



The Town of Flatrock

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Permit to Burn:

Residents preparing to burn brush as part of clean-up activities around their properties should note that the 2015 forest fire season will **START MAY 1 and END OCTOBER 15, 2015**. A permit to burn is required under the Forestry Act and can be obtained at **NO COST** at Paddy's Pond office, phone 729-4180. **Materials prohibited from burning include: tires, plastics, treated lumber, asphalt, drywall, demolition, hazard, domestic and biomedical waste, manure, rubber, tar paper, railway ties, paint and paint products, fuel, lubricant containers, used oil, Styrofoam, animal cadavers etc.**, A toll free number is available to report forest fires during forest fire season. The number is 1-866-709-3473. Information on the forest fire season and regulations are available at: www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/forestry/fires/index.html Please call fire department at 722-1234 to notify them when you are burning brush.

Annual Bulk Garbage Clean Up:

The Town of Flatrock's annual bulk garbage pick-up is **June 1st**. All residents are requested to have all debris on the curb side by May 31st as there will be **NO DUPLICATION OF ANY ROADWAYS**. Collection **WILL NOT** include tires or hazardous goods such as propane tanks or paint.

The Town of Flatrock will be working with Newco Metals again this year to remove any old vehicles from your property during the week of June 1st. If you would like to take part and have an old car removed **FREE** of charge please contact the town office at 437-6312 with your name, address, phone number and description of the condition, make and color of the car. The Town Council of Flatrock encourages you to take advantage of this program and get these vehicles that are no longer running removed from your property with no effort or charge to you. Thank you for helping to keep your community clean

Environment Awareness Day:

Environment Awareness Day 2015 will be held on **Saturday, June 6th**. On this day we encourage the youth of Flatrock to pick up garbage around their property, around the town and in the ditches. After the Cleanup, there will be a barbeque at the Town Hall at which time; **prizes** will be given out to the children who participate. Once again this year we will have a bike and helmet for the children. There will be prizes for adults who take part in the clean up as well. The Environment Committee will be having a tree planting following the BBQ at Ocean View Park for Arbor Day.

EWaste NL [Electronics Waste]:

The Town of Flatrock will be picking up electronics during our cleanup such as: TV's, computers, cellphones, stereos, printers, VCR's and CD players for recycling.

Garbage:

The Town Council of Flatrock ask all residents to cover garbage at all times or put in a garbage box. If you are not using a garbage box do not put any garbage out until garbage day. Garbage has to be out by 8 am on garbage day. The Town Council of Flatrock has received some concerns from residents regarding garbage being left around on properties that is attracting rodents, please try not to leave garbage around and to use a garbage box if possible.

Household Hazard Waste:

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

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

Ditches:

The Town of Flatrock is asking residents to clean out the ditches around your property. Keeping the ditches clear from garbage and debris helps prevent flooding of homes and roads.

Gobags:

The Town Council is asking any residents who do not want to receive flyers to contact the company and request their name taken off the deliveries so that the flyers are not left on the sides of the road. You can also have gobag box for your flyers installed on your property free of charge. **Contact information:** gobag@transcontinental.ca or 748-0888.

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. The compost bins can be picked up at the town hall.

Diabetes Containers:

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

No Dumping:

There is no dumping anywhere in the Town of Flatrock. It has been reported that people are dumping garbage, such as clothing, tree branches, building material etc. in the areas of Red Head soccer field and Flatrock cemetery. Garbage should be brought to Robin Hood Bay. The hours of operation are Tuesday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. and Saturday from 8 am to 12:00 pm. There have been concerns about residents dumping grass clippings from their property on Red Head Road into the ditch near the park, this is unsightly to look at, as well as a breeding ground for rodents such as mice and shrews.

Recycling:

Residents are asked to have recycling out with your garbage by 8:00 am on recycling days [every second Wednesday]. Next recycling day is June 3. Remember greasy containers such as chicken boxes, buckets and pizza boxes as well as Styrofoam and wrapping paper 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**”.

Summer Hours:

From Monday June 8, 2015 and ending Friday September 11, 2015 the Town Hall hours will be from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm.

Summer Students:

Summer positions are not filled yet but will be shortly. 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.

Kevin Butt Annual Memorial Tournament: A change in the dates for this year only:

The field at Red Head is booked for **AUGUST 15 & 16 (Saturday & Sunday)**. If anyone wants to play/volunteer/help/donate, they are more than welcome, as usual, all monies raised go back to the Community Center. **Call Stephanie at 685-2627 or Edith at 437-5445.**

Mock Fire Fighter Challenge

Information attached.

