

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD**

**Ordinance No. 10-01-15**

**Introduced By: Mayor and Council**

**Date Introduced: October 5, 2015**

**Town Council Hearing: None**

**Amendments Adopted: None**

**Date Adopted: November 2, 2015**

**Date Effective: November 22, 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

**TOWN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**FOR** the purpose of establishing an ongoing Environmental Sustainability Committee for the Town of Indian Head; providing for the composition and terms of the Committee's members and the mission, duties and responsibilities of the Committee; and generally related to the Town's Environmental Sustainability Committee.

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**BY** adding  
Chapter 8 – Committees  
Article V – Environmental Sustainability Committee  
Sections 8-10 through 8-13, inclusive  
Code of the Town of Indian Head  
(1990 Edition as amended)

**EXPLANATION:**  
CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.  
~~Strike-Out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD,** That new Sections 8-10 through 8-13, inclusive, are added to the Code of the Town of Indian Head (1990 Edition, as amended), Chapter 8 – Committees, to be under new Article V, Environmental Sustainability Committee, to follow immediately after Section 8-8 of Article IV and to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 8 – Committees**

**ARTICLE V –ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**§ 8-10. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE MISSION.**

- A. THERE IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD.
- B. THE MISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE IS TO GUIDE THE TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD TO BECOME AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE "GREEN TOWN" THROUGH A PROCESS THAT INVOLVES RESOURCE CONSERVATION, PREVENTING ECOLOGICAL HARM, DEVELOPING AND USING RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND ENCOURAGING SELF-SUFFICIENT PRACTICES. THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE SHALL RECOMMEND PROGRAMS AND POLICIES AND UNDERTAKE ACTIONS THAT WILL ENGAGE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE CREATION OF A SUSTAINABLE TOWN.

§ 8-11. MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; OFFICERS; REMOVAL.

- A. THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSISTS OF EIGHT REGULAR MEMBERS AND ONE MEMBER OF THE INDIAN HEAD TOWN COUNCIL WHO SHALL SERVE *EX OFFICIO* AND SHALL NOT HAVE A VOTE. THE EIGHT REGULAR MEMBERS SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD, EXCEPT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY DESIGNATE ONE OF THOSE EIGHT MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS FOR A NON-RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INDIAN HEAD BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
- B. THE TOWN COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF THREE YEARS EACH, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE APPOINTED AND TAKE OFFICE, EXCEPT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AN INDETERMINATE TERM UNLESS A FIXED TERM IS ESTABLISHED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT. THE TERM OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL END WHEN THE COUNCIL MEMBER LEAVES OFFICE.
- C. THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE A CHAIR APPOINTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CHAIR SHALL BE ONE YEAR OR UNTIL THE CHAIR'S SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND TAKES OFFICE. THE CHAIR MAY BE REAPPOINTED TO SERVE SUCCESSIVE TERMS AS CHAIR. THE COMMITTEE MAY HAVE AND SELECT SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS THE COMMITTEE DECIDES.
- D. THE TOWN COUNCIL, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL, MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WITHOUT CAUSE AND APPOINT THAT MEMBER'S SUCCESSOR.

§ 8-12. MEETINGS; MINUTES.

- A. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR WITH SUCH FREQUENCY AS THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE REQUIRES.
- B. THE CHAIR SHALL DESIGNATE A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

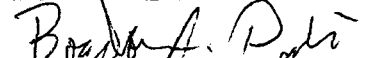
§ 8-13. POWERS AND DUTIES.

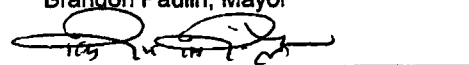
- A. THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE HAS THE POWERS AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION. THE COMMITTEE MAY UNDERTAKE OTHER FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES AS THE COMMITTEE REASONABLY DETERMINES CONSISTENT WITH ITS MISSION.

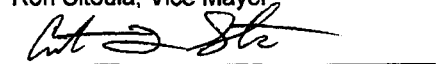
- B. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ACT AS AN ADVOCATE FOR PROTECTING, PRESERVING AND ENHANCING THE ENVIRONMENT AS IT RELATES TO ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION.
- C. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY ROLE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL AND ALL TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY ISSUES. THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND NEW ORDINANCES, AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING ORDINANCES AND OTHER ACTIONS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. THE COMMITTEE MAY ALSO RECOMMEND EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH EXISTING AND PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.
- D. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE A FORUM FOR PROMOTING DISCUSSION AND EDUCATION ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY.
- E. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ADVISE AND SUPPORT RESIDENTIAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND PROCESSING PROGRAMS.
- F. THE COMMITTEE SHALL STUDY AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF INDIAN HEAD'S SOLID WASTE.
- G. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PREPARE AND PRESENT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL BY DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, COMMENCING IN 2016, AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:
  - 1. ANY FINDINGS ON THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE TOWN'S ENVIRONMENT.
  - 2. EVALUATION OF EXISTING TOWN PROGRAMS AND POLICIES TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVE THE TOWN'S SUSTAINABILITY.
  - 3. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED TOWN POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE TOWN'S ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY.
  - 4. A SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, that this Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days after its approval by the Council.

INDIAN HEAD TOWN COUNCIL

  
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 Brandon Paulin, Mayor

  
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 Ron Sitoula, Vice Mayor

  
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 Curtis Smith, Councilman

ATTEST:

