



The Town of Flatrock

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2016 Property Taxes

2016 Property taxes are in the mail.

If you did not receive your invoice please contact the town office even if your taxes are paid by a bank, you would still receive a copy of the invoice. Tax payments can be made by monthly instalments. Payments are accepted by Visa, Debit, MasterCard, cheques and cash as well as post - dated cheques, at the town office between the hours of 8:30 to 4:15, Monday to Friday. The office does not close for lunch. Online banking is available with RBC, TD and Scotia Bank.

The Town Council has a ten percent seniors discount in place, if you are a homeowner and 65 or older you need to bring identification to the town office with your date of birth on it. If you are already the registered home owner and paying taxes, you will only need your ID. If you are not the registered home owner then you would need a copy of your deed showing you as the owner plus your ID.

Town plan update

The Town of Flatrock 2015-2025 Municipal Plan is still in the process of approval. The Town Council will hold a public meeting as soon as the letter of release is received from Municipal Affairs. An Amendment to the St. John's Urban Region Plan will be in the February 27, 2016 edition of the Telegram. The deadline for written comments is March 11, 2016. This St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan Amendment will need to be approved to be included in the Town of Flatrock 2015 – 2025 Municipal Plan.

Soiree

The date for the **2016 Flatrock Soiree** is August 5, 6 and 7, please note date change.

Tourism Committee

The date of the next Tourism Meeting will be posted on the town website. Preparations for Come Home Year 2017 are under way. The date for Come Home year celebrations is July 22 to 30, 2017.

Kevin Collins Concert

The Tourism Committee will be hosting a Kevin Collins Concert at St. Michael's Church 487 Windgap Road, Flatrock on Sunday April 17, 2016 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each. **Tickets go on sale Saturday, March 19** at the Flatrock Town Hall from 10 am to 2 pm.

Easter Colouring Contest

The Town of Flatrock is having an Easter Coloring Contest. The picture is attached to this newsletter. We will be picking one winner from four age groups: 2 years and under; 3 to 5 years; 6 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years. You can drop off your picture to the Town Office from Monday to Friday between 8:30 to 4:00 pm. or after hours it can be put in the mail slot outside the office door. The deadline will be Friday, March 25th, 2016 at 3:00 pm. The winners will be selected at the council meeting on March 28th, 2016 and will be notified the next day. The winners will receive a gift card from Chapters.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Flatrock Recreation Committee will be holding the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 20, 2016 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Flatrock Community Center. Tickets are \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child [children two and under eat free]. Please note tickets will only be sold in advance at the Flatrock Town Hall and Wilkinson's Convenience. Tickets will be on sale March 1. There will be no tickets available at the door. The final day to purchase is Wednesday, March 16th.

Greetings

The Flatrock Town Council would like to extend Congratulations to the following:
Joe and Eleanor Carew Happy 50th Anniversary.
John and Rose Everson Happy 51th Anniversary.

Remember to send Anniversary Greetings for 50 years or higher or Birthday Greetings for 90 years of age or over to town office to be acknowledged by Council.

Student Summer Employment

Resumes and Applications will be accepted from April 1 to April 29.
First Aid and Safety Training are offered through Recreation at a date in June.
Positions are available in the following departments:

- Recreation
- Maintenance/Public Works
- Heritage/Museum
- Flatrock Harbor Authority
- Tourism

Residents are advised that **all positions are subject to funding approval** from all sources.

Community Skates

The Town of Flatrock community skates will be held February 27 and March 26.
Admission is a non-perishable food item. Helmets are mandatory.

St. Patrick's Concert

Annual St. Patrick's Concert for St. Michael's Parish, Flatrock will be held Sunday, March 13 at Flatrock Community Center. Concert at 8 pm and Matinee at 2 pm.

Heritage Committee

The date of the next Heritage Meeting will be posted on the town website.

Environment Committee

Environment Committee will meet at the Flatrock Community Center tentatively on the first Wednesday of each month. The date of the next meeting will be posted on the town website and face book. Any questions please contact Robert Schmiedendorf at phone (685-7341) or email rschmiedendorf@yahoo.ca. Everyone welcome.

Important Dates

International Day of the Forests is March 21, 2016.

Earth Day is April 22, 2016.

Arbor Day in NL is June 1, 2016.

Bulk Garbage

The Town Council will be holding a Bulk Garbage Clean up once again this year at the of May or early June. Items will be picked up at curbside of your property.

Gobag Flyers

The GoBag flyers will not be delivered to a property unless a gobag box for your flyers is installed on your property, this is free of charge. An outside box is set up at the Flatrock Town Hall [in the porch] and Wilkinson's Convenience for anyone who would like the flyers and do not have a gobag tube.

Contact information: gobag@transcontinental.ca or 748-0888.

Snow Clearing

The Town Council would like to remind residents **NOT to park on sides of road** so our snow clearing equipment can have room to clear the town roads. Remember you are **NOT allowed to shovel snow** out in to the road or across the road to cause an obstruction to traffic. The Town is not responsible for any damages incurred to any fence or garbage box that is not set back 17.5 ft. from center of any local road and 33.5 ft. from any highway. The town has a priority list of roads to follow and our children's safety and school bus runs are at the top. Please watch for children waiting for school buses during our snow season, remember "Snow means Slow".

2016 Killick Coast Games

The Town of Logy Bay – Middle Cove – Outer Cove will be hosting the 2016 Killick Coast Games from August 21 to August 27, 2016. The Killick Coast Games are open to youth between the ages of 11 and 17 (within the 2016 calendar year). Youth are given the opportunity to participate in Ball Hockey, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Soccer and Softball. Information will be posted at www.lbmccoc.ca

East Coast Trails:

The East Coast Trails have walking trails in Flatrock. There is signage at Hickey's Lane and near the wharf for anyone who would like to avail of the trails. You can get more information on the trails at www.eastcoasttrail.ca

Torbay Volunteer Fire Dept.

