Indian Head

Saskatchewan

2016 - 2017
This book was compiled by the Communities in Bloom Committee. The purpose of this profile book is twofold: to provide an accumulative history of Indian Head Communities in Bloom and to promote the community of Indian Head.

**Mission Statement**

Indian Head Communities in Bloom Mission Statement is adopted from the National Organization, “People, Plants and Pride... Growing Together”.

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Town website: http://www.townofindianhead.com/
Communities in Bloom Committee 2016-2017

Back: Gord Howe, Karen Dickie, Gwen Johner, Meagan McEwen, Shelley Haid
Front: Ruth Anne Rudack, Judy Woidyla, Donna Thompson, Carol Belanger
Missing: Eileen Zarowny

Facts and Statistics about Indian Head

Land area: 3.17 km²
Elevation: 588 m (1949 ft.)
Land location: Section 24 Township 18 Range 13 West of the 2nd Meridian
(50 degrees 32N 103 degrees 40 W)
Population in 1915: 1,200
Population in 2016: 1,910
Total private dwellings: 900
Population density per square kilometre: 602

One of many benches around town enticing one to sit awhile

Indian Head’s flag
Mayor’s Message from Steven Cole

Hello, and welcome to the beautiful town of Indian Head. I am so proud to call this my home. I have lived here all my life and the changes that I have seen throughout my life time are astonishing.

The never-ending projects of historic restorations, leisure opportunities, sports areas, infrastructure upgrades, and beautiful green spaces are all thanks to our many community groups, hardworking volunteers, staff, Council and our very own Communities in Bloom. Their commitment to the betterment of our town is overwhelming. It just goes to show what can be accomplished with some planning, hard work, and dedication.

So with that I would like to invite you to stop by and check out what our beautiful town has to offer. Come, stay, visit, eat, shop, swim, golf, watch a movie or check out our newest addition, our Community Skate Park.

You will see why we are proud to call this our home.

Town of Indian Head Council

Mayor - Steven Cole  Councillors - Lisa Craigie, Ben Friesen, Gwen Johner, Melissa Moses, Armand Palmer, and Chris Simpson
Administrator - Cam Thauberger  Assistant Administrators - Amy Railton, Jackie Thauberger and Laurie Warford
Community Development Officer - Andrew Kerr
Town Foreman - Conrad Schreiner  Assistant Foreman - Wendell Runns
Town Workers - Dale Ayers, Brian Blenkins, Darwin Elliot, Brad Glass, and Keith Webster

Rural Municipality of Indian Head No. 156

CiB is very fortunate to have the support of the RM. They cut grass along roadsides and provide in kind financial and moral support.

Reeve - Terry Rein  Councillors - Darryl Henty (Div. 1), James Woidyla (Div. 2), Don Reynard (Div. 3), Chad Skinner (Div. 4), Shaun Williamson (Div. 5) and Eric Gray (Div. 6)
Administrator - Lorelei Theaker  Administrator in training - Tracey Luscombe
Maintenance Staff - Ken Serson, Elmer Meyer and Jeremy Meyer
Baskets have been hanging along Grand Avenue each summer since 2005.

The Haid family heading to cross country ski on Sunbeam Creek trail

Boyle St. circa 1910. House on left is 903 Boyle St. - the Huntley house. Note elevators, church spire and museum tower.

Local quilters have displayed their talents at the Horticultural Show since 2000
## Communities in Bloom Participation History

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Celebrating our National win in 2015
**Our Town**

**Name:** According to information at the Indian Head Museum and from Chief Albert Eashappie’s account recorded in the Indian Head and District history book.

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**The Naming of Indian Head**

In the 1800s the population of the First Nations people was ravaged by diseases such as small pox brought west by the fur traders. Their remains were placed on the hills southwest of town which became known as Indian Head Hills.

The CPR arrived in 1882 and the townsfolk proposed to call this community on the relatively flat plains, Indian Head. The Indian Head statue was commissioned in 1985 to honor this history.

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When the Canadian Pacific Railway laid track through this area in 1882 the new settlement where the railway station was built needed a name. The townspeople wanted the name Indian Head Hills, and offered the First Nations people a camping ground near the town in exchange for the name. The town became Indian Head, without "Hills", perhaps because it sits on fertile, relatively-flat plains.

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The many former elevators of Indian Head (circa 1980)

Indian Head, a beautiful prairie town, is nestled in the flat grain lands of south-east Saskatchewan. This community of one square mile is anchored on the corner
of the Trans-Canada and # 56 highways less than one hour east of Regina and 15 minutes south of the scenic Qu’Appelle Valley. The Federal Research Farm (1886) which leads the way in agriculture research and conservation completes our eastern border. All are surrounded by some of the best grain and livestock farms in the province.

Our Town was founded in 1881 by Major William R. Bell who wanted a direct route to the railway for the grain grown on his 53,000 acre farm. From a few tents on the bald prairie along this angular route, Indian Head grew to a town (incorporated in 1902) with a current population of 1,910 according to the 2016 census. From any direction, one sees an oasis of majestic trees, beautiful in all seasons and almost concealing our well-tended yards and gardens. We have the oldest Horticultural Society (1926) in our province. Educational opportunities span preschool to Community College. Sports programs are available year round. A hospital with doctors and ambulance, including related health services, is available for town and surrounding residents. A veterinary clinic cares for animals. There is a wide range of community services, including the RCMP.

The town of Indian Head recently replaced the water treatment plant and made infrastructure improvements. A curbside recycle program will extend the use of the landfill. Services are available for present and future residents and industry. New subdivisions are being developed, but many homes and businesses of earlier times built from locally-produced bricks and fieldstone, are still occupied today. We have five designated heritage buildings. A giant Indian head statue welcomes visitors, as does our award-winning campground. We cherish our history - especially our two museums, Bell Barn farm, and our 1904 continuously used Grand Theatre.

CiB has, since 2004, developed valuable partnerships with the Town Council, businesses and residences both urban and rural. From our first project of 20 hanging baskets, to the development of pocket parks, the planting and watering of floral displays, the regenerating of our Rural Community Forest, and the annual community cleanup, all efforts are supported by dedicated volunteers. We exemplify the motto, “People. Plants and Pride... Growing Together” and will continue to work together for a better community.

The statue of the Indian head was constructed in 1985.
Our gazebo was a gift from the TV series *Little Mosque on the Prairie*. Much of the show was filmed in Indian Head and many residents were involved as extras. The gazebo was repainted in 2014.

