



2023 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

101 Railway Avenue, Bethune SK
Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed from noon to 1:00 p.m. daily
Phone: (306) 638-3112 Email: rm190@bethunesk.ca

Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. If there are any changes to the meeting dates, notification will be provided to residents via Public Notice on Facebook, the RM website and posting in the municipal office.

All regular Council meetings are open to the public. Individuals and groups wishing to make a presentation to the Council, need to submit a Request to Address Council Form at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

If anyone has concerns or questions that require Council's attention, please e-mail your concern or question to: rm190@bethunesk.ca and it will be brought to the Council for its consideration. For more information or updates on upcoming projects please visit our website www.rmofdufferin190.com or the Facebook page (Village of Bethune & RM of Dufferin #190) to keep your finger on the pulse of the Municipality.

RM of Dufferin #190 Council

Reeve – Brian Weisbrod (306) 731-7933
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If you have any concerns regarding municipal roads, please contact the RM Foreman through the RM office (306) 638-3112.

RURAL FIRE CALLS / FIRE BANS

FIRE BANS – No fire shall be ignited while a FIRE BAN is in effect.

It is strongly recommended to check with the RM office, Facebook page or our website to see if a Fire Ban is in effect, or if one has been lifted.

CONTROLLED BURNING IN THE RM OF DUFFERIN #190

For those ratepayers wishing to have controlled burns on their land, 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 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 the Bethune and District Fire Department is aware of the location for a controlled fire in advance.

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILL RATES

The 2023 Taxable Assessment is 332,943,240 with the municipal mill rate for 2023 being set at 3.4 mills.

School mill rates, which are established by the Provincial Government, have not changed since 2022. Listed below are the mill rates for municipal and school tax levying:

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| 1. | <u>Municipal Uniform Mill Rate –</u> | 3.4 mills |
| | • Agricultural Mill Rate Factor | 0.8408 |
| | • Residential Mill Rate Factor | 0.9500 |
| | • Commercial Mill Rate Factor | 2.5000 |
| 2. | <u>Findlater Mill Rate –</u> | 6.5 mills |
| 3. | <u>School Mill Rates:</u> | |
| | • Agricultural Class of Property | 1.42 mills |
| | • Residential and Seasonal Residential | 4.54 mills |
| | • Commercial Industrial | 6.86 mills |
| | • Commercial Industrial Resource | 9.88 mills |

2023 BUDGET REVENUES / EXPENDITURES

The 2023 Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan were approved by the Council on June 8, 2023. Operating Revenues, Capital Grants and transfers are budgeted for \$3.5 million while Operating & Capital Expenditures are being estimated at \$3.4 million. This results in a budgeted net change in surplus of \$99,209 for 2023.



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Capital Projects: There were significant funds expended during 2022 on capital projects and equipment, including continuation of clay capping of 739 Grid, replacement of 2 graders and a mower and an additional tractor. Council has put a freeze on capital expenditures for 2023 since some items purchased in 2022 were anticipated for 2023 but purchased while there was stock available in 2022. The freeze will provide an opportunity to replenish reserves for future replacements.

TAX PAYMENTS

2023 taxes have been levied. For your convenience we offer multiple payment options. Come into the office and pay in person by cash, debit or cheque, or send an e-transfer to: rm190@bethunesk.ca. Conexus Credit Union, CIBC, Scotia Bank and RBC offer the Municipality as a vendor for online banking, so, if you bank with them, select RM of Dufferin #190 as your Payee. Recurring payments can be scheduled under most online banking apps, to allow for payments from your account on a scheduled basis as you select. There is a drop box available at the office for after hours use, or mailed to Box 67, Bethune, SK S0G 0H0.

[Pay before the end of August to maximize your Municipal Tax Discount](#)

DEVELOPMENT / BUILDING PERMITS

The RM of Dufferin #190 office processes a large quantity of Development Permits every year. To maintain a level of standard, all permit requests need to be carefully reviewed. Please refer to the Rural Municipality of Dufferin #190 Zoning Bylaw No. 09-2022 and the Building Bylaw to familiarize yourself with the details considered throughout this process.

The RM of Dufferin #190 is home to multiple Lakeshore Development Communities, a growing diversity of businesses, Country Residential Communities, as well as a thriving Agricultural District. When submitting a Development Permit, please allow 3 – 6 week turn around time. If additional permissions are needed (i.e. Water Security Agency) there may be more time required. It is also very important to have your permit request filled out correctly with all the necessary information to expedite your submission.

Prior to any construction, alteration of (including demolition), and moving in or out of buildings and structures, the proper municipal approval must be obtained. **NO WORK CAN START UNTIL THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND BUILDING PERMIT HAVE BEEN ISSUED.**

It is now mandatory for all dwellings and dwelling spaces to have CO detectors and smoke detectors regardless of when they were constructed.

For more information on the Development/Building Permit application processes, visit the RM of Dufferin #190 website at: www.rmofdufferin190.com.



Please be advised that the water from the Gladstone Well located on the SE 32-20-24-W2 that is available to the public is not potable (unsafe for human consumption). DO NOT USE this water for drinking, cooking, food preparation and oral hygiene purposes. The water from this well is not treated or tested and is considered to be unsafe for drinking, cooking and oral hygiene purposes.

WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING FOR RM AND RESORT RESIDENTS

Sanitation levies continue to reflect a recouping of only the cost to the municipality for the contracted waste collection service. In an effort to benefit our ratepayers, the office is co-ordinating a bulk farm bin program which would give all farm customers a discounted rate of service. If you are interested in learning more, contact the office.

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 Transfer Station. Yard waste should be hauled to the Transfer Station where it is placed onto a pile that is then mulched or burnt.

If you have larger waste objects or materials that require disposal, please use the Village of Bethune Transfer Station. Opening times: Wednesdays – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The site operates between April and October annually. Winter months the Transfer Station is closed.

If you require alternative disposal after Village of Bethune Transfer Station operating hours, you may be required to take waste to any nearby facilities where it can be disposed of accordingly.

RECYCLING

Residents of the RM of Dufferin #190 are permitted to use the blue recycling container that is situated at Railway Avenue in the Village of Bethune.

Please make sure you recycle the following: paper, cartons, plastic bottles, cans etc. Please flatten your cardboard. For more information on recycling visit: <https://www.loraas.ca/facilities/recycle-facility/waste-widget/>