
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.

Board of Directors

Ann Colebourne
Suzanne Emery
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Glenn Payne
Marian Sowa
John Munkittrick
Ron Hansey
Gail Kevan

By-Laws

Recent updates to Elmwood's by-laws will be sent to the Ministry for approval.

NEWEST DIRECTORS

Elmwood Cemetery is pleased to welcome two new board members to our team.

Ron Hansey ~

Ron was born in Belleville and grew up on a farm north of the city. He worked 32 years in the Armed Forces as an Aircraft Electrician and then another 10 years in Security. While in the Military he gained many of skills which he believes will be an asset to Elmwood. He is known as a handyman or Jack-of-all-trades. He likes to dabble in plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, and mechanics. Ron and his wife Jan have one son and are grandparents. Ron is a Rights Holder and has many family members buried in Elmwood. He likes to keep busy. Becoming a board member not only fills his time but allows him to give back to the community.

John Munkittrick ~

John was born in Belleville, Ontario. His dad worked at Corby's Distillery for nearly 30 years. John served in the military for almost 29 years, living in Germany, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008. During his career he was employed as an Artillery Officer and later as a Health Care Administrator, retiring as a Major. The experience he brings to the board include problem-solving, finance, and policy-making. John and his wife Victoria have 3 children. His parents are interred at Elmwood, and he honours them by volunteering his time to the Board.

Over the summer months the Board has been meeting with Ontario Independent Crematorium to work on a new lease agreement. OIC has been leasing land from Elmwood Cemetery for almost twenty years. It is our hope that an agreement can be reached soon and the business relationship can continue for another twenty years.

There have been no decisions made regarding the road repairs because of financial restraints. Recently, Glenn Payne contacted our local MP to see if there were Government Grants available for Cemeteries. Apparently there are grants for which cemeteries could apply. Glenn and John will work together to submit an application for some assistance towards our more extensive projects like a handicap washroom.

FAMILY DAY



On Sunday June 7th a few Rights Holders gathered together with the Board of Directors and staff. This year Dona Plumton and Linda DeHaan won the draw and each received a beautiful planter. Thank you to all Rights Holders who supported the event.

Dona Plumton

DONATIONS & MEMORIALS

Please keep in mind that Elmwood Cemetery is a non-profit organization and can receive donations and / or memorials. Each dollar continues to help fund the needs to care for the Cemetery as costs continue to rise. Consider including Elmwood in your obituary for those who wish to make memorial contributions in lieu of flowers. A special thanks to Rheta Mayhew, Roger & Patricia Harvey, Barbara Webber, Kathrine Ellis, Jane Street and Mr. Adshead for their recent gifts to be used where needed.

COMING EVENTS

Remembrance Day Memorial ~ On Tuesday, November 10th at 4:00pm. A graveside candle is available through Darlene at the office 613-962-4652. A suggested donation of \$5 per candle is appreciated. Candles will be placed on the graves before the service begins. The memorial candles are intended for veterans but also for those who wish to remember their loved ones. Light refreshments will be served in the office after the service.



The Board of Directors and Staff would like to wish all our readers a very joyous holiday season.



Those we love remain with us

by Mary Alice Ramish

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and the staff for all their dedicated hard work over the past year. I am honoured to be the chair of such a great group. I look forward to what the future holds for Elmwood and working with everyone in 2016.

Ann Colbourne

