



# The Town of Flatrock

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## 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 4:30 pm.

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

Tony Grace Mayor	Roads / Snowclearing / Streetlights/Animal & Garbage Control/Flatrock Community Center	437-6825
Darrin Thorne Deputy Mayor	Animal & Garbage Control/Streetlights/Planning/Tourism	437-5654
Bob Schmiedendorf	Planning / Tourism / Finance/ Integrated Community Sustainability Plan [ICSP]	437-6255
Marion McCarthy	Recreation / Heritage / Soiree/Regional Games	437-6945
Michelle Martin	Recreation / Heritage/ Clean-up/Finance	437-5016
Brian Martin	Roads / Snow clearing/Flatrock Community Center	437-7665

## 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 19, and Monday April 1, April 15 and April 29 at 8:00 pm.

## 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**.

## Community Skate

The last Community Skate of the year will be held at the Jack Byrne Arena on Saturday March 16 from 4 – 5pm. Admission is \$2 per skater.

### **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.

### **50 Plus Club**

There was a meeting held, Sunday, February 10, 2013, to see if there was any interest in starting a 50 Plus Club in Flatrock. A committee was formed at that time. Chairperson is Carm Martin. Vice Chairperson is Patsy Bishop. Treasurer is Anita Walsh and the Secretary is Marg Parsons. Phone Committee is Joanne Kavanagh and Margie Critch. The next meeting to discuss the club further will be Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Town Hall at 7:30. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to take part in the club, please call 437-6312 or email [info@townofflatrock.com](mailto:info@townofflatrock.com).

### **Outstanding Taxes**

A final letter has been sent to those with outstanding taxes owing, up to and including 2012. Residents who received this letter and did not reply will have their information sent to a collection agency. Interest is being applied to all outstanding taxes, including 2012 taxes, invoices with the interest added will be in the mail in March 2013. 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 4:30, Monday to Friday.

### **Recycling Dates**

The next dates for recycling are attached. Please note that the dates for July were incorrect in the last newsletter. Residents are asked to have your recycling out with your garbage by 8:00 am on those dates. Remember greasy containers such as chicken boxes and buckets as well as pizza boxes are not recyclable. Just a reminder, you can drop off your recyclables, the ones you pay a deposit on, to the Town Hall. These recyclables [remove corks and covers] are going into an account at the Evergreen Recycling Depot and all money raised will go to the Flatrock Recreation Program. If you would like to donate your recycling to the Flatrock Recreation Program, drop them off at the Evergreen Recycling Depot marked "**Town of Flatrock**". The amount the Recreation Program earned from recyclables in 2012 was \$354.10

### **Compost Bins**

Council has ordered compost bins for anyone interested in having one. Cost is \$21.99 plus \$2.86 tax, total \$24.85 each. If you would like to order a bin, you can contact the town office and leave your name and we will let you know when they arrive.

### **Facebook and Twitter**

To keep up to date on what is happening in the Town! Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/townofflatrock](http://www.facebook.com/townofflatrock) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/townofflatrock](http://www.twitter.com/townofflatrock)

### **Student Summer Applications**

Resumes will be accepted for positions for summer employment with the Town of Flatrock, Flatrock Heritage Committee, and the Flatrock Community Centre, at the Town Hall until 4 pm on April 30th. The number of jobs available depends on the government funding approved. If any students need a first aid course, the one day course will be offered at a later date in Pouch Cove. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town's website under forms.

### **Green Team**

The Town is applying for a "Green Team" this summer from Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador. The Green Team will be looking at starting a trail network for the community. If the Town is successful in receiving a team, Flatrock will be looking to hire qualified students in the Town.

### **Park Bench**

Henderson Recreation worked with the Town of Flatrock during the RONA Playground project. Henderson Recreation has decided to donate a park bench to the town in memory of Mayor Butt. The bench will be placed at the War Memorial.

### **Flatrock Community Centre**

The Flatrock Community Centre will be soon closing for renovations. There will be an update when The Town receives more information.

The Town of Flatrock would like to Thank everyone who made donations to the Community Centre in memory of Mayor Butt. All donations are greatly appreciated and will assist in Mayor Butt's dream of reviving the Community Centre.

### **Torbay Volunteer Fire Department**

Councillor Michelle Martin is now the Town's liaison with the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department.

### **Earth Hour**

Earth Hour is on March 23 at 8:30pm. Earth Hour is a worldwide event organized by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and held towards the end of March annually, encouraging households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour to raise awareness about the need to take action on climate change. For more information please visit <http://earthhour.org>.

### **Canada Water Week**

Canada Water week is March 18-24. Canada Water Week is a week-long celebration of water from coast-to-coast-to-coast, held annually in the third week of March to coincide with World Water Day on March 22 Individuals, organizations and governments across the country are encouraged to get involved by organizing or participating in fun and educational events. Together, we can raise the profile and understanding of water. For more information on Canada Water Week please visit <http://canadawaterweek.com>.

