



The Town of Flatrock

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2015 Property Taxes

2015 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.

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.

**2015 Tax fee structure is attached.

Motorized Vehicles

The Town Council of Flatrock has made a motion to ban all motorized vehicles on all ponds in the Town of Flatrock as they are part of the town's water shed area, there will be a fine for any illegal motorized activity on any of these ponds.

Signage will be put in place in the spring.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Town Council of Flatrock is working with Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and the [ICSP] Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Committee to start a Neighborhood Watch Program in the Town Of Flatrock. The town is looking to set a committee of interested residents. If you are interested please contact the town office.

Community Skates

The Town of Flatrock community skates will be held February 7 and March 14. Admission is a non-perishable food item. Helmets are mandatory.

Flatrock Community Center

The Flatrock Town Council is looking for expressions of interest to have some pictures painted on one wall in the community center. The Council will provide some ideas. If you are interested please contact the town office 437-6312 or email:

info@townofflatrock.com

SAM Stewardship Association of Municipalities

The Town Council of Flatrock will be hosting the SAM Board of Directors meeting May 22 to 24, 2015 at the Flatrock Community Center. The town is looking for any local businesses who would like the opportunity to supply an item ** advertising your company information on it, for the gift bag to present to all visiting members from across Newfoundland and Labrador. **Please contact the office for details. Phone 437-6312. The committee is also looking for any birdwatchers in the community. For details contact Bob Schmiedendorf at info@townofflatrock.com.

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.

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".

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.

Town Council

Congratulations to Robert Schmiedendorf who was elected to the one seat on Council in a Bye Election held on January 20, 2015. Thank you to candidates Jeff Connors and David Ryan for running in the Bye Election. Results were: Robert 145, David 85 and Jeff 75. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote in your community.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Dept.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual Take-out Hot Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinners on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Cost is \$12.00. Includes Stuffed Chicken Breast, Potatoes, Turnip, Carrots, Peas, Gravy, Roll and Cookies.
Contact: Nancy 682-1227

Soiree

The date for the 2015 Flatrock Soiree is July 24th to 26th.

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.

The Flatrock Environment Committee will be hosting a winter hike as part of Snow Fest. It will take place on Saturday February 28th, and start at 10:30 am. Participants should meet between 10 and 10:30 am at the corner of Medalsis Pond road and Admiral's Grove road. We will be hiking (use of snow shoes or cross country skis are optional) into Medalsis Pond with the intention of having a boil up with some snacks. Participants are encouraged to dress accordingly and bring a water bottle and a mug/cup. We will provide hot chocolate and some tea, along with some snacks.

Tourism Committee

The date of the next Tourism Meeting in March will be posted on the town website. Preparations for Come Home Year 2016 will be discussed as will setting up a committee for Come Home Year. Volunteers are needed, you can attend the meeting or contact town office.

Heritage Committee

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

ICSP Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Committee

ICSP Committee meets once a month usually on the first Tuesday in the towns of Bauline, Pouch Cove and Flatrock, alternating each month. The Committee consists of a Council member, a staff member and a Community Representative from each town. Robert Schmiedendorf was the Community Representative for Flatrock. In light of Bob Schmiedendorf the current community representative being elected to Council the town Council is looking for an interested resident to volunteer on the ICSP Committee. If you are interested please contact the town office with your name 437-6312 or email info@townofflatrock.com

Home Care Worker needed for Family in Flatrock

Family in Flatrock looking for **one overnight home care worker** for their darling little 2 year old boy with special needs. Duties will include staying with him while he sleeps, as he requires bipap at night, as well as the use of a feeding pump. ALL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED!!! Shifts will be from 10:30pm - 9:30am with every second weekend off. Payment is bi-weekly with 77 hours per pay period.

Serious inquiries only

You can contact Alice or Steve at:

437 2580

764 5918 (Steve's cell)

769 5921 (Alice's cell)

*Voicemail available for all 3 numbers

alice.power.ap@gmail.com

Coffee House

Coffee House featuring local entertainers of Newfoundland Music including The Martin Family, The McGrath Family, Jed Whitty and many more will be held at the Flatrock Community Center on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Tickets Adults \$10.00 and Children \$5.00 available at the door or town hall. Coffee House being held by Chelsey Crawley as a fundraiser for her journey to Uganda in 2015.

2015 Killick Coast Games

The Town of Portugal Cove/St. Philips will be hosting the 2015 Killick Coast Games from July 26 to July 30, 2015. The Killick Coast Games are open to youth between the ages of 11 and 17 (within the 2015 calendar year). Youth are given the opportunity to participate in Ball Hockey, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Soccer and Softball.

