



Points of Interest by the Council of the RM of Dufferin 190:

1. Replaced a grader to a new John Deere
2. Updated several Bylaws – sounds simple, but this is politics and need Provincial Government approval
3. Installing new signs on some RGE and TWP Roads
4. Upgrade in progress on 739 Grid
5. Pricing for bridge replacement at Findlater.

Notice to all ratepayers:

- Boat Launch at Highwood Beach is a Public use (owned by the RM on RM's Municipal Reserve land). Parking is available.
- Boat Launch at Northshore Lands (home of Glamping site) is available to the public for use.
- Parking is available.

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.

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.

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.

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



MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES

The 2021 Taxable Assessment is 331,180,975 with the municipal mill rate for 2021 being set at - 2.947 mills. School mill rates, which are now established by the Provincial Government, have changed since 2020. Listed below are the following mill rates for municipal and school tax levying:

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Municipal Mill Rate –

2.947 mills
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School Mill Rates:

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Agricultural Class of Property

1.36

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Residential and Seasonal Residential

4.46

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Commercial Industrial

6.75

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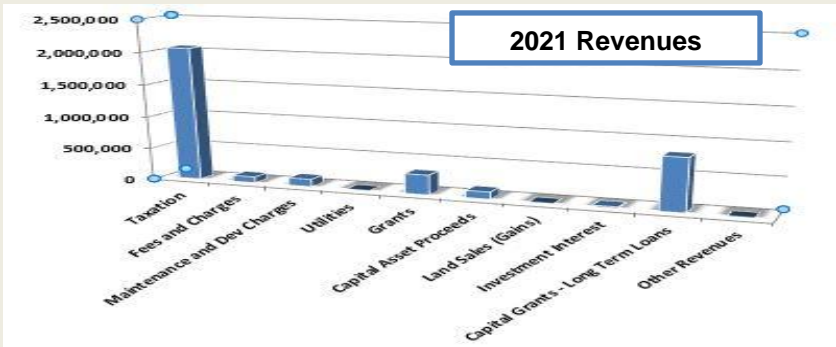
Commercial Industrial Resource

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2021 Budget Revenues / Expenditures

The 2021 Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan were adopted by the Council on April 20, 2021.

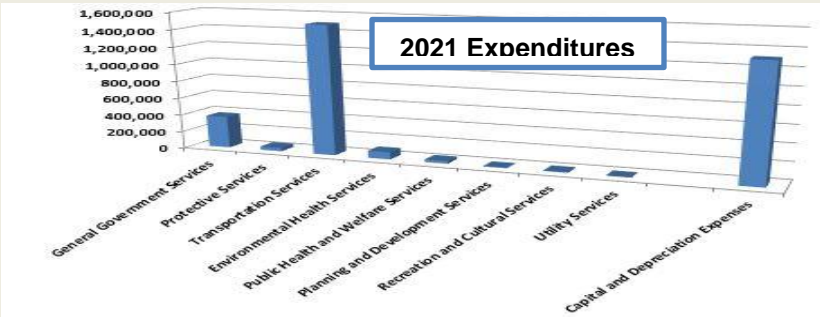
The bar graphs below illustrate the 2021 budgeted Operating Revenues and Operating Expenditures (including amortization of capital infrastructure and equipment purchases).



Operating Revenues, Capital Grants and transfers are budgeted for \$3.5 million while Operating & Capital Expenditures are being estimated at \$3.3 million. This results in a budgeted net change in surplus of \$159,300.00 for 2021. Actual Cash Revenues are budgeted at \$2.702 million with Actual Operating Expenditures being budgeted at \$2.039 million resulting in cash surplus of \$663,500.00.

Capital Projects for 2021:
Clay capping of 739 Grid from the Village of Bethune; grader replacement.

Taxation	2,060,200	76%
Fees and Charges	91,800	3%
Maintenance and Dev Charges	115,900	4%
Utilities	0	0%
Grants	305,600	11%
Capital Asset Proceeds	110,000	4%
Land Sales (Gains)	0	0%
Investment Interest	19,200	1%
Capital Grants - Long Term Loans	809,500	30%
Other Revenues	0	0%
totals	3,512,200	130%



General Government Services	372,300	11%
Protective Services	40,300	1%
Transportation Services	1,498,200	45%
Environmental Health Services	83,700	2%
Public Health and Welfare Services	30,100	1%
Planning and Development Services	4,000	0%
Recreation and Cultural Services	8,200	0%
Utility Services	2,400	0%
Capital and Depreciation Expenses	1,313,700	39%
	3,352,900	100%

RM of Dufferin 190 Council

Your Reeve and Council Members are:

Reeve – Russ Kirzinger (306) 450 0400

Division 1 – Kyle Sanderson (306) 519 5880

Division 2 – Hoyt Colven – (306) 638 7613

Division 3 – Sheila Fishley (306) 539 3725

Division 4 – Michael McGill (306) 550 3607

Division 5 – Ashton Riche (306) 731 7458

Division 6 – Bob Bennett (306) 631 4560

If you have any questions to the Council, please contact the above number to your Councillor for assistance.

