

On behalf of your RM of Dufferin Council and Staff, it is our pleasure to bring Greetings to you all, and trusting the past few weeks brought the joy of family, friends, and a reflection on the year past. As the year comes to a close, it's a perfect time to reflect on the success, challenges, and accomplishments of our community over the past twelve months, while also looking ahead to the opportunities and goals that 2025 will bring.

2024 has been a year of growth and progress for the RM of Dufferin. One of our key achievements has been the continued enhancement of our infrastructure. We made significant strides in road improvements and maintenance, ensuring better connectivity and increased safety for all of our residents.

While this year has seen many successes, we've also encountered a few challenges that tested our resilience. One of the key areas we continue to focus on is water conservation. In response to a drier-than-usual summer, we actively encouraged conservation efforts to ensure that our water resources were managed responsibly. Throughout this time, we maintained close communication with our agricultural community, always working together to support sustainable practices that help safeguard our land and resources. By fostering a spirit of collaboration, we can continue to adapt to changing conditions while ensuring that our farms, businesses, and residents remain strong and sustainable. Here also we could see the close and confident cooperation between farming and community. Stewardship of the land and environmental accountability is an essential mandate for each and everyone of us.

As we move into 2025, our focus will be on securing the necessary resources and support for several key projects aimed at enhancing the safety, accessibility, and well-being of our community. We are in the process of applying for grants to support the major improvement of another key bridge, as well as the replacement of a bridge that was removed some years ago. This all to ensure continued safety of our pedestrians, and the reliability in our transportation network. Additionally, we are seeking funding for the acquisition of a new fire truck, which will greatly enhance the capability of our emergency services to respond effectively and keep our community safe.

Beyond Infrastructure, we are committed to exploring opportunities to improve cellular service in rural areas. This is an essential step to ensure that all residents and businesses have access to reliable communication and technology, which is increasingly vital for both daily life and economic growth.

As we move into 2025, our goal is to build on the success of this past year while addressing the challenges we face. We will continue to prioritize sustainability strong infrastructure, and healthy environment. We also aim to foster greater community engagement and ensure that all voices are heard as we plan for the future.

We thank you for your support, and reaching out to us with your questions, suggestions, and words of encouragement.

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Utility Rate Increases

Water Rate Increases as approved by The Public Utilities Board Order No. 138/22, effective for consumption as of January 1, 2025 are as follows:

All metered water sold in the Rural Municipality of Dufferin will be charged at the rate of \$21.58 per 1,000 gallons, with minimums as follows:

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8 "	1	3,000	\$29.01	\$64.73	\$93.74
3/4"	2	6,000	\$29.01	\$129.46	\$158.47
1"	4	12,000	\$29.01	\$258.92	\$287.93
1.5"	10	30,000	\$29.01	\$647.30	\$676.31
2"	25	75,000	\$29.01	\$1,618.26	\$1,647.27
3"	45	135,000	\$29.01	\$2,912.87	\$2,941.88

All **Bulk** water sold by the Rural Municipality of Dufferin will be charged at the rate of \$23.20 per 1,000 gallons.

Rental Properties

Please be advised that if you are a Landowner that rents out a house on your property that has rural water, **YOU, the Landlord are responsible for making arrangements for that water account. You must notify the RM of the move in, for your renter, or the move out.** Please contact the office to update **YOUR** Renter's contact information and mailing address. Call the office at 204.745.2301 or e-mail utility@rmofdufferin.com

Move In and Outs

When moving, if moving OUT please contact the RM of Dufferin office to arrange a final water meter reading. Please provide at least a week minimum of notice. If moving IN, please contact the office to set up your new utility account. Contact the office at 204.745.2301 or email utility@rmofdufferin.com

There are several options available for paying your bill's

Online Banking: Add us as a payee to your online banking. You can set up your water and tax payments to either "Dufferin (Rural Municipality of/Rural Mun/RM) - Utility or Water" or "Dufferin (Rural Municipality of/Rural Mun/RM) - Taxes". Use the account number (numbers only) listed on your bill. If you require assistance through this process, let us know.

On our website you can pay through PaySimply using your credit card. There is a service fee applied at the time of transaction for the use of this service that the RM of Dufferin does not earn any revenue from.

Pre-Authorized Payments: Automatic withdrawal for full payment of your bill or a set monthly budget amount can be arranged. Contact us for more information or to get set up for pre-authorized payments.

In the office, we accept **Debit/Interac, Cash, Cheques, and Post-Dated Cheques**, or mail us your cheque/post-dated cheque to Box 100, Carman, MB R0G 0J0.

Call us at 204.745.2301 if you need additional assistance

Any payments received after the due date will be subject to penalty @ 1.25%



As fall winds down and we approach ice and snow season, here is a friendly reminder to please obey all railway signs and warning devices at rail crossings, such as stop signs, lights, bells, and gates. In winter especially, give yourself lots of time to stop as you approach a crossing. Before proceeding through a crossing, look both ways and listen for approaching trains. If a train is coming, or railway warning signals are activated, stop behind any gates or stop lines—or no closer than 5 meters away from the nearest rail—and wait for the train to pass. Cross only after the warning signals have ceased and you are certain no other trains are approaching, from either direction and on any track. Also, it is important to note that not all crossings have flashing lights and gates. Some crossings only have a stop sign. But these crossings still have trains moving across regularly and it is just as important to come to a full stop as at a crossing with flashing lights. Operation Lifesaver is an excellent resource for rail safety. To learn most and download safety

Utility Reminder

Just a reminder that any outstanding utility balances, including from your rental properties, were transferred to taxes at the end of the year. To assist in making it easier to pay your utility account, pre-authorized payment options are available. If you would like more information or to get set up for pre-authorized payments for both quarterly billed amounts as well as monthly budget plan amounts, please contact us at 204.745.2301 or email utility@rmofdufferin.com

Transfer Station Hours
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday
 CLOSED
Saturday
 11:00 am – 4:00 pm



Keeping our Municipality clean of waste and garbage is important. Be a part of the solution by reporting it if you see anyone dumping in our ditches or under our bridges.

Waterline Connections

If you are thinking of connecting to rural water in 2025, please contact the office by calling 204.745.2301 or email utility@rmofdufferin.com

For information on recreation programs please visit our website:
carmanmanitoba.ca/parks-recreation-home/

For information on building codes, permits, and subdivisions please visit our website:
carmanmanitoba.ca/cdgp-home/



2025 RM of Dufferin Council Meetings

Tuesday, January 21st	7:00pm
Tuesday, February 18th	7:00pm
Tuesday, March 18th	7:00pm
Tuesday, April 22nd	7:00pm
Tuesday, May 20th	7:00pm
Tuesday, June 17th	7:00pm
Tuesday, July 15th	7:00pm
Tuesday, August 19th	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 23rd	7:00pm
Tuesday, October 21st	7:00pm
Tuesday, November 18th	7:00pm
Tuesday, December 16th	7:00pm

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