



The Town of Flatrock

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April, 2014

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:

Darrin Thorne	Finance/ Roads/ Arena/ North East Avalon Joint Council NEAJC	437-5654
Tony Grace	Finance/ Snow clearing / Streetlights/ Planning/ Animal & Garbage Control	437-6825
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
Terry Humber	Tourism/ Planning/ Community Center/ Soiree/ Killick Coast Games	437- 6634

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 Monday April 14 and April 28.

Holidays

Please be advised that the Town Hall will be closed on April 18 for the Good Friday holiday and April 21 for St. George's Day holiday.

50 Plus Club

Well, I am sure everybody is sick of winter and looking forward to some good weather. Our Fifty Plus Club has done our best to keep active all winter, we have continued to hold our bi-weekly meetings at the Town Hall and these have been well attended.

Over half our group attended a Valentines Dinner and Dance at the Legion in Pleasantville, and another St. Patrick's Dance in March and I am sure I speak for everyone when I say a good time was had by all.

We hope to have a bowling night in April and of course we are all looking forward to our weekend in Woody Island. Unfortunately all our spaces are filled, and all members are looking forward to a fun filled weekend before we finish up for the summer.

Again, we meet bi-weekly on Thursday evenings at the Town Hall from 7:30 until usually around 10:00. A friendly game of cards, always some crafts to do, and refreshments. If you would like to drop by, as long as you are 50 plus you're welcome.

Sincerely,

Flatrock 50 + Fun Club

Carm Martin, President 437-6921

Patsy Bishop, Vice President 437- 2352

Marg Parson, Secretary / Treasurer 437-5789

Outstanding Taxes

Interest is being applied to all outstanding taxes, including 2013 taxes; invoices with the interest added will be in the mail by June 2014. 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.

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.

Pole Lights

If any pole lights are out near your home you may contact the Town Office and we will let Newfoundland Power know of this situation. If you can provide the number that is on the pole to the council office, this will speed up the process of getting the light replaced.

Flatrock Community Centre

The Flatrock Community Centre is closed for renovations. The expected date for the work to be completed by the contractor is May 31, 2014. The renovations are moving along and please note that the Flatrock Community Center is a construction site and that due to insurance issues only the contractor and sub-contractors are permitted in and around the building until the renovations are complete.

Volunteer Week

Volunteer Week is April 6 to 12, 2014. The Town Council of Flatrock would like to thank and to recognize all of the amazing volunteers in our community for their time and talents during the year. You as Volunteers are the heart of our community and without you so many events would not take place. Thank you to all our volunteers.

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 April 25th, 2014 at 3:00 pm. The winners will be selected at the council meeting on April 28th, 2014 and will be notified the next day.

Snowfest

On behalf of Flatrock-Pouch Cove Recreation we would like to thank all those who participated in our 2014 snowfest. Over the course of two weeks there was a lot of laughter and fun enjoyed by all. We would like to send a huge thanks to our sponsors and also to those who made donations or helped out in anyway. Without your generous contribution and ongoing efforts, snowfest would not have been a success.

Soiree

The date for the 2014 Flatrock Soiree is July 26th and 27th.

Soccer

Flatrock and Area Soccer Recreational League will be holding their registration on April 29th and May 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at Flatrock Town Hall. The age for registration is 4 years old before December 31st, 2014 to 17 years old. Volunteers and coaches are needed to assist with the soccer program. If you have any questions please call Marion McCarthy at 437-6945.

Sports

Congratulations to Flatrock residents Brandon Hudson and Liam O'Rielly who are members of the St. John's Marshalls Midget AAA Hockey team. The team edged the Northern Huskies of Labrador winning the championship game by a score of 3-2 in the 2014 World's Finest Chocolate AAA Midget Provincial Championship in Grand Falls-Windsor. The team will now represent Hockey NL in the 2014 Midget AAA Atlantics being played in Alberton, Prince Edward Island March 27-30, 2014.

If anyone has an acknowledgement of any sports accomplishments that they would like to have in the town newsletters, please send the information to info@townofflatrock.com.

House Numbers

The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department has requested that if possible all residents have visible house numbers placed on their homes in case of emergency.

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".

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.

Flatrock Businesses for Updated Community Business Directory

The Town of Flatrock is updating the Business Directory that is currently on the town website under "Forms". This directory will be placed in mail boxes in the Towns of Flatrock, Pouch Cove and Bauline. This booklet is a great way for your company to advertise to a wide range of customers in three communities, and it's **FREE!** If you have not been contacted about this, and you would like to have your business included please contact the Office. info@townofflatrock.com or phone 437-6312.

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

The Town of Flatrock welcomes Meagan Battersby, the new animal control officer for the town of Torbay. 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. Welcome Meagan, thank you for your service!

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 Town Hall tentatively on the first Monday 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.

