



# 2026 Winter Newsletter



On behalf of the RM of Dufferin Council and staff, we extend warm greetings to you and trust the past weeks have provided time to enjoy family, friends, and moments of reflection. As the year comes to a close, it is a fitting time to look back on the accomplishments and challenges of the past twelve months, while also looking ahead to the priorities that will guide us forward.

**2025 has been a year of steady progress and responsible governance for the RM of Dufferin.** Council and administration worked collaboratively to deliver essential services while making thoughtful investments in our municipality’s future.

A major focus throughout the year was **capital infrastructure**. Council approved and advanced numerous road, drainage, and public works projects to improve safety, access, and long-term reliability across the RM. Continued investment in equipment, road maintenance, and infrastructure planning supports our agricultural community, local businesses, and residents who rely on a strong transportation network every day. Work also continued on water and sewer infrastructure planning to ensure sustainable service delivery.

The year also brought challenges, including dry conditions that highlighted the importance of **water conservation and environmental stewardship**. Council worked closely with residents and the agricultural community to encourage responsible water use, demonstrating the strong cooperation that exists between farming and community. Stewardship of the land and accountability to future generations remain central to our decision-making.

Looking ahead, the Council remains focused on securing funding for key projects, including bridge improvements, emergency services equipment, and continued infrastructure upgrades. We also continue to explore opportunities to improve rural connectivity, recognizing the importance of reliable communication for safety, daily life, and economic growth.

We thank residents, ratepayers, volunteers, and community partners for their continued support and engagement throughout the year. Together, we will continue working toward a strong, resilient, and sustainable RM of Dufferin.

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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.

## Municipal Elections - October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**An Opportunity to Serve Your Community** Your community is important. If you'd like to have a say in its future, why not take this opportunity to run for Municipal Council? Serving on Council is a serious responsibility, but it is also one of the most fulfilling roles you can undertake. As a member of Council, you will be giving back to your community, and the decisions you make will help chart the future course for your municipality.

**On October 28th, 2026 voters in our municipality will elect individuals** to sit on Council. If you-or someone you know-is interested in taking on this role, now is the time to find out what's involved in becoming a candidate. To run for election, you must be; 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen, a Manitoba resident, and a resident or property owner in the RM of Dufferin for at least six months prior to the election date. Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

For the office of Reeve: Between May 1 and September 22, 2026

For the office of Councillor: Between June 30 and September 22, 2026



## Snowmobile Trail Reminder

Snowmobilers are reminded to stay on groomed trails only, respect private property, and avoid the new tree line along Takvam Road near the ball diamonds. Thank you for helping keep our trails safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you for riding responsibly!



### Welcome to Our New Planner



The Carman Dufferin Grey Planning District is pleased to welcome Oliver Prusina as our Planning Services Administrator, providing planning and permitting services for the Town of Carman, RM of Dufferin, and

RM of Grey. For information on building codes, permits, and subdivisions, please visit [carmanmanitoba.ca/cdgpdp-home/](http://carmanmanitoba.ca/cdgpdp-home/) or contact the Planning District office at [office@cdgplanning.com](mailto:office@cdgplanning.com) or 204-745-2509

### 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, and Cheques**, or mail us your 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%



### Utility Reminder

Outstanding utility balances, including from rental properties, were transferred to taxes at year-end.

To make paying easier, pre-authorized payment options are available for both quarterly bills and monthly budget plans. For more information or to get set up, call 204-745-2301 or email [info@rmofdufferin.com](mailto:info@rmofdufferin.com)



**Swimming Lesson Registration**  
Save the Date  
Wednesday  
April 15th

**Campground Registration**  
Save the Date  
Wednesday  
April 22nd

**Basketball DROP-IN**  
16+  
Carman Collegiate

**Pickleball FREE OPEN-PLAY**  
Carman Community Hall - Wednesdays  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Badminton DROP-IN**  
Carman Collegiate  
Tuesdays  
8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

**Hall Walking**  
Carman Community Hall  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday  
9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

**For information on recreation programs please visit our website:**  
[www.carmandufferin.com](http://www.carmandufferin.com)  
Park & Recreation

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R.M. Shop.....	204.745.2483
After Hours Water Emergency...	204.750.2652
Stephenfield Water Plant.....	204.828.3434
Waste Transfer Station.....	204.745.2210
RCMP Non-Emergency.....	204.745.6773
Hospital Non-Emergency.....	204.745.2021
Fire/Ambulance/RCMP EMERGENCY.....	911
<a href="http://www.carmanmanitoba.c0m">www.carmanmanitoba.c0m</a>	



**2026 RM of Dufferin Council Meetings at 7:00 p.m. as follows;**  
Tuesday, January 20th  
Tuesday, February 17th  
Tuesday, March 17th  
Tuesday, April 14th  
Tuesday, May 19th  
Tuesday, June 16th  
Tuesday, July 21st  
Tuesday, August 18th  
Tuesday, September 22nd  
Tuesday, October 20st  
**Tuesday, November 3rd Inaugural Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 17th  
Tuesday, December 15th