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## March 2018 Newsletter

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### Mayor's Message

Here we are, well into 2018 and all is great! I would like to throw out a bouquet to all that were able to donate a turkey, ham and/or food for the Christmas 2017 food bank drive. The Town of Flatrock had 47 turkeys, 2 hams and 5 boxes of food donated for the food bank, a fantastic turnout from our town ☺. As well, a big thank you to Kevin Martin, of Remax, for their donation of 100 turkeys to our regional food bank.

I would also like to thank all that applied on the position of Assistant Town Clerk with the Town of Flatrock last month. This position has been filled and I would like to say welcome to Stephanie Murray, who started on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Stephanie has a great deal of experience working in a town office setting, over 2 years with our town part time and for the last 4 years with the Town of Pouch Cove. Stephanie is also very involved in our town, sitting on the Come Home Year Committee last year, she holds the Kev Butt annual softball tournament each year (which proceeds are donated to the Flatrock Community Center in Kev Butt's memory), helped start the Cape St. Francis Minor Softball league in our Community, and she is proud resident of Flatrock. Stephanie brings experience and new ideas to our town office and we are very happy to have her.

### MHA Kevin Parsons

Once again, our MHA, Kevin Parsons, has shown his support in Flatrock by presenting the Town of Flatrock with a cheque for \$2000 towards a assessable swing for Red Head Park. Thank you, Kevin for your continued support.

### Targa NL

The Town Council of Flatrock and Targa NL will be holding a public meeting at the Flatrock Community Center on **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** to discuss the future participation of Targa NL in Flatrock. Written submissions and questions will be accepted in advance of this meeting. Deadline is Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

### Soiree

The date for the **2018 Flatrock Soiree** is July 27, 28 and 29.

### St. Patrick's Day Concert

Annual St. Patrick's Concert for St. Michael's Parish will be held Sunday, March 18 at Flatrock Community Center. Matinee at 2pm, and concert at 8pm. Sponsored by the St. Michael's Ladies Auxiliary.

### 2018 Property Taxes

2018 Property taxes are in the mail, if you did not receive yours please contact the town office. Monthly payment plans are available though Visa, Debit, MC, cheque and cash. The town office is open between 8:30 to 4:15, Monday to Friday. Online banking is available through RBC, TD, Scotia Bank and Bank of Montreal. eServices are also available, which will allow residents to view their account balances, reprint invoices and receipts and register for upcoming events. To access eServices, go to <https://flatrock.ws.townsuite.com/> and click the eServices button. Your activation key and website information are available on your invoice, if you have any questions please contact the office.

If you are a homeowner and 65 or older you qualify for a 10% discount, please provide identification of age. If you are not the registered home owner of the property, you are required to provide copy of your deed showing you as the owner plus your ID.

### Bulk Garbage

Bulk Garbage pickup will be Tuesday, June 12. Please have all items curbside by 7am, as there will be no duplication of any roadways. No tires, propane tanks or hazardous products will be accepted.

## **Garbage & Recycling**

**Garbage pick up is every Wednesday, recycling every second Wednesday. Please have garbage and recycling curbside by 8am.** Please cover garbage at all times or place in garbage box. If you are not using a garbage box, place garbage curbside on garbage day and cover with a weighted net or blanket. Our contractor requires that garbage bags are tied, and not over weight (40lbs). Loose card board and glass are not accepted, all cardboard must be broken down and put in blue recycling bags and tied. Council has received concerns regarding garbage on properties attracting rodents, please keep your property clean, and use a garbage box if possible.

## **Student Summer Employment**

Resumes and Applications are now being accepted for summer employment with the town and it's non – profit organizations. Positions are available in the following departments:

- Recreation
- Maintenance/Public Works
- Heritage/Museum
- Flatrock Harbor Authority
- Tourism
- Town Office

Residents are advised that **all positions are subject to funding approval** from all sources.

Applicants for **recreation positions** are advised that interviews will be held for these positions only.