Student Summer Employment

Resumes and Applications are now being accepted for summer employment with the town and it's non – profit organizations. Positions are available in the following departments:

- Recreation
- Maintenance/Public Works
- Heritage/Museum

Qualifications

All Positions:

- Applicant must be presently attending a secondary or post-secondary institute full-time, with plans to attend full-time in September 2014.
- Between the ages of 15 and 30.
- Upon hiring must have valid First Aid (training course will be offered in Pouch Cove in June).

Recreation Positions Only:

- Upon hiring must present current RNC Certificate of Conduct and Vulnerable Sector Check.
- Experience in planning and delivering programs for children/youth in a group setting.
- Experience in instruction of various sport activities, arts and crafts and organized games.
- Leadership experience.

Applications are available online at www.townofflatrock.com or can be obtained from the Flatrock Town Hall.

Please mail completed applications to:

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Hand deliver to: Town of Flatrock

E-mail: info@townofflatrock.com

DEADLINE for applications: 4pm on Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Hiring Practices for Summer Students

The Town of Flatrock avails of government funding from federal and provincial sources for summer student's positions. As per summer employment positions policies all employers MUST post on JobsinNL.ca for a minimum of three days to ensure fair and equitable access to all students seeking employment. With each funding source there are different requirements that we must follow when selecting students. Some positions are post-secondary only, while others can be secondary or post-secondary.

When completing the application form, students are asked to check what positions they are interested in. From here, all applications are copied and given to each committee. For example, if John Doe applies for a position with Recreation and Heritage then his application is only given to those committees.

Recreation Hiring Policy

Every student who applies for a position with Recreation is given an interview. Interviews are conducted by the Regional Recreation Coordinator, Chairperson/Vice-Chair of the Commission and a Council Liaison. Following the interviews, the Hiring Committee will rank the students in two categories (Secondary and Post-Secondary). Once approval for positions is received, the Hiring Committee will then contact the successful candidates.

Flatrock Recreation also applies for a position under the Students Work and Services Program offered by the Community Sector Council. This position provides the successful individual with a stipend of \$175 per week and a \$1400 Tuition Voucher at the completion of the program. There is a separate application (not currently available) for this position. Information regarding this program will be posted on www.townofflatrock.com as soon as it becomes available. Residents are advised that if approved for funding, the Community Sector Council selects the individual and not the Recreation Commission.

Heritage/Museum Policy

Members of the Heritage Committee will meet with students who apply for positions with their organization. Following the interviews the committee will then determine who will receive the positions.

Maintenance/Public Works

Town Council will select the student/s who will receive positions in this department.

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

Student Summer Employment

Please note that the following have been added to the website.

Summer Camp Information – Under Recreation
Student Employment Application – Under Newsletter
Student Employment Job Ad – Under News

Jumpstart Applications

Canadian Tire Jumpstart is a national charitable program that helps children participate in organized sports and recreation. Jumpstart covers registration, equipment and/or transportation costs for children who require financial assistance. Jumpstart applications can now be found under the Recreation Tab on www.townofflatrock.com. If residents have any questions regarding this program please contact Matthew Cooper at 335-2848 extension 4 or email recreation@pouchcove.ca.

Summer Program

Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Summer Program from July 7th to August 29th. Residents are advised that all the information you need to know about this program is posted under the Recreation Tab on www.townofflatrock.com.

Little Dreamers Playgroup

Little Dreamers Preschool Playgroup is open to children ages 3 – 5 and is held at the Flatrock Town Hall on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11 am. No charge.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 19th at the Pouch Cove Lions Clubs. Residents are advised that we will be having two different sittings 9 – 10 am and 10:30 – 11:30 am. A limited amount of tickets will be available for each sitting. Tickets are \$3 per child and \$5 per adult. Tickets will be going on sale April 1st until April 16th at the Flatrock Town Hall and Wilkinson's Convenience. When purchasing your tickets you will have to select which sitting you want to attend. Depending on ticket sales, there may be tickets available at the door. Don't forget to bring your camera as the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. There will also be an Easter egg hunt.

Seniors Outing

On Thursday, April 17th Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation will be holding a Seniors Outing to Cineplex Theatres to watch a movie and have lunch at Golden Phoenix. Cost of transportation and movie will be covered by Recreation. Seniors are responsible for their own lunches. The bus will be leaving the Flatrock Town Hall at a time to be announced later (will be determined by the starting time for the movie). To reserve your seat please call the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2848 ext. 4 by Monday, April 14, 2014.

2014 Killick Coast Games

The Town of Torbay will be hosting the 2014 Killick Coast Games from July 28 to August 1, 2014. The Killick Coast Games are open to youth between the ages of 11 and 17 (within the 2014 calendar year). Youth are given the opportunity to participate in Ball Hockey, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Soccer and Softball. If any parents or guardians are interested in coaching at these games please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2848 extension 4 or via email at recreation@pouchcove.ca. Coaches will have to provide a Certificate of Conduct from the RNC. Applications are available from the Recreation Coordinator and these certificates are free to all volunteers.

