



# The Town of Flatrock

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## **December 2014**

### **Resignation of Long Time Councillor:**

**Tony Grace** has resigned as councillor due to personal reasons. We would like to thank Tony for his years of service and dedication to the town. Tony served as councillor, Deputy Mayor and Mayor. With the resignation of Councillor Tony Grace there is now a vacancy on council. Therefore a by-election will be held.

### **By Election Tuesday, January 20, 2015:**

Nominations will be held on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Town Office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to fill a vacancy on council.

### **Flooding:**

This past month we have seen higher than normal rain falls, with climate change happening we have to be proactive with making sure we are prepared for extra water flow. A few small things that can help with water flow would be to make sure that your driveway culvert and drainage ditches in front of your property are clear from debris. Debris could cause water build up which could end as water backing up onto your property or over the road. Consider a French drain on your property to help water flow to the drainage ditches instead of over your property. If there is a high water table in your area, consider installing a sub pump to prevent basement flooding. The Town of Flatrock will work with any resident to help alleviate any water issues, where possible. If you have any concerns regarding flooding and you feel that the town can be of assistance, please contact our office staff.

### **Christmas Holiday Hours:**

Christmas hours at Town Office will be as follows:

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve closing at 12 noon.**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> - closed**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> - closed**

**December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – regular hours**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve -closing at 12 noon.**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – closed**

**January 2 – regular hours.**

### **Santa Claus Parade:**

The Santa Claus Parade is being held on **Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 pm** weather permitting starting at Ocean View Park / Breakwater proceeding in to Back Road turning right on Pouch Cove Highway and back Wind gap Road. All children can bring their letters to Santa Claus as Canada Post will be at the parade to collect letters. Everyone is invited to put a float in the parade and if you know of any business or groups who would like to put a float in the parade please contact the Town office at 437-6312 or e-mail at [info@townofflatrock.com](mailto:info@townofflatrock.com). Prizes for family or community floats are:

1st place \$100.00, 2nd place \$75.00, 3rd place \$50.00 Prize of \$100.00 for best commercial float

Prizes for best costumes are: 1st - \$40.00, 2nd - \$30.00 and 3rd - \$25.00

### **Tree Lighting:**

The tree lighting ceremony will be held after the Santa Claus Parade on **Sunday, December 7th at 4:30 pm**. at the Town Hall. Hot chocolate will be served and Christmas carols will be sung with Santa and his helpers.

### **Breakfast with Santa:**

Flatrock Recreation will be holding a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Flatrock Community Centre. Tickets are available at the Town Hall and Wilkinson's Convenience. Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$3 per kid. Kids under two are free. Parents and guardians are reminded to bring your cameras as Santa Claus will be available for pictures.

### **Christmas in the Cove:**

Residents are invited to join in celebrating the sounds of the season at our annual Christmas in the Cove Concert on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. This year's event will be held at All Saints' Parish Hall in Pouch Cove, starting at 7:00 pm, featuring musical performances by: Foggy Dew, The Martin Family & Local Entertainment. Admission is a non-perishable food item.

### **Skate with Santa:**

Our annual Skate with Santa on at the Jack Byrne Arena on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Admission is a non-perishable food item.

### **Christmas Lights Contest:**

Flatrock Recreation is encouraging residents to use their imagination and creative skills this holiday season and enter our Outdoor Christmas Lights Decorating Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three decorated houses in Flatrock as determined by our judges. To enter the contest, registration can be completed in two ways: 1) residents are asked to contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator on our before 12 pm on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, to enter their own home, or 2) residents can nominate another homeowner by contacting the Regional Recreation Coordinator on our before 12 pm on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Judging will take place on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christmas Sing Along:**

Residents are invited to sing your hearts out to some soul filling Christmas carols and songs on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 as Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Christmas Sing Along. This event will be held at the Flatrock Community Centre from 7 – 9 pm and refreshments will be provided. Flatrock Recreation will be accepting non-perishable food items for our local food bank at this event.

### **Christmas Colouring Contest:**

The Town of Flatrock is having a Christmas 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 3:30 pm. or after hours it can be put in the mail slot outside the office door. The deadline will be **December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 pm.**

### **Senior's Christmas Dinner:**

Senior's dinner was held on November 29<sup>th</sup> with approximately 115 seniors and guests in attendance.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations in making it a success:

DISTRICT DRUGS

RNS LANDSCAPING

CAL LEGROW INSURANCE

WAYNE WHITE LAW OFFICE

FLATROCK ROOFING

BOURNE'S HOLDINGS

D & S VACUUMS

TAPPER'S GAS BAR

RED HEAD SALON

COOMBS & ASSOCIATES

EASTERN BLOWN IN

CLEAN AIR SOLUTIONS

RUSTLERS

RECREATION NL

MARTIN'S MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT

B & L GENERAL CONTRACTING  
FLATROCK RECREATION  
WADE'S EXCAVATING  
BROWNING HARVEY  
IMPACT SIGNS & GRAPHICS  
TIM HORTON'S  
MARTIN'S SURVEYS  
ADMIRAL'S ROCK INC  
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR LIQUOR CORPORATION  
DBI GARBAGE REMOVAL  
KAVANAGH'S CONSTRUCTION LTD.  
CAPETOWN CONVENIENCE  
JESSE'S PLACE INC.  
KEEP KOOL  
JOHN CALLAHAN  
ATLAS PIZZA  
AJ VACUUMS  
WILKINSON'S CONVENIENCE  
BARB LAWLOR  
K & P CONTRACTING  
MUNN INSURANCE