**Please mail completed applications to:**

Town of Flatrock  
663 Wind Gap Road  
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**Hand deliver to:** Town of Flatrock  
**E-mail:** info@townofflatrock.com

**DEADLINE for applications: 3:30 pm on Friday, April 20, 2018.**

## **Town of Flatrock Group email**

If you would like to add your email to receive important town updates such as changes in garbage day, bulk garbage notification, and recreation activities please send your email, name and street to the town office at: info@townofflatrock.com. All email addresses will be kept private.

## **Holidays**

Please be advised that the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, March 19 for St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 30 for Good Friday and Monday, April 23 for St. George's Day.

## **Signage in the Town of Flatrock:**

A permit is required if you would like to erect a sign within the Community. The size, and location of the sign is required. Prohibited signs will be removed by Town staff. Signage on Windgap Road or Pouch Cove Highway need approval from Dept. of Transportation and Works.

## **Town Council Meetings**

Public Council meetings are held every second Monday, any applications are due the Thursday before the meeting by noon. If you wish to speak to Council on a matter or make a proposal, please forward your request to the office the Friday before the meeting by 4pm. Delegates will have five minutes to speak on their issue, and council will respond to the delegate in writing. Our next scheduled public council meetings are Monday, March 12 and March 26.

## **Parking and Safety**

The Town Council would like to remind residents **NOT to park on sides of any road**, so our Emergency equipment can access all emergencies. Children and adults still take part in walking and other recreation activities during the Winter. Please slow down and observe speed limits. Please watch for children, especially around our parks. Another reminder we would like to send to residents is regarding parking while waiting for busses. Please keep back minimum one car length from the main road, as cars pulling out cannot see to their right/left for oncoming traffic.

## **Suspicious Activity**

The Town Council of Flatrock asks if any residents witness any suspicious activities in your neighbourhood to call the RNC at 911 or 729-8000. Council has received complaints regarding speeding on our side roads, vehicles congregating in cul-de-sacs and reckless ATV driving. If your vehicle is broken into you should notify RNC as there may be other residents in the area having the same issue. The town has contacted the RNC and they suggest that any residents with concerns should call the above numbers to file a confidential complaint.

## **Torbay Volunteer Fire Dept.**

The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department has requested that if possible all residents place **visible civic numbers** on their homes.

If any alarms, even **Carbon Monoxide**, activate in your home exit immediately and call 911. Gather all family members and pets at a pre-designated safe place outside. Please check smoke detector batteries often.

The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary (TVFDA) are having their 11th annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on March 24, dinners are \$12 each and Include: Hot Stuffed Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, turnip, carrots, green peas, gravy, dinner roll, cookies. Prepaid orders by March 10, 2018. Order by contacting Karen @ 689-8646. Nancy @ 682-1227. Heather @746-0800.

## **Emergency Plan**

The Town of Flatrock has an Emergency Plan in place and are always available during a state of emergency. The office phones are monitored for messages. During a state of emergency please contact the town hall if you or someone you know has health issues and would like to be checked on. The full print out of information, including emergency supplies, can be found at [www.gov.nl.ca/fes](http://www.gov.nl.ca/fes) \*Council contact info attached

## **Permit to Burn:**

2018 forest fire season starts May 1 and ends October 15, a permit to burn is required and can be obtained at no cost at Paddy's Pond office at 729-4180. Prohibited burning materials 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. The toll-free number to report forest fires is 1-866-709-3473. Information and regulations regarding this is available at: [www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/forestry/fires/index.html](http://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.

## **No Dumping:**

There is no dumping in the Town of Flatrock. We have reports of garbage in the areas of Martins Point, Red Head soccer field, Medalsis Pond Road and Flatrock cemetery. Please avail of our bulk pick up offered twice a year.

## **Home Renovations**

Council now requires a **Renovation Permit** for all property renovations. Renovation Permits are \$25.00 and are approved once applications are complete.

## **Permits**

Permits are required for any accessory building including movable sheds, please contact Town Office for details. Accessory building applications are \$10.00, once approved, a permit is \$0.20/ Ft<sup>2</sup>, minimum of \$30.00. Council reserves the right to remove any illegal building.