The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department has requested that if possible all residents have **visible house numbers** placed on their homes **in case of emergency**. Thank you to the many residents who already have their house numbers on display.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind residents if any alarms even **Carbon Monoxide alarms** activate in your home to exit your home immediately and call 911. Gather all family members and pets at a predesignated safe place, whether it is in a vehicle, detached building or a point outside. Make sure everyone is accounted for. Call 911 and do not re-enter the house until it is deemed safe to do so.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department ask residents to check the batteries in their **smoke detectors**. A good time to check them every year is when the clock changes in March and November, this year the clock goes ahead on March 13.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual Take-out Hot Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinners on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 4 pm. to 6 pm. Cost \$12.00 each. Dinner must be pre – ordered and paid by Wednesday, March 16. Please call Nancy 682-1227 or Karen 437-6473 to order.

Emergency Plan

The Town of Flatrock has an Emergency Plan in place. The Council is always available during emergencies. The office phones are monitored if you need to contact Council. Please contact the town hall if anyone has health issues and would like to be checked on during an emergency.

Emergency supplies – the full print out of information can be found at www.gov.nl.ca/fes [Fire and emergency services] **after hours contact information is below.

Holidays

Please be advised that the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, March 14 for St. Patrick's Day. The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm.

Town Council Meetings

Deadline for applications or correspondence for Flatrock Town Council meetings are noon on the Thursdays before the meeting. The Town Council meets every second Monday and is open to the public at all times. If you wish to speak to Council on a matter, please call ahead of time so we can put your name on the agenda. The next council meetings are Tuesday - March 15, Monday - March 28, April 11 and April 25.

Home Renovations

The Town Council of Flatrock now has a **Renovation Permit** for all renovations in the Town Of Flatrock. You will need to fill in an application stating what renovations you are having done. The application does not need to go to a Council meeting. You pick up your Renovation Permit for a fee of \$25.00.

Food Bank

The Town Council will accept non-perishable food items for the local food bank year round. If you would like to donate to the food bank you can bring the non-perishable food to the town office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 4 pm or anytime the town hall is open for functions.

Compost Bins

Compost bins are available for anyone interested in having one. Cost is \$21.99 plus \$2.86 tax, total \$24.85 each. If you would like to have a compost bin you can drop by the town office and pick one up.

ReThinkWasteNL

Eastern Waste Management has a list of waste categories on this site: [ReThinkWasteNL](#).

eWaste NL [Electronics Waste] There are electronics recycling depots for TV's, computers, etc. in St. John's. The contact information is: eWasteNL@gmail.com.

Diabetes Containers

There are two red containers for clothing donations to the Diabetes Association located at the Flatrock Town Hall.

Dog Tags

If you would like your dog or even your cat registered in the town, so we would know who owns the pet if it should get out, then just drop by the town office and get a license for your pet, they are **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Animal Control

Meagan Battersby is the animal control officer for The Town of Flatrock. If you need to contact Meagan regarding an animal issue you may contact her at 437-6532 (ext 285), or call the Flatrock Town Hall at 437-6312.

BIZPAL

BizPal is an online service, www.bizpal.gov.nl.ca providing permit and licence information to help entrepreneurs start and grow their business. BizPal provides integrated information on permits, licences and other regulatory requirements across three levels of government. BizPal's web-based, self-service application is practical, free and easy to use. Using a question and answer format, BizPal generates an accurate, timely and customized list of permits and licences that entrepreneurs may require for starting or growing a business.

Permits

Permits are needed for all sheds even movable sheds, please contact Town Office for details. If you have a shed on your property the permit application is \$10.00 and permit costs 20 cents a square foot with a minimum cost of \$30.00. You can be asked to remove a shed if you do not have a permit for it.

After Hours Emergencies

Town staff is NOT to be called after hours; they can be reached through the Town office Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm.

For after hour emergencies the Town Council can be reached at the following numbers:

Mayor Darrin Thorne	Finance/ Roads/ Arena/ North East Avalon Joint Council NEAJC	437-5654
Deputy Mayor Terry Humber	Tourism/ Planning/ Community Center/ Soiree/ Killick Coast Games	437- 6634
Marion McCarthy	Recreation / Heritage / Soiree/ Killick Coast Games	437-6945
Michelle Martin	Recreation / Heritage / ICSP/ Volunteer Fire Dept liaison/ Killick Coast Games	437-5016
Paul Burton	Tourism/ Streetlights/ Roads/ Animal & Garbage Control/ Killick Coast Games	727-6640
Catherine Houlihan	Environment/ Heritage/ Soiree/ Stewardship Association Of Municipalities SAM/ North East Avalon Joint Council NEAJC	437-1452
Bob Schmiedendorf	Environment/ICSP Integrated Community Sustainability Plan	437-6255

Kevin Parsons MHA

Kevin Parsons MHA contact information: phone 729-6979, fax 729-5774,
Email: kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca

Nick Whalen, MP:

Nick Whalen MP contact information: Phone 772-7171
Email: nick.whelen@parl.gc.ca

Facebook and Twitter

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/townofflatrock or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/townofflatrock

Matthew Cooper Recreation:

Regional Recreation Coordinator, Matthew can be reached at:
335-2848 ext. 4 or recreation@pouchcove.ca

St. Michael's Parish:

Phone 437-6628 email: holytrinity@bellaliant.com

Kids Help Line 1-800-668-6868 or KidsHelpPhone.ca

Mental Health Emergency

Call 24 hour Province Wide Crisis Phone Line 737-4668 or 1-888-737-4668.