



The Town of Flatrock

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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
Darrin Thorne	Animal & Garbage Control	437-5654
	Streetlights / Planning	

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, February 27th, March 12 and March 26th, at 8:00 pm.

PROPERTY TAXES

Any 2011 property taxes that are owing and installment payments are not arranged will be charged interest. Thank you to those who have paid their 2011 property taxes, this makes it easier to run the town. For all residents 2012 property taxes are in the mail and you should have them by now and are due the end of February, 2012, no interest will be applied until June 30, 2012. Tax payments can be made by monthly installments. Payments are accepted by visa, mastercard, debit, 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. Forms for payments are available on the web site or at the Town office.

SOIREE 2012

The 2012 Flatrock Soiree will be held on July 20th, 21st and 22nd. The Soiree Committee is looking for new volunteers, if you would like to volunteer or would like more information; please contact the Town Office at 437-6312.

RECYCLING DATES

The next few dates for recycling will be: February 29th, March 14th and 28th, 2012. Please 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 Garage or the Town Hall. These recyclables 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**". Thank you to everyone who dropped off their recyclables in 2011, the amount of \$371.50 was donated to Flatrock Recreation.

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, this can be a safety issue to drivers and pedestrians and you could be responsible if someone got hurt. 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. The Town of Flatrock requested that Light and Power install a pole light at the intersection of the Bye Pass road and Pouch Cove Highway, this has been installed now. The intersection is now lit up.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR RED HEAD ROAD

The Town of Flatrock is the winner of the 1st RONA Kids Advantage program. Rona is pleased to announce the launch of the "Rona Kids Advantage Program". Teaming up with Henderson Recreation, Canada's largest 100% owned and operated playground manufacturer, the "Rona Kids Advantage Program" will help communities realize their dreams of new playgrounds. Rona/Henderson Recreation will make a bigger and better playground available to a selected community by offering a custom play structure at a highly discounted price. Rona will pay for the freight and installation supervisor costs associated with the playground equipment. The playground will be installed by the winning community under the direction of a qualified playground installation supervisor and a team of volunteers provided by Rona, Henderson Recreation and the winning community. The first "Rona Kids Advantage Playground" is tentatively scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2012. Flatrock will be looking for volunteers to help with the installation of the new playground in the spring. You may contact the town by calling 437-6312 or email info@townofflatrock.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY COLORING CONTEST

See attached coloring sheet. Deadline is March 7th at 4:00 pm. Age groups are: 2 years and under; 3 to 5 years; 6 to 8 years; and 9 to 12 years. Prizes are: \$25 gift cards for Chapters/Coles.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

The Annual Flatrock St. Patrick's Day Concert will be held on Sunday March 18th. There will be a matinee at 2:00pm and an evening show at 8:00pm. Let Ye All Be Irish!!

SAVING ENERGY

[World Wildlife Fund] WWF-Canada is thrilled to invite you to participate in an event launching early 2012: Earth Hour. This event aims to engage Canadians in a fun and celebratory way while raising awareness about climate change and encouraging individual behavior change.

On March 31st, 2012 between 8:30 - 9:30 pm, turn off your lights for Earth Hour. Year over year Canada has remained a leading country in terms of participation. For us the moment of Earth Hour is a bit like an environmental New Year, providing a chance to reflect on how our planet is fairing and what new or renewed commitments we can make to help.

There are a multitude of things that divide people: gender, nationality, race, political and religious beliefs to name a few. But when it comes to fighting climate change, it doesn't matter who we are or where we're from - we're all on the same team. This is our opportunity to ignite change and ensure that Canada is on the right path for future generations, our economy and the planet.

Pledge your commitment and support for WWF's Earth Hour and make sure this date is in your calendar for 2012.

Last year, over 5, 250 cities across the globe participated in Earth Hour - reaching over 1.8 billion people worldwide!

NEW OCCUPANCY PERMITS

A "Building Application" must be accompanied by one copy of a certified survey plan, one copy of building plans for proposed construction and application processing fee of \$50.00 (residential) plus **\$500.00 occupancy/security** deposit and processing fee of \$75.00 (commercial construction). If you are applying for a building permit that is discretionary in any zone, a fee of \$75.00 plus cost recovery must be enclosed to cover required advertising. An occupancy permit will be required from the Town of Flatrock before permit to build is issued. An occupancy or security deposit of \$500, with \$400 refundable upon occupancy or applied to property taxes, is required to be paid to the Town before conditional permit will be given. Upon receipt of a "Real Property Report" (which is a survey where your footings are located or the "foot print" of your house) a permit to build will be issued at a cost of \$.30 per square foot.

SENIOR HOCKEY GAME

There will be a Senior Hockey game on March 25th, at the Southern Shore arena in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the arena. The Alumni players from the Flatrock Flyers will take on the Alumni players from the Southern Shore Breakers. Tickets are available at the Southern Shore Arena and are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the gate.

COASTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

In order to fulfill the short-term goals of their Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, the towns of Bauline, Flatrock and Pouch Cove are undertaking a coastal resource inventory. The outcome of this inventory will be a series of maps illustrating the distribution of fisheries resources (groundfish, pelagic and shellfish), birds, marine mammals, corals, and aquatic plants, as well as classifying the shorelines. This information will be used for a variety of purposes ranging from identifying priorities for resource management, conservation and protection, to guiding policy development.

This project will be undertaken by the Northeast Avalon Regional Economic Development Board with the help of a Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador intern.

If you feel you may have special knowledge, interest or expertise with any of these coastal resources and would like to participate and be interviewed, please feel free to contact Julia Pantin by February 28, 2012 at juliapantin@hotmail.com or (709) 753-5554.

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**.

CENSUS

Results of the 2011 Census of Population have been released by Statistics Canada. Flatrock has grown the most in this area with a 20 per cent increase in population coming second in the province behind the Town of Paradise. The town now has 1,457 residents and 543 private dwellings. The town has a population density of 80.4 persons per square kilometer, with a land area of 18.12 square kilometers.

BIZPAL

BizPaL, located at www.bizpal.gov.nl.ca, is an online government information service. A web-based program that offers a single window for entrepreneurs needing to identify which permits and licences they require for starting or expanding a business. The system generates a customized list, based on the type of business, of information required by all three levels of government. In keeping with the provincial government's vision to assist citizens and businesses with providing accurate information on business permits and licenses, BizPaL now offers this important online information tool to the Town of Flatrock. If you are interested in starting a business in the Town, please visit BizPaL at www.bizpal.gov.nl.ca or contact the Town for assistance.

STUDENT SUMMER APPLICATIONS

The Town of Flatrock will be accepting resumes for positions with the town for summer employment; students must be finishing grade 10 in June 2012 or attending post secondary in September 2012. Resumes will be accepted at the Town Hall until 4 pm on April 30, 2012. Please specify if you are applying for summer work with the town, community center or heritage (museum). The number of jobs available depends on the government funding approved. Applications are now available on the Town of Flatrock website and at the Town office.

Recreation News

Kid's Bingo

Flatrock Recreation Commission would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who donated prizes for our Kid's Bingo. This event was a great success. Special thanks to the volunteers who helped during the event.

St. John's Ice Cap
The Diesel Doctor
Town of Flatrock
Town of Pouch Cove
Turning Point Wood Crafts
Wade's Excavating
Waterwitch Take Out
Wilkinson Convenience

2012 Snowfest Celebrations

Members of Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation would like to thank all residents who helped to make our 2012 Snowfest Celebrations a great success. Over the course of nine days, lots of laughter and fun was had by all. We would also like to extend our appreciation to our sponsors:

Admiral's Rock Inc
Atlas Pizza
B & L General Contracting
Boston Pizza
Cape Town Convenience
Coastal Kitchens
DBI Garbage Removal
DYL – KYN
First Class Limousine
GWK Holding
K & P Contracting
Keep Kool
Lewis Electrical Ltd.
Martin Surveying and Land Services
McInnes Cooper
Oceaneering
Price Choppers

Little Dreamers Playgroup

Residents are reminded that Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation currently offers a preschool playgroup for youth between the ages of 3 and 5. Sessions are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11 am at the Flatrock Town Hall. During the hour and half session youth engage in storytime, arts and crafts and playtime. Admission is \$2 per person and healthy snacks are provided.

Gentle Gym

Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation would like to advise residents that we have a new low impact aerobics program. Gentle Gym includes stretching, low impact cardio, follow by conditioning with weights, and abdominal exercises. This program is held at All Saints' Parish Hall on Wednesday's from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. There is a \$5 fee per session.

Healthy and Functional Movement Classes

Flatrock Recreation would like to advise residents that we will be offering an 8 week Healthy and Functional Movement program on Sunday afternoons starting on March 4th. Classes will be held at the Flatrock Community Centre from 3 – 4 pm. Instructed by Ryan Osborne, this class is structured to increase joint mobility and muscular strength, improve daily functioning, enhance cardiovascular health and correct nagging injuries/pain. Registration for this program will take place on Sunday, March 4th from 2:30 – 3 pm. Registration fee is \$50 for eight weeks or residents can pay a drop in fee of \$6 for each class they attend.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 7th at the Flatrock Community Centre. Breakfast will be served from 9 – 11 am. Additional information about this community event will be made available in our March newsletter.

2012 Summer Program

Residents are advised that information regarding our 2012 Summer Program will become available in early April. We are currently in the process of conducting a review of the overall structure on the program and trying to enhance the quality of program we offer to our youth. If you would like to provide any feedback on our program, please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2270 or email at pouchcoverecreation@hotmail.com.

2012 Killick Coast Games

Residents are advised that the 2012 Killick Coast Games will be hosted by the Town of Logy Bay - Middle Cove - Outer Cove from August 26th to August 30th. Killick Coast Games are open to youth between the ages of 11 and 17 (within the calendar year). Information about registration will be posted on www.townofflatrock.com as the games draw closer.

Town of Flatrock
2012 St. Patrick's Day Coloring Contest



**Happy Saint
Patrick's Day!**