



# The Town of Flatrock

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## **Town Council Meetings:**

The first meeting in the new year of 2014 will be Monday, January 6. 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.

## **Mil Rate and Budget**

At the December 9 Council Meeting, the Town Council of Flatrock approved the 2014 Budget. As a result the Mil Rate will stay 5.0. Property Taxes will be sent out by January 31, 2014. In 2014 Seniors who are home owners in Flatrock and are 65 will receive a 10% discount off their property taxes. Each Senior will need to provide Identification and proof of home ownership in writing to receive the discount. The discount is for all seniors who own homes and are 65 and not based on income.

## **Invoices for 2014**

The invoices for the 2014 Property Taxes will be mailed by January 31. Payments are due by February 28, 2014. No interest will be charged to residents until June 30, 2014. Arrangement of payments can be made by instalments. If you would like to make arrangements to pay your taxes there will be a form included with the invoices to bring to the Town Office. You can make payments by Visa, MasterCard, Debit, post dated Cheques or Cash. If you need a copy of this form, it is available under the Forms section on our website. If your information is on file for this year and would like the Town to continue to use for next year, please inform the Town in writing. There will be no interest charged if the payments are made as agreed by the resident.

## **Property Assessments**

All property assessments were sent in the mail in October by the Municipal Assessment Agency, with your 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 0.0050

Example  $\$100,000.00 \times .0050 = \$500.00$  and  $\$200,000.00 \times .0050 = \$1000.00$

## **Home Heating Rebate**

Home Heating Rebate applications are available at town hall or can be found at [http://www.fin.gov.nl.ca/fin/tax\\_programs\\_incentives/home\\_heating\\_app.pdf](http://www.fin.gov.nl.ca/fin/tax_programs_incentives/home_heating_app.pdf).

### **Septic Designs**

Please note that Service NL will not be accepting any septic designs after December 31, 2013 until April 15, 2014. Weather conditions may impact the start up date in April 2014.

### **Flatrock Community Centre:**

The Flatrock Community Centre will be soon closing for renovations. The Tender for the work is being assigned by the Provincial Government. The work will start as soon as the paper work is in place, tentatively first week of January, 2014.

### **Coloring contest**

The coloring contest winners are:

2 years and under Eva Capri Roche

3 to 5 years Lucas O'Dell

6 to 8 years Nadiah

and 9 to 12 years Kaitlyn Dalton

Each winner receives a Chapters Gift Card.

### **Santa Claus Parade**

The Santa Claus Parade was held on Sunday December 8th and ended at the Flatrock Community Center to meet with Santa and have pictures taken.

Thank you to Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for the judging of floats and costumes, it was a difficult decision to decide on winners. Thank you to Madonna Wilkinson who provided the music for Santa at the Community Center after the parade. Thank you to everyone who participated in the parade and came out to watch the parade and to meet with Santa Claus. 2013 Santa Claus Parade Winners:

#### FLOATS

#### FAMILY

1<sup>st</sup> Duck Dynasty – Nathan Miller

2<sup>nd</sup> Santa is a Bayman – Terry Murray

3<sup>rd</sup> Santa's Toys – Steven Wade

#### COMMERCIAL

1<sup>st</sup> Flatrock Recreation

2<sup>nd</sup> Coastal Dance Company

3<sup>rd</sup> Flatrock 50 Plus Fun Club

#### COSTUMES

Monster Inc – Julianne Hayward

Poodle – Alexis Martin

Grinch – Andy Martin

Christmas Tree – Mary Parsons

Duck Dynasty Bird – Breanna Miller

Who Ville Mayor – Gerard Walsh

Elmo – Daniel Mackey

### **Tree Lighting**

The tree lighting ceremony was held Sunday, December 8th at 4:30 pm. at the Town Hall. Christmas carols were sung with Santa, his helpers, and The Cape St. Francis School Choir. Thank you to everyone who came out in the cold to sing and watch the tree lighting ceremony.

### **Brunch with Santa**

Flatrock Recreation held a Brunch with Santa on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Flatrock Community Centre. Thank you to everyone for the fantastic turn out and to those who cooked. Santa Claus made a special appearance and was available for pictures.

### **Annual Skate with Santa**

Pouch Cove – Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Skate with Santa on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at the Jack Byrne Arena in Torbay. There will be a \$2 admission fee for this event.

### **Christmas in the Cove**

Once again this year there was a great number of people who attended on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> the annual Christmas in the Cove Concert. The music was provided by: *Jim Payne & Fergus O'Byrne, Colleen Power, Sherry Ryan, Holy Trinity High School Choir, Nichole Kirkland, Deana Moores, Cameron Manning, Joedy Wall – Mayor of Pouch Cove, Pam Shea and The McGrath Family.*

### **Christmas Lights Contest**

Flatrock Recreation held an Outdoor Christmas Lights Decorating Contest. Congratulations to the winners of 2013 top three decorated houses in Flatrock as determined by the judges. The Winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gerard Walsh Windgap Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Coish Pouch Cove Highway and 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Kavanagh Jr. Back Road.