**Itinerary**

1. The tour of our community will start by meeting with Town officials, RM representatives, and many of our volunteers.
2. South to R.C.M.P. and Royal Bank Centennial Garden
3. H&L Brownie tree planting, Bell Farm agricultural garden, elevator silhouette marker, Cadet tree planting, then a drive through the newest areas of town to note tree plantings.
4. West to Riparian Habitat and Heritage willow planting, North Railway tree planting.
5. Veteran’s Park including the Rose Garden, Millennium Garden (est. 2000), Pine Lodge, and oak circle plus memorial trees.
7. East on Service Road through industrial area, including Corrline, noting Service Road snow and sound tree barrier.
8. North on # 619 viewing award-winning Good Sam Camp Ground and visiting Rural Community Forest.
9. To Research Farm - heritage barn and agricultural cairns.
10. North to newest developed residential area and Jimmy Robinson Sports Field including ball diamonds and concession.
11. On Woodward Avenue to view golf course water conservation pond and golf course.
12. West on Eden St. to Golden Prairie Nursing Home and Lions planter.
13. North at Robison St. to view high school grounds, Bell Court and north to cemetery to Fox Way and view grave site map. Drive through cemetery. Note new columbaria.
15. South on # 56 to Buxton St. past Ball residence, turning west to Boyle St., Hospital Rest Garden, past several heritage homes.
16. On to Dixon Park, south to view Mothers’ Honour Row trees, Leo’s Place, heritage business buildings, Grad Park, museum and north to see school grounds.
17. South to Heritage Willows, then north to original cemetery site and updated lift station.
***Landfill, Lagoons, Water Treatment Facility as requested
***18. Possible tour of SARCAN, Bell Barn or Museum, Sports Hall of Fame, St. Andrew’s United Church and reclaimed properties: residential home (former Presbyterian Church) and Community Bible Church (former TomBoy Store).

***Route can be changed at any time.
***Depending on arrival time in Indian Head, it may be possible to visit one of the above sites in the evening before judging day.
Evaluation Information

Tidiness

The Indian Head CiB committee partners with the Town of Indian Head to organize a Town Clean-up Day. The members of the Cubs, Scouts, Cadets, Brownies, Dance Club, Indian Head High School, Indian Head Elementary School, and individual volunteers are invited to participate in this event.

The Town, in 2015, introduced a curbside-recycling initiative with Emterra which redirected 157,750 kg of recyclables in the first year. In 2016, residential recycling totaled 91,722 kg and commercial recycling was 85,458 kg for a total of 177,180 kg.

People are reminded to use proper garbage cans with watertight lids.

Grand Avenue garbage cans

Spring Clean-up Day - Town of Indian Head, members of Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, and Cadets, Dance Club, Indian Head Elementary and High School students, and community volunteers. In 2016, CiB gave Bur Oak and Siberian Larch from SaskPower’s Shand Greenhouse to encourage the continuation of our urban forestry.

Scouts on Clean-up Day  Volunteers on Clean-up Day
Two lots on Grand Avenue have been transformed into pocket parks: Grad Park and Leo’s Place. They have become very popular.

Grad Park (2006)

Leo’s Place (2009)

Shannon Cawthorne, in 2014, repainted the mural using recycled paint.

In 2012, high school students, Shannon Cawthorne and James O’Watch painted this mural on a fence along Grand Ave.

Shannon Cawthorne painted this mural for the third time in 2016.
Residents take pride in their yards and gardens.

The Indian Head Landfill committee develop plans for tidiness and environment. Trees have been planted, new pits dug, and old pits reclaimed to better organize the landfill. Wind-break fencing was installed to combat garbage drift into nearby farmers’ fields. Twice a year the Town declares a no-charge weekend at the landfill.

We have had the luxury of having quiet volunteers (QVs) who help keep our town tidy. You will see them, plastic bags in hand, as they go for walks. You will see them with a digger, waging war on wayward weeds. You will find them early in the morning and into the evening. Their efforts are paramount for our tidy community. Thanks to all the QVs.

**Tidiness in a Nutshell:**

* Spring Town Clean-Up Day
* Vacant lots reclaimed for pocket parks
* Landfill site projects
* Amazing QVs
* Twice yearly no-charge weekends at landfill
* Relocation of SGI vehicle compound
* Relocation of log building to SARCAN
* Demolition of previous Texaco garage

Trees planted in brownfield soil 2011
Environmental Action

The Golf Course uses a reclaiming water management system, collecting from the runoff of town streets which is held in two dugouts. This water is used to water the golf fairways and greens. One inch of rain will add one foot of water to the dugouts.

Indian Head began a community curbside-recycling program with Emterra in 2015 to increase the longevity of our landfill. The RM # 156 follows this recycling program.

Emterra recycling bins

The Yellow Fish Road, a 2014 project, is supported by the IH Elementary School and the local Wildlife Federation. The three yellow fish mark Sunbeam Creek to remind us of this program. The Cubs and Scouts clean garbage annually from Sunbeam Creek.

Yellow Fish sign
A Landfill Improvement Committee was formed in 2014 to improve and monitor the landfill. It consists of a town foreman, a Councillor and two CiB volunteers. Signage, a composting area, designated pits (furniture, appliances, demolition debris, etc.), and tree and grass planting were implemented. To date, new pits have been dug, old pits reclaimed, and wind break fencing built to combat drift into nearby fields.

Volunteers planting trees

In 2016 the Town of Indian Head constructed a new 350 m x 140 m, 85,000 m$^3$ storage lagoon cell to increase sufficient capacity for projected sewage flow thus allowing the wastewater effluent to be stored longer. This ensures the quality of the wastewater effluent for release. The Federal Government covered one-third of the total cost ($1,300,000), the Provincial Government one-third and the Town one-third. A projected stock pile of 4,000 m$^3$ of high-quality topsoil is available for town projects.

Indian Head Cubs/Scouts Willow Project – The Cubs and Scouts took cuttings of heritage willows from Sleepy Hollow and cared for them. The third year, they were planted in the Riparian area on Sunbeam Creek. This has assured the future of non-native willow trees. This project received National Scouting recognition with a badge. It has been fun to watch the seedlings mature.

Willows then (2006)

Willows now (2015)
**SARCAN** - A new building for recycling opened in 2015 accepting beverage cans and bottles, aluminum pop tabs, tetra packs, electronics, TVs, car radios, record players, computers, printers, and cans of paint. They have received a provincial Customer Service Award for the 5th time.

CiB and the Town have produced a brochure on recycling and careful use of our landfill.
The CiB Holding Nursery has the following inventory:

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**Town uses eco-friendly products** - Green Seal Certified paper products and eco friendly damp mop cleaner are used in the Town Office, at the swimming pool, the local rink, the tourist booth, and the Memorial Hall.

The swimming pool uses a powder made from ground sea fossils and soda ash for the pool chemistry. The community water system uses chlorine and potassium permanganate.

The Town recycles oil, filters, containers, and cardboard. They provide overflow bins for the community at the shop yard.

**Composting** - CIB conducted a hands-on workshop on composting for Girl Guides and their leaders from two communities and promoted vermicomposting at the 2017 Seedy Saturday, an efficient and environmentally friendly way to convert household garbage into nutrient rich fertilizer and worm tea, thus saving tones of waste in the landfill.