Walking Safety:

Walking, running and bicycling are popular events in Flatrock and it is suggested to please wear reflective clothing to be visible on the roads, especially at night. School will soon be out so drive slowly and watch for children at play and all residents out being active.

Speed Bumps:

Speed Bumps are being installed in some areas in the town. Residents are asked to watch their speeds and watch out for pedestrians and children.

Soiree:

The date for the 2015 Flatrock Soiree is July 24th to 26th. Fireworks at 10 pm on July 26.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department:

Interested in volunteering in your community?

The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department is accepting applications from individuals (at least 19 years old) from the community of Flatrock to go on our eligibility list for when an opening becomes available. Applications available on our website (www.tvfd.nl.ca, About Us, Join Us), just drop them off to the town hall (during office hours) to the attention of Greg Power, Public Relations Officer.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department Service Awards:

Bob Webber	30 years
Kent Abbott	25 years
Ken Dodd	15 years
Pat Butler	15 years
Phillip Whitten	15 years
Jonathan Christopher	5 years
Karen Greeley	5 years
Rob Dowden	5 years

Fire Fighter of the Year – 2014 Rodney Gaudet

Bonfire:

There will be a Bonfire held on the Beach [across from Ocean View Park] on June 25 sponsored by the Flatrock Recreation. The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department will be in attendance. Please bring your own marshmallows.

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.

Emergency Plan:

If you know of anyone with an illness or who may need help during an emergency in the town. Please send the information to info@townofflatrock.com

Soccer:

Soccer registration was held for ages 3 to 17. Soccer starts July 8.

Recreation fields:

The Town Council ask that residents respect our soccer and softball fields by not riding ATV's, dirt bikes and other recreational vehicles on them as these fields are being used by our residents and especially our children in the summer. The continuous driving back and forth destroys the fields. Also recreational vehicles should not be used on fields and any property you do not own. Thank you for respecting your community and environment.

Softball:

Minor Fast pitch Softball Registration Thursday, May 28th from 6:00 -7:00. Ages 7-15.
Registration at the Ball Field in Flatrock. Payment to be made at time of registration.

Recreation:

The Town Council and Recreation Committee of Flatrock would like to acknowledge and thank Flora Pike for her years of service with Flatrock Recreation and especially the four years of volunteering on the executive. Your time and effort is very much appreciated by Council. Keith Smith is acting chair.

Emily McCarthy:

Emily would like to thank everyone who supported her fundraising ticket sale for her volunteer trip to Spain. The winners were: Frank Maynard and Rose Mary Maher.

Cemetery Masses:

St. Michael's Flatrock – July 28- 7:00

Holy Trinity, Torbay – Main Road – July 21 –& Bauline Line – July 22

St. Agnes, Pouch Cove – July 29

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 Please note that **Security Cameras are in place at the Flatrock Community Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

SAM Stewardship Association of Municipalities:

The Town Council of Flatrock hosted the SAM Board of Directors meeting May 22 to 24, 2015 at the Flatrock Community Center. The town would like to thank the local businesses and committees for all the support for the meeting. The conference was a great success and our community and our volunteers were complimented on by the town representatives from Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sports:

Congratulations to Blair Langmead and Tony Hawco who were inducted into the Softball Newfoundland and Labrador Hall of Fame in 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.

Tourism Committee:

The date of the next Tourism Meeting will be Wednesday, June 10 at FCC at 7:00 p.m. and will be posted on the town website.

Environment Committee:

A big Thank you to the members of the Environment Committee that helped with the SAM – Stewardship Association of Municipalities hike to the Beamer on Saturday May 23rd, it was a big success.

Hike on June 13th from Red Head Road to Satellite Road. Please meet at Red Head Park Chalet at 10 am.

Hike on July 11th with the 18th being an alternate in case of weather. Lookout Trail awareness hike with some refreshments will start at 10 am from Wade's Farm Rd. The goal of this hike is to help with prep and maintenance of the trail. More info will follow as we get closer to the date.

Hike on July 23rd to be in association with the Soirée. It will start at Wade's Farm Rd and proceed along the East Coast trail to the Beamer. Some snacks and refreshments will be provided. More info will follow as we get closer to the date.

Next Environment Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center. Everyone welcome.

Any questions please contact Robert Schmiedendorf at email rschmiedendorf@yahoo.ca.

Important Dates:

Arbor Day in NL is June 1, 2015.

