



The Town of Flatrock

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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 November 12 and Monday, November 25.

Flatrock Community Centre:

The Flatrock Community Centre will be soon closing for renovations. The Town is waiting on the Tender for the work to be sent out by the Provincial Government. There will be a further update when The Town receives more information.

Compost Bins:

Compost bins are available at Town Office for anyone interested in having one. Cost is \$21.99 plus \$2.86 tax, total \$24.85 each.

Flatrock Fifty Plus Fun Club

We have had a busy fall so far. Held our first 50 + Dance on October 12 at the Flatrock Community Centre, a great time was had by all who attended. We attended a Healthy Eating Class at Sobeys, Howley Estates. This was a very informative evening, no charge, hosted by Stacey Andrews. We got to sample some food she prepared, and learned about some good healthy foods. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 7 at the Community Centre. We will be making plans for the Christmas Party and the Christmas Parade. Bi weekly meetings always include a 50 / 50 draw, refreshments, a game or cards, choice of board game, socializing with the group. Our trip to Woody Island in May is completely booked up. If you want to put your name on a wait list in case anybody has to cancel please call one of the executive members listed below.

We have over thirty active members. Membership is only \$10.00 per year so if you are interested in joining our group come along to the next meeting, we would love to see you!

Sincerely,
Flatrock 50 + Fun Club
Carm Martin, President 437-6921
Patsy Bishop, Vice President 437- 2352
Marg Parson, Secretary / Treasurer 437-5789

Horses/Dogs Clean Up:

Complaints have been received from residents regarding people not cleaning up after their Horses /Dogs. Don't forget to Stoop and Scoop if your pet messes on any property other than your own, you must stoop and scoop the feces immediately. This is respect for our neighbours and public spaces. Also all dogs have to be on a leash when walking and tethered. Dogs should not be roaming. The cost to retrieve an animal from animal control is \$100.00 the first time and \$200.00 each time after. Please note that there are no dogs allowed on the recreation grounds such as the children's playground at Red Head Park and Ocean View Park.

Recycling:

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 Recreation has received so far for 2013 is \$235.20.

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. If you have noticed any issues with speeding on the side roads in Flatrock, please contact the town office. 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.

House Numbers:

Council recommends residents have a visible house number on your property in case of emergency.

Holidays:

Please be advised that the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, **November 11, 2013 in observance of Remembrance Day.**

Remembrance Day

The Flatrock Heritage Committee will be having a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the War Memorial on Monday, November 11th, 2013. People are being asked to assemble at the War Memorial at 10:40 am. All are invited to attend to pay their respects.

The Heritage Committee are asking residents if they know of anyone or any names of people from Flatrock who served in any form in any of the wars from World War I to present, to contact Madonna 437-5836 so they can be observed at the service.

Refreshments will be served at the Town Hall following the ceremony.

Outstanding Taxes

Interest is being applied to all outstanding taxes. 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.

Thank you

Thank you to the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for volunteering their time for the Halloween Pumpkin Patrol. Thank you to everyone who attended the open house sponsored by the volunteer fire fighters at the Flatrock station during Fire Prevention Week.

Invoices for 2014

The invoices for the 2014 Property Taxes will be mailed by January 31. Payments are due by February 28, 2014. No interest will be charged to residents until June 30, 2014. Arrangement of payments can be made by instalments. If you would like to make arrangements to pay your taxes there will be a form included with the invoices to bring to the Town Office. You can make payments by Visa, MasterCard, Debit, post dated Cheques or Cash. If you need a copy of this form, it is available under the Forms section on our website. If your information is on file for this year and would like the Town to continue to use for next year, please inform the Town in writing. There will be no interest charged if the payments are made as agreed by the resident.

Permits to build

Permits are required for all sheds, garages, green houses and any accessory building including portable sheds. All builders are requested to ensure that their yellow permit sign given to them by the town is displayed at all times, for all construction. Please note that permits are not required for renovations such as siding, windows and fences. Applications can be found on our website under 'forms'. If you need an extra copy of your permit please call the town hall at 437-6312.

Coloring contest

Winners from four age groups:

2 years and under – Abigail Conway

3 to 5 years – Xander Stamp

6 to 8 years – Heidi Martin

9 to 12 years – McKayla Nolan

Congratulations to all winners, each winner received a Chapters Gift Card.

Thank you to all the children who entered, your pictures are on display at the town hall.

Watch for our Christmas Coloring contest in our next newsletter.

Home Heating Rebate

Home Heating Rebate applications are available at town hall or can be found at http://www.fin.gov.nl.ca/fin/tax_programs_incentives/home_heating_app.pdf.

Santa Claus Parade

The Santa Claus Parade is being held on Sunday December 8th 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 Windgap 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. The alternate date in case of weather is Sunday December 15.

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 8th at 4:30 pm. at the Town Hall. Hot chocolate will be served and Christmas carols will be sung with Santa and his helpers. The Cape St. Francis School Choir will be in attendance.