**Community Recycling** - Residents are encouraged to recycle pens, batteries, tires, eye wear, light bulbs, medications, etc. The Recycling brochure has been updated for 2017 and posted on the Town’s website; note Appendix 3.
**Water Conservation Focus** - *This year’s CiB displays promoted the use of a rain barrel and tips about water use: additional ideas on the webpage.*

**Bees Matter** - *A self watering planter for bee friendly plantings provides information regarding the decline in pollinators and their importance to our food chain.*

**Environmental Action in a Nutshell:**

* Water recycling at golf course  
* Emterra curbside recycling (green bins)  
* Yellow Fish Road project  
* Landfill tree planting  
* Storage lagoon cell  
* Riparian habitat project  
* Recycling brochures  
* Holding Nursery  
* Town uses eco-friendly products  
* Composting and vermiculture promotion  
* Community recycling  
* Bees Matter for pollination  
* Water conservation & rain barrel promotion

**Heritage Conservation**

We have five designated heritage buildings in the community: **St. Andrew’s United Church** (designated 2010); **Indian Head Museum** (2015), **Certified Plumbing/Mood Photography** building (2000) and the **Indian Head Grand Theatre** (2014) have been designated as Municipal Heritage properties. The **Indian Head Agricultural Research Farm** barn (2013) is recognized as a Federal Heritage Building.

*St. Andrew's United Church* built 1907
Indian Head Museum built 1907
Research Farm heritage barn built 1913

Certified Plumbing / Mood Photography building, formerly Mainline Motors, built 1936

Grand Theatre built 1904
Indian Head Research Farm - one of five in Canada, was established in the NWT in 1886, to promote agriculture for the settlement of the southern prairies west of the Manitoba border. Since that time, it has continued to play an important role in the development and dissemination of new agriculture practices and technology - two important being the development of Marquis Wheat and rotation schedules of plots. Poultry, sheep, horses, pigs, cattle, horticulture vegetables and flowers and grains have all been part of their program. The last animal left the farm in 1961 and since then focus has been on arable crop management - cereals, oil seeds, pulses, and forages.

In 1912, the original barn at the Experimental Farm (built in 1886) was destroyed by fire caused by an overheated grain chopper.

Rural Community Forest (Community Orchard) - Sixteen fruit tree varieties were planted for use by local residents. In 2016 additional U of S cherry varieties and Saskatoon seedlings were transplanted and 2 rows of old cherries removed. Every row has been labeled for easy identification. This forest also provides natural shelter for birds and animals.

Sign at east border of Rural Community Forest
A jelly workshop in 2015 encouraged the use of the fruit. As a result of a pruning workshop (2015) we began the task of proper care and pruning of the orchard.

That spring, the caragana hedge that surrounds the Rural Community Forest was flood damaged and later baled to use for heat at the Shelterbelt Centre.
Work continues to regenerate the Rural Community Forest. As fruit matures, articles and recipes appear in the local paper. Pruning trees, removing black knot, and regenerating Mongolian Cherry rows were 2016 projects. One hundred Mongolian Cherries are waiting to be planted in 2017.

Placing plastic mulch for new plantings

Crabapple trees at Rural Community Forest

Sunbeam Creek Fitness Trail – This trail follows Sunbeam Creek for two kilometres through Indian Head to the Research Farm. Walkers, runners, bikers and cross country skiers use this trail, part of which was improved with packed gravel in 2016.

Memorial Rose Garden – Veteran’s Park was completed in 2005 by the #119 Indian Head Legion and #691 Hawk Cadets to commemorate the Year of the Veteran.

Mothers’ Honour Row – The elms and ash trees along Grand Avenue honour mothers whose children from our community served in either World War.

Sign near trees at Mothers’ Honour Row
James Sinclair Ross Monument - Ross attended school in Indian Head. This cairn, was placed in 1998, and pays tribute to his 1941 book *As for Me and My House*, one of his five novels. It was designed and completed by Saskatchewan artists Joe Fafard and Vic Cicansky. The stone base was built by Ron Schaefer. Only the shoes remain of the missing figure. A nearby obelisk relates the story.

McLean's Threshing Machine - This machine was used by C. H. McLean from 1920 - 1960, then sold for two dollars at their auction sale. It was moved to its present location in 2005 by three generations of the McLean family.

R.M. of Indian Head Centennial Projects - Grant money from the R.M. was allocated for two projects in our community. The John Walker project commemorates his 1942 - 1958 service as Superintendent of the Indian Head Shelterbelt Centre. The other project, completed in 2006 is situated at the south end of Grand Avenue and includes trees donated by Eleanor Holden and Irv Escott plus shrubbery. A cairn constructed by Ron Schaefer commemorates the Bell Farm, an important agricultural operation in the 1880's. Also note the threshing machine and large salvaged concrete from one of the original elevator foundations that
was repurposed by thirteen-year-old Austin Gwillam with a silhouette of the twelve early elevators and a flour mill.

In 2016, a sample of Marquis Wheat which had been developed at the Experimental Farm in 1892 and field trialed in 1907 was grown at this site. This project will continue in 2017 with 3 demonstration plots at the Bell Barn.

Tourist Booth - This area showcases the Indian head statue, the former Esso Red Hat, Red River cart, and a buffalo rubbing stone. Volunteer hosts from various organizations greet visitors and care for the building and grounds.

The 32-ton statue of the Indian head was financed by the community and those attending the 1985 Homecoming. This former Esso Red Hat previously beckoned patrons to its Voyageur Restaurant and now offers a place to picnic.
Buffalo rubbing stone moved to tourist booth site in 1998

Buffalo Rubbing Stone

Early accounts in the 1870s speak of a sea of buffalo stretching from horizon to horizon. To survive the harsh winters they grew heavy coats. As spring arrived they used a huge solitary boulder to rub off the snarled hair, walking around and around thus creating a deep moat. Such a rock could be found on land south of Indian Head farmed by pioneer Graham Scott and relocated in 1998. At one time a shoulder deep trench surrounded this rock, but the buffalo population decreased with the indiscriminate slaughter. By 1879 there were few buffalo to tramp that path which gradually filled with drifting soil. The smooth edge was scraped by the farmer’s passing cultivator.

Never again would we hear the distant thundering of ten thousand hooves.

Community Involvement Annual Events –
- Mainline Music Festival is held annually alternating between Indian Head and Grenfell.
- Bell Barn has held annual activities including lobster supper, Oktoberfest, horse fair, and barn dances.
- Horticultural Society (chartered in 1926) has hosted annual Mother’s Day tea with plant and bake sale, and August Garden Show.
- Harvest Hoedown, a craft show, is held annually in October.
- Remembrance Day service is held at the Memorial Hall.
- Christmas Sparkle Tour is organized by the Legion to view the Christmas light displays.

The Holiday Train comes through Indian Head every two years and donations from the audience supplement the community Food Bank. The last visit was in 2016.
The Bell Barn - The Bell Barn Society of Indian Head was founded in 2006 to oversee the development of the Bell Barn as a key heritage attraction. The deteriorating barn was dismantled in 2008 and reconstructed just north of the original location. Salvaged stones were used in the reconstruction to replicate the 1882 barn. Trees from the Agro-Forestry Centre were planted at the new site. At the grand opening, July 24, 2010, twenty-one members of the Bell family travelled from various communities across Canada to attend. Over 700 people attended this momentous occasion. The $1.5 million cost was raised through dinners, auctions, and little barn replicas built by the IH Elementary School students which collected $1700 in change. Corporate and government funds contributed to the outcome. The Bell Barn project is a heritage attraction in the region and volunteers have continued to make it a self-sustaining proposition.

