



## 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 Monday April 15 and 29 and May 13 and 27 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**.

### **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 is a 50 Plus Club in Flatrock. A committee has been formed. 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. If you cannot make a 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. 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.

### **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)

### **Recycling Dates**

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

### **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. For the convenience of students a one day, first aid 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.

### **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.

### **Municipal Elections 2013**

There will be a Municipal Election on September 24th, 2013. Any one running for Council must have their property taxes paid up to and including 2013 taxes. 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](mailto: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 Monday, April 22, 2013 for St. George's Day holiday.

### **Volunteer Week**

Volunteer Week is April 21 to 27, 2013.

### **Coffee House**

Holy Trinity High's annual Coffee House is Saturday April 27th at 7:00 pm. at the High School. Desserts, cookies, tea and coffee will be served at a price of \$10.00.

### **Easter Colouring Contest Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of the contest: 2 years and under: Eva Capri Roche; 3 to 5 years: Keegan Burton; 6 to 8 years: Alexander Hayes and 9 to 12 years: Madison Dyer. The winners were selected at the council meeting on March 19th, 2013. Each person won a \$25.00 Chapters gift card. Thank you to all the children for their pictures.

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

Breakfast was held at the Flatrock Community Center on Saturday, March 30th with the Easter Bunny and was a great success; plenty of pictures were taken of the children and the Easter Bunny. Special thanks to the Easter Bunny on his attendance.

### **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.

### **Soiree**

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

### **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.

### **Walking Safety**

Walking, running and bicycling are popular events in Flatrock and it is suggested when residents are walking, running or bicycling to please wear reflective clothing to be visible on the roads, especially at night. Residents are also asked to be safety conscious when walking especially if you are using the by-pass road, as the shoulders are very narrow and it is difficult for drivers to see walkers/runners at dusk and when dark.

### **Potholes**

Town Staff are diligently trying to keep potholes repaired on our side roads, if there is a pothole on your road that you are aware of, you can contact the town office to see if the staff are aware that it needs to be repaired. [info@townofflatrock.com](mailto:info@townofflatrock.com) or 437-6312.

### **ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS DAY**

Environment Awareness Day 2013 will be held on June 8th. 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. Every bag of garbage returned is a chance to enter for a prize! Once again this year we will have a bike and helmet for the children and a chance to enter for a prize for any adult who takes part.

### **Town Bulk Garbage Clean up**

Flatrock's annual bulk garbage pick up is the week of June 3rd but the garbage has to be put out on the curb side by June 2nd. Further information will be in May newsletter.

### **TORBAY ENVIRONMENT AND TRAILS COMMITTEE**

The Torbay Environment and Trails Committee is pleased to announced they now offer a new environmental fundraising program for recycling of old print cartridges, cameras, cell phones, ipods/mp3 payers and laptops (no printers/monitors accepted). Please drop off your unwanted electronic-waste in the collection bin located in the main lobby of the District Drugs Building.

### **Kevin Parsons MHA**

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

### **Jack Harris MP**

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

### **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.

# Recreation News

## **Seniors Outing**

Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation will be holding a seniors outing on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave the Flatrock Town Hall at 9 am and travel to Cupids for a tour of the Cupids Legacy Centre. Following our tour, we will stop for lunch at the Cupids Haven Tea Room. Cost of transportation and the tour will be cover by Recreation. Seniors are responsible for their own lunch. To save your seat please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2270 by Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Spring Fitness Programs**

For information regarding Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation Spring Fitness Programs please visit [www.townofflatrock.com](http://www.townofflatrock.com).

## **Flatrock and Area Recreational Soccer Program**

Flatrock and Area Recreational Soccer Program will be holding registration for the 2013 program on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Flatrock Town Hall from 7 – 9 pm. Individuals interested in this program must be between the ages of 4 and 17 within the 2013 calendar year. Volunteers and coaches are needed to help run this program. If you would like to help out or require additional information please call Marion McCarthy at 437 6945.

## **Flatrock Recreation 2013 Summer Program**

Residents are advised that registration for our 2013 Summer Program will be held on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 pm. Priority will be given to residents of Flatrock who wish to register for full time. Information regarding our registration policy for non residents will become available in May. Part time (or per day) campers will be immediately placed on the wait list and if space is available parents will be notified. Residents are also reminded that we have made a number of changes to our Summer Program. For information about these changes please review February and March newsletter.

