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MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES

The 2019 Taxable Assessment is 269,601,580 with the municipal mill rate for 2019 being set at the same level as 2018 - 3.1 mills.
School mill rates, which are now established by the Provincial Government, remain unchanged from 2018. 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

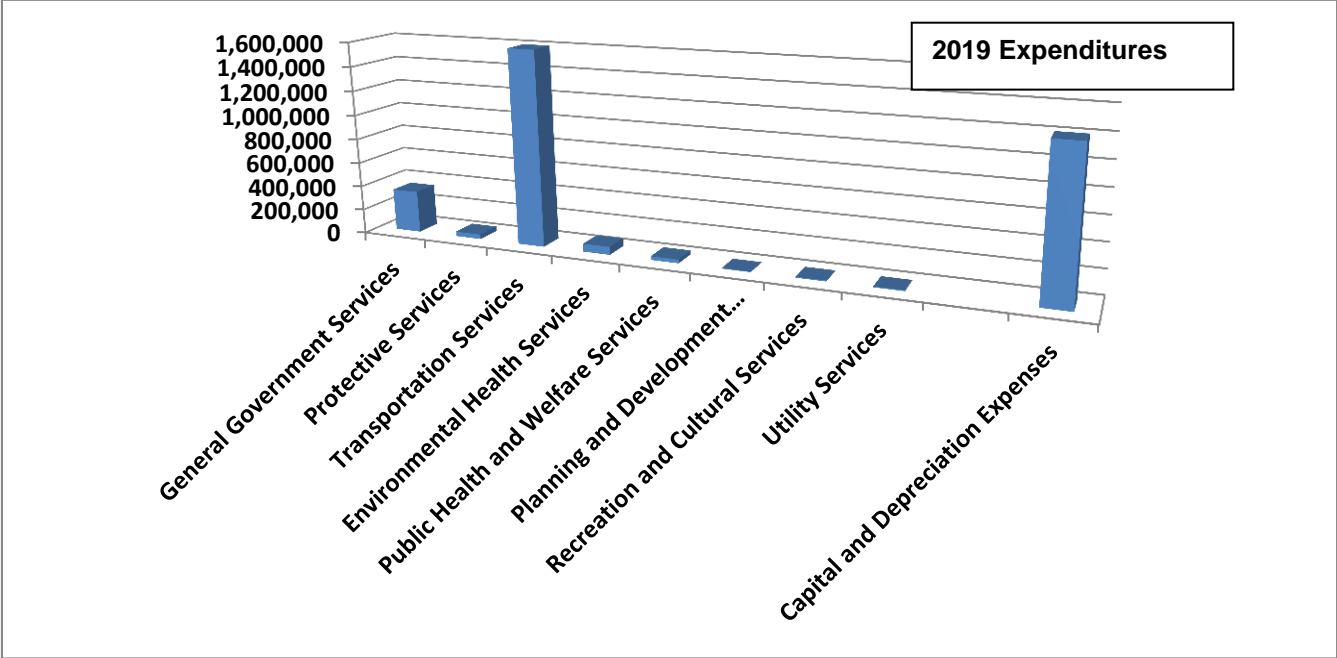
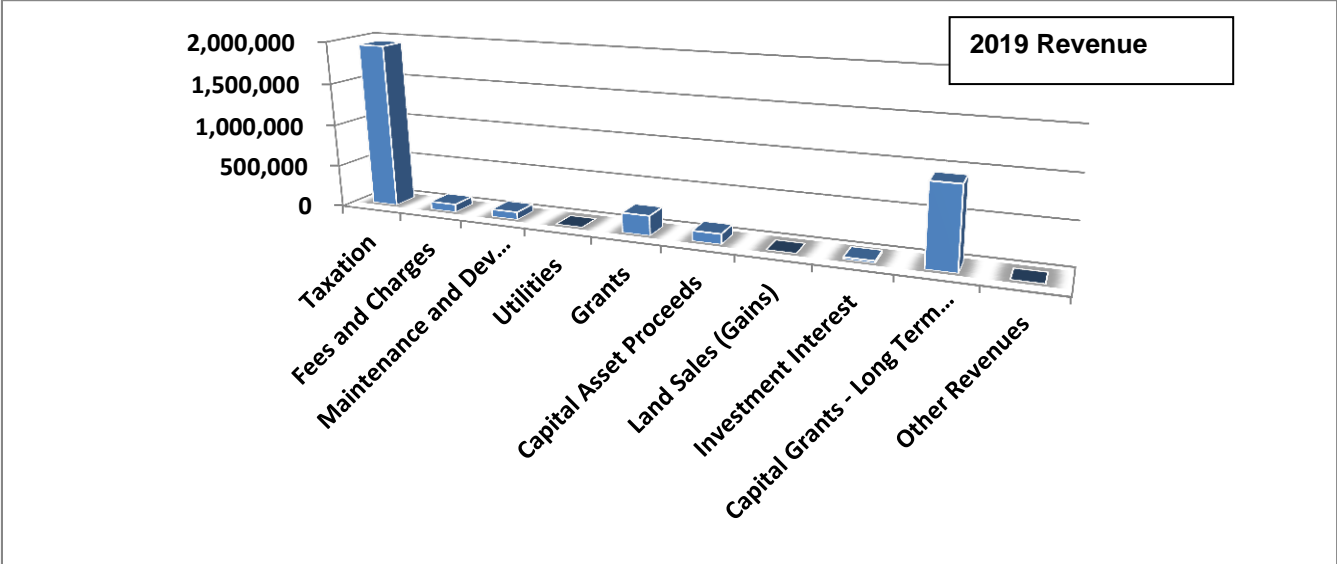
2019 Budget Revenues / Expenditures