Cemetery Restoration Project - The first cemetery for Indian Head was established in 1883 at the NE corner of the town, relocated in 1896 three quarters of a mile to the west, after being flooded yet again. In 2003, Duncan Spence began the work of restoring the cemetery and later a Cemetery Restoration Committee was established. They cleaned and repositioned headstones, established an information centre, and planted flower beds, trees, and shrubs. The chapel was originally used to store caskets until the ground thawed and graves could be dug. It has now been restored for services and quiet reflection. A committee, as well as town employees,
oversee the maintenance of the cemetery. Since 2015, a seasonal caretaker has been hired to maintain the cemetery.

The first columbarium with 48 niches was constructed at the cemetery in 2015. The following year a base, two benches and the second columbarium was placed. Ten more columbaria are planned.

**Indian Head Museum** – As the original 1907 fire hall was vacant, the museum moved into it in 1977. In 2015, this building was designated as a Heritage site. Exhibits can be found on two floors in the main building, the military building, the country garage, and a carpenter shop, and a blacksmith shop. Jubilee School built in 1926 and used until 1955, represents the fourteen country schools of the IH district. The Bell Barn, restored with period household items, is the last remaining of the 27 cottages used by the hired help on the Bell Farm in the 1880’s. An extensive collection of over 5000 artifacts and photos can be viewed. In 2015, another display was added to honour the Indian Head Tree Nursery for service provided to the three Prairie Provinces since 1902. An open house is held each August. The Museum is run solely by volunteers.

The following is an excerpt from a 2015 article in the *Regina Leader Post* and *Indian Head - Wolseley News*:

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**20th Annual Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Architectural Heritage Award;**

**Indian Head Fire Hall Project among 10 Honored This Year**

Her Honour the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, will bestow prestigious Architectural Heritage Awards this year to three projects from Saskatoon, two from Regina and one each from Humboldt, Indian Head, Maple Creek, Moose Jaw and Prince Albert.

The Lieutenant Governor is the Honorary Patron of the juried awards sponsored by the Architectural Heritage Society of Saskatchewan. Since the inception of the awards in 1996, a total of 157 projects throughout the province have been recognized.

The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Architectural Heritage Awards will be presented at an event **Tuesday, June 9**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** in Sir Richard Lake Hall at Government House in Regina.

Long term stewardship awards also are being bestowed to the Indian Head fire hall, the Sukanen Ship Pioneer Village and Museum and the Maple Creek Main Street project in recognition of all Main Street projects in the province.

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In 2014, a local stonemason, Kurt MacPherson, was contracted to repair the stone and cement basement.

Walking Tour – Volunteers spent over 1,200 hours preparing the 2011 self-guided walking tour booklets of community buildings. Most of these buildings are 100 years old.

The following three homes are included on this tour:

This 1100 Buxton home was designed and built in 1905 by local architect A.M Fraser. It has been featured in several locally filmed thriller movie productions including “Stranger in Town” starring Harry Hamlin and Graham Greene and “Walled In” starring Mischa Barton.
In 1904 an English gentleman had this two-storey brick house at 1008 Grand Avenue built for his fiancée. Upon inspection she was said to have termed the house "monstrous" and returned to England.

This 424 Buxton Street home was built for Mr. W.F. Johnston in 1897. The Regina Leader, dated Jan 5, 1899 described a home wedding uniting Miss Bessie M. Johnston, daughter of W.F. Johnston, to Andrew Dickson of Breezy Heights.

**Grand Theatre** - The Indian Head Opera House, including three storefronts to the south was built in 1904 by Arthur James Osment. The buff-coloured bricks were hauled by horse and wagon from a brick plant at Lake Katepwa in the Qu’Appelle Valley. The Opera House, at the time, was the only one between Winnipeg and Vancouver and was used for plays, musical productions, chautauqua, and splendid balls. Arthur’s son Walter painted canvas scenery sets, and these fragile rolls can still be found in the basement. The Grand Theatre is believed to be the oldest continually-operated venue of its kind in Canada.

In 1938, as the opera era was replaced by silent pictures, the building was sold to Mr. Baldwin. A projection room including sound equipment was installed. Owners over the years have included: Ted Williams, the Hatton family, Gordon Wilson, Sparky Clark, Helene and Greg Stewart, and since 2014 the theatre has been community owned and
operated. The reel to reel carbon arc rod projectors installed by Sparky Clark were replaced by a digital projector in 2014.

Indian Head Theatre & Community Arts promotes movies, drama, musical festivals, dance performances, local talent, performing artists, lectures, conferences, film festivals, concerts and other functions. Volunteers provide 5,000 hours per year to fulfill the duties required to run the Grand Theatre.

_Only 15% of the roof remains to be covered in heritage designated cedar shakes._


Volunteers at theatre

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**Territorial Grain Growers Association Cairn**

- In the early 1900’s, Indian Head was the largest initial grain handling point in the world. This cairn was dedicated to the many farmers around Indian Head who sought to improve the fair transportation of grain by the CPR railway in 1901. It was the forerunner of the United Grain Growers formed in 1918.

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**Seedy Saturday** – CiB organization co-sponsored the first Seedy Saturday in 2016. The family-friendly event brought together
organizations who share a concern for the future of our food system and environmental sustainability. Displays explained the importance of maintaining biodiversity by seed saving heirloom varieties, a free seed exchange table, composting, and a children’s activity; all were of interest to the first time gardener and the expert seed saver. The Horticultural Society and CiB promoted their work in the community and local seed savers shared their knowledge with presentations on seed saving. Our 2017 Seedy Sunday was a further success.

**Rural Sports Hall of Fame**

In 1992, this hands-on sports collection began on the wall of Ken McCabe’s newspaper office. As the collection grew, it finally found a home in the Masonic Hall in 2007. A myriad of sports are represented by donations from far and wide. Ken wrote *The History of Sport in Indian Head* from 1900 to 1980.

**2017 Heritage Fair** - Indian Head High School held a Heritage Fair. These two entries will compete at Regionals in Regina.

Jaicilyn Thomson’s “Forever First Nation”

Talon Manby’s “The History of the Experimental Farm”
Heritage Conservation in a Nutshell:

* Designated historical sites (St. Andrew’s United Church, Indian Head Museum, Research Farm barn, Certified Plumbing and Heating / Mood Photography building and Grand Theatre)
* Indian Head Research Farm
* Rural Community Forest (Community Orchard)
* Jelly workshop
* Sunbeam Creek fitness trail
* Memorial Rose Garden
* Mothers’ Honour Row
* James Sinclair Ross Monument
* McLean’s Threshing Machine
* R.M. of Indian Head Centennial projects (Walker Monument and Bell Farm cairn bed)
* Tourist Booth
* Annual events
* Bell Barn
* Cemetery Restoration project
* Indian Head Museum
* Walking tour
* Grand Theatre (Opera House)
* Territorial Grain Growers Association cairn
* Seedy Saturday
* Rural Sports Hall of Fame
* 2017 Heritage Fair
* Restored facades of several downtown businesses
* Research Farm peony bed relocated 2016
* Dale Horn memorial rose garden at Research Farm
* Demonstration grain projects around town/Bell Barn
* Horticultural Society distributed heirloom seeds in their School Garden packages for 2017

Urban Forest Community Forest (Community Orchard) - A tree planting in partnership with the Town of Indian Head and the PFRA Shelterbelt Centre
is located at the east side of town. Pruning by volunteers controls disease, overgrowth and damage. Signage, mulching and renewing old plantings are ongoing tasks. In 2017, 20 Russian plums were moved from the Holding Nursery. Residents are encouraged to pick fruit.