## **2013 Summer Employment**

Flatrock Recreation is currently accepting resumes/applications for summer employment. All resumes must include the Recreation Summer Employment Application form which is available at the Town Hall or online at [www.townofflatrock.com](http://www.townofflatrock.com). Deadline for applications is Tuesday,

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Individuals applying for positions with Recreation must have valid first aid and provide a letter of conduct upon hiring. Flatrock Recreation would like to thank everyone who is interested in a position with us but only those selected for interviews will be contacted. For additional information please contact 335 2270.

### **2013 Killick Coast Games**

The 2013 Killick Coast Games are just four months away and the anticipation is building. From August 11 – 15<sup>th</sup>, over 300 athletes between the ages of 11 – 17 (within the 2013 calendar year) will come to Flatrock and Pouch Cove and showcase their athletic abilities. Created in 2006 the Killick Coast Games provide an opportunity to everyone to participate in a first class sporting event while engaging in some friendly competition with their peers. Everyone is given equal opportunity to be involved and the focus is on having fun and being active. In 2009, both Flatrock and Pouch Cove co-hosted the most successful Killick Coast Games to date and we are hoping to once again build on the success of these games. However, in order to do this we will require a lot of support and assistance from the general public. Volunteers are needed for the duration of the games. Some potential volunteer opportunities include: coaching, canteen workers, registration desk attendees and referees. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Matthew Cooper at 335 2270 or Marion McCarthy at 437 6945.

### **June is Recreation Month**

“June is Recreation Month” is a provincial campaign that provides a great opportunity to draw attention to the important benefits and values of recreation to individuals, families, neighborhoods, and communities. During the month of June, Flatrock Recreation encourages everyone to become involved in physical activity and enjoy the many physical, social and emotional benefits that recreation provides. Additional information regarding our special programming during the Month of June will become available in the May Newsletter.

### **2013 Canada Day Celebrations**

Residents are advised that Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Family Fun Afternoon on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. This event will be held at the Red Head Road Recreational Complex and will feature a variety of activities and events for families. Additional information about our celebrations will become available in the Newsletters leading up to Canada Day.



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Progress report  
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## ICSP—What is It and why is it important?

An ICSP is a strategic plan that supports, promotes and enhances long-term community sustainability. It is a long-term plan, developed in consultation with community members that provides direction for the towns to realize sustainability objectives it has for the environmental, cultural, social, economic and governance. The towns of Bauline, Flatrock and Pouch Cove, with support from our MHA—Honorable Kevin Parsons, completed a collaborative ICSP in March of 2010 and provided an update at a community event in May of 2011. A copy of the plan can be found on our websites or at our town halls.

Completion of an ICSP is required in order to allow us access to a pool of funds to undertake projects that meet the above criteria. Over the four year period 2010-2014::

- \$92,698.56 has been allocated to Bauline;
- \$231,261.84 has been allocated to Flatrock; and
- \$321,203.48 has been allocated to Pouch Cove.

Investments in community infrastructure including road upgrades and energy efficiency additions have resulted. As Bauline Mayor Christopher Dredge states,

*"The Towns of Bauline, Flatrock and Pouch Cove have formed a significant partnership by choosing to complete a collaborative Intergrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). Through this plan, the three towns have identified ways of strengthening our communities today and for future generations by working together. We are currently implementing the ICSP initiatives through a dynamic committee comprised of community members, town council staff, and town councillor from each of the three towns. The ICSP committee provides an important link between residents and town councils which generate valuable insight into community matters. With the assistance of the Northeast Avalon Regional Economic Development Board, the ICSP committee is accomplishing set goals and I look forward to continuing to work with this great group of people."*

## What has been achieved?

The ICSP committee continues to meet on a regular basis and has been actively pursuing implementation of our goals for the benefit of community and region. In the first two years of implementation, we have completed or are actively pursuing 24 of the 42 activities identified in the short term of 1- 3 years. Key amongst our other accomplishments:

- Beautification and recycling initiatives adopted;
- Wetland areas identified;
- Coastal resource inventory completed and used for conservation and municipal development purposes;
- Explored joint delivery of garbage/recycling services;
- First welcome event for new residents;
- Regional Business Directory launched and Biz Pal added to Town of Flatrock's website;
- New Town hall for Bauline;
- Continued engagement with community
- Opportunities for sharing of Information;
- Pursuing a cultural and heritage inventory; and
- Flatrock wins the Torngat Municipal Achievement Award for Regional Co-operation.



