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Kevin Parsons MHA

The Town Council of Flatrock would like to send a sincere thank you to our MHA Kevin Parsons for his hard work and dedication to our community. Kevin worked hard on behalf of the town to provide the extra funding needed for cost over runs on the Flatrock Community Center Renovations. The 2014 – 2015 Municipal Capital Works was originally funded for the community center renovations and a new municipal garage. The community center renovations now include the full \$500,000.00 authorized funding plus a further \$100,000.00 authorized for the cost over runs for a total of \$600,000.00. This funding is based on a cost sharing arrangement of 90/10 Provincial/Municipal ratio. Once again thank you to our MHA Kevin Parsons for working so diligently on behalf of the Town of Flatrock.

Flatrock Community Centre

The Flatrock Community Centre renovations are still ongoing. The siding is being installed and work is progressing inside the building.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department

Congratulations from the Town of Flatrock to the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years of service. Please see attached.

Permit to Burn

Residents are advised that from May 1st to September 30th, 2014. Business and landowners are required to have a permit to burn from the Department of Natural Resources. This permit covers such fires as cleaning or clearing land or burning brush etc. on forest land or within three hundred meters (300m) of forest land. To obtain a permit, residents must visit the Forest Resource District Office at Paddy's Pond. Phone 729-4180. There is no cost to obtain a permit. You must also notify the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department; www.tvfd.nl.ca or call 437-6542.

Day of Mourning

Mayor Darrin Thorne participated in the Day of Mourning Ceremony at Confederation Building on April 28 and laid a wreath on behalf of the Town of Flatrock for all workers who have been killed, injured or who have suffered illness due to workplace – related hazards and incidents.

Fundraiser for Emma Jane Schmiedendorf

Please see attachment.

Outstanding Taxes

All outstanding taxes owing, up to and including 2013 will have interest applied. Tax payments can be made by monthly instalments. If you want to avoid paying interest please contact the town office and make arrangements for payment. 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 4:15, Monday to Friday. The office does not close for lunch.

Student Jobs

The Town is still awaiting word from all funding sources for summer jobs. Once we hear from all sources a decisions regarding hiring will be made.

Annual Bulk Garbage Clean Up

Flatrock's annual bulk garbage pick up is the week of June 2nd. All residents are requested to have all debris on the curb side by June 1st as there will be NO DUPLICATION OF ANY ROADWAYS. Collection WILL NOT include wood, trees, hazardous goods, auto parts, and anything from household renovations such as windows, doors, etc.

The Town of Flatrock will be working with Newco Metals again this year to remove any old vehicles from your property during the week of June 2nd. If you would like to take part and have an old car removed FREE of charge please contact the town office at 437-6312 with your name, address, phone number and description of the condition, make and color of the car. The Town Council of Flatrock encourages you to take advantage of this program and get these vehicles that are no longer running removed from your property with no effort or charge to you. Thank you for helping to keep your community clean.

Household Hazard Waste

The Household Hazardous Waste drop-off at the Regional Facility located at Robin Hood Bay operates every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from June to November. For more detailed information on the materials accepted there, please visit:
www.curbitstjohns.ca/?Content=Residents/Household_Hazardous_Waste

eWaste NL [Electronics Waste]

There are electronics recycling depots for TV's, computers, etc. in St. John's. The contact information is: eWasteNL@gmail.com or phone 689-7402.

Environment Awareness Day

Environment Awareness Day 2014 will be held on Saturday June 7th. 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. Once again this year we will have a bike and helmet for the children. There will be prizes for adults who take part in the clean up as well.

Environment Committee

Environment Committee will be holding its first hike on Sunday June 8th during environment week! Everyone is asked to meet at 1:30 pm in the Town Hall parking lot. The hike will be a preview of the unfinished trail that will run from Old Flatrock Road through the wetland management units to Windgap Road. It will be over some rough terrain, require waterproof footwear, and pass through a variety of habitats. Hikers are encouraged to be prepared for these conditions. We will have vehicles left at both ends of the hike. We also plan to stop halfway through for a snack and boil-up. We look forward to good weather and a good turnout!

Gobags

The Town Council is asking any residents who do not want to receive flyers to contact the company and request their name taken off the deliveries so that the flyers are not left on the sides of the road. Contact information: gobag@transcontinental.ca or 748-0888.

Recycling

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”.

No 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 and Flatrock cemetery. 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. There have been concerns about residents dumping grass clippings from their property on Red Head Road into the ditch near the park, this is unsightly to look at, as well as a breeding ground for rodents such as mice and shrews.

Compost Bins

Council has ordered compost bins for anyone interested in having one. Cost is \$21,99 plus \$2.86 tax, total \$24.85 each. The compost bins have arrived and can be picked up at the town hall.