If you have any concerns regarding municipal road, please contact RM Foreman Chris Norman (306) 6387966 or direct to the office (306) 638 3112.



Re-Assessment Year

2021 is a re-evaluation year for SAMA (Sask. Assessment Management Agency). SAMA's role in determining assessed value for properties is just the first part of a process established by provincial legislation. Changes are based on sales data between January 2015 to January 2019. Your RM of Dufferin taxes are based on SAMA's determination of your property value. You have been sent your property assessment earlier this year for your information and understanding as well as to make an appeal in case of the value did not meet your expectations. Due to 2021 has been a re-assessment year all ratepayers have been given 60 days to appeal the assessment to SAMA. Anyone who would like to get more information on the property he/she owes, understand how the assessment works and how the valuation is calculated, please use MySAMA website. This website will also help to determine the difference between neighboring properties, if there are any questions or concerns.

Your RM of Dufferin taxes are based on the assessed value of your property. If the assessed value goes up or down from last year this means that your taxes also may go up or down. The RM of Dufferin 190 is not involved in the assessment at any time, therefore, if there are any questions arose regarding property assessed value here is a contact number for SAMA: (306) 924 8080.

To view your detailed property report, you will need to have handy Assessment ID number that can be found on your Tax/Assessment Notices. If you have a problem to find it, just call to the office.

TAX PAYMENTS

2021 Taxes have been levied and there are few payment options for your convenience.

To save time and for flexibility in these unpredictable times 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. You can also 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 easy option, and you can pay your bills remotely with the app from your phone at any time. Just select an e-mail address: rm190@bethunesk.ca.

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 Bethune Administrative office, 101 Railway Avenue, Bethune.

WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING FOR THE RM AND RESORT RESIDENTS

The 2021 sanitation levy for the resort property owners has changed and it is now \$185.00. Sanitation levies continue to reflect a recouping of the cost to the municipality for the contracted waste collection service.

The RM of Dufferin yet again has provided for service a 30 yard container for 3 months to the Lake Resorts starts as of July 2021 to the end of September to assist in having resort yard sites cleaned up.

Please refrain from disposing of yard and garden waste materials, grass clippings, tree branches, etc. into general household bins as these items are not separated at the landfill. Yard waste should be hauled to the landfill where it placed onto a pile that is then mulched or burnt.

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

RECYCLING

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

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/>



RURAL FIRE CALLS/ FIRE BAN

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 firefighting costs.

Please ensure your insurance policy covers rural fire calls. Check with your insurance agent and make any adjustment, if necessary.

FIRE BANS – No fire shall be ignited while the FIRE BAN is in effect. You are strongly advised to check with the RM office, Facebook page or on our website, if a Fire Ban is in effect, or if it has been lifted. Due to dry weather conditions in the past few years 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 as per Bylaw 2-2020. As well, please contact the RM office at 306-638-3112 with the same information to make sure our Fire Department aware of the location for a controlled fire in advance.



Municipal Maps

Municipal Maps are now available at the municipal office with 2021 Assessment Values. The maps are in full colour, last update June this year, cost the same as always \$12.50 per map. If someone requires the map to be mailed, total cost including postage will be \$15.50, and the map will be on its way as soon as the office receives payment on account as per invoice issued to the customer. You can order your map by e-mail: rm190@bethunesk.ca, including your name and address for mailing, or simply call to the office for details (306) 6383112.



Every year accidents occur on Saskatchewan roadways involving equipment and vehicles that result in serious injury or fatalities. Many of these incidents are the result of individuals being struck or crushed by equipment. Recognizing these statistics, the RM would like to stress how important it is for every driver on the roadways to adhere to safe operation of motor vehicles, especially around graders. The RM of Dufferin 190 has a large network of roads that can present challenges, including sight distances that may be shorter than normal, sharp curves, intersections, all alongside graders working on these roadways. Maximum speed limits are to be adhered to at all times and should be regarded as maximum under ideal conditions.

Two thirds of total collisions are related to a driver condition or improper action, such as following too closely to equipment, failing to yield to heavy machinery, driving too fast for road conditions or passing improperly. Approximately 90% of all collisions in rural Saskatchewan are single vehicle collisions. Wearing a seatbelt can reduce your chances of being killed or seriously injured in a collision by as much as 50%.

SAFE DRIVING TECHNIQUES AND TIPS AROUND GRADERS Allow enough space between your vehicle and all municipal equipment such as graders, tractors, sanding units to avoid incident. Windrows created by graders may contain loose stones and rocks. Please try to avoid driving over or on top of windrowed material, as this may result in personal or vehicular damage. Reduced visibility may occur in proximity to equipment, along with ice, small stones, road dust. When travelling near or behind a grader, please reduce speed to 60km/hour or lower, yield to machinery, stay back at least 15 meters and use patience. A little extra care and time can save lives and damage to your personal property. Let's all do our part to make our RM roads safer!

Remember: "Share the Road" and "Think and Drive".