**THANK YOU FROM CHELSEY CRAWLEY:**

I would like to send out a big thank you to all the surrounding communities and to all who helped or donated in any way to make my fundraiser card game a success. I really appreciate it. I have almost reached my goal thanks to all of you.

The Lucky Winners are the Card Game were:

Door Prize – Collie Power #150

Texas Mickey – John Bishop # 074420

50/50 – Barb Crawley # 573026 (donated back to me)

## **Community Skate Schedule for Flatrock:**

February 7<sup>th</sup>

March 14<sup>th</sup>

## **Torbay Volunteer Fire Department:**

Thank you to the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for assisting with Flatrock Recreation's Guy Fawkes Bonfire on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **SNOW CLEARING:**

It is that time of the year again and snow is upon us, 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 is at the top. Please watch for children waiting for school buses during our snow season, remember "Snow means Slow".

## **Outstanding Taxes:**

2014 Outstanding taxes – Payments are accepted by Visa, Debit, MasterCard, cheques and cash as well as postdated cheques, at the town office between the hours of 8:30 to 4:15, Monday to Friday.

## **2015 Property Taxes:**

2015 invoices will be mailed in the New Year.

The Town Council has a seniors discount available now. 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.

Outstanding taxes are due and interest will be showing on March 2015 statements for all taxes outstanding up to and including 2014 unless you have arrangements made or intend to make arrangements to pay the balance owing.

## **HELP WANTED - Home Care Worker Position Available:**

Family in Flatrock looking for **TWO** overnight home care workers for a darling two year old boy with special needs. The home care is needed in order to get him home from hospital. Duties will include sitting with him while he sleeps as he relies on the use of a bipap machine while sleeping, as well as the use of a feeding pump. All training will be provided. Each position will consist of 70 hours in a (2 week) pay period, with every second weekend off. Hours will be from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. Wage to be discussed. Only serious inquiries please. References, as well as a certificate of conduct required. Please contact Alice or Steve at: 437-2580.

## **Animal Control:**

The Town of Flatrock works with the Town of Torbay animal control officer Meagan Battersby for all animal control in 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.

## **Town Council Meetings:**

Council meeting on December 8 will be the last Council meeting for 2014.  
First Council meeting for 2015 will be on Monday, January 5 at 7 pm.

**Deadline** for applications of correspondence for Flatrock Town Council meetings are **3 pm** on the **Thursday** before the meeting. Any applications or correspondence that comes in after that time will be held for next meeting. If you wish to speak to council please call ahead of time so we can put your name on the agenda.

## **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
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

**Note:**

Garbage Day is every Wednesday and Garbage has to be out by 8 am. (No changes on Christmas or New Year's Eve. Garbage pick-up as normal. Recycling is every second Wednesday – list available on website.

**Kevin Parsons MHA**

Kevin Parsons MHA contact information: phone 729-6979, fax 729-5774,

Email: kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca

**Jack Harris MP**

Jack Harris MP contact information: phone 772-7171, email: Jack.Harris@parl.gc.ca

**Flatrock Fifty Plus Fun Club:**

The Fifty Plus Group meets on Thursday evenings at Flatrock Community Centre. Membership is just \$10.00 for the year. We enjoy the good company and there is always a laugh to be had at the meetings. Some members enjoy a game of cards, some enjoy the crafts, some enjoy light exercise program led by Marg Critch and some just enjoy a chat and a cup of tea.

We hope to start weekly senior's lunch and learn series in January. This will feature a light exercise class, a soup and a sandwich and hopefully guest speakers, maybe crafts and some music. This will focus on the seniors in our town and transportation will be provided to and from Community Centre. If you are interested in attending please contact some member of the executive and give your name and phone number. We'll be in touch with details in the New Year.

We have a busy month coming up in December, we have two floats for the Santa Claus Parade on December 7<sup>th</sup>, several of our members are volunteering at the breakfast with Santa on December 7<sup>th</sup> and we have our Christmas Party on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions or comments about our meetings, membership or our club in general, please contact any member of the executive as listed below.

In closing, we would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our family and friends. We look forward to seeing some of you join our group in 2015.

Sincerely,

**Flatrock 50 + Fun Club**

Carm Martin, President 437-6921

Patsy Bishop, Vice President 437- 2352

Marg Parsons, Secretary 437-5789

Michael Wade, Treasurer 437-6079







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