



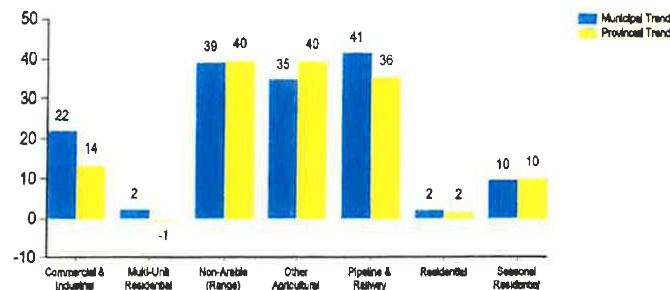
2025 NEWSLETTER

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS & MUNICIPAL TAXES

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) is responsible for most of the province's property assessment system. Every four years (2017, 2021, 2025...) there is a revaluation of all properties in the province. A revaluation does not include a physical reinspection of property, it is strictly an update to the assessed value of the market base date. For the 2025 Revaluation, assessed values were updated to reflect a market base date of January 1, 2023. SAMA provided the following graph to show how the RM compared to the provincial trend. For the most part, the RM was on par with the provincial trend. The 2025 Taxable Assessment for the RM went up 30% this year from 346,304,325 (2024) to 451,062,540. If you would like to learn more about what your assessment means, you can visit SAMA's website at www.sama.sk.ca or contact SAMA directly at 306-924-8080.

2025 Changes
RM of Dufferin No. 190

Assessed Value Changes for Your Municipality:

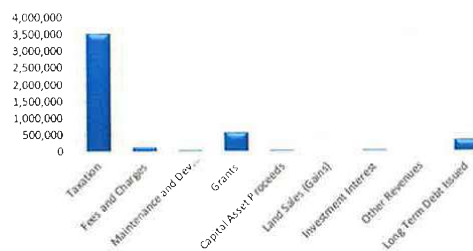


To meet current and future demands, the RM increased the 2025 budget approximately \$1 million dollars. After looking at many different tax scenarios, Council agreed to decreasing the mill rate from 3.6mills (2024) to 3.3mills for 2025. This is the first year where Council implemented a base tax for **all** Residential Land within the RM, which was set, by bylaw, at \$500. Mill Rate Factors were set at: Agricultural - 0.90; Commercial/Industry 3.0.

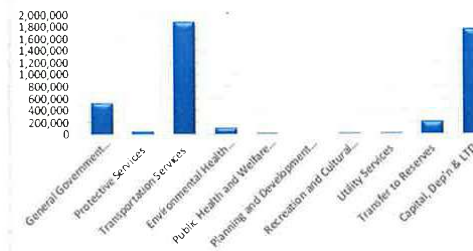
The mill rate for the Special Service Area of Findlater is 4.7 mills, with a base tax for Residential - \$500 Agriculture - \$350 and Commercial/Industry - \$500.

The graphs below illustrate the 2025 budgeted revenues and expenditures. Revenues are \$4,589,310 while Operating Expenditures (including capital purchases & amortization) are \$4,145,148 and Long-Term Debt payments are \$402,412, with a surplus of \$41,750.

Revenues



Expenses



TAX PAYMENTS

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.

FUTURE TAX DISCOUNTS & DUE DATE

For years, the RM has applied a discount to the municipal portion of property taxes if paid by a certain date (5% prior to September, 4% for September and 3% if paid in October). Though discounts sound great, they must be budgeted for, which is always a bit of a guessing game. This spring Council discussed the possibility of eliminating the discount and changing the date of when taxes are due. This is not an easy decision for Council to make and they are looking for your input on this. If Council is to proceed with this, it would not be until at *least* the year 2027 to make sure you, the rate payers, have ample time to make arrangements.



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 unsafe for drinking, cooking and oral hygiene purposes.

TRANSFER STATION

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. Mid-September the transfer site will ONLY be open on Saturdays. 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://loraasdisposal.com>

COUNCIL MEETINGS, DELEGATION & UPDATES

All Council meetings are open to the public to attend and observe. Regular meetings are on the second Thursday of every month. For the remainder of 2025, the following dates are **September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11**. To stay up to date and find out if any special meetings are scheduled, visit the RM's website at www.rmdufferin190.com. If you wish to speak to Council regarding a topic, please contact the office to find out what is required.

To stay up to date, visit the RM's website at www.rmofdufferin190.com or visit us on Facebook at Village of Bethune & RM of Dufferin #190.

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