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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:

2015 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. The Town of Flatrock is now set up for online banking.

2016 Property Taxes: 2016 invoices are mailed.

The Town Council has lowered the property tax mil rate from 5.0 to 4.65 for 2016 taxes.

If you want an approximate idea of your property taxes you can multiply the total value on your assessment by 0.00465

Example $\$100,000.00 \times .00465 = \465.00 and $\$200,000.00 \times .00465 = \930.00

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 listed as the registered home owner then you would need a copy of your deed showing you as the owner as well as your ID.

Outstanding taxes are due and interest will be showing on March 2016 statements for all taxes outstanding up to and including 2015 unless you have arrangements made or intend to make arrangements to pay the balance owing.

Town of Flatrock Municipal Plan:

The Town Council of Flatrock is working to get the town municipal plan completed and there will be a public meeting once the final draft is completed.

Town Council Meetings:

Next Town Council meeting - **February 1st, 15th and 29th at 6:30 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.

Advertisement:

Town of Flatrock is currently updating the community map. If any business is interested in advertising on the brochure please contact town office. \$50.00 flat rate for advertisement.

Deadline: February 15th, 2016

2016 Community Skates:

The Town of Flatrock Community Skates will be held at Jack Byrne Arena from 4 to 4:50 pm on Saturday February 27 and March 26. Helmets are mandatory.

2016 Snowfest Celebrations:

Pouch Cove/Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Snowfest Celebration from **February 26th to March 5th**. A detailed schedule will be coming to your mailbox in early February.

Snowfest Adult Dance:

Impact Signs & Graphics and Pouch Cove/Flatrock Recreation are pleased to announce that the **Irish Descendants Showband** will be the headline act for the 2016 Snowfest Adult Dance. This dance will be held on Saturday, March 5th, 2016 and local group **Coaker's Hat** will be the opening act. Tickets are \$20.00 each and will be on sale at the Flatrock Town Hall, February 13th, from 10-11 a.m. Cash or cheque payment only.

2016 Canada Day Challenge:

The 2016 Canada Day Challenge was launched this week! The Challenge will be a great opportunity for Canadian youth between 8 and 18 years of age, inviting them to express their creativity.

We invite Canadian Youth to start thinking about the Challenge now and they can demonstrate their pride in Canada. We have three exciting categories:

- Draw it
- Snap it
- Write it

Please visit their website at www.challenge.pch.gc.ca for more details.

Garbage and Recycling 2016:

Garbage Day is every Wednesday and Garbage has to be out by 8 am.

Recycling is every second Wednesday – January 27th. (Recycling Dates attached and also available on website).

Soiree Date Change:

August 5, 6, and 7th 2016

RNC Tip for Month of January 2016:

Stopping for Emergency Vehicles: One of the greatest difficulties for emergency response personnel is negotiating through traffic. Emergency responders observe many situations where motorists fail to follow the rules of the road when an emergency vehicle approaches.

As the operator of a motor vehicle you should always be checking your rear view mirror and scanning well ahead of you. When you see an emergency vehicle approaching, you should activate your right indicator light, apply your brakes and slow to a stop at the right hand side of the roadway to allow the emergency vehicle to pass. Once the vehicle has passed, check that it is safe to enter into traffic again. Remember, always check your rear view mirror and scan well ahead, don't panic and pull to the right.

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.

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.

Tourism Committee: The date of the next Tourism Meeting will be posted on the town website. Preparations for Come Home Year 2017 are in progress.

Kevin Collins Concert – St. Michael's Parish on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 7:00. Tickets on sale Saturday, March 19th, 2016 from 10-2 at the Town Hall. Cost \$20.00

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

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. Thank you to everyone who already have their house numbers on display.

Congratulations:

- Happy 90th Birthday to Theresa Morey.
 - Happy 50th Anniversary to Bill and Josephine Connolly.
 - Happy 50th Anniversary to Francis and Elizabeth Keating.
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Breakfast With Easter Bunny:

Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 20th at the Flatrock Community Centre from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per adult and \$3 per kid and will be on sale at the Flatrock Town Hall and Wilkinson's Convenience in early March and until Wednesday, March 16th. Don't forget to bring your camera as the Easter Bunny will be present for pictures. We are pleased to announce that we will be adding scrambled eggs to our breakfast menu. Residents are advised that effective immediately tickets for our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Santa **MUST BE purchased in advance**. If you have any questions regarding this event, please call 335-2848 ext. 4.

Santa Claus Parade Winners:

The Santa Claus Parade was held on Sunday, December 6th, 2015.

1st place - Terry Murray & Family. **2nd place** - Steven Wade & Family. **3rd place** – Steven Miller & Family.

Commercial Floats: **1st place** – CLB Armory Cadets, **2nd place** – Flatrock Fifty Plus Fun Club and **3rd place** – Flatrock Recreation.

Prizes for best costumes are: **1st** - Kyle Wilkinson, **2nd** - Nathan Miller, **3rd** – Viola Mulrooney, **4th** – Arianna Taylor, **5th** - Blake Parsons, **6th** – Brooklyn McCarthy

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department:

Thank you to the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for assisting with **2015 Santa Claus** parade and judging.

Breakfast with Santa:

Flatrock Recreation held a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 6th, thanks for fantastic turn out.

Christmas Lights Contest:

1st place – Nikki Wade, 2nd place – Joe Kavanagh, 3rd place - Mary Coish

Christmas Colouring Contest:

The Town of Flatrock sponsored a Christmas Coloring Contest. Winners from four age groups:
2 years and under – Ciara Doody ; **3 to 5 years** – Samuel Ricketts; **6 to 8 years** – Brooklyn McCarthy and **9 to 12 years** – Emma Strong.

Senior's Christmas Dinner Sponsors:

Senior's dinner was held on November 29th with approximately 115 seniors and guests in attendance. We would like to thank the following sponsors.

1. Cal Legrow Insurance
2. Coombs and Associates
3. Tappers/Bill Tapper
4. Wayne White Law
5. RV Anderson/Kavanagh and Associates
6. Flatrock Roofing/Peter Power
7. Coastal Kitchens/Eugene Furlong
8. Killick Coast Karate/Paul Burton and Kim Fitzpatrick
9. Red Head Salon/Lisa Mitchell
10. Flatrock Recreation
11. Joint Therapy
12. Rustler's
13. Kavanagh's Construction
14. Imprint Specialty
15. Admiral's Rock Inc./Brian Martin
16. RNS Landscaping/Terry Murray
17. Cape Town Store
18. Mary Brown's Torbay
19. DWR Contracting/Dave Ryan
20. Newfoundland Liquor Commission (Danielle Roche)
21. Foodland Torbay
22. District Drugs
23. Atlas Pizza
24. Wilkinson's Convenience
25. John Callahan Realtor
26. Martin's Surveys

27. Browning Harvey
28. K & P Contracting
29. DBI Garbage Removal
30. Impact Signs/Blair Langmead
31. Oceaneering Canada/Terry Humber
32. Windco
33. Wade's Excavating/**Jason Wade**

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
Bob Schmiedendorf	Environment/ICSP Integrated Community Sustainability Plan	437-6255

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Kevin Parsons MHA:

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

Email: kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca

Nick Whalen, MP:

Nick Whalen MP contact information: Phone 772-7171

Email: nick.whelen@parl.gc.ca

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