

Elmwood Cemetery Newsletter

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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. The year of 2020 has been a much different year and has brought challenges to all of us; making it more challenging for the operation of our Cemetery. We operate under the government body known as the “Bereavement Authority of Ontario” or “BAO”. As the government guidelines changed for the different phases of COVID-19, so did our directives from the BAO. Our Superintendent, Darlene, has done an excellent job staying abreast of and implementing those changes.

Our Cemetery has been a busy place since our May newsletter was sent out. It was mentioned in May that we were going to renovate our Office building. That effort started in June and was finished in early September. This made it more difficult for our Superintendent to function as there wasn’t always an office for her to work from. The construction was done by “High End Carpentry” with some of the inside finishing done by our Board members. We now have a new Office, a Meeting room and an Accessible washroom. We are much indebted to The Government of Canada Enabling Accessible Fund, The City of Belleville, The John M. & Bernice Parrott Foundation Inc., and local donors who made this possible. Thank You All!

Our Annual General Meeting normally held in May has not taken place as of this writing and probably will not take place till next May. This meeting is an opportunity for our Rights Holders to attend and get a snapshot of the past year’s activities as well as voice any concerns/comments that they may have. This meeting for many years now has been extremely lightly attended by our Rights Holders but nevertheless is available to you. The date of this meeting will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

On a similar note, our June Family Day and our Children’s Softball Sponsorship did not take place either.

Did You Know: The Cemetery operation is guided by eight volunteer Board Members, two part time staff (Superintendent & Office Manager), a grass cutting/trimming contractor & a graves engineer. We hold Board meetings approximately six times per year.

In closing, the Board of Directors’ wish is for all of you to remain safe through this next round of COVID-19 and we urge you to be cautiously aware that Flu Season is not far off. Let us all do our part in the collective fight against these illnesses.

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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. Tax Receipts are given for donations of \$20 dollars and over. We have recently implemented a new computer program to track donations. In the past if you donated multiple times during the year, you received a “donation receipt” for each donation. You will now receive one “donation receipt” by February 28 that details all donations for the precious year. We much appreciate all donations.

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

Remembrance Day: Our Board as of this writing has been given permission by the Hasting Prince Edward Public Health Unit to hold a Remembrance Day Ceremony, but like many crowd functions we must follow current Provincial Guidelines. We are making plans to hold this Service for Nov. 10th at 4:30 just as we do every year but also realizing we may have to cancel this event to meet guidelines. The best approach if you plan to attend, which we hope you do, is to watch our website or our Facebook Page, as we will post the decision as we get closer to that date.

Decorations: We always welcome decorations that are in good taste as they can help to beautify our Cemetery. Having said that, we from time to time, must deal with decorations that are either not in good taste or are beyond their freshness such as flowers/wreaths. We are asking that if you have placed decorations on your Loved One’s grave, Thank You, but please take the time to periodically check on their overall condition & are appropriate for the time of the Season, e.g. Xmas decorations in May don’t look so good. Our Cemetery By-laws, which are on our website, spell out the manner in which we deal with our Cemetery’s appearance.

Help Keep Us Up To Date: It is important for us to maintain an updated “Rights Holders” contact list so if need be, we can contact you. We occasionally have had outdated information due to e.g. people not forwarding us their new address/phone number when they move or sometimes when they have changed their email address. In some cases, burial rights have perhaps passed from parents to their children via Wills & the Cemetery not been notified, making our list outdated. So if you are receiving this newsletter in error or believe we have outdated information please take the time to help us to keep our “Rights Holders’ contact list current.

Having your email also helps us keep our costs down when it comes time to send out our bi-annual newsletters. Mailing out 100s of newsletters is an expense we would like to lessen. So please send us a quick email at “info@elmwoodcemetery.ca” if you can help us with any of the above items.

Social Media: We are slowly beginning to use our Facebook page more and encourage your interaction. Future events and newsletters will be added; as well as more regular updates shared. It is our hope that we can use Facebook as a platform to engage not only our “Rights Holders” but also the community. In addition, we hope to use this platform to keep everyone updated between newsletters but also connect those to our Cemetery and the events and services we hold who can’t join us in person.

Remember, your feedback is always welcomed and appreciated.

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.