Environment Committee

Environment Committee will meet at the Flatrock Town Hall tentatively on the first Monday of each month. The date of the next meeting will be posted on the town website and face book. Any questions please contact Robert Schmiedendorf at phone (685-7341) or email rschmiedendorf@yahoo.ca. Everyone welcome.

Easter Colouring Contest

The Town of Flatrock Easter Coloring Contest winners are:

Age 2 years and under: Luke Mercer

3 to 5 years: Cameron Allen

6 to 8 years: Ceara Green

and 9 to 12 years: Kaitlyn Dalton.

Congratulations to all winners and Thank you to every child that participated and colored a picture for the contest. Good Luck with the next contest this summer.

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 May 12 and May 26, Monday June 9 and Tuesday June 24. Time 7:30 pm.

Local Contractors

The Town Council is asking any local companies that have equipment such as mini excavator available, to submit their list of equipment for town work and the rates to have on file for use on an 'as needed basis'.

Holidays

Please be advised that the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 19, 2014 for Victoria Day holiday and Monday June 23, 2014 for Discovery Day holiday.

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**.

Please remember to have your dogs tethered or on a leash while in the Town of Flatrock.

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.

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 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 you can contact the town office to see if the staff are aware that it needs to be repaired. info@townofflatrock.com or 437-6312.

Speed Bumps

Permanent Speed Bumps are being installed in the town. Residents are asked to watch their speeds and watch out for pedestrians and children.

Permits

Permits are needed for all sheds even movable sheds, please contact Town Office for details. If you have a shed on your property the permit application is \$10.00 and permit costs 20 cents a square foot with a minimum cost of \$30.00. You can be asked to remove a shed if you do not have a permit for it.

Soccer

Soccer registration was held on Tuesday April 29 and May 6, anyone who did not register can do so by calling Marion McCarthy at 437-6945. Age 4 to 17. Soccer starts July 8.

Recreation fields

The Town Council ask that residents respect our soccer and softball fields by not riding ATV's, dirt bikes and other recreational vehicles on them, these fields are used by you and especially our children in the summer. The continuous driving back and forth destroys the fields. Also recreational vehicles should not be used on fields and any property you do not own. Thank you for respecting your community and environment.

Softball

Registration is now taking place for Minor Softball which will start in early June. Registration is now being accepted at bhlangmead2@nl.rogers.com.

Bonfire

There will be a Bonfire held on the Beach [across from Ocean View Park] in June sponsored by the Flatrock Recreation. The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department will be in attendance. Please bring your own marshmallows. Date to be confirmed.

House Numbers

The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department has requested that if possible all residents have visible house numbers placed on their homes in case of emergency.

Soiree

The date for the 2014 Flatrock Soiree is July 26th and 27th.
A list of events will be available at a later date.

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

Facebook and Twitter

To keep up to date on what is happening in the Town! Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/townofflatrock or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/townofflatrock

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:

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

Flatrock Businesses for Updated Community Business Directory

The Town of Flatrock is updating the Business Directory that is currently on the town website under "Forms". This directory will be placed in mail boxes in the Towns of Flatrock, Pouch Cove and Bauline. This booklet is a great way for your company to advertise to a wide range of customers in three communities, and it's **FREE!**

If you have not been contacted about this, and you would like to have your business included please contact the Office. info@townofflatrock.com or phone 437-6312.

Flatrock Fifty Plus Fun Club

The Fifty Plus Club has been very active all winter. We continue to meet bi-weekly at the Town Hall where members enjoy a game of cards, crafts, socializing with other members, and we also hold a 50/50 draw every meeting, so some lucky member goes home with half the proceeds. We also celebrate members' birthdays each month. Our vice president Patsy Bishop has compiled a list of every members' birthday and each month we have cake at our meeting to celebrate.

We enjoyed a fun night at Holiday Lanes, on Saturday, May 3. Bowling, followed by pizza and prizes. Some really good bowlers and some really bad bowlers, but lots of fun had by all.

Our MHA Kevin Parsons dropped by our meeting on May 1 and brought us a cheque for \$1,000 towards our Woody Island Trip. Thank you Kevin, always a pleasure to see you, especially when you bring money. Keep it coming.

We are off to Woody Island the end of May, a much anticipated trip. 30 members of our club and their spouses off for a fun filled weekend. We leave the town hall parking lot on Friday May 30 and return on Sunday June 1. We have hired a bus to take us to Garden Cove where we get the boat to Woody Island. We have been looking forward to this trip all winter and we'll have a full report on it for next month's news letter.

We will soon break for the summer, but we will have a special event in July and August. We are hoping to start a horse shoe league for Friday Evenings, but more on that when we firm up the plans.

As always, if you are interested in joining our group our only requirement is that you are 50 Plus. If you need some information please call any of the executive as listed below.