Fruit is ready to be picked

Brochures with recipes, and map of the orchard inform public of available fruit varieties.

Learning proper pruning methods

**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (AAFC-PFRA) Shelterbelt Centre** - Between 1901 and 2013, the AAFC-PFRA Shelterbelt Centre at Indian Head developed and distributed genetically superior tree and shrub seedlings at no charge for planting shelterbelts and for agricultural conservation and land reclamation projects in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and northeastern British Columbia. During the 112 years, the Centre provided over 600 million trees and shrubs to farmers through the “Prairie Shelterbelt Program” for planting on agricultural land. Over time, those seedlings sequestered over 218 mega tonnes of CO\textsuperscript{2} and could circle
the globe 27 times. The Centre was also a research facility that evaluated, improved and propagated around 50 prairie hardy tree and shrub species for distribution to landowners and industry on the prairies. The Centre and the Program were discontinued / closed in 2013 when most of the staff was released. The remaining staff was relocated to the Indian Head Research Farm in 2015.

**Indian Head Cubs/Scouts Willow Project** - The Cubs/Scouts took cuttings from “Heritage Willows” that were growing along the edge of the Sunbeam Creek. These cuttings were planted in other areas of Sunbeam Creek to replenish the population of this beautiful tree in Indian Head.

**Trees in Indian Head** - Looking at the well-treed streets of Indian Head today, it is hard to visualize it as the bald prairies of 1882. Trees are planted and maintained by Town employees and volunteers from the community.

A tree inventory is located at the Town office. Non-native trees such as Ohio buckeye, black walnut, bur oak, Japanese lilac, and Swiss stone pine can be found in peoples’ yards.

Following recommendations from CiB evaluations, Town Council has approved budgets of $5,000 annually for tree planting. To date, trees have been planted on boulevards, and a free tree is available from the Town for newly-developed lots.

CiB has established a holding nursery for seedlings which are transplanted throughout the community. A Mancana ash in Grad Park, damaged during a barbecue, drew community attention and involved specialists’ input to save the tree. The walking trail is lined with several varieties of trees.

Our golf course alone is said to have over 30,000 trees of many varieties.
Each summer, four different named varieties of trees are planted in large containers. At season's end, they are transplanted within the community.

Volunteers we call the Dutch Elm Detectives (or DED) report any disease sightings. *Green Drop Tree Care did testing and basal spraying for DED in 2016.*

*Approximately 30 diseased trees have been removed.*

Pruning for DED

Sign showing tree has been sprayed by Green Drop Tree Care
Memorial Tree Plantings – Several trees in town have been planted to honour residents past and present who have contributed to our community. **In 2017 we recognized Stewart Wass, an original CiB Committee member by planting a Bur Oak. Stew initiated our hanging basket program in 2005.**

Urban Forestry in a Nutshell:

* Rural Community Forest (Community Orchard)
* Jelly and pruning workshops
* Indian Head Cubs / Scouts Willows Project
* Trees in Indian Head
* Tree inventory
* Town boulevard plantings
* Holding Nursery
* Golf course trees
* Grand Ave. tree tubs
* Dutch Elm Disease detectives
* Elm tree spraying
* Memorial tree plantings
* Mothers’ Honour Row
* Salvaging Mancana ash in Grad Park
* Walking Trail tree plantings

Landscape

Municipal, commercial, service groups and residents aim to beautify and maintain their properties. The Town crew maintains green spaces in town (ball diamonds, parks, cemetery, fitness trail, etc.).

Volunteers water and fertilize 20 hanging baskets on Grand Avenue and the many planters throughout the town. They also maintain Grad Park, Leo’s Place, H&L Corner, Bell Memorial, RBC Garden, Veteran’s Park flower beds, Town office, tourist booth, and planters along Highway # 56, Walker Memorial and Grad Park. The names of caregivers are on signs at each location. CiB continues to invest in their inventory of self-watering planters. **After a successful trial, two additional planters were acquired for the 2016 season along our gateway and areas of town more difficult for the watering crew to access.**
The members of the IH Volunteer Fire Department had a cairn built in 2006 to recognize local firemen that passed during service. The flower bed and grassed area, maintained by the firemen, surrounds a red concrete Maltese cross base. The cairn is located on the grounds of the fire hall.

Thirty percent of the town of Indian Head is green space which is maintained by Town employees, including Jimmy Robison Field ball diamonds, Dixon Park with playground and spray pad, cemetery, Sunbeam Creek Trail, service road, and boulevards.

Signs acknowledge caregivers of flower beds and mini parks.
Jimmy Robison field was named in 1993 to honour local businessman J.E. Robison (Commissioner for Baseball in Canada) and the Indian Head Rockets Service Club for staging from 1947 - 1955, some of Canada`s best baseball tournaments.

Red Hat Project - High school students laid donated patio blocks which lead to an open air sitting area. Painted rocks and Tic-TacToe games invite people to rest a spell. In 2009, the former Esso Red Hat was moved to its current location. The Hat was painted, bird proofed, base was laid, and flowers enhance each support pole.

Dahlias at the Town Office are planted by the club members. We have several landscaped areas: Grad Park, Leo’s Place, Kiddies Playground, Spray Park, Golden Prairie Nursing Home raised flower bed, and Veteran’s Memorial Park, providing beauty and space for our residents to enjoy.

The Indian Head Hospital patio garden, organized by the staff, is enjoyed by patients, families, and staff.
The beauty of the nine-hole golf course needs to be seen to be appreciated.

The Walker Memorial located at the tourist booth showcases many varieties of trees and shrubs developed by Mr. John Walker, a Superintendent of the Agro-Forestry Centre from 1942-1958.

The RCMP maintains various trees, shrubs, perennials, and annual flowers at the entrance to their facility.

The Royal Bank flowerbed pays tribute to Saskatchewan's Centennial and was one of CiB's first projects. In the 2015 season, vegetables were added to the floral plantings and shared with seniors and recipients of emergency food hampers. Well received, this initiative will continue. Good Sam campground owners were then enticed to plant lettuces in their main flowerbed for use by their patrons.

RBC bed showing vegetables, annuals and shrubs

Produce from RBC bed ready to share
The Bell Farm cairn and landscape project at the end of Grand Avenue includes a threshing machine and a hand painted silhouette of the early Indian Head elevator row.