East Coast Trail Association **Tely hike** fundraiser Saturday, June 6. Visit: eastcoasttrail.ca
Environment week is June 1 to 7 please reduce, reuse and recycle.

Heritage Committee:

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

Flatrock 50 + Club:

Information attached.

ICSP Committee Secretary:

Information attached.

Holidays:

Please be advised that the Town Hall will be closed on June 22 for Discovery Day and July 1 for Memorial Day.

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 or any activities.

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.

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.

Permits:

Permits are required for all sheds even movable sheds, please contact Town Office for details. Any application for a shed has to go to a Council Meeting for approval. If you have a shed on your property the permit application is \$10.00 and permit costs 20 cents a square foot with a minimum cost of \$30.00. You can be asked to remove a shed if you do not have a permit for it.

Dog Tags:

If you would like your dog or even your cat registered in the town, 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 has Meagan Battersby, the animal control officer for the Town of Torbay working animal control for 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. Please note when walking dogs they should be on a lease at all times and tethered on private property. **Dogs are not allowed to roam.**

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 meeting is: Monday – June 8.

Flatrock Recreation:

Matthew Cooper was appointed Avalon Regional Director with the Board of Directors for Recreation NL for a two year term. Congratulations Matthew.

2015 Canada Day Celebrations:

Members of Flatrock Recreation are currently finalizing our 2015 Canada Day Celebrations. Information regarding this event will be posted on our website and Facebook page. This will be held at the Red Head Road Recreational Complex starting a 1pm.

2015 Summer Camp:

Registration for Summer Camp has taken place. We still have a few openings for certain weeks throughout the summer. If you are interested in registering your children for this program, please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2848 ext. 4 or via email at recreation@townofflatrock.com.

2015 Killick Coast Games:

Open to youth between the ages of 11 to 17 (within the 2015 calendar year), the Killick Coast Games provides friendly sporting competition amongst Towns within the Killick Coast region. The 2015 Killick Coast Games will be hosted by the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Phillip's from July 27th to July 30th. Registration for these games will be held from May 19th to June 5th. Registration forms will be available at the Town Hall (during business hours) on www.townofflatrock.com. Please be advised that the deadline for registering for these games is Friday June 5th. Seniors girls are now able to participate in ball hockey during the games. Depending on the number of females who are interested in playing there may be a female only division or they will play with the boys.

Counselor in Training:

Flatrock Recreation is pleased to provide youth with the opportunity to apply for our Counselor in Training (CIT) Program. Counselors-In-Training gain valuable training and experience by providing support to camp staff. CITs are supervised by the Regional Recreation Coordinator and Head Counselor. This is a training position; CITs are volunteers and are not paid. Ability to attend training is a condition of acceptance into the program. Completion of the CIT program does not imply or guarantee future employment with Flatrock Recreation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Must be between the ages of 13 and 15.
- 2) Be a team player and open to group action and have the ability to take a leadership role in a small group.
- 3) Must be available for three consecutive weeks in July or August.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) Reflect the Summer Camping Objectives in all activities.
- 2) Assume leadership of the group as requested by counselor.
- 3) Interpret safety and health regulations.
- 4) Assist with the program activities and work closely with the counselor.

Please visit www.townofflatrock.com to obtain the Counselor-In-Training Application. Applications are due by Friday, June 12th at 12:00pm.

First Aid Training:

The Town of Pouch Cove will be holding a Canadian Red Cross Emergency First Aid Course on Saturday, June 13th, from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Recreation Chalet on Satellite Road. To register for the course please contact 335 2848 ext. 4. Deadline to register is Friday, June 5th. Registration fee is \$65 per person and must be paid when registering. Please bring some snacks and lunch with you on training day. There is limited space available.

Jack Harris MP

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

Kevin Parsons MHA

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

Facebook and Twitter

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/townofflatrock or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/townofflatrock to keep up to date on what is happening in the Town!

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

Flatrock Fifty Plus Fun Club

Our Fifty Plus group has had a busy spring thus far, we held our first Mothers Day Dinner and Dance on May 2, and enjoyed a great meal prepared by Denise King Catering, and then danced the night away to the music of Bob Smart.

Some members of our group have been busy helping Dianne Stamp with her "Knit for Kids" project. Dianne is working on knitting a variety of caps, mittens, scarves, etc to be distributed to needy kids in the fall of 2015. Some members of our groups are helping her with this project and also some of the residents of North Pond Manor in Torbay are knitting up a storm. You can check out the progress on her Facebook page, "Knit for Kids" and even if you want to donate some wool, all the info is there.