Sincerely,
Flatrock 50 + Fun Club
Carm Martin, President 437-6921
Patsy Bishop, Vice President 437- 2352
Marg Parson, Secretary / Treasurer 437-5789

SWASP Program

Flatrock Recreation Commission are currently accepting applications for **Summer Employment** under the **SWASP Program**. (Subject to funding approval). Students will receive upon approval a **\$1400.00 Tuition Voucher** and will be paid **\$175.00 per week**.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Students

1. **Must be** planning to attend a post-secondary institution on a full time basis in the next academic year.
2. **Must be a** Canadian Citizen, permanent resident or refugee under the Immigration Refugee Protection Act.
3. **Must have been** registered as a full time student in the previous academic year.
4. **Must be** between the ages of 15 and 30.
5. **May not hold** another full time position (30 hours per week or more) while on the SWASP placement.
6. **May not be** attending classes full time while on the SWASP placement.
7. **Must have** first aid upon start of placement.
8. **Must Provide a** certificate of conduct upon hiring.
9. **Demonstrate strong** leadership, communication, and time management skills.
10. **Have knowledge** of sporting and children activities; and
11. **The ability to** work with others and ensure a safe and happy summer experience for participants.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 12 PM, MAY 14, 2014

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THESE POSITIONS MUST COME TO THE TOWN OFFICE AND COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM.

2014 Summer Camp

Summer Camp runs Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Our current rate is \$75 per child per week. Additional children are just \$35 extra per week. We also charge a \$5 (per camper) t-shirt fee. Summer Camp registration will be held on Tuesday, May 20th, from 7 – 8 pm, for residents of Flatrock and 8:30 – 9:30 pm for non-residents. Registration will occur at the Flatrock Town Hall. Parents and guardians are required to pay the first week fee and camp T-shirt fee at the time of registering. In an attempt to speed up the registration process, all required documents will be posted on www.townofflatrock.com before registration. We strongly encourage residents to complete these forms and bring them to registration.

2014 Killick Coast Games

The Town of Torbay are hosting the 2014 Killick Coast Games from July 28th to August 1st. The Killick Coast Games are open to youth between the ages of 11 and 17 within the 2014 calendar year. Registration for these games will take place at the Flatrock Town Hall from 7:30 – 9:30 pm on Tuesday, May 20th. If you require any information regarding these games please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2848 ext. 4 or via email at recreation@pouchcove.ca

2014 Canada Celebrations

The Town of Flatrock is pleased to announce our 2014 Canada Day Celebrations activities.

July Drive Ceremony – 11 am

War Memorial

Sponsored by Flatrock Heritage Committee

Community Refreshments – 12 pm

Town Hall

Sponsored by the Town of Flatrock

Family Fun Afternoon – 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Red Head Recreation Complex

Featuring:

Family Games

Community Barbeque

Red Rocket Amusements

Musical Performance by Justin Martin and Lou Skinner

Sponsored by Flatrock Recreation



Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity Council #9807
and Family Members
will be holding a

Fundraiser/ Card Game

IN AID OF

11 YEAR OLD

Emma-Jane Schmiedendorf

(DAUGHTER OF BOB & LINDA)



Emma-Jane will be travelling to Montreal for major back surgery with traction and will be in hospital for 3-4 months.

MONDAY, JUNE 2 AT 8 P.M. HOLY NAME PARISH HALL, TORBAY

Tickets: \$10.00 each

Over 50 prizes will be awarded at the card game.

If not in attendance winners will be notified by phone.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

For more info contact **Kim at 437-6865** or **Debbie at 437-6085**

Congratulations to the Torbay
Volunteer Fire Department
For your 40 years of Service

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And thank you for being a part
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The Town of Flatrock would like to congratulate The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department on their 40 years of service. The Town would also like to thank the following firefighters for their dedication to the Fire Department:

Chief Mike McGrath for his 40 years of service.

Philip Whitten of Flatrock for being awarded Firefighter of the year.

Deputy Chief Phonse McGrath for his 20 years of service.

Paul Blundon of Flatrock for his 10 years of service.

Jason Mercer of Flatrock for his 5 years of service.

And Randy Strickland of Flatrock for his 5 years of service.

Congratulations on reaching this fantastic milestone. The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department has been providing the Town of Flatrock with emergency services for all 40 years since their start, from medical calls to vehicle accidents to house fires to forest fires and any other emergencies within our town that may arise. The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department is also a major part of our community participating in many of our events such as Guy Fawkes Night, the School's out bonfire, Remembrance Day, Canada Day's July Drive, and the Santa Claus Parade. The Town of Flatrock would like to sincerely thank each firefighter present and past for your hard work and dedication throughout the community in these 40 years.