The 2019 Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan were adopted by the Council on May 8, 2019.

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 \$3.4 million while Operating & Capital Expenditures are being estimated at \$3.3 million. This results in a budgeted net change in surplus of \$140,000 for 2019. Actual Cash Revenues are budgeted at \$2.507 million with Actual Operating Expenditures being budgeted at \$2.096 million resulting in a cash surplus of \$411,000.

Capital Projects for 2019 include: Rotomixing 3.2 km of Grid 739 from Highway #2 juncton; clay capping of 3.2 km of the Findlater Grid; rotomixing 1.6 km of Range Road 245 south of Bethune Mine Road #1.





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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, 2019
- 6 % if paid by September 30, 2019
- 4 % if paid by October 31, 2019
- 2 % if paid by November 30, 2019
- 0 % in December 2019

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: Conexus 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 of 600 feet of road frontage;
- The municipality will provide dust control application to various occupied residential sites, intersections and targeted resort access roads annually.
- 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.

FIRE BANS – No fire shall be ignited while the FIRE BAN is in effect. You are strongly advised to check with the RM office or on our website, if a Fire Ban in affect or if it has been lifted. Due to dry weather conditions in the past year and this summer coming a Fire Ban is important measure to prevent severe damage. It deos not take much in dry conditions to spread a fire in rural or urban areas, and of course 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. 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 a 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.

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.

Columbarium space purchase - a 24 niche Columbarium is available at 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: rm190@bethunesk.ca.

Pest Control Products

Rat and Mouse Poison: The RM of Dufferin carries a variety of baits for the control for rats and mice. Ratepayers of the RM of Dufferin may access these supplies in limited quantities throughout the year for no cost.

Gopher Control: Annually the RM of Dufferin orders limited amounts of 2%strychnine liquid that is sold to ratepayers. Strychnine is a traditional gopher control product that is currently under review for production and sale in Canada.

The Municipalty also has in stock pre-mixed bait. The premix bait (Rozol Ground Force) is strychnine free, however is a powerful product that controls gopher populations as well as the strychnine product and has no secondary poisoning residuals. All gopher control product are sold as quantities last.



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

The 2019 sanitation levy for the resort property owners remains the same at \$165.00. 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.



Bylaw Enforcement

The RM of Dufferin has contracted out services for bylaw enforcement. Some notable bylaws that will be enforced are:

- i. Zoning Bylaw – enforcement of regulations concerning development in the RM of Dufferin #190.
- ii. Nuisance Bylaw – enforcement of unsightly premises, unregistered vehicles and abandoned and derelict buildings.
- iii. Animal Control – enforcement of animals running at large, dangerous or causing a public nuisance.
- iv. Road Bylaw – enforcement of activities occurring on municipal right of way. Includes illegal drainage, bush removal, spraying out of right of way, placement of shelter belts, stone piles, materials and/machinery to close to right of way

Village of Bethune Waste Disposal Site Access

The RM of Dufferin #190 is pleased to advise that RM ratepayers now have access to the Village of Bethune waste disposal site.

Landfill hours from April 03, 2019 (Saturdays: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Wednesdays: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM).

The Waste Disposal Site is closed during the winter months.

For more information on materials accepted at the Bethune Waste Dipsoal site visit the Village of Bethune website at www.villageofbethune.com.

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 the second Wednesday of the month. If there are any changes the RM of Dufferin 190 will notify residents via Public notice on Facebook, the RM website and posting in the municipal office.

All Council meetings are open to the public. Individuals and groups requesting to attend the meeting wishing an opportunity to make a presentation directly to the Council should make an appointment a minimum one week prior the scheduled meeting.

If anyone has any concerns or questions that require Council's attention, please e-mail your questions to: rm190@bethunesk.ca 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 cost \$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 or Facebook page to keep your hand on the pulse of the Municipality.