Bike Helmets

Bike Helmets will be mandatory in Newfoundland and Labrador for all users effective April 1, 2015 when cycling on the province's roadways. This amendment to the Highway Traffic Act was introduced in the House of Assembly in 2014.

Sports

Congratulations to Flatrock residents:

Congratulations to Nicholas Callahan for bringing home a bronze medal in boxing. In January, Nicholas attended the 2015 Canadian Junior & Youth National Boxing Championship in Quebec City.

This past weekend (Jan 31- Feb 1) we had two youths from our community attend the Canadian National Karate Championships in BC. They were Lucas Menard and Christopher Coady. This was Lucas's first trip to the Nationals. Lucas competed in the kumite (sparring) cadet division -70kg and came 5th. He also competed in male Kata and placed 7th. A great showing for his first (of many to come) trip to the Nationals. It was Christopher's second trip to the Nationals. Chris competed in kumite in two divisions, junior -76kg and placed 4th and cadet +70kg and took home the gold. On a special note their teammate Jason Ward, of Pouch Cove brought home the bronze medal in the kumite cadet -70kg. It was Jason's first appearance at the Nationals. We would like to congratulate them and their teammates on a great performance. Go team NL.

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.

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.

Recycling

** Recycling schedule for 2015 is attached.

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.

Diabetes Containers

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

Household Hazard Waste:

The Household Hazardous Waste drop-off at the Regional Facility located at Robin Hood Bay operates every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from June to November. For more detailed information on the materials accepted there, please visit:

www.curbitstjohns.ca/?Content=Residents/Household_Hazardous_Waste

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 or phone 689-7402.

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.

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 - February 16, Monday - March 2, Tuesday - March 17, Monday - March 30, Monday- April 13 and Monday - April 27, 2015.

Holidays

Please be advised that the Town Hall will be closed on:

Monday, March 16 for St. Patrick's Day.

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at 7 pm.

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.

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

Jack Harris MP

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

Facebook and Twitter

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Flatrock Fifty Plus Fun Club

Happy New Year from the Flatrock Fifty Plus Fun Club. We had a busy year in 2014 and already have many plans for 2015. We meet at the Community Centre every second Thursday, our next meeting is February 12.

We would like to start by saying what a wonderful evening we had for our Annual Christmas Pot Luck and Dance. Thank you to Jonathan Noseworthy for providing the music, to John Dooley for his wine making talents, and to all who donated gifts for the party, every member of our Fifty Plus Club received a gift and we would like to thank the following sponsors.

Wilkinsons Convenience	Cape Town Convenience	District Drugs
Royal Bank, Torbay	Atlas Pizza	Greco Pizza
Rona	Curves	Jumbo Video
Joint Therapy	Paul Hawkins	Le Boudoir
Irving, Torbay	K & P Contracting	Tappers Ultramar
Cheri Rumsey	Marilyn Stamp	Diane Parsons-Stamp
Joan Jackson		

We enjoyed a fun night of bowling at Holiday Lanes, on Saturday January 24. In February we will celebrate our second anniversary and will be holding a pot luck for members and their guest. There will be a dance after the dinner, making for a fun evening.

The Club is taking part in Snowfest 2015 and will host a card game at the Community Centre on Sunday, March 8. Lots of good prizes and a 50/50 draw so please get a table and attend. Tickets will be available at the door and from the executive.

We are planning a Mothers Day dinner and dance at the Flatrock Community Centre on May 2. More details will be announced as plans are finalized.

In August our group will enjoy a weekend at the Celtic Rendezvous Cabins in Ferryland, plans to attend the Dinner Theatre, the Ferryland Lighthouse Picnic on that weekend, and dinner and a kitchen party on Saturday Evening.

And finally, we lost a very important member of our club in December. Christine Morey was one of the first people to join our club, she never missed a meeting and she enjoyed every event we held. She was certainly the life of the party and always had a smile and a laugh for all. She will be truly missed by all of us.

In closing, we just want to add that having a Fifty Plus Group in your Town is a very good thing. Our goal is to provide activities for the enjoyment of all members, all ideas and suggestions are welcome. We invite you to attend a meeting, see if it's a good fit for you, have a game of cards, do a craft, socialize, just a nice evening, the only requirement is to be older than 50!

