



Dufferin Dispatch



2019 Winter Newsletter

Welcome to the final quarter of 2018! It has been a year to remember in the agricultural sector. Despite the excessive heat, we had during the summer and limited rainfall, in most areas the crop yields in our area was a very positive surprise. Such was not the case in the surrounding area as crop yields were compromised by too much heat and too little rain.

Stephenfield Lake which regionally supplies water to approx. 7,000 people via rural water and also water for irrigation for our local farmers was under tremendous pressure to provide water for all. The RM of Dufferin, along with the Town of Carman and PVWC has commissioned a study by La Salle Redboine Conservation District to measure the lake depth in comparison to when it was built to try and understand how much sediment has accumulated over the last 60 years. We, along with all the interested parties are looking at a number of alternatives to supply our lake with a more abundant supply than we have now. As winter moves forward, we are hopeful that Mother Nature will provide us with an abundant snowfall to fill our lake to help sustain the water usage requirements in our region.

The Personal Care Home project is steadily moving through the process to gain the next stage of Provincial approval hopefully in the near future. This project has far-reaching benefits for the citizens of all 5 municipal partners. The committee is working tirelessly on this project to create a state of the art Personal Care Home.

I also thank the electorate for their participation in the recent election; the great turnout ensures us that all the winning candidates were chosen in a thoughtful manner. In leading council, I assure you we will do our best to uphold the trust you have provided in electing us to represent you. We wish one and all a great holiday and a joyful season to celebrate how fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful part of the world. *George Gray, Reeve*

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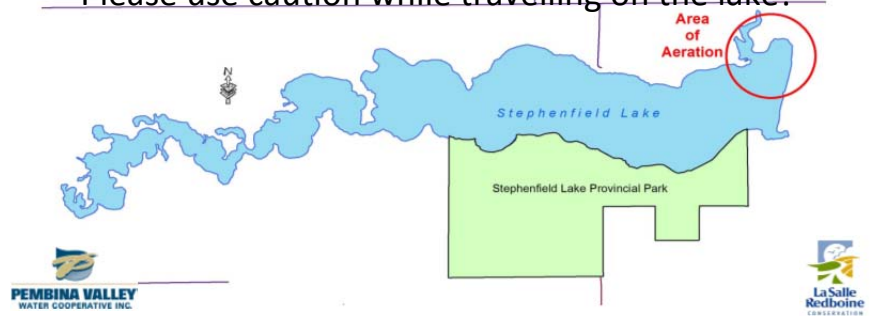
Notice to all Lake Users!

There are aeration systems in use on Stephenfield Lake.

The area around the aeration sites may have:

Open Water and Thin Ice.

Please use caution while travelling on the lake!



The Rural Municipality of Dufferin has contracted with All-Net to license its Connect communication automation system. The system provides municipal officials with the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire municipality. Connect by All-Net will allow the RM to deliver messages to you via phone call (landline or mobile device), through text, or email.

We encourage you, if you haven't registered yet, to sign up for Connect by All-net, register at <https://dufferin.allnetconnect.ca/Pubs/register.aspx> call the office Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at 204-745-2301 or email info@rmofdufferin.com.

In the case of a boil water advisory, please note that through the Connect System or by other means necessary, we ensure that you have been contacted. It is also up to you to ensure that you check your voicemail, text message and emails in a timely manner to ensure you are keeping yourself informed.



Education Property Tax



Credit Changes for 2019

Effective for the 2019 tax year, the Calculation of the Manitoba Education Property Tax Credit (EPTC) will be based on school taxes and the credit will no longer offset municipal property tax. In addition, the EPTC will offset school taxes starting with the first dollar payable. Previously, the first \$250 in taxes payable was not eligible for the EPTC. The EPTC is entirely funded by the province and these changes do not affect overall revenues for municipalities or school divisions. The changes may have positive or negative impact on some individual households.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Manitoba Tax Assistance Office at 1-204-948-2115 or Toll Free at 1-800-782-0771.

Not receiving EPTC on your primary residence Tax bill? Please stop in at the RM of Dufferin office to fill in an EPTC Homeowner Self Declaration or call Kim at the RM of Dufferin 204-745-2301 or email office@rmofdufferin.com.



Waterline Connections



Transfer Station
Winter Hours

If you are thinking of connecting to rural water in 2019, please call the office at 204.745.2301 or email Jeanne at utility@rmofdufferin.com.