Many residents put a great deal of effort into landscaped yards. The sight of beautiful and often unusual flowers, the sound of water trickling, and beautiful lawns are commonplace; garden tours are arranged at times to showcase the many beautiful properties. In 2013, Regina’s New Dance Horizons chose Indian Head as a destination for their Secret Gardens Tour. Another year the Provincial Horticultural tour stopped at several local gardens during their annual trip. Our hanging baskets and residential gardens have received province-wide media attention.

**Memorial Hall Landscape** - *Spirea, grasses and annuals now enhance the front beds. In the fall of 2016 one hundred sixty-two Canada 150 tulips were added.*

A pergola was built by volunteers in 2015. The Lions Club (2008-10) completed a brick patio at the front of the Memorial Hall. Names of community members past and present can be found on over 400 bricks.
**Skate Park Project** - In record time, volunteers raised the needed funds to build a skate park within Dixon Park. Construction is planned for this summer.

**Banners** – The banners in our community colours of burgundy and white decorate the downtown corridor in summer and are replaced with seasonal ones during Christmas.

**Prairie Lily** – Our metal Saskatchewan floral emblem was repainted in 2014 by TnT Autobody & Customizing Inc.
**Hub Cap Flowers** - These flowers, made from recycled materials, decorate the fence at Dixon Park.

**Pergola** - In 2015, volunteers built this pergola under the Mainstreet Revitalization Program as an entrance to a planned park, beside the Memorial Hall. *Volunteers stained the pergola in 2016.*

**New Sign** - A sign at the West entrance to Town was erected in 2015.

**Lions Bricks** - As a project to enhance the outside entrance to the Memorial Hall, the local Lions Club with community financial support, paved the area with bricks containing family, pioneer, and organization names.
Landscape in a Nutshell:

* Hanging baskets and planters
* Fire Hall cairn
* Jimmy Robison Field
* Dixon Park
* Sunbeam Creek Trail
* Red Hat area
* Dahlia bed at Town Office
* Hospital patio garden
* Golf course
* Walker Memorial
* RCMP grounds
* Royal Bank Centennial flowerbed
* Bell Farm cairn and landscape
* Residential yards
* Memorial Hall
* Lions flowerbed at Golden Prairie Nursing Home
* Spray Park
* Cemetery and columbaria
* Grad Park
* Leo’s Place
* Entrances to Town
* New signs at tourist booth
* Skate Park
* Banners on Grand Ave.
* Metal Prairie Lily
* Hubcap flowers
* Pergola
* New sign at West entrance
* Lions bricks
* Veteran’s Memorial Park
* H & L Corner
Floral Displays

Memorial Rose Garden - Many varieties of roses were planted in 2005 to commemorate the Year of the Veterans. The #114 Indian Head Legion and the #619 Hawks Cadets built and maintain this garden.

Dahlia Club planting at Town Office - The dahlia club has revitalized the front of the Town Office with dahlias, and annual flowers. Volunteers maintain this site.

Indian Head Golf Course flower bed - Volunteers plant flower beds and maintain them.

Grand Avenue plantings - Beds and planters are planted and cared for by CiB and volunteers.

Hanging baskets and planters - U & K Greenhouse plant and maintain the 20 baskets until they are hung by the Town crew each spring.
The flower planters are prepared, planted, and maintained by volunteers. Each morning around 6:30 a.m. from June to September, two volunteers water the hanging baskets and planters using a truck, courtesy of Indian Head Chrysler. This 122 day task involves about 40 people over the season equaling about 732 hours per year.

**Millennium Garden** - This garden located in Veteran’s Memorial Park is planted and maintained by the Indian Head Horticultural Society.
Canada 150 Tulip planting

- 162 tulip bulbs were planted in the Memorial Hall bed to celebrate Canada’s 150th. Bulbs are an annual gift to Canada from the Netherlands in appreciation for military intervention during Nazi occupation during WWII.

Floral Displays in a Nutshell:

* Memorial Rose Garden
* Dahlia bed
* Indian Head Golf Course
* Hanging baskets and planters
* Millennium garden
* Memorial Hall flowerbed with Canada 150 tulips
* Veteran’s Memorial Park west bed
* Pocket parks plantings
* Golden Prairie Nursing Home raised bed
* Royal Bank Centennial flowerbed
* Good Sam Campground
* Private dwellings
* Library flowerbed
* Tourist booth

Planters in front of Town Office

Entrance to cemetery

Culverts converted into planters on Grand Ave.

Other Communities in Bloom Projects

Placemats – These are used in local restaurants to highlight CiB accomplishments
Pumpkin Fest/Appreciation Night - Pumpkin seedlings are distributed in the spring at the local library to encourage entries in our annual Pumpkin Festival in October. A competition of pumpkin entries with prizes and an auction of locally grown produce end our season.

Small tokens of appreciation are given to community volunteers.

Door Knob Awards – These awards have secretly been placed since 2012 for exceptional yards and businesses.

Bird houses – Scouts and Cubs recycled pallets to make bird houses for wrens. The houses were put up in three locations in town.

Scouts and Cubs building wren houses
**Birdhouse** – Non functioning birdhouses constructed from recycled material are located at the swimming pool (2015).

**Mural** – *Local artists continue to search for grants to revitalize this downtown mural and hope to partner with the school art program.*

Original mural painted in 2000 by the grade seven art class.

**Community gardens** – *CiB is searching for adequate space for residents who wish to garden.*

**Dragonfly** – *On the fence beside the bakery, is a dragonfly made from recycled material (2016).*
Sign - New signs were installed in 2015 to indicate points of interest around town.

Fire Hydrants - Over 100 fire hydrants were painted in 2016.

Community Flag Exchange - Our community flag was exchanged with Letterkenny, Ireland at the 2016 CiB Symposium in Regina.
Community Projects

Lions Outdoor Rink / Basketball Court - These are used year round. In 2016 the Lions Club refurbished this area. Other Lions projects include the flower bed at Golden Prairie, the Lions bridge and the gazebo at the Spray Park.

December Lighting of the Lights - This community Christmas season gathering includes caroling, sleigh rides, food, and lighting the lights on the trees and gazebo.

Our Community Mosaic Quilt - The Culture Days mosaic project of 2015 consists of 188 tiles painted by local families, groups and organizations. It is displayed on the north wall of the Grand Theatre.
Spray Park – This new community feature is a popular family destination.

Reclaimed Lot – A former empty downtown lot was leveled, topsoil added and grass planted in 2016.
# Chart of Projects in Indian Head

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**Communities in Bloom 2016-2017 Municipal Information**

Municipal Budget: None
Parks budget as a % of municipal budget: None

Indian Head CiB Committee is represented by members from the Horticultural Society, education, former tree nursery, cemetery committee, IH Town council, local businesses, churches, rural residents, the Heritage Club, library, Age Friendly Saskatchewan, day care board, and others. Each member has gardening specialties to share - one member has a Prairie Horticulture certificate in landscape design and arboriculture. This committee was chartered in 2004. Our first year's goal was to educate and make the people of Indian Head aware of the CiB program.

Donna Thompson, a committee member, prepares weekly articles about our community for the local paper. To date, over 600 articles have been published. The columns are compiled in binders and available for the judges to peruse. Pertinent articles can be found on the Town website.

