

## **Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes**

Wednesday, November 5, 2025  
7:00 pm

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

Call to order 7:04 pm

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

Staff: Patsy Becker, Janine Jez

Regrets: Ed Stangler, Steve Lehman, Chad Monk

Moved by: S. Travale

Seconded by: M. Sugden

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on November 1, 2025, as amended.

**Carried**

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

None

### **3. Minutes**

Moved by: S. Travale

Seconded by: S. Foerster

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approve the minutes from the meeting on October 1, 2025, as presented.

**Carried**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Moved by: S. Travale

Seconded by: E. Falkiner

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board approve the financial 2024 Auditor's Report from Baker Tilly as presented.

Moved by: S. Foerster

Seconded by: S. Travale

**CARRIED**

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approves the Treasurer's Report from September 2025 and October 2025.

**Carried**

**6. Ongoing Business**

**6.1 Baseball Diamond Fees**

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board approve the baseball diamond rates effective January 1, 2026, as follows: league rate of \$30 per game for a minimum of ten weeks, and a non-league rate of \$40 per game; both rates to include dragging and no lining

Moved by: S. Travale

Seconded by: E. Falkiner

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Bartender Fees - Insurance Update**

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board remove the bartender rate from the Fees and Charges, and that the Elmwood Community Centre Board will no longer provide bartenders. For high-risk events, a licensed company will be required. The Board will provide renters with a list of local certified bartenders.

Moved by: E. Falkiner

Seconded by: M. Sugden

**CARRIED**

### **6.3 Updates**

#### **Security Discussion:**

H. Pratt reported speaking with Constable Kirk regarding security concerns at the Elmwood Community Centre. Constable Kirk advised that many small towns are experiencing similar incidents of mischief, and there are limited enforcement options.

Ongoing issues at the rear of the Community Centre include illegal garbage dumping, tire tracks, and individuals sleeping in the picnic shelter.

In response, H. Pratt installed a yellow rope with a slow-moving vehicle sign and notified local farmers whom use the driveway for access of the change.

On October 29, 2025, the Ministry of Natural Resources was contacted regarding an individual fishing in the pond using hip waders and an umbrella net. This activity also occurred on October 2 and 8, 2025. Charges were laid for fishing out of season.

The Board discussed potential security measures, including installing cameras. E. Falkiner suggested the use of trail cameras.

#### **Lawn Cutting Contract:**

The Board discussed the frequency of lawn maintenance following the conclusion of the baseball season. It was suggested that grass cutting be scheduled bi-weekly during May and October when the grass does not grow as quickly. Board members agreed that the contract should be looked at prior to the spring of 2026.

Snow removal was also discussed. It is completed on an as-needed basis; however, the area must be kept clear to ensure access for the fire department.

#### **Cairn Repairs:**

The Elmwood Community Services Association applied for a grant to fund necessary repairs to the Cairn. Shirley Young confirmed that the application was not successful.

S. Young has contacted the Municipality of Brockton to inquire about the possibility of using bingo funds to cover the repair costs.

### **Lion's Park:**

H. Pratt attended the most recent Elmwood Community Services Association (ECSA) meeting and asked if they would be interested in collaborating on a community survey—both online and paper versions—in partnership with the Elmwood Community Centre Board. H. Pratt will also be meeting with the Elmwood Seniors group next week to discuss the same.

The purpose of the survey is to gather input from community members on potential upgrades and additions they would like to see at Lions Park.

One of the proposed survey questions will be: *"Would you be interested in being part of the planning committee?"*

### **West Grey Budget**

S. Foerster provided an update following the first West Grey budget meeting. The operating budget, along with capital projects for the door project (\$10,000) and baseball diamond lights (\$10,000), are currently approved and remain in the budget. The next West Grey budget meeting is scheduled for next week.

Mayor Peabody will present his budget at the council meeting on December 17, 2025.

### **Recycling Program**

- Brad Thomson emailed information for recycling fees -

Two-yard bin for service twice monthly  
\$70.95+RMO fee - \$9 = **\$79.95+HST**

- J. Jez will contact B. Thomson to obtain details regarding the yard bin requirements. Board members expressed the opinion that a two-yard bin may be more than necessary.

## **7. New Business**

No new business.

## **8. Next Meeting**

December 3, 2025 at 7pm

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by: E. Falkiner

Seconded by: S. Travale

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby adjourn at 8:44 p.m. to meet again on December 3, 2025.

**Carried**



Hazel Pratt – Chair



Janine Jez - Secretary