



The Town of Flatrock

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Thank you

Thank you to all the students who volunteered their time to the Town in 2012.

Thank you to all those who volunteered the music for the Senior's dinner.

Brian Martin
Jimmy Martin
Gus Martin
Josephine Connolly
Terry Humber
Phonse Martin
Justin Martin
Jeremy Martin
Danny Kavanagh
Chris Bemister
David Bemister
Brad Collet
Madonna Wilkinson

Thank you to Madonna Wilkinson for playing at the community center after the Santa parade.
Thank you to the Cape St. Francis Elementary Choir for singing at the tree lighting.

Thank you to those who gave donations towards the Senior's Dinner. A list of the Sponsors can be found attached.

Christmas Colouring Contest.

Congratulations to the Winners of the Christmas colouring contest. Each winner received a \$25.00 gift card for Chapters/Coles. Thank you to all who entered and sent in their pictures. The following are the winners of the contest, drawn at the Council Meeting held December 17.

Sierra Stamp 2 years and under
Karlie Oliver 3 to 5 years
Madison O'Dell 6 to 8 years
Marie Miller 9 to 12 years

Garbage Pick up

For Christmas week only garbage will be picked up on **Saturday December 29th**, instead of Wednesday December 26th.

Speed Bumps

The speed bumps have been taken up for the winter. Please slow down on our side streets and watch for children walking to and from school buses.

Santa Claus Parade

Congratulations to the following winners in the 2012 Town of Flatrock Santa Claus Parade:

Family Floats:

1. Santa's Back Up Reindeer - Trevor Short
2. Steven Wade Family
3. Pirates Christmas - Steven Miller

Commercial Floats:

1. Paramedicine & Medical Transport
2. Coastal Dance Company and Flatrock Recreation
3. Pouch Cove Lions Club

Honorable Mentions:

Canada Post - Santa's Helper: David Knight
Knight Time Wood Craft

Costumes:

1. Big Bird
2. Zachary Everson
3. Jared Martin
4. Nathan Martin
5. Cathy Wilkinson
6. Morgan and Luran Wade
7. Kirsten McDonald
8. Andy Martin

Christmas Recycling

Please remember when you put your recycling out during Christmas that Coloured wrapping paper is **not** recyclable. Therefore your recycling will not be picked up if it contains wrapping paper. The next recycling dates are January 2 and 16th.

Mil Rate and Budget

At the December 17 Council Meeting, the Town Council of Flatrock approved the 2013 Budget. As a result the Mil Rate has been lowered from 6.5 to 5.0. If you would like to work out your property tax, multiply your assessment by .005. Property Taxes will be sent out by January 15, 2013.

Property Assessments

All property assessments were sent in the mail in October by the Municipal Assessment Agency, with the new higher 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 0.005

Example \$100,000.00 X .005 = \$500.00 and \$200,000.00 X .005 = \$1000.00

Pictures of the Queen

Pictures of the Queen are available from the Minster of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages Office. If you would like a picture of the Queen, please email diamondb jubilee-jubiledediamant@pch.gc.ca.

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. Please remember that if you plow snow onto the road, you are responsible if anything happens, not the Town of Flatrock. This snow can obstruct traffic and is a safety issue. 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".

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 the number that is on that pole can be provided to the council office, this will speed up the process of getting the light replaced.

Town Council Meetings

The next council meetings will be on January 7, and 21, 2013. If you would like to speak to council please call the Town Hall 437-6312 to have your name added to the Agenda. Also please note that the Town Hall will be closed on December 25th, 26th, 2012 and January 1st 2013, with Closures at 12:00pm on December 24th and 31st.

Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal

Congratulations to Madonna Wilkinson of Flatrock who received a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal from The Honourable Kevin Parsons, MHA during the Senior Citizens Dinner in Flatrock on December 1, 2012.

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal has been awarded to individuals that have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region or community within Canada, or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada

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 now available at the Town Office.

Septic Designs

Please note that Service NL will not be accepting any septic designs after December 31, 2012 until April 15, 2013. Weather conditions may impact the start up date in April 2013.

Soiree

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

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 a Christmas ornaments as well for \$10.00 with the Flatrock crest or the grotto on them. Our new ornament for 2012 is 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.

50 Plus Club

There has been an interest in starting a 50 plus club in Flatrock. To get this club started there will be a public meeting in January, date to follow, for all who are interested. A committee will be formed at that time. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to put your name forward for the committee please call 437-6312

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, Medalsis Pond, and the Flatrock grave-yard. Garbage should be brought to Robin Hood Bay. The hours of operation are Tuesday to Friday from 8am to 4 pm. and Saturday from 8am to 12:00 pm. Dumping is unsightly to look at, as well as a breeding ground for rodents such as mice and shrews.

Community Skates

Community Skates are held at the Jack Byrne Arena on Saturday afternoons from 4 – 5pm. The following dates are Community Skate times open to residents of Flatrock:
December 29th, January 12th, and February 9th. Admission is \$2 per skater.

Fire and Safety

The Flatrock Town Council would like to remind you to be safe this holiday season. Please ensure your smoke alarms are working. It is also recommended that you have your number posted on your house to assist emergency vehicles find your home in the event of an emergency.

In addition the Town Council would like to remind you not to drink and drive. The RNC has stepped up patrol in the area and will be having periodical road blocks within the town during the Christmas season

Christmas Light Contest

Congratulations to all who were nominated in the Flatrock Recreation Christmas Lights Contest in 2012. The winners are:

First Place: Joe Kavanagh
Second Place: Mary Coish
Third Place: Edmund Hogan.

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:

Kevin Butt	Tourism / Finance / Community center	233-2329
Tony Grace	Roads / Snowclearing / Streetlights	437-6825
	Animal & Garbage Control	
Bob Schmiedendorf	Planning / Tourism / Finance	437-6255
Marion McCarthy	Recreation / Heritage / Soiree	437-6945
	Regional Games	
Michelle Martin	Recreation / Heritage/ Clean-up	437-5016
Brian Martin	Roads / Snow clearing	437-7665
	Animal & Garbage Control.	
Darrin Thorne	Streetlights / Planning	437-5654

Breakfast With Santa

On Saturday, December 8, 2012, the Flatrock Recreation Committee held a Breakfast with Santa Claus. There was a great turn out with a nice meal for everyone who attended. Of course, the big guy himself was there, Santa Claus, who was there for pictures as well. It was enjoyed by all.

Recreation Commission

The Flatrock Recreation Commission would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Town Council and Staff of Flatrock wish all the residents of Flatrock a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year.



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO DONATED TO OUR SENIORS DINNER

ADMIRAL'S ROCK
AJ VACUUMS
ATLAS PIZZA
B & L CONTRACTING
CAL LEGROW INSURANCE
CAPE TOWN CONVENIENCE
CLEAN AIR SOLUTIONS
COASTAL KITCHEN
CONSUMER CARPETS
COOMBS AND ASSOCIATES
DBI GARBAGE -
DISTRICT DRUGS
FLATROCK RECREATION
FLATROCK ROOFING
FOODLAND
GLEN'S IRVING
GWK HOLDINGS
HUDSON EXCAVATING
IMPACT SIGNS
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