We organize a gathering for the judges during their visit to meet as many individual and group volunteers as possible.

Indian Head Days parade entry by Carry the Kettle First Nations
Appendices

1. Bylaw (No. 9 - 2005) to provide for the abatement of nuisances.
2. Indian Head urban forest plan.
3. Recycling in Indian Head

1. Bylaw (No. 9 - 2005) to provide for the abatement of nuisances

The Council of the Town of Indian Head, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short Title
1. This Bylaw may be cited as The Nuisance Abatement Bylaw.

Purpose
2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for the abatement of nuisances, including property, activities, or things that adversely affect:
   a) the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighborhood;
   b) people's use and enjoyment of their property; or
   c) the amenity of a neighborhood.

Definitions
3. In this Bylaw:
   a) “Designated Officer” means an employee or agent of the Municipality appointed by Council to act as a municipal inspector for the purposes of this Bylaw;
   b) “building” means a building within the meaning of The Municipalities Act;
   c) “Municipality” means the Town of Indian Head.
   d) “Council” means the Council of the Town of Indian Head.
   e) “junked vehicle” means any automobile, tractor, trailer or other vehicle that either:
(1) has no valid license plates attached to it; or
(2) is in a rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, partly dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition; and
ii) is located on private land, but that:
(1) is not within a structure erected in accordance with any Bylaw respecting the erection of buildings and structures in force within the Municipality; and
(2) does not form a part of a business enterprise lawfully being operated on that land;
f) “nuisance” means a condition of property, or a thing, or an activity, that adversely affects or may adversely affect:
i) the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighborhood;
ii) people's use and enjoyment of their property; or
iii) the amenity of a neighborhood;
and includes:
i) a building in a ruinous or dilapidated state of repair;
ii) an unoccupied building that is damaged and is an imminent danger to public safety;
iii) land that is overgrown with grass and weeds;
v) untidy and unsightly property;
vi) junked vehicles; and
vi) open excavations on property;
g) “occupant” means an occupant as defined in The Municipalities Act;
h) “owner” means an owner as defined in The Municipalities Act;
i) “property” means land or buildings or both;
j) “structure” means anything erected or constructed, the use of which requires temporary or permanent location on, or support of, the soil, or attached to something having permanent location on the ground or soil; but not including pavements, curbs, walks or open air surfaced areas.

Responsibility
4. Unless otherwise specified, the owner of a property, including land, buildings and structures, shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Bylaw.

Nuisances Prohibited Generally
5. No person shall cause or permit a nuisance to occur on any property owned by that person.

Dilapidated Buildings
6. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit a building or structure to deteriorate into a ruinous or dilapidated state such that the building or structure:
a) is dangerous to the public health or safety;
b) substantially depreciates the value of other land or improvements in the neighborhood; or
c) is substantially detrimental to the amenities of the neighborhood.
Unoccupied Buildings
7. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit an unoccupied building to become damaged or to deteriorate into a state of disrepair such that the building is an imminent danger to public safety.

Overgrown Grass and Weeds
8. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no owner or occupant of land shall cause or permit the land to be overgrown with grass or weeds.
9. For the purposes of this section, “overgrown” means in excess of 0.20 metres in height.
10. This section shall not apply to any growth which forms part of a natural garden that has been deliberately planted to produce ground cover, including one or more species of wildflowers, shrubs, perennials, grasses or combinations of them, whether native or non-native, consistent with a managed and natural landscape other than regularly mown grass.

Untidy and Unsightly Property
11. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit any land or buildings to become untidy and unsightly.

Junked Vehicles
12. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit any junked vehicle to be kept on any land owned by that person.

Open Excavations
13. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit any basement, excavation, drain, ditch, watercourse, pond, surface water, swimming pool or other structure to exist in or on any private land or in or about any building or structure which is dangerous to the public safety or health.

Maintenance of Yards
14. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit on any property owned by that person:
   a) an infestation of rodents, vermin or insects;
   b) any dead or hazardous trees; or
   c) any sharp or dangerous objects.

Outdoor Storage of Materials
15. Any building materials, lumber, scrap metal, boxes or similar items stored in a yard shall be neatly stacked in piles and elevated off the ground so as not to constitute a nuisance or harborage for rodents, vermin and insects.
16. Materials referred to in Section 15 shall be elevated at least 0.15 metres off the ground and shall be stacked at least 3.0 metres from the exterior walls of any building and at least 1.0 metre from the property line.

Refrigerators and Freezers
17. Any refrigerator or freezer left in a yard shall first have its hinges, latches, lid,
door or doors removed.

Fences
18. Fences shall be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair.

Enforcement of Bylaw
19. The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is hereby delegated to the Administrator for the Town of Indian Head.
20. The Administrator of Indian Head is hereby authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Inspections
21. The inspection of property by the Municipality to determine if this Bylaw is being complied with is hereby authorized.
22. Inspections under this Bylaw shall be carried out in accordance with Section 362 of The Municipalities Act.
23. No person shall obstruct a Designated Officer who is authorized to conduct an inspection under this section, or a person who is assisting a Designated Officer.

Order to Remedy Contraventions
24. If a Designated Officer finds that a person is contravening this Bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written order, require the owner or occupant of the property to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention.
25. Orders given under this Bylaw shall comply with Section 364 of The Municipalities Act.
26. Orders given under this Bylaw shall be served in accordance with Section 390(1)(a), (b) or (c) of The Municipalities Act.

Registration of Notice of Order
27. If an order is issued pursuant to Section 24, the Municipality may, in accordance with Section 364 of The Municipalities Act, give notice of the existence of the order by registering an interest against the title to the land that is the subject of the order.

Appeal of Order to Remedy
28. A person may appeal an order made pursuant to Section 24 in accordance with Section 365 of The Municipalities Act.

Municipality Remedying Contraventions
29. The Municipality may, in accordance with Section 366 of The Municipalities Act, take whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw.
30. In an emergency, the Municipality may take whatever actions or measures are necessary to eliminate the emergency in accordance with the provisions of Section 367 of The Municipalities Act.

Recovery of Unpaid Expenses and Costs
31. Any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Municipality in remedying a
contravention of this Bylaw may be recovered either:
a) By civil action for debt in a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with Section 368 of The Municipalities Act.
b) by adding the amount to the taxes on the property on which the work is done in accordance with Section 369 of The Municipalities Act.

Offences and Penalties
32. No person shall:
a) fail to comply with an order made pursuant to this Bylaw;
b) obstruct or interfere with any Designated Officer or any other person acting under the authority of this Bylaw; or
c) fail to comply with any other provision of this Bylaw.
33. Every person who contravenes any provision of Section 32 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than $10,000;
b) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than $25,000; and
c) in the case of a continuing offence, to a maximum daily fine of not more than $2,500 per day.
34. This Bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.

Read a third time and adopted
Coming Into Force 20th day of December, 2005.

