

## **Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes**

Wednesday, July 2, 2025  
7:00 pm

### **1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda**

Call to order at 7:14 p.m.

Attendance: Scott Foerster, Michael Sugden, Hazel Pratt, Steve Travale, Ernie Falkiner, Ed Stangler

Staff: Janine Jez

Regrets: Steve Lehman, Patsy Becker, Chad Monk

Moved by: S. Travale

Seconded by: M. Sugden

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on July 2, 2025 as presented.

**Carried**

### **2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None

### **3. Minutes**

Moved by: S. Foerster

Seconded by: S. Travale

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approve the minutes from the meeting on June 4, 2025, as presented.

**Carried**

## **4. Ongoing Business**

### **4.1 Baseball Diamond Updates**

Several bleachers at the baseball diamond have been refurbished with new boards and repainted.

Modern Fencing completed various repairs, including re-wiring and re-tying sections of fencing, installing a new gate latch, and adding a fence topper. The quote received was approximately \$5,000; the final invoice is still pending.

There has been an increase in baseball diamond rentals in the 2025 season.

The Board discussed the volume of chalk being used by baseball teams.

Exposed stones are becoming visible during dragging. The Board discussed the need for a proper drag mat for the 2026 season. E. Stangler will obtain pricing for a drag mat, chalk, and infield stone dust.

A previously blown light at the diamond has been replaced.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 Elmwood Homecoming 2024 Donation**

Elmwood Homecoming Committee presented a donation cheque in the amount of \$48,000, proceeds from the 2024 Homecoming event prior to the meeting.

### **5.2 West Grey - Budget Dates Confirmed**

Board members discussed holding budget meetings prior to October 28th and making delegations to both the Municipality of West Grey and the Municipality of Brockton councils ahead of their respective municipal budget meetings.

### **5.3 Community Consultation - Lion's Park Improvements**

No new quotes have been received for drainage work at Lions Park. Schmidt's have reviewed the site and will be providing a quote.

Board members discussed holding a community consultation to gather input on future community wants at the Lions Park. The Board will inquire

if the Elmwood Community Services Association is interested in conducting a survey focused on potential improvements to Lions Park.

#### **5.4 Custodial Budget**

Board members discussed the custodial budget, noting that increased facility rentals have resulted in higher custodial demands. The operational budget will be reviewed in the fall, with consideration given to increasing the custodial budget for 2026 to accommodate the rise in usage.

#### **5.5 Grant Opportunity**

Shirley Young shared information with the board regarding a potential grant opportunity from a foundation that may assist with repairs to the Cairn, H. Pratt to follow up.

S. Travale will follow up with Colleen, Community Services Director, to discuss available grant opportunities for the Elmwood Community Centre.

Board members discussed developing a strategic plan prior to the upcoming budget process, using the Homecoming wish list as a starting point.

#### **5.6 Brockton Staff Update**

S. Travale informed the Board that the Municipality of Brockton will no longer have two staff members attending meetings; staff will attend as required. Municipality of Brockton staff will continue to record meeting minutes at this time.

Board members expressed significant concern that municipalities appear to expect them to fulfill their responsibilities without providing adequate real-time support. They emphasized that the lack of staff presence at meetings creates substantial barriers to making fully informed decisions and selecting the best possible options for the Elmwood Community Centre.

### **6. Next Meeting**

Wednesday August 6, 2025 at 7 pm.

### **7. Adjournment**

Moved by: M. Sugden

Seconded by: E. Stangler

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby adjourn at 8:46 p.m. to meet again on August 6, 2025.

**Carried**

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Hazel Pratt – Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janine Jez", written over a horizontal line.

Janine Jez - Secretary