



2024 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

101 Railway Avenue, Bethune SK

Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 9:00 am noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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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.

2024 is an Election Year in Saskatchewan Urban and Rural Municipalities

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 will be a general election to elect Reeve and Councillors for Divisions 1, 3 and 5. Watch our website, Facebook page, and local newspaper for notices on nomination deadlines, advance voting, and regular voting dates and locations.

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. Please visit our website www.rmofdufferin190.com or the Facebook page (Village of Bethune & RM of Dufferin #190) for more information on events and updates.

RM of Dufferin #190 Council

Reeve – Brian Weisbrod (306) 731-7933
Division 1 – Kyle Sanderson (306) 519-5880
Division 2 – Wesley Hofer – wesarc@live.ca
Division 3 – Sheila Fishley (306) 539-3725
Division 4 – Brent Smith (306) 591-7980
Division 5 – Ashton Riche (306) 731-7458
Division 6 – Bob Bennett (306) 631-4560

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

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. 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. 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.

2024 MUNICIPAL MILL RATES AND BUDGET EXPENDITURES/REVENUE

The 2024 Taxable Assessment is 345,662,385 with the municipal mill rate for 2024 being set at 3.6 mills. School mill rates, which are established by the Provincial Government, have not changed since 2023. Mill Rate Factors remain at Agricultural - 0.8408; Residential - 0.95; Commercial 2.5. The mill rate for Findlater is 6.8 mills.

The 2023 Audited Financial Statement is available for review on the RM website.

TAX PAYMENTS

2024 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

2025 REVALUATION FOR ASSESSMENTS IN SASKATCHEWAN

In 2025, SAMA will complete a revaluation for the entire Province. This process involves comparing sales activity, among other factors, during the prior 4 year period. The last revaluation was in 2021. This is the time that the Provincial Government reviews the school mill rates as well as the percentage of value for tax classes. The local mill rates are also adjusted at this time depending on what happens with the tax classes as far as property values are concerned. **WATCH FOR NOTICES IN THE SPRING OF 2025 FOR UPDATES.**



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GRAVEL, GRAVEL AND MORE GRAVEL IT IS EVERYWHERE

The 2024 budget includes provision for enforcement of Provincial Statutes and Municipal Bylaws governing gravel extraction, haul and development of gravel pits within the Municipality.

It is important for landowners as well as gravel extractors and gravel haulers to know the responsibilities of parties when gravel activity is undertaken. The owner is responsible to make sure that the contractor has a development permit for operating the pit. The contractor is responsible to ensure gravel extraction fees are paid and a road maintenance agreement is in place. New gravel pits require a development permit. If a pit has been inactive for 6 months, a new development permit is required for the reactivation of an existing pit. A development permit is also required for the expansion of an existing pit. The RM is required to be notified when a different contractor is hauling from an existing pit. If there is a pit on your land, please notify the office to make sure we have current information.

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 a 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/>