### **Letters to Santa**

There were 35 letters to Santa Claus dropped off to be forwarded to Santa Claus so that each child will get their reply from Santa. Thank you to all the children for the letters. Merry Christmas.

### **Household Hazard Waste:**

The Household Hazardous Waste drop-off at the Regional Facility located at Robin Hood Bay operates year round on Wednesdays and Saturday's from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more detailed information on the materials accepted there, please visit: [www.curbitstjohns.ca/?Content=Residents/Household\\_Hazardous\\_Waste](http://www.curbitstjohns.ca/?Content=Residents/Household_Hazardous_Waste)

### **Christmas Recycling:**

Residents are asked to have your recycling out with your garbage by 8:00 am on the recycling days. Remember greasy containers such as chicken boxes and pizza boxes are not recyclable. Remember CHRISTMAS PAPER and Styrofoam is NOT recyclable. If your recycling contains wrapping paper or other non recycling items your recycling will not be picked up. Recycling: Saturday, January 4 instead of Wednesday, January 1.

### **Compost Bins:**

Compost bins are available at Town Office for anyone interested in having one. Cost is \$21.99 plus \$2.86 tax, total \$24.85 each.

### **Garbage**

The Town of Flatrock next bulk garbage clean up will be in June 2014. Residents are reminded to not dump garbage in and around the town especially on Martin's Point, there are many opportunities to have garbage picked up and Robin Hood Bay Dump is close by and open Tuesday to SATURDAY from 8 am to 4 pm.

You are also requested to not put paint in your garbage, as when it goes through the compacter it leaves a mess of paint everywhere. You can check MMSB website [www.mmsb.nf.ca](http://www.mmsb.nf.ca) for details on paint and tires.

### **Environment Committee**

Looking for residents interested in the environment and trails in our Town. I am in the process of forming a Committee with focus on these aspects. Anyone interested can please contact Robert Schmiedendorf through phone (685-7341) or email ([rschmiedendorf@nl.rogers.com](mailto:rschmiedendorf@nl.rogers.com)).

### **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. 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".

### **Gift Ideas**

The Town office has the following items that can be purchased:

Flatrock Flyers watch \$32.00 (taxes in).

Beer and wine glasses etched with the Town's Crest \$10.00 (taxes in).

DVD of the 1989 Soiree and a DVD of the 1990 Soiree \$20.00 each (taxes in).

Mugs with three different scenes \$10.00 each (taxes in).

Three different Christmas ornaments \$10.00 each (taxes in).

### **Jackets**

If anyone is interested in purchasing a Jacket with the Town Crest on them, they are welcome to go to Imprint Specialty Promotions Ltd Located at 10 Airport Rd. and purchase your own jacket.

### **Garbage during Christmas**

The Town of Flatrock schedule for garbage over Christmas:

Christmas week: Tuesday, December 24 instead of Wednesday, December 25.

New Years week: Saturday, January 4 instead of Wednesday, January 1.

## **Recreation Commission**

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

### **Christmas Hours**

The following are the Town Hall's Christmas Hours

December 23: 8:30-4:30pm

December 24: 8:30-12:00

December 25: Closed

December 26: Closed

December 27: Closed

December 30: 8:30-4:30pm

December 31: 8:30-12:00

January 1: Closed

If you wish to pay taxes while the office is closed you can drop a cheque off in the mail slot at the Town Hall and a receipt will be sent to you in the mail.

### **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:

Darrin Thorne	Finance/ Roads/ Arena/ North East Avalon Joint Council NEAJC	437-5654	darrin@townofflatrock.com
Tony Grace	Finance/ Snow clearing / Streetlights/ Planning/ Animal & Garbage Control	437-6825	tony@townofflatrock.com
Marion McCarthy	Recreation / Heritage / Soiree/ Killick Coast Games	437-6945	marion@townofflatrock.com
Michelle Martin	Recreation / Heritage / ICSP/Fire dept/ Killick Coast Games/	437-5016	michelle@townofflatrock.com
Paul Burton	Tourism/ Streetlights/ Roads/ Animal & Garbage Control/ Killick Coast Games/	727-6640	paul@townofflatrock.com
Catherine Houlihan	Environment/ Heritage/ Soiree/ Stewardship Association Of Municipalities SAM/ North East Avalon Joint Council NEAJC	437-1452	catherine@townofflatrock.com
Terry Humber	Tourism/ Planning/ Community Center/ Soiree/ Killick Coast Games	437- 6634	terry@townofflatrock.com