Sincerely,
Flatrock 50 Plus Fun Club
Carm Martin, President 437-6921
Patsy Bishop, Vice President 437- 2352
Danny Kavanagh, Second Vice President 437-6902
Marg Parson, Secretary 437-5789
Michael Wade, Treasurer 437-6079



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Tax and Fee Structure 2015

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
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	Cost recovery
Residential Building Permit	\$0.30 per sq.ft.
Commercial Building Permit	\$0.35 per sq.ft.
Renovation Permit	\$25.00
Subdivision Application Fee	\$50.00/lot
Subdivision Building Fee	\$500.00/lot
Crown Land Application	\$50.00
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
Community Centre Rental	
Weddings, Adult parties, etc.	\$350 plus taxes
Children Birthday parties, showers, etc.	\$100 plus taxes



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RECYCLING DATES 2015

JANUARY 14
JANUARY 28

FEBRUARY 11
FEBRUARY 25

MARCH 11
MARCH 25

APRIL 8
APRIL 22

MAY 6
MAY 20

JUNE 3
JUNE 17

JULY 1 [will change]
JULY 15
JULY 29

AUGUST 12
AUGUST 26

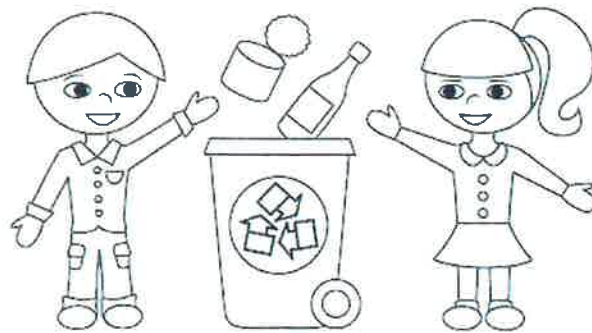
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SEPTEMBER 23

OCTOBER 7
OCTOBER 21

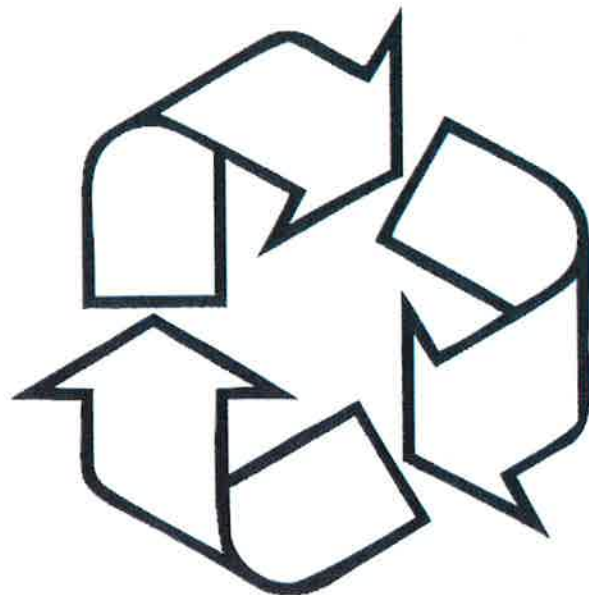
NOVEMBER 4
NOVEMBER 18

DECEMBER 2
DECEMBER 16
DECEMBER 30

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



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FLATROCK CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Flatrock Curbside Recycling Program, will be picking up recycling every up every second Wednesday. Your recycling should be separated in BLUE plastic bags, 1 for paper products and 1 for containers. It doesn't matter what size bags, but they must be BLUE in color. Please see the list below on how to separate your items:

PAPER PRODUCTS

Newspapers and Flyers
Magazines and Catalogues
Glossy paper and Junk Mail
Computer paper, writing paper,
Bond paper, Post-it Notes
Phonebooks
Envelopes
Books (hard cover removed)
Toilet paper and paper towel rolls
cartons (the cardboard kind)
Drink/Coffee trays
Paper Bags

BOXBOARD

Cereal boxes
Tissue boxes
Detergent boxes, etc...

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Clean, unwaxed and flattened

Items that will NOT be accepted:

Glass	Kitty Litter
Coffee Cups	Plastic Bags
Hazardous Waste	Diapers
Syringes	
Fast food containers ex: chicken buckets	

ALUMINUM CONTAINERS

Pop and Beer Cans
Baking trays, pie plates, etc...

TIN CANS

Soup cans, coffee cans, beans, tuna
cat food, etc....

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Water, pop, and liquor bottles (no Egg
covers or tops)
Condiments ex.: barbeque sauce
ketchup, mustard, honey, etc...
Household cleaners ex.: dish and
Laundry detergent, bleach,
Windex, etc...
Plastic containers marked on the
bottom #1, 2, 4, 5, 7 ex: yogurt,
ice cream etc...
Tetra boxes ex.: juice boxes, soups
Gable Tops ex.: milk and juice
cartons

If you want to donate your items
to the Recreation program, please
drop them off at the Town Garage
next to the gate. Please do not
block the fire exit. (These items
would be what you pay a deposit on)

Please make sure that the plastic bottles and containers are rinsed and lids and caps are removed. Please place your recycling with your garbage bags on recycling pick up day.