### **Municipal Elections 2013**

There will be a Municipal Election on September 24th, 2013. Residents who have moved into Flatrock or have turned 18 since the last elections are asked to notify the office at 437-6312 or info@townofflatrock.com, to ensure we have an up to date voting list.

### **Holidays**

Please be advised that the Town Hall will be closed on March 18 for the St. Patrick's day holiday and March 29 for Good Friday.

### **Work Term Student**

Allison Whitty has been working with the town since February 11th as work term student. Allison is currently enrolled in the Community Recreation and Leadership program at the College of the North Atlantic and will be completing her final work term position with the Recreation Department. Allison finishes with the Town on March 8th. The Town and Recreation Committee would like to send a big thank you to Allison for all the hard work during her placement.

### **Community Skate**

The last Community Skate of the year will be held at the Jack Byrne Arena on Saturday March 16 from 4 – 5pm. Admission is \$2 per skater.

### **Volunteer Week**

Volunteer Week is April 21 to 27, 2013. The town is applying for a grant to assist in holding an event during volunteer week to recognize all of the amazing volunteers in the community.

### **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 4:30 pm. or after hours it can be put in the mail slot outside the office door. The deadline will be March 15th, 2013 at 4:00 pm. The winners will be selected at the council meeting on March 19th, 2013 and will be notified the next day.

### **Recreation Student Summer Applications**

Resumes will be accepted for positions for summer employment with Recreation at the Town Hall until 4pm on April 30th. Positions are subjective to funding approval. You will be required to have a current up to date record of conduct and be first aid certified, if any students need a first aid course the one day course will be offered at a later date in Pouch Cove. The applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town's website under forms.

### **Snowfest**

On behalf of Flatrock-Pouch Cove Recreation we would like to thank all those who participated in our 2013 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.

### **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

Breakfast will be held at the Flatrock Community Center on Saturday, March 30th from 9-11am. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and will be sold at the Flatrock town hall and Wilkinson's Convenience. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

### **Coffee House**

St. Michael's Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Coffee House on Saturday April 27th at 7:00 pm. at Holy Trinity High School. Desserts, cookies, tea and coffee will be served at a price of \$10.00.

### **Municipal Stewardship**

The Municipal Stewardship Agreement will be signed in March 2013 and the Town would like to invite all residents to attend. Please watch the website and Facebook page for the exact date and location of signing. Communities in Newfoundland and Labrador are responsible for large areas of wetland. A Municipal Stewardship Agreement signed with the province is a pledge by the municipality to be a good steward of their natural resources.

### **Spring Ahead**

Clocks go ahead one hour on Sunday March 10th 2013 at 2:00 am.

### **St. Patrick's Day Concert**

Due to the renovations at the Flatrock Community Centre, the St. Patrick's day Concert will not go ahead this year as planned. Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone and we hope to see you next year.

### **Killick Coast Games**

The games will be held in Flatrock – Pouch Cove from August 11-15th. Registration will be held in early June for those interested. The ages to participate in the games are 11-17 in the current calendar year. As well volunteers will be needed for coaching, refereeing, canteen and registration. All help is certainly appreciated.

### **Soiree**

The date for the 2013 Flatrock Soiree is July 27th and 28th.

### **Soccer**

Flatrock and Area Soccer Recreational League will be holding their registration on May 7th and May 9th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at Flatrock Town Hall. The age for registration is 4 years old before December 31st, 2013 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.

### **Flatrock Recreation Summer Program Changes**

Residents are advised of the following changes to our Summer Program:

- Campers must be between the ages of 6 and 12 within the calendar year.
- There is an increase in the hours of operations and summer camp will now be held from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.
- There duration of the program has changed from seven (7) to eight (8) weeks. However, due to the Killick Coast Games happening in Flatrock this summer, our 2013 summer program will only be seven weeks as there will not be any camp during the week of August 11 – 15th.
- Summer camp fees have increase to \$70 a week for one child and \$30 for each additional child.
- If you have any questions or require additional information regarding these changes please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2270 or via email at [pouchcovererecreation@hotmail.com](mailto:pouchcovererecreation@hotmail.com).

### **Royal Newfoundland Constabulary**

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary [RNC] has increased patrols in Flatrock at the request of concerns from residents. Some concerns were regarding cars speeding during school times and on Pouch Cove Highway. You will notice the police car in the community more often than usual. So please slow down for the safety of everyone and to avoid a ticket.

### **Little Dreamers Playgroup**

Little Dreamers Preschool Playgroup is open to youth ages 3 – 5 and is held at the Flatrock Town Hall on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11 am. There is a \$2 charge per person to help cover the cost of our healthy snacks.

### **KEVIN PARSONS MHA**

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

### **JACK HARRIS MP**

Jack Harris MP contact information: phone 772-7171, email: [Jack.Harris@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Jack.Harris@parl.gc.ca)



## 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.

## Flatrock Recycling Dates 2013

February 13

February 27

March 13

March 27

April 10

April 24

May 8

May 22

June 5

June 19

July 3

July 17

July 31

August 14

August 28

September 11

September 25

October 9

October 23

November 6

November 20

December 4

December 18



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**REUSE**  
**RECYCLE**





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