We have also been involved with the Torbay Pathfinders Group. They are involved in a project where they are using old pillow cases, old sheets, etc to make simple dresses, shorts, skirts etc to send to needy children in Africa. This is a really great project, we meet on alternate Thursdays at the Community Centre to work on this, members bring their sewing machines, and the Pathfinders work with our group to create some really nice clothes. Again, if you want information on how to help out with this project, give Carm Martin a call, 437-6921.

Carol Gosse of our club has been teaching line dancing to interested members on Thursday evening during our regular meeting. Lots of fun and some pretty good dance moves for sure. I don't think you will be seeing us on Dancing with the Stars any time soon, maybe America's Funniest Videos would be more like it, but we do enjoy the activity.

Our group applied for a Provincial Health and Wellness Grant last fall, and just recently were notified that our application was approved. We are looking at offering a ten week seniors exercise class, probably one afternoon a week at the Flatrock Community Centre. We will be setting up a committee to plan the activities. Details will be announced shortly.

We will hold our year end party in June, and will be holding elections for a new executive to take over when meetings start up again in September.

We will be hosting a social with the Fifty Plus Group from Holyrood in July, their group has been very interested to visit with our group and they have rented a bus to bring the group to visit our Grotto in Flatrock in late July, and our group will host a lunch for them and a social.

We have had a great year, thank you to the Town of Flatrock for the use of the Community Centre for our meetings and socials, I think I speak for the whole group to say how much we enjoy our Fifty Plus Club and we look forward to continued fun and a variety of activities within the group. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer, lots of sunshine. Hope to see some new faces when we start up again in September.

Sincerely

Flatrock 50 Plus Fun Club

Carm Martin, President 437-6921

Danny Kavanagh, Second Vice President 437-6902

Marg Parson, Secretary 437-5789

Patsy Bishop, Vice President 437- 2352

Michael Wade, Treasurer 437-6079

Opportunity - ICSP Committee Secretary

Are you a community-minded individual with an interest in regional government? Does the idea of collaborating with community leaders and engaging community stakeholders to enhance the future of your community sound appealing?

If so, the role of the ICSP Secretary could be a perfect fit for you!

Launched in 2010, the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) Committee is a regional committee comprised of representatives from the Towns of Bauline, Flatrock, and Pouch Cove. Each Town is represented on the committee by a member of council, a town employee, and a resident of the community.

As the ICSP Committee Secretary, you will work closely with the committee to help identify local issues and solutions that contribute to our communities' long-term well-being. At the heart of community sustainability is the need to balance social, environmental, economic, and cultural interests.

The ICSP Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at ICSP Committee meetings, which are held once a month (except during the months of July and August). Other duties of the ICSP Secretary include:

- Preparing meeting agendas
- Drafting correspondence on behalf of the ICSP committee
- Conducting research
- Sending out meeting reminders via email

The ICSP Secretary is paid a \$100 honorarium per meeting and meeting locations alternate between each town. The ideal candidate should possess excellent communication and organizational skills, with the ability to work as part of a team. Interested candidates can submit their resumes to either of the following:

Town of Bauline: (email) baulinetowncouncil@nf.aibn.com (fax) 335-2053

Town of Flatrock: (email) info@townofflatrock.com (fax) 437-6311

Town of Pouch Cove: (email) info@pouchcove.ca (fax) 335-2840



Mock Fire Fighter Challenge



In celebration of **JUNE IS RECREATION MONTH** the Communities of Torbay, Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove, Pouch Cove and Flatrock are teaming up with the local Volunteer Fire Departments to offer a first ever simulated firefighter challenge event!

When: June 20, 2015
Where: Jack Byrne Arena
Time: 10 am – 12 pm
Cost: Free

The course will be designed to replicate the firefighters combat challenge that the real firefighters do!

Participants will have to gear up with their equipment and complete the course for time. Station examples include:

- Stair Climb
- Hose carry and Drag
- 'Forcible Entry' Tire and Mallet swing
- Run Cones
- Confined Space Crawl
- Dummy Drag

Divisions will include:

- 11-13 years, relay teams of two or individual
- 14-17 years, relay teams of two or individual
- 18+ Adult, relay teams of two or individual

There will be refreshments and draw prizes too!

To register contact Allison Power by **JUNE 17** at 437-6532 ext. 286 or apower@torbay.ca



Logy Bay
Middle Cove
Outer Cove

