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Mission Statement

Through our compassionate and caring staff our mission is to provide the highest level of competence and communication, while striving to exceed the expectations of each family we serve; before, during, and after the burial of a loved one.

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BOARD NEWS

First and foremost, the Board Members of Elmwood Cemetery hope that this newsletter finds each and every one of You & Your Family Members in good health. Who would have ever thought that in this day and age, our world would be dealing with such a threatening and stressful situation. I hope by the time you receive this newsletter, our countries are in much more control of this Coronavirus.

This past Winter at Elmwood was a normal one and nothing out of the ordinary. The real excitement for us is hopefully just around the corner. As I mentioned in last Fall's newsletter, we were striving to put plans in place for a major renovation to our Cemetery office. As you may know, this building started out as a single garage. Several years ago, before my time, the back half was converted to an office. Over time, it has become apparent that more space and an accessible washroom was needed. Hence a Renovation Committee was formed and requests for funding started. We are now in a position to commence that renovation this Spring. Hopefully the Virus is put in its place very soon and construction can start. The Renovation Committee Board Members have put in many hours to drive this effort forward. They are John Munkittrick, Glenn Payne and Ron Hansey and are deserving of a huge Thank You. Ron Hansey will also be the liaison between our Board and the Construction Company. Thanks Guys!

Our Annual General Meeting is usually held on the last Tuesday of May each year. This is tentative and may or may not take place due to provincial guidelines as it pertains to groups of people being together. The official announcement will be in the local newspaper and on our website, "elmwoodcemetery.ca", as it gets closer.

Did You Know: In our previous few newsletters, I have tried to inform you of the "Care & Maintenance" fund for Elmwood Cemetery. A fund to ensure and protect for eternal management of the Cemetery in the event of total management collapse

Please review the previous newsletters to reacquaint yourself with this gov't mandated fund. As I had mentioned, I would give you some detail on the actual Investment of this fund. Our C&M (Care & Maintenance) fund is with Scotia Trust located in Kingston. Although our Board has some leeway as to who we invest this fund with, the BAO (Bereavement Authority of Ontario) scrutinizes what firms we are actually allowed to invest with. The purpose of this is to protect the Cemetery and the fund from being handled in a less than favourable fashion. This fund must be handled by either a Trust company or has a Trust branch within their company – hence presently Scotia Trust. The Board reviews the returns of this investment on an annual basis.

As I close, I wish You All a Safe and Healthy Season ahead. Let's do all we can to kick this Virus to the curb and don't forget to give Thanks to our Front Line Workers.

Remember, feedback is always welcome.

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DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors would like to extend a warm thank you to all those who contributed to the cemetery; either, by means of a cash donation or memorials: Glenn Fillatre & Robert Campbell, Marie Gregson, Marilyn Chilvers, Jeannette Mohammed, Edward & Marilyn Bloomdale, Barbara Webber, Jim Hurd, Lorraine Yonker, Muriel Stoliker, Peter Matwyuk, Roy Empey, Mark Stoliker, Tony Del Matto, Ron Hansey, Laurie Stone, Madeline Johnston, Ann Thompson, Henry Keuning, Corrie & Andries Jongenotter, Shirley Elliott, James Palmer, Muriel Mimee, Carly Koomans, Ann Colbourne, Barb & Burton Sine, Marg Sutton, City of Belleville, Ronald & Michelle Green, Karen & Albert Bartley, Lynn Trahan, Beryl & Joanne Adam Pack, Jean Green, Robert & Alice Fletcher, Glenn & Barbara Payne, Mark & Marian Sowa, Marie Johnson, T.J. Burns. Tax Receipts are given for donations of \$20 dollars and over.

Donations are welcomed, especially at this time as we soon get started on office construction.

Please consider including Elmwood Cemetery in your obituary for those who wish to make a memorial contribution in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Trails: We have two groomed trails at the north end of our Cemetery. Over the last 2 or 3 years, we have had a dedicated Volunteer (Kevin) and to some point a Board Member (Ron) who have spent many days improving this Cemetery feature. The next time you are at the Cemetery visiting your loved one, take a moment to have a walk with Mother Nature. The trails are easy to do as they are not overly long but are well marked.

Christmas Decorations: Just a reminder that Christmas Decorations should have been removed by April 30.

Gravestone Cleaning: If you would like to have your monument power washed please notify the office. A donation in the amount of your choosing would be greatly appreciated.