Seniors Christmas Dinner

Invitations have been mailed out for the Seniors Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 23 at 6 pm at the Flatrock Community Center. If you are 65 years of age this year or older and have not received your invitation yet please contact the Town Hall at 437-6312 or email info@townofflatrock.com and we will add you to our list. If you are 65 and unable to attend please contact us and Council will deliver your meal to you. The deadline to RSVP is November 8th.

Garbage

The Town of Flatrock would like to thank all residents who participated in the bulk garbage clean up. The next bulk garbage clean up will be in June. Residents are reminded to not dump garbage in and around the town especially on Martin's Point, there are many opportunities to have garbage picked up and Robin Hood Bay Dump is close by and open Tuesday to SATURDAY from 8 am to 4 pm.

You are also requested to not put paint in your garbage, when the paint goes through the compacter it leaves a mess of paint everywhere even on the road. You can check MMSB website www.mmsb.nf.ca for details on paint and tires.

Household Hazard Waste:

The Household Hazardous Waste drop-off at the Regional Facility located at Robin Hood Bay operates year round on Wednesdays and Saturday's from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more detailed information on the materials accepted there, please visit:

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

Environment Committee

Looking for residents interested in the environment and trails in our Town. I am in the process of forming a Committee with focus on these aspects. Anyone interested can please contact Robert Schmiedendorf through phone (685-7341) or email (rschmiedendorf@nl.rogers.com).

Property Assessments

All property assessments were sent in the mail in October by the Municipal Assessment Agency, with your property values. If you did not receive the assessment you need to contact the Municipal Assessment Agency at 1-877-777-2807. If you want an approximate idea of your property taxes you can multiply the total value on your assessment by 0.0050

Example $\$100,000.00 \times .0050 = \500.00 and $\$200,000.00 \times .0050 = \1000.00

Snow Clearing

It is that time of the year again and snow will soon be 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".

Flatrock Flyers Watches

There is a Flatrock Flyers watch with the Flyers logo on the face of the watch available in men's and ladies at a cost of \$32.00 (taxes in). These watches are available at the Town Office.

Bartender

Council is now accepting applications for a bartender for the Seniors Dinner on November 23rd 2013. If you are interested in applying please send us an application by November 11th, 2013. If the office is closed you can drop the applications in the mail slot or email it to info@townofflatrock.com.

Jackets

If anyone is interested in purchasing a Jacket with the Town Crest on them, they are welcome to go to Imprint Specialty Promotions Ltd Located at 10 Airport Rd. and purchase your own jacket.

Volunteers for committees

The Town is looking for volunteers for several of their committees, if you have any interest in joining any committee, please contact the Town Hall at 437-6312 and we will forward your contact information to the appropriate people involved.

DVD'S, Mugs, and Ornaments

The Town of Flatrock has 2 DVD's for sale. One DVD is of the 1989 Soiree and the other is a video done by the Town of Flatrock in 1990. These DVD'S shows Flatrock scenery, the Lancers, Patrick Moran, Mark Hiscock, Leah Stamp Band, Is'd Bye Band, Reunion Band and many deceased residents from our community. These are available for \$20.00 each. There are mugs also available, with three different scenes on them, one of the old church, one of an iceberg in close to the rocks and the other of Flatrock beach. These are \$10.00 each. We also have Christmas ornaments as well for \$10.00 with the Flatrock crest or the Grotto or a wreath with "Flatrock" in the middle. You can purchase these items at the Town Office. The Town Office is open Monday –Friday, 8:30-4:30. The profits from the sales of the DVD's are going towards the Soiree and the profits from the sale of the mugs and ornaments will be going towards the Recreation Committee.

Survey

Attached is a survey regarding senior's activities. Residents are asked to fill out the information and bring it back to the Town Hall.

Christmas Hours

The following are the Town Hall's Christmas Hours

December 23: 8:30-4:30pm

December 24: 8:30-12:00

December 25: Closed

December 26: Closed

December 27: Closed

December 30: 8:30-4:30pm

December 31: 8:30-12:00

January 1: Closed

If you wish to pay taxes while the office is closed you can drop a cheque off in the mail slot at the Town Hall and a receipt will be sent to you in the mail.