Facebook and Twitter

To keep up to date on what is happening in the Town!

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

Kevin Parsons MHA

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Jack Harris MP

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Tax and Fee Structure 2014

Property Tax	5.0 mils (10% discount to seniors 65 & older)
Business Tax	12.0 mils
Minimum Property Tax	\$400.00
Home Base Business Tax	\$250.00/annually
Bed & Breakfast Tax	\$500.00/annually
Farm Tax	3 mils
Utility Tax	2.5% gross revenue
Compliance Letter	\$100.00
Tax Certificate	\$100.00
Zoning Certificate	\$100.00 + cost recovery
Accessory Building Application Fee	\$10.00
Accessory Building Permit	\$0.20 per sq.ft./min.\$30.00
Residential Application Fee	\$50.00
Discretionary Use Ad	\$75.00 + cost recovery
Residential Building Permit	\$0.30 per sq.ft.
Commercial Building Permit	\$0.35 per sq.ft.
Subdivision Application Fee	\$50.00/lot
Subdivision Building Fee	\$500.00/lot
Crown Land Application	\$100.00 (if not approved 80% refundable)
Quarry Permit	\$1000.00/annually
Real Property Deposit	\$500.00
	\$400.00 refundable upon occupancy
Stop Work Order	1 st notice \$100 + cost recovery 2 nd notice \$500 + cost recovery 3 rd notice \$1000 + cost recovery
Returned Cheque	\$50.00
Dog License	No Charge
Animal Pickup Fee	1st time - \$100.00 2nd time - \$200.00 Plus any Cost recovery
Animal Holding Fee	\$20.00/day
Animal Euthanasia Fee	Cost recovery/charged to owner

January 2, 2014

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Re: Changes to the Highway Traffic Act Respecting Slow-Moving Vehicles

Effective March 10, 2014, slow-moving vehicles (vehicles not capable of attaining and sustaining a speed of 80 km/hr) will not be permitted to operate on highways with a posted speed limit of greater than 80 km/hr.

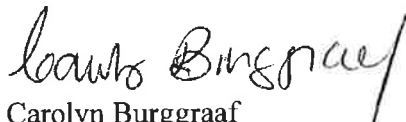
There is a limited exemption for slow-moving vehicles that are actively engaged in snow clearing or winter maintenance, sidewalk or highway maintenance, or sidewalk or highway construction. However, the exemption does not extend to travelling along a highway to reach the place where the vehicle is to be used for its intended function. This will require the vehicle owner to transport slow-moving vehicles on those roads with a posted speed limit of greater than 80 km/hr by an alternate means, such as floating or towing.

There is also a provision to issue a special permit (at no fee) to operators of slow-moving vehicles involved in agricultural, forestry or similar activity to operate the vehicle on a highway, subject to the terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the department.

Penalties for operating a slow-moving vehicle on roads with a posted speed limit of over 80 km/hr range from a minimum fine of \$100 to a maximum fine of \$400, plus 2 demerit points. There is also provision for jail time, from a minimum of two days to a maximum of 14 days, in default of payment of the fine.

Should you have any questions on how this may apply to you, please feel free to contact Mr. Robert Murray, Manager of Transportation Regulation Enforcement, toll-free 1-877-636-6867 or direct at 709-729-3454, or by email at rmurray@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Burggraaf
Registrar of Motor Vehicles

cc: Robert Murray
Dorothy Doyle



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FLATROCK RECYCLING 2014

January 29

February 12
February 26

March 12
March 26

April 9
April 23

May 7
May 21

June 4
June 18

July 2
July 16
July 30

August 13
August 27

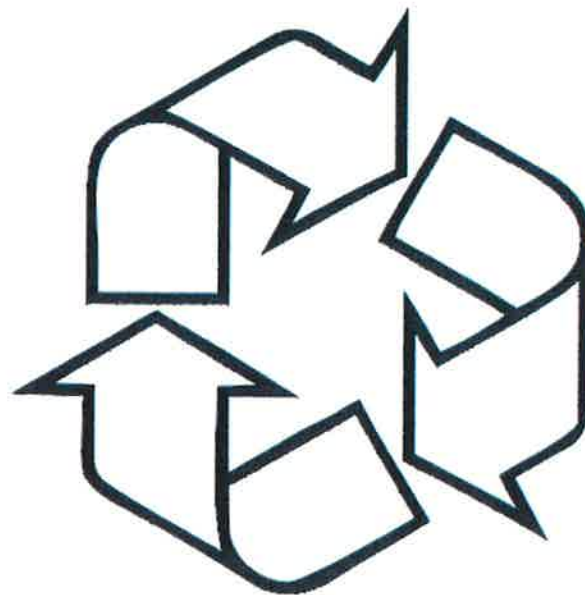
September 10
September 24

October 8
October 22

November 5
November 19

December 3
December 17
December 31 [may change].

Remember the 3 R's . . . Reduce - Reuse - Recycle!





Name:

Age:

Phone #: