



# 2020 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

## MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES

The 2020 Taxable Assessment is 304,775,085 with the municipal mill rate for 2020 being set at the same level as 2019 - 3.1 mills.  
School mill rates, which are now established by the Provincial Government, remain unchanged from 2019. 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

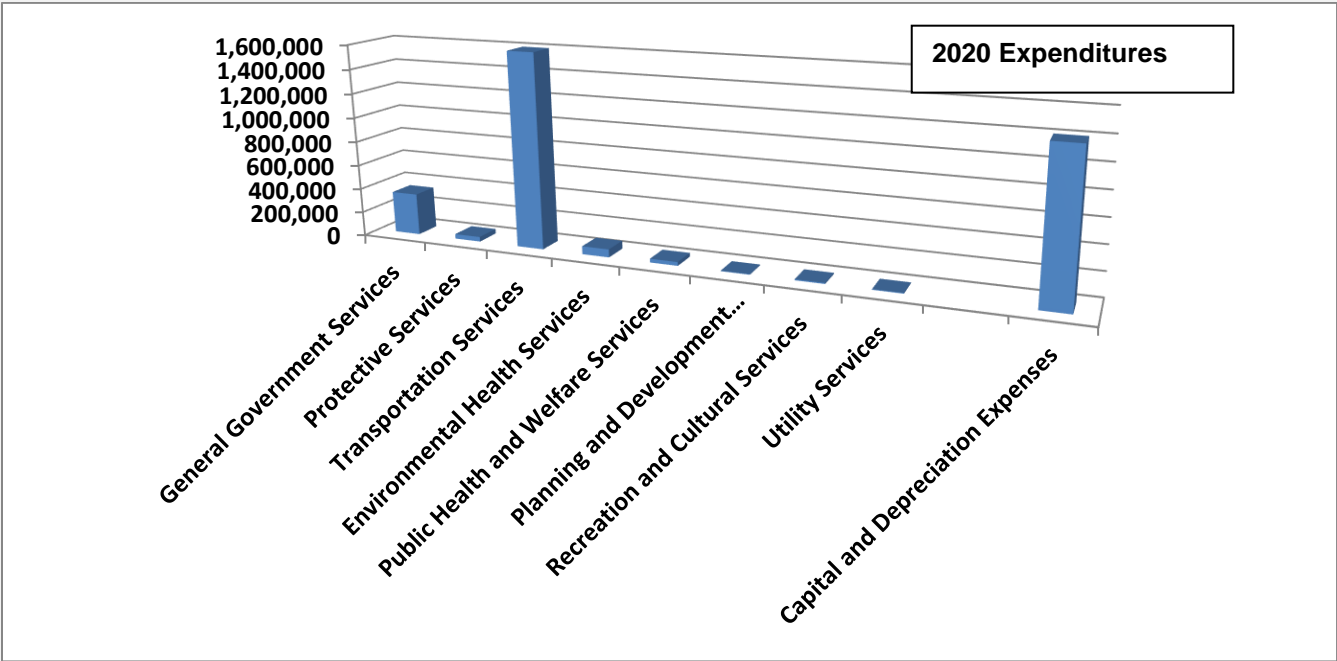
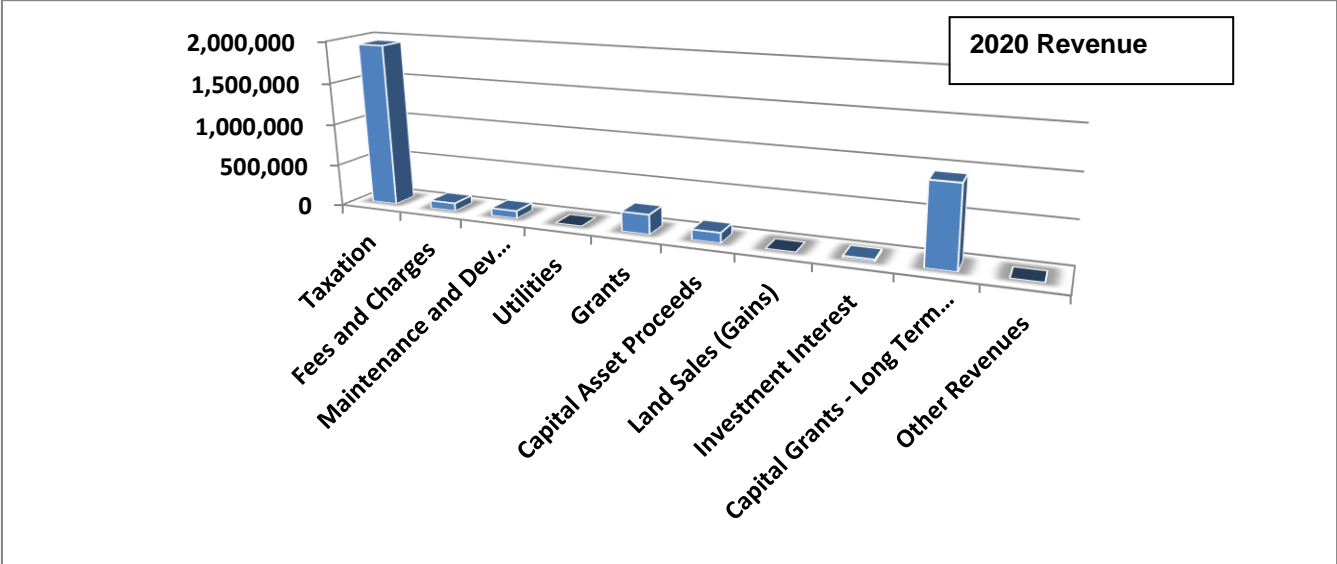
### 2020 Budget Revenues / Expenditures

The 2020 Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan were adopted by the Council on April 8, 2020.

The bar graphs below illustrate the 2020 budgeted Operating Revenues and Operating Expenditures (including amortization of capital infrastructure and equipment purchases).

Operating Revenues, Capital Grants and transfers are budgeted for \$3.4 million while Operating & Capital Expenditures are being estimated at \$2.7 million. This results in a budgeted net change in surplus of \$689,000 for 2020. Actual Cash Revenues are budgeted at \$2.652 million with Actual Operating Expenditures being budgeted at \$1.991 million resulting in a cash surplus of \$660,700.

Capital Projects for 2020 include: clay capping of 4.8 km of Grid 739 from the Village of Bethune and 3.2 km South of the Findlater Grid.





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### PAYMENT OF TAX ACCOUNTS

All Tax and any other payments can be made in a few different ways. For your convenience and time saving we offer online payments or e-transfers. It is simple and easy way to pay your bills. If you are busy or do not have time for small things like bill payments, simply go online to your bank account, select RM of Dufferin 190 as your Payee and proceed with the payment or, you can select recurring payment and the same amount will be debited from the account every month/or as you select. The other option is e-transfer that allows you to send money using an e-mail address. It is very convenient and an easy option that allows you to pay your bills from your home or work.

As well payment options also include: cheque, cash or debit.

Stop by the municipal office and make a payment. After hours cheque payments may be deposited into the drop-in box that is located at: RM of Dufferin 190 and Village of Behune Administrative office, 101 Railway Avenue, Bethune.

### 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 requests all rural residents to be mindful of the high cost of burning. An out-of-control grass fire could cost a property owner thousands of dollars in fire fighting costs.

Please ensure your insurance policy covers rural fire calls. Check with your insurance agent.

**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 a Fire Ban is an important measure to prevent severe damage. It does 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.

### **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).



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### 2020–Municipal Election year

*2020 is Municipal Election Year with municipal elections Province wide scheduled for November 09, 2020. The following Council positions are as follows: Reeve and 3 members of Council for Divisions 1, 3, 5.*

*The following is information for Municipal Elections candidate and voter eligibility.*

#### Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, you must be at least 18 years old, be a Canadian citizen, and qualify as one of the following:

- a resident in the rural municipality for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election
- the registered owner (or purchaser under a bona fide agreement for sale) of land in the rural municipality assessed with respect to land in the rural municipality under a lease, license, permit, or contract in agreement with the registered owner
- assessed with respect to an improvement in the rural municipality
- hold a permit in the rural municipality with respect to a trailer or mobile home
- a spouse of a person mentioned in (b), (c), (d), or (e) above; or
- the chief executive officer of a duly incorporated co-operative, corporation or religious association that is assessed on the last revised assessment roll with respect to property in the rural municipality that is not exempt from taxation.

Councillors are elected by voters qualifying to vote in the division they are seeking election to represent. The bottom right corner of your RM property tax notice contains the information about the division you live in.

Valid identification to use at polls

To vote you must provide valid identification with your photo, name and address. Bringing government issued photo ID is your best option.

Other options include:

- A valid Saskatchewan Driver's Licence;
- A valid Saskatchewan ID card issued by SGI or any motor licence issuer
- Any other valid government issued photo ID issued by a Canadian government whether federal, provincial or municipal, or an agency of that government, so long as it includes your name and address.
- A Canadian passport is not an acceptable form of photo identification because it does not contain your address. However, a Canadian passport can be used as identification if paired with another document that has your name and address on it.

Non-Photo ID Options

- If you don't have photo identification and are unable to obtain photo-ID before election day, you can present two other pieces of information, as long as both contain your name and at least one contains your address. Options:
- Valid ID cards or certificates issued by the Canadian or Saskatchewan government, a Saskatchewan municipality or school division, a Saskatchewan Indian band, the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan or an agency of one of these entities.
- Personal correspondence, benefit/contribution statements and tax/assessment notices issued by any of the above entities.
- Bank/credit union cards, credit cards and statements.
- Utility bills and statements issued within six months of the date of the election.
- Personalized attestation of residence, letter of stay or admission form issued by a seniors or student residence, long term care or shelter facility.

#### Vouching

A person without acceptable ID but who is accompanied by another voter who has acceptable ID and is entitled to vote at the same polling place can be vouched for by that individual using the form available at the polling station from an election official.

- A voter with acceptable ID may only vouch for one other person, except for immediate family members living at the same address as the voucher.
- A person who has been vouched for cannot vouch for another voter.
- Election officials, candidates and candidate's agents are prohibited from vouching.

#### Running as a candidate/candidate eligibility

You are eligible to run for council and for nomination if you are:

- at least 18 years old on election day
- a Canadian citizen
- a Saskatchewan resident for the past six months;
- not disqualified from being nominated by The Local Government Elections Act, 2015 (LGEA) or any other Act; and
- are eligible to vote in the rural municipality.

Candidates require two voters to sign their nomination paper. If a candidate is running as a councillor, the nominators must be eligible to vote in the division the candidate wishes to represent. The candidate's nomination paper must be duly completed, signed, and accompanied by the candidate's signed acceptance. **Effective January 1st, 2020 the Public Disclosure Statement is required with nomination forms.**

### 2021–Assessment Revaluation Year

*2021 is a reassessment year in the province of Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) will be updating property valuations to reflect a base date of January 1, 2019. The RM of Dufferin 190 will be provided with preliminary 2021 assessment information in late 2020. Once the information is received it will be reviewed by the Council and information on the impacts of the 2021 Revaluation will be sent out to ratepayers in early 2021.*



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### WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING FOR THE RM AND RESORT RESIDENTS

The 2020 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 a 30 yard container in May of each year to assist in having resort yard sites cleaned up.

A kind 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 you have other larger waste objects or materials that require disposal please use the Village of Bethune Landfill/ Transfer Station.

Opening times: Wednesdays – 6.00 – 8.00 p.m., Saturday – 10.00 a.m – 4 p.m.

The site operates between April and October annually.

Winter months the Landfill Station is closed.

If you require alternate disposal after Bethune Landfill operating hours you may be required to take waste to any nearby facilities where it can be disposed accordingly.

### RECYCLING

To help the environment residents of the RM of Dufferin 190 can use the blue recycling container that is situated at Railway Avenue in the Village of Bethune.

All Resorts at the RM of Dufferin have been provided with 30 yard recycling container.

Please make sure you recycle the following: **paper, carton, plastic bottles, cans etc.**

For more information on recycling visit: <https://www.loraas.ca/facilities/recycle-facility/waste-widget/>

### 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.*

### 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](mailto: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 the municipal office with 2017-2018 Assessment Values. The maps are in full colour, updated regularly, every 3 to 4 months, and cost \$12.50 per map. If you cannot pick up map it can be mailed to you. Total including mailing is \$15.50.

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.