## Contact List

### **Town Hall**

Phone 437-6312 Fax 437-6311 Website [www.townofflatrock.com](http://www.townofflatrock.com)  
email [info@townofflatrock.com](mailto:info@townofflatrock.com)

### **Jack Harris MP:**

Phone 772-7171, email: [Jack.Harris@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Jack.Harris@parl.gc.ca)

### **Kevin Parsons MHA:**

Phone 729-6979, fax 729-5774, email: [kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca](mailto:kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca)

### **St. Michael's Parish, Flatrock**

Phone:335-2863 Fax: 335-8240  
<http://www.htpt.net76.net/>  
[agnesmichaelparish@email.com](mailto:agnesmichaelparish@email.com)  
Parish Priest: Father Paul Lundrigan Phone: 685-9705 e-mail: [plund@nf.aibn.com](mailto:plund@nf.aibn.com)

### **Dept of Forestry**

Permits to Burn 729-4180

### **Torbay Volunteer Fire Department**

Contact information for TVFD 437-6542 <http://www.tvfd.nl.ca/>

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

Carm Martin, President 437-6921  
Patsy Bishop, Vice President 437- 2352  
Marg Parsons, Secretary / Treasurer 437-5789

### **Community Centre Bookings**

Anita Dyer 437-5736

### **Animal Control Officer**

Dana Kelly 437-6532 ext 285

Multi-Materials Stewardship Board [MMSB]  
[www.mmsb.nf.ca](http://www.mmsb.nf.ca)

Newfoundland and Labrador Paint Recycling Program  
[www.productcare.org/nl](http://www.productcare.org/nl) or toll free 1-888-772-9772.

Household Hazard Waste  
[www.curbitstjohns.ca](http://www.curbitstjohns.ca)

Matthew Cooper Regional Recreation Coordinator  
335-2270, [recreation@pouchcove.ca](mailto:recreation@pouchcove.ca)

### **Congratulations**

The Flatrock Town Council would like to extend congratulations to Dianna Llewellyn of Flatrock one of the latest recipients of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. The award was presented at a recent ceremony at the Capital Hotel and presented by Lieutenant Governor Frank F Fagan. Congratulations Diana on all your hard work.

### **Think 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 Royal Newfoundland Constabulary has stepped up patrol in the area and will be having periodical road blocks within the town during the Christmas season.

### **Thank You**

The Town Council and Staff would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time during 2013 in the community. The many volunteer hours in your community is appreciated. Thank you to all volunteers who donated time and talent whether through music, donations, committees and also thank you to all the students who volunteered their time to the Town in 2013.

Thank you to Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for all your time in the community volunteering at War Memorial Services, Bonfires, Santa Claus Parade and Pumpkin Patrol just to name a few. Thank you for keeping our community safe and being there for all emergencies.

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





## FLATROCK CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Flatrock Curbside Recycling Program, will be picking up recycling every up every second Wednesday. Your recycling should be separated in BLUE plastic bags, 1 for paper products and 1 for containers. It doesn't matter what size bags, but they must be BLUE in color. Please see the list below on how to separate your items:

### PAPER PRODUCTS

Newspapers and Flyers  
Magazines and Catalogues  
Glossy paper and Junk Mail  
Computer paper, writing paper,  
Bond paper, Post-it Notes  
Phonebooks  
Envelopes  
Books (hard cover removed)  
Toilet paper and paper towel rolls  
cartons (the cardboard kind)  
Drink/Coffee trays  
Paper Bags

### BOXBOARD

Cereal boxes  
Tissue boxes  
Detergent boxes, etc...

### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Clean, unwaxed and flattened

### Items that will NOT be accepted:

Glass	Kitty Litter
Coffee Cups	Plastic Bags
Hazardous Waste	Diapers
Syringes	
Fast food containers ex: chicken buckets	

### ALUMINUM CONTAINERS

Pop and Beer Cans  
Baking trays, pie plates, etc...

### TIN CANS

Soup cans, coffee cans, beans, tuna  
cat food, etc....

### PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Water, pop, and liquor bottles (no Egg  
covers or tops)  
Condiments ex.: barbeque sauce  
ketchup, mustard, honey, etc...  
Household cleaners ex.: dish and  
Laundry detergent, bleach,  
Windex, etc...  
Plastic containers marked on the  
bottom #1, 2, 4, 5, 7 ex: yogurt,  
ice cream etc...  
Tetra boxes ex.: juice boxes, soups  
Gable Tops ex.: milk and juice  
cartons

If you want to donate your items  
to the Recreation program, please  
drop them off at the Town Garage  
next to the gate. Please do not  
block the fire exit. (These items  
would be what you pay a deposit on)

Please make sure that the plastic bottles and containers are rinsed and lids and caps are removed. Please place your recycling with your garbage bags on recycling pick up day.