## **Home Based Business**

Permission is needed from the Town of Flatrock for all businesses. A Home Business is defined as an accessory use of a residential dwelling consisting of an occupation or profession which generates revenue for the resident.

Office, medical and professional service, personal service and light industry uses may be permitted provided they are carried out as home occupations, business operated in the dwelling, or in a building subsidiary to the dwelling on the same lot, by the occupants of the dwelling. For further information see: Flatrock Town Plan 2015 - 2025 Schedule C.

## **BizPal**

BizPal is an online service, [www.bizpal.gov.nl.ca](http://www.bizpal.gov.nl.ca), providing permit and licence information to help entrepreneurs start and grow their business. BizPal provides integrated information on permits, licences and other regulatory requirements across three levels of government. BizPal's web-based, self-service application is practical, free and easy to use.

## **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.

## **Compost Bins**

Compost bins are available for purchase for \$24.85 each. If you would like to have a compost bin you can drop by the town office and pick one up.

## **Gobag Flyers**

The GoBag flyers will not be delivered to a property unless a gobag box for your flyers is installed, this is free of charge. A GoBag box is set up at the Flatrock Town Hall and Wilkinson's Convenience.

**Contact information:** [gobag@transcontinental.ca](mailto:gobag@transcontinental.ca) or 748-0888.

## **Dog Tags**

If you would like to register your animal with the Town, please fill out the available form and receive a tag at the office.

**FREE OF CHARGE.**

## **Animal Control**

Terilynn Farrell is the animal control officer for The Town of Flatrock. If you need to contact Terilynn call 437-6532 (ext. 285) or call the office at 437-6312.

The town has received calls regarding coyote sightings around the community. Please keep dogs on a leash and refrain from leaving edible garbage on and around your property, never feed coyotes. you can contact Environment and Conservation at 637-2025 or visit [www.env.gov.nl.ca](http://www.env.gov.nl.ca) for more information.

## **Easter Craft Fair**

Flatrock- Pouch Cove Recreation will be holding an Easter Craft Fair on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Flatrock Community Centre from 10am to 4 pm. There will be over 20 amazing vendors (including dog treats, soaps and personalized gifts). Admission is a \$2 donation towards the Torbay Allied Youth Post. Soup and sandwiches available for purchase at noon for \$5.

## **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Flatrock Community Centre, from 9:30am to 11:30am. Tickets are \$6 per adult and \$4 per child and can be purchased at the Flatrock Town Hall or Wilkinson's Convenience from Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> (or while quantities last). Kids two and under are free. Ryan Wilson from ROK Photo Works will be in attendance and can take digital photographs for a \$5 fee (cash or debit only).

## **Kids Spring Painting Classes**

Flatrock Recreation will be holding Kids Painting Classes at the Flatrock Community Centre from March 28<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. If you are interested in registering, please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2848 ext. 4 or via email at [recreation@pouchcove.ca](mailto:recreation@pouchcove.ca). Registration fee is \$30 per person, limited space available.

## **Community Skate**

The next Community Skate at the Jack Byrne Arena is March 25, at 4:30pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item as admission.

### **Walking Program**

Friends in motion walking program takes place on Mondays from 7-8pm at the All St. Anglican Hall in Pouch Cove, and on Wednesday s from 7-8 at the Flatrock Community Center.

### **Flatrock Soccer**

Soccer Registration will take place on May 1 & 3 from 7-9 pm at the Town Hall. Referee's are needed for Tuesday and Thursday evenings, thank you to Patrick Murphy for his help in the past years. 2018 will mark the associations 20<sup>th</sup> year, we are looking for interest in celebrating with a tournament. If you have any ideas or are interested in helping in any way, please call Marion at 437-6945.

### **Cape St. Francis Minor Softball Association**

Registration for minor softball will take place in May. More information to follow. If you have any questions, you can email CSFMSA@gmail.com.