2. Indian Head’s Urban Forest Plan

In 2011, the Town Administration in consultation with CiB developed a five-year plan with guidelines for our community’s trees. The program had three major initiatives:
1) Replacement of diseased and damaged trees
2) Infill trees throughout the community
3) Planting of trees in new areas of town

The Administration maintains an inventory of trees in town.
We have our forefathers to thank for our renowned urban forest. Visitors to our town are often impressed by the abundance and beauty of the trees. Urban forests include trees on both private and public property. Trees play a significant role in our quality of life and provide a positive effect by beautifying our town. Trees are valued to reduce air pollution, filter nitrates from ground water, decrease heating and cooling costs, buffer noise, improve esthetics and increase property values. Over the past decade DED has become a threat for our elms; five infected elms had to be removed in 2016, bringing the total to 30 elms removed to date. Emerald ash bore is now a threat. Urban forests are in need of constant care and renewal. Trees have been planted beside the brownfield along Buxton St. and Railway Ave.

There are two sections to Indian Head's tree plan:

A) Residents in newly developed areas are notified of their eligibility for a free tree which will be planted on the boulevard adjacent to their property. The tree shall be chosen from a selection of four foot trees at U & K Greenhouse. The new owner accepts responsibility for planting and caring for the tree for three years.

B) Infill and replacement trees - In the event of the loss of a tree on a boulevard, nearby residents will be notified regarding the placement and species to be planted. For esthetic purposes, short and tall height of trees will alternate and will be chosen from an appropriate list. Bare root stock at approximately $25 a tree, will be chosen as a cost-effective measure. The town will care for the tree for two years, but asks the nearby resident to assist in the care and monitoring beyond this period.

Tree choices available which are also best suited for our environment and weather conditions:
Tall
- Basswood
- Little Leaf Linden
- Mountain ash
- Siberian larch
- Oak

Short
- Thunderchild crab
- Amur maple
- Schubert chokecherry
- Amur cherry
- May Day
- Japanese tree lilac

3. Recycling in Indian Head

1. Lions Club - Used vehicle batteries, used eyewear for developing countries.
2. CiB - Aluminum tabs from drink cans for wheelchairs.
3. Wildlife - Spent ammunition casings, damaged or unused shells, big game hides (fall only) and antlers.
4. Indian Head Elementary School - Drink containers.
5. Town recycle - Trees, grass clipping and branches for mulch.
6. Emtterra green boxes- Glass, paper, cardboard, steel, and aluminum, tin, and marked plastics (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7)

7. SARCAN - Drink bottles and cans, rinsed milk jugs and cartons, containers for drinkable yogurt, gabled juice cartons, bottle caps and tabs, paint, empty paint cans with labels, electronics, radios, telephones, and cell phones.

8. Bernard Tires - Used tires (fees apply), oil and antifreeze, and their containers and filters.

9. United Church - Twice yearly used clothing sales. Items not sold and plastic containers go to Carmichael Outreach. Drink tabs, soup labels, eyewear, batteries (AAA, AA, 9V, C, D), pens markers, mechanical pencils, egg cartons and stamps.

10. Local library - Hosts three book sales per year. Pocket books not sold are donated to a family with a mentally challenged adult and then are recycled.

11. Garage Sales - Held by residents throughout the year.

12. H&L Automotive - Oil and filters, antifreeze, batteries (AAA, AA, 9V, C, D), hearing aid batteries and plastic oil containers including barrels, DEF fluid plus containers, tires purchased at H & L plus fees for tires not purchased at H & L.

13. Community Living bin - Used clothing.


15. Good Sam Camp Ground - Drink cans/bottles and plastic. Mowed grass left as mulch.

16. Chrysler - drink containers, pop tabs, tires, antifreeze, in house oil (some used in a furnace), oil containers and filters, and tires purchased from Chrysler.

17. Dragan's Drugs - Expired and unused medication, ink cartridges, paper shredding to Emtterra, newspaper to local animal clinic.

18. Indian Head Agency - Drink containers.


21. Indian Head Hospital - Paper, drink containers, used equipment, wheelchairs, computers, and hazardous materials (sharps, syringes).

22. Indian Head Flower and Gift Boutique - Newspaper, tissue paper, ribbon, packing peanuts, bubble wrap, and good one side paper to Daycare. Large packing boxes are used as garbage containers to avoid plastic. They accept used vases, containers, baskets and note spikes which are recycled. Tired flowers at the weekend are made into bouquets and are available for cemetery tributes.

23. Grand Avenue Inn - Milk cartons, drink cans and bottles.
24. Bigway Store - Shopping bags are trucked to Saskatoon, cardboard boxes, cans and bottles.
25. Clip & Curl Salon - Drink containers, long hair to be used for hairpieces for cancer survivors, short hair used by gardeners as a deer deterrent.
26. Post Office - Used eyewear; shredded paper sent away.
27. Indian Head Animal Clinic - Sharps and animal remains have specific designations: they accept and use newspaper for their kennels as well as used towels and cloths for animal care.
28. FYidoctors clinic - Used glasses and frames to third world countries, shredded paper and drink containers recycled.
30. Scott's Hardware - Recycles cardboard, drink containers, batteries to Lions and some light bulbs.
31. Steven Cole Family - Cardboard, newspaper, and a worm farm for kitchen refuse.
32. Shell Service - Recycles drink container, paper products, oil and antifreeze containers, batteries.
33. Royal Bank - Recycle cardboard, shredded documents sent to Crown Shredding, plastic deposit bags are recycled to Ontario.
34. Indian Head Bakery - Make a dedicated effort to reduce packaging and use paper wrappings instead of Styrofoam, in house paper used to take meal orders, recycle cardboard boxes, recycle plastic bags for doggie wastes, recycle milk cartons and drink containers, waste dough used for bear bait, scrap products go for chicken and dog food, buy napkins and toilet paper made from recycled paper, use environmentally friendly cleaning products, donate left over donuts and cookies to community groups i.e. Scouts, sports teams etc., have a day old section to avoid waste.
35. Elliott's Plumbing and Heating - Copper.
36. Indian Head Golf Course - Golf balls and drink containers and uses recaptured water for the greens.
37. Pay It Forward Weekend - one or two weekends a year, residents are invited to leave unwanted items at curbside for others to pick up free of charge.
38. Liquor Board - Recycles brown beer bottles and clear Sleeman beer bottles, recycle cardboard boxes.
39. Heritage Club - Recycle used batteries (AAA, AA, 9V, C, D), pens, markers, mechanical pencils, also gathering these items up from other sites around town.
40. Lisa Horsman - Baskets from used lariats.
41. Bell Court Tinkerbell Garden - recyclables enhance giant tree stump.
42. Wilson’s Canoes – Dave Wilson made two canoes from reclaimed hail damaged cedar siding.

43. Indian Head Cubs & Scouts – annual bottle drive.

44. Paterson Elevator – Triple rinsed chemical jugs, totes, barrels, and Emterra recyclables.

45. Dr. Baker’s Dental Office – Amalgam separator and launders their cloth dental bibs.

1 tonne (2204 pounds) = 1000kg

Approx. 10 green carts of newspaper,

122 green carts of marked plastics

or 20 green carts of flattened steel or Aluminium cans = 1 tonne