Students volunteer hours

Any students looking for volunteer hours please contact the Town Hall at 437-6312

Or info@townofflatrock.com

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:

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/Fire dept/ 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

Contact List

Town Hall

Phone 437-6312 Fax 437-6311 Website www.townofflatrock.com
email info@townofflatrock.com

Jack Harris MP:

Phone 772-7171, email: Jack.Harris@parl.gc.ca

Kevin Parsons MHA:

Phone 729-6979, fax 729-5774, email: kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca

St. Michael's Parish, Flatrock

Phone:335-2863 Fax: 335-8240
<http://www.htpt.net76.net/>
agnesmichaelparish@email.com
Parish Priest: Father Paul Lundrigan Phone: 685-9705 e-mail: plund@nf.aibn.com

Dept of Forestry

Permits to Burn 729-4180

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department

Contact information for TVFD 437-6542 <http://www.tvfd.nl.ca/>

Flatrock 50 + Fun Club

Carm Martin, President 437-6921
Patsy Bishop, Vice President 437- 2352
Marg Parsons, Secretary / Treasurer 437-5789

Community Centre Bookings

Anita Dyer 437-5736

Animal Control Officer

Dana Kelly 437-6532 ext 285

Multi-Materials Stewardship Board [MMSB]
www.mmsb.nf.ca

Newfoundland and Labrador Paint Recycling Program
www.productcare.org/nl or toll free 1-888-772-9772.

Household Hazard Waste
www.curbitstjohns.ca

Matthew Cooper Regional Recreation Coordinator
335-2270, pouchcoverecreation@hotmail.com

Recreation News

Guy Fawkes Night

The Town of Flatrock will be holding a Community Bonfire on November 5th in celebration on Guy Fawkes Night. The bonfire will be held at the beach and will start at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your own roasting sticks!!!

Little Dreamers Playgroup

Our Playgroup Program will be returning on Wednesday, October 16th for the fall session. Playgroup is open to youth between the ages of 3 and 5 and held at the Flatrock Town Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 am every Wednesday. Sessions include playtime, refreshments, and arts and crafts. Fee \$2 per session.

Community Skates

Residents are advised that Community Skates will be held on November 9th and 23rd and December 7th. Community Skates are held at the Jack Byrne Arena in Torbay from 4 – 4:50 pm and admission is \$2 per skater.

Christmas Sing Along

Residents are invited to sing your hearts out to some soul filling Christmas carols and songs on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 as Flatrock Recreation will be holding our first 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 nonperishable food items for our local food bank at this event.

Brunch with Santa

Flatrock Recreation will be holding a Brunch with Santa on Sunday, December 8th, from 10 am to 12 pm at the Flatrock Community Centre. Tickets will be going on sale the week of November 18th and will be available at the Town Hall and Wilkinson's Convenience. Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$3 per kid. 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 us on Wednesday, December 11th for our annual Christmas in the Cove Concert. This year's event will be held at Cape St. Francis Elementary School starting at 7 pm.

Jim Payne & Fergus O'Byrne
Colleen Power
Sherry Ryan
Holy Trinity High School Choir
Local Entertainment

Admission is a nonperishable 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 16th, 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 16th. Judging will take place on Tuesday, December 17th.

Annual Skate with Santa

Pouch Cove – Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Skate with Santa on Saturday, December 21st from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at the Jack Byrne Arena in Torbay. There will be a \$2 admission fee for this event.

To all residents of Bauline, Flatrock, and Pouch Cove:

Your town councils are working together to consult with their communities in order to develop activities and projects which are of interest to seniors. We also hope to find seniors who would be willing to share their knowledge and experience to lead or teach groups, as well as volunteers who will assist the leaders. Even though these are seniors groups, we invite all residents to reply - after all, everyone becomes a senior sooner or later!

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT INTERESTS YOU!

Don't be shy. You do not have to provide any personal information if you don't want to; we just want your opinion!

Once we've collected information about your interests and your talents, we can start working on setting up small committees of seniors who are interested in the same things - book clubs, knitting groups, walking groups, arts and crafts,.....whatever you suggest.

If you are willing to lead one of the groups, let us know.
If you are willing to share your talents or experience with others, let us know that too.

Let's get right to the questions:

- (1): Shall we define "a senior" by age? Yes No
If yes, what age? 50 plus 60 plus 65 plus

Comment: _____

- (2): We have deliberately avoided making a long list of possible activity groups because we want **YOU** to **TELL US** what you would be interested in. Make as many suggestions as you like.

- (3): How often would you want to meet?
once a week once every two weeks once a month

- (4): Would you be willing to volunteer some of your time to teach others in your group? For example, to teach arts and crafts or carpentry or playing the accordion or whatever your talent is?

If your answer is “yes”, please provide your name and telephone number.

- (5): Would you be willing to volunteer some of your time to help organize a group?
If your answer is “yes”, please provide your name and telephone number.

How would you like to help?

Help to open and set up the meeting room

Clean up and close the meeting room

Remind members of the group of the meeting date

Tell us of other ways you could help:

- (6): Other comments: (attach a separate page if needed.)

Please return this survey to your Town Office.

A large envelope with the label: **SENIORS SPEAK** will be at the front counter of each town office until Friday, December 13th.

We will tally all the information and suggestions and let you know the results either by newsletters or on the town websites. Volunteers and seniors who are interested in participating in activities will be contacted by telephone in January.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Note: If you are unable to return the survey to the town office yourself, call to arrange for a volunteer to pick up your completed survey form. Call Bauline @ 335-2035 or Flatrock @ 437-6311 or Pouch Cove @ 335-2840.