### **Flatrock 50+ Fun Club**

The Flatrock Fifty Plus Fun Club meets every second week throughout the year at the Flatrock Community Centre. Since September we have welcomed ten new members to our club. We meet every other Thursday at the Community Centre.

We are very fortunate to have received a grant from the Community Healthy Living Fund to help with the cost of our Fitness Program, Our Yoga Program, the Monthly Bowling Evening and even Swimming Sessions for our members.

We had a dinner at Lester's Farm back in November. A little too early for a sleigh ride but a really nice social event.

In December our members helped out with the annual breakfast with Santa, we entered a float in the Parade and took 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 9 and members enjoyed a dinner catered by Root 5 Food Company and then danced the night away.

We started the New Year with our first meeting on January 18, a bowling night on January 19 and then on into February.

We celebrated 5 years since we started our Fifty Plus Club with an Anniversary Dinner and Dance on February 10, again catered by Root 5 Food Company. Lots of good food and good music enjoyed by our members.

Our monthly bowling night was on February 17 and we are also holding a Card Game on February 25 in conjunction with Snowfest 2018. You can contact any member of the executive for a ticket or they will be available at the door.

March 20 we are hosting a lunch and learn information session from 12:00 to 3:30 at the Community Center, lunch and refreshments served compliments of Eastern Health. Seniors NL will have speakers talking about legal documents, such as Wills, Power of Attorney, etc. A presenter on frauds and scams and other items of interest. March 13 is the registration deadline, if you would like to attend please call or email Marg Parsons, 437-5789 or [marg@kp.nf.ca](mailto:marg@kp.nf.ca).

We're also planning a spa night in April, a hike and mug up in May and will finish up the year with a dinner and dance in June. We have booked all 11 cottages at Roche's Line RV Park for Labour Day Weekend and about 24 members looking forward to a fun time. There are also campsites available if anybody is interested in going.

If you have any questions or would like more info about joining our club, please call any member of our executive listed below.

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| Viola Mulrooney, Acting President     | 437-6422 |
| Danny Kavanagh, Second Vice President | 437-6902 |
| Marg Parsons, Secretary               | 437-5789 |
| Paula O'Keefe, Treasurer              | 682-8023 |

### **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:**

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| Mayor Darrin Thorne       | Finance/ Roads/ JBA/Soiree/FCC/Killick Coast Games/Hiring                                | 437-5654  |
| Deputy Mayor Terry Humber | Tourism/ Planning/Finance/FCC/ Soiree/ JBA/Hiring  | 437- 6634 |
| Marion McCarthy           | Recreation / Heritage / Soiree/ Killick Coast Games/Animal Control                       | 437-6945  |
| Michelle Martin           | Heritage / ICSP/ Volunteer Fire Dept liaison/ Killick Coast Games /NEJAC/Grand Concourse | 437-5016  |
| Tony Grace                | Planning/Roads/Streetlights/Garbage/Animal Control                                       | 437-6825  |
| Corinna Martin            | Tourism/Recreation/Garbage/Grand Concourse/NEAJC   | 437-7665  |
| Bob Schmiedendorf         | Environment/ICSP/Streetlights/Stewardship Association                                    | 685-7341  |

### **Kevin Parsons MHA**

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

### **Nick Whalen, MP:**

Nick Whalen MP - Phone 772-7171  
Email: nick.whelen@parl.gc.ca

### **Facebook and Twitter**

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)

### **St. Michael's Parish:**

Phone 437-6628 email: [holytrinity@bellaliant.com](mailto:holytrinity@bellaliant.com)

Happy  
Easter



**Easter Colouring Contest**

The Easter Coloring Contest picture is attached. You can drop off your picture to the Town Office from Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:15 pm or place in the mail slot outside the office door. The winners will be selected at the March 26 Council meeting and notified the next day. One winner from each age group: 2 and under; 3 to 5 years; 6 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years. The winners will receive a gift card from Chapters. The deadline is Friday, March 23, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

**Name:**

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**Age:**

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**Phone #:**

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