October 1st–March 31st

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

1:00 pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday
Closed

Saturday

11:00am-4:00pm

Utility Rate Increases

Water Rate Increases as approved by The Public Utilities Board Order No. 83/18, effective for consumption as of January 1, 2019 are as follows;

All metered water sold in the Rural Municipality of Dufferin will be charged at the rate of \$15.62 per 1,000 gallons, with minimums as follows:

Meter Size	Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Water Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8 inch	3,000	\$27.25	\$ 46.86	\$ 74.11
3/4 inch	6,000	\$27.25	\$ 93.72	\$ 120.97
1 inch	12,000	\$27.25	\$ 187.44	\$ 214.69
1 ½ inch	30,000	\$27.25	\$ 468.60	\$ 495.85
2 inch	75,000	\$27.25	\$ 1,171.50	\$ 1,198.75
3 inch	135,000	\$27.25	\$ 2,108.70	\$ 2,135.95

All **Bulk** water sold by the Rural Municipality of Dufferin will be charged at the rate of \$18.00 per 1,000 gallons.



2019 RM of Dufferin Council Meetings

Tuesday, January 15 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, February 19 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, March 19 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, April 16 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, May 21 st	7:00pm
Tuesday, June 18 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, July 16 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, August 20 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 17 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, October 15 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, November 19 th	7:00pm
Tuesday, December 10 th	7:00pm

R.M. of Dufferin Contact Info

12-2nd Ave S.W., Box 100
Carman, MB R0G 0J0

R.M. Office.....	204.745.2301
Fax.....	204.745.6348
R.M. Shop.....	204.745.2483
After Hours 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

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PLANNING DISTRICT

The Carman Dufferin Planning District thanks all residents of the RM of Dufferin for complying with all building permit regulations. Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated. We look forward to working with you in the year to follow. Please contact Taya O'Brien for any inquiries on building permits, demolition permits, relocation permits or any other Planning related questions. 204-745-2301 or planning@townofcarman.com.

Carman Dufferin Recreation is pleased to have Taya O'Brien join our team as the Programmer for a year term! Taya will be responsible for Programming in the Recreation, as well as Secretary-Treasurer for the Carman Dufferin Planning District. For all your programming questions and needs, please contact Taya at your earliest convenience! We would like to thank all of those who participated in our programs this year! We are excited to be serving the community with many new programs, as well as existing popular programs in the New Year. From all the staff at the Carman Dufferin Recreation, we wish you a happy and healthy new year!

New Program

HIIT Fitness Class
Monday Nights 5:30 – 6:30
Starting Jan 7
Carman Community Hall
\$60 for 6 sessions

Mindful Movements

Wednesday Nights 6:00 – 6:45
Starting Jan 9
Carman Community Hall
\$80 for 8 sessions

Drop-in Badminton will resume

Carman Collegiate gym
Friday nights 7:00 – 9:00
Starting January 18
See online for dates.



Kickboxing & Formal Boxing Classes with Dr. Chuck Williams

Monday Evenings
10 week session
starts January 7, 2019
Drop in fee of \$20.00
paid in the office
before class or
online that day.



Partnering with Safe Communities & Stress Experts to offer Stress Management Classes

Every Tuesday
evening in February
Starting Feb 5
Free of Charge
7:00 – 8:30
Carman Community Hall



Pickle Ball Drop-in

Thursdays, January 3, 2019
Time: 6:30-8:30
Drop in fee of \$2.00
Call the office for info at 204-
745-2684

Hall Walking

Carman Community Hall
Starting Monday Jan 7
Mon-Thursday 9:30-11:00am

Details Coming Soon...

Adult Cooking Class – With Rita Bisht -
International Cuisine

Please register online at
www.carmandufferinrecreation.com

For more information

Call: 204-745-2684

Email:

programcdr@townofcarman.com

GO GREEN AND HELP CONSERVE THE ENVIROMENT!!!

Sign up today, go Green with the RM of Dufferin e-billing service! You can receive your utility bill by convenient email delivery by subscribing to the RM's e-billing service. Just fill in the info below and drop it by the office or send us an email to utility@rmofdufferin.com with the info in it!!

Name: _____ Account No _____

Email: _____

To make it easier yet. Sign up for preauthorized payment and your payment will come out of your bank account automatically on the due date.

Email or Come into the office and sign up today!!