mailto:190@sasktel.net) and the Administrator will bring the subject to the Council for their review.

The Municipal office is offering free of charge Commissioner for Oaths services for municipal business.

Municipal Maps are available at our office with 2017-2018 Assessment Values. The maps are in full colour and it costs \$12.50 per map. If you cannot pick up one we can mail it to you. Total will be \$15.50 including postage.

For more information or upcoming projects please visit our website [www.rmofdufferin190.com](http://www.rmofdufferin190.com) or Facebook page to keep your hand on the pulse of the Municipality.