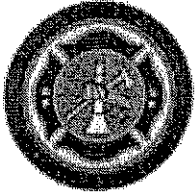
Flatrock's Councillor Michelle Martin receiving the Torngat Award from the President of MNL, Churence Rogers.

## Community Voice continues to be heard!

Community representatives from each of the communities continue to be involved in the implementation of our ICSP. As Ken Pittman, Pouch Cove, writes: *"The ICSP regular committee meetings were a real chance for community representatives to add a community viewpoint to the various initiatives affecting the three towns. We had a chance to bring a perspective to the discussion and initiatives that was at once constructive and distinct from that of the Council members and Town managers attending. Being of a three-town group was really rewarding in that we were able to share questions, concerns and aspirations, sometimes regional, sometimes pertaining to one or other of the towns. I think all of us gained a deeper understanding of issues and challenges facing the three communities. Discussions were often intense and wide ranging, but there was always the sense that we were all working for the benefit of our communities"*



We dedicate this issue to Kevin Butt, Mayor of Flatrock, who passed away January 14, 2013, whose vision for, belief in and commitment to the ICSP, his community and the region was an inspiration to all who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him. Our condolences go out to his family, friends, colleagues and community. He will be missed and forever in our thoughts.

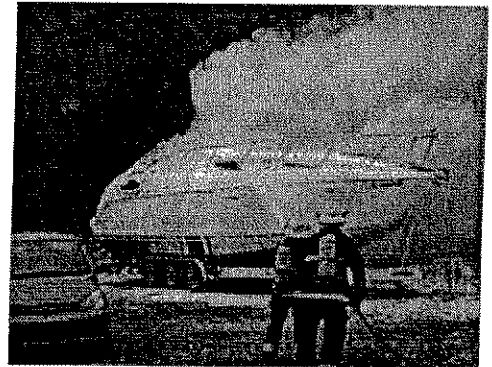


## Message From The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department

Once again the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department has had a busy year! With only 2 weeks left in the year, we have responded to over 230 emergency calls in the towns of Torbay and Flatrock! This past year, we have operated with a total of 36 active firefighters, putting in over 2400 man hours. This has been one of our busiest! With the region steadily growing, unfortunately that means more calls for our services. But hoping 2013 is a less busy year! The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department is sincerely grateful to the Town of Torbay for their support every year especially this year with their purchase of our brand new Pumper/Rescue! This new truck is a great addition to our fleet and will serve both our communities with pride.

Wishing everyone a safe and very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Greg Power  
Public Relations Officer  
Torbay Volunteer Fire Department



### Torbay Fire Department Response Summary 2012

| Summary of Emergency Response Statistics: 2012                     | #      | %       |
|--|--------|---------|
| Total # Of Firefighters In Department:                             | 36     | 100%    |
| Total Emergency Responses To Date:                                 | 229    | 100%    |
| Total Emergency Responses Medical Related:                         | 88     | 38%     |
| Total Emergency Responses for MVA:                                 | 24     | 10%     |
| Total Alarm Activations:   | 36     | 16%     |
| Total Emergency Responses Fire Related including Alarm Activations | 117    | 51%     |
| Total Other:   | 0      | 0%      |
| Total Responses During Weekdays: (8 AM - 5PM)                      | 56     | 24%     |
| Total Responses During Weekends :                                  | 26     | 11%     |
| Total Responses During Weekdays: (Non Peak)                        | 147    | 64%     |
| Average Firefighter Response For All Responses:                    | 8.8    | 24%     |
| Total Man Hours To Date: (Emergency Response)                      | 2363.6 | 100%    |
| Total Responses To Flatrock  | 38     | 17%     |
| Total Responses To Torbay  | 188    | 82%     |
| Total Responses To Other Areas                                     | 3      | 1%      |
| Average Response Time To Date: (Minutes)                           | 3.6    | Minutes |
| <b>December 14, 2012</b> (submitted by Mike McGrath)               |        |         |