
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

Spring is upon us once again and this time it comes with a greater sense of renewal as we are slowly beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel from this pandemic which we have been experiencing the last two years. While we are not there yet, we appear to be on our way, and we hope this newsletter continues to find you and your family members in good health.

This same sense of renewal is also greatly appreciated after the events that transpired after our last newsletter, in early November. While we are still in shock from the unimaginable acts of vandalism that occurred, the way our community came together, and Campbell Monuments stepped up with their charity was astonishing.

Our Remembrance Day celebration was once again successful and had a small but nice turn out. We greatly appreciate everyone who joined us for this annual event and would like to thank Stephen Shirk and Padre Larry Hurley for providing opening remarks and the prayer.

Like last year we have decided not to have Family Day / Decoration Day. This is because we have noticed a growing decline in numbers and a general lack of interest. We do ask if this was an event you enjoyed us having that you, please reach out and let us know so we can better evaluate this decision for next year.

This past 6 months also saw Glenn Payne step down from the board after many years of service. We thank Glenn for all the time and dedication he put into Elmwood Cemetery over the years and will miss him at our meetings. We wish him all the best for the future.

Annual General Meeting:

We, as a Charitable organization, need to have an Annual General Meeting where our Rights Holders and the public are encouraged to attend and hear what has transpired over the last year. The restrictions over the last year did not allow us to hold one as we normally would, however with restrictions eased, and things beginning to return to normal we will be having our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022, at 6:30PM at the Cemetery's Board Room. We encourage our Rights Holders and all those interested to please come and attend.

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Annual General Meeting

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 or more. Just a reminder that starting this year you will now receive one “donation receipt” by February 28 the following year that details all donations for the previous year. We much appreciate all donations as they go a long way in improving your Cemetery.

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

Board Positions: The Board of Directors is currently looking for volunteers to fill vacant positions. We meet approximately 6 times a year and any other times when required. If you are interested serving our community by helping our Cemetery, please contact us at info@elmwoodcemetery.ca or 613 962-4652 to let us know your interest.

Decorations: With the holidays now over, we would like to remind our Rights Holders to please remove any decorations that are not in good taste, such as Christmas decorations, as well as check on the freshness of flowers and wreaths. We like to keep your Cemetery as neat as we possibly can, so please try to follow up on this small detail and if you can't, let us know and we will be happy to assist you. Our Cemetery bylaws, which are on our website, give detailed information about this, and we are always happy to answer any questions.

THANK YOU: The Board of Directors and Staff would like to again thank the City of Belleville, and those who donated, in addition to Campbell Monuments for stepping up and taking care of the clean up of all the vandalized monuments. Your empathy, generosity, and sincere charity during a devastating situation will always be remembered and appreciated. No words will ever be able to express how grateful we are.

Keeping in touch: While we have successfully moved to a new technical environment and our Cemetery software has been updated, we know there may still be instances of newsletters not being received, being mailed instead of emailed, and in some cases, newsletters being sent when they are no longer wanted.

If you receive the newsletter and do not want to, receive the newsletter in a format that you do not prefer, or know someone who didn't receive it but should have, please let us know so we can correct this. While we try to ensure everyone is receiving it who wants to and how they want to there is always a chance we've missed something. We thank you for both your patience, understanding, and assistance as we continue to work on this.

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.

In closing, the Board of Directors hope all of you continue to keep safe, enjoy the warm weather on the way, and have a lovely spring and summer. We hope to see you come for a visit and perhaps use one of our trails.

***Respectfully
Your Elmwood Cemetery Board & Staff***
