

## **Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes**

Wednesday, September 24, 2025  
7:00 pm

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

Call to order at 7:06 p.m.

Attendance: Scott Foerster, Hazel Pratt, Ernie Falkiner, Ed Stangler,

Staff: Janine Jez, Patsy Becker, Chad Monk, Brad Thomson

Regrets: Steve Lehman, Michael Sugden, Steve Travale,

Moved by: S. Foerster

Seconded by: E. Stangler

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approves the agenda for the meeting on September 24, 2025 as presented.

**Carried**

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

None

### **3. Minutes**

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approve the minutes from the meeting on August 6, 2025, August 21, 2025, as presented.

Moved by: S. Foerster

Seconded by: E. Stangler

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approves the minutes from the meeting on August 21, 2025, August 21, 2025, as presented.

**Carried**

## 4. Ongoing Business

### 4.1 Brockton Funding Requests 2026

Request included in the report at the Municipality of Brockton council meeting on September 23, 2025. Council accepted the report.

Elmwood Community Centre Board discussed when the best time would be to go to each council as a delegation. H. Pratt will work on a presentation and request a delegation.

### 4.2 Project Priority List - 10 Year Plan

#### **Lions Park Future Development Discussion – Elmwood Community Centre Board**

The Elmwood Community Centre Board discussed their vision for the future development of Lions Park. Key ideas and considerations included:

- Conducting a community consultation or survey to gather input from residents on desired park improvements
- Enhancing overall accessibility within the park
- Repairing or replacing the deteriorating playground retaining wall
- Exploring potential grant opportunities to fund park improvements
- Proposal to remove the existing picnic shelter
  - *E. Stangler arranged for a contractor to assess the condition of the shelter at no cost*
- Creating an accessible walking path around the park perimeter
- Installing outdoor exercise equipment
- Adding picnic tables with roofing and other outdoor amenities
- Developing pickleball and basketball courts

**Additional Item:**

E. Stangler shared a request from a community member offering to contribute to a start-up fund for a pickleball court. The individual's company is willing to match any donations made to charitable organizations in support of the project.

The Board discussed the potential for the Lions Park redevelopment to proceed as a community-led project supported through donations and volunteer involvement.

1. *Stangler* will reach out to community members to initiate the formation of a fundraising committee for Lions Park's future development.

**Lions Park Naming Discussion**

The Board held a brief discussion regarding the possibility of changing the name of the Lions Park - possibly looking into donation for naming writes.

*B. Thomson* will look into whether the park name can be changed and whether there is an existing written agreement or naming rights in place.

Board members to complete repairs/upgrades to the baseball diamond bleachers with remaining funds available for this year.

Board is in favour of replacing planters with ten self-watering planters.

### 5-10 Year Strategic Project Plan

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Possibility of Using Operating Budget</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Baseball Diamond Lighting (LED)\$20 000		A Board member will request a quote from Cheetah Electric for upgrading the ball diamond lights, including available options. The Board will also explore potential rebates through the Save on Energy program.
2	HVAC/cooling Upgrades		
3	Repair fire exit upstairs		
4	LED lighting (inside ECC excluding kitchen, inside pavilion)	*	might be able to do as maintenance
5	Paint ECC Roof		
6	Parking lot resurfacing		
7	Expand washroom facilities		
8	Elevator \$280 000		

9	Tractor for dragging ball diamonds and grounds maintenance including storage shed possibly operating		
	<b>Other Projects</b>		
	Property Security	*	Brockton By-Law to be reviewed before proceeding by board members.
	Resolving the ECC EV charging station location/safety issue		
	Upgrade sound system upstairs – operating budget	*	
	Floor Scrubber – investigate possibly buying used	*	
	ECC pond drain area erosion repairs		Unsure who is responsible – Board Members to reach out to Fire Board for clarity.

**5. New Business**

**5.1 West Grey Capital and Operating Budget**

S. Foerster requested clarification on behalf of West Grey regarding the Elmwood Community Centre Board's requests for the 2026 operating budget. Elmwood Board members clarified the request for the four projects in 2026 - Stairway Improvements, Pavilion Drainage Repair, Coolers, and Main Door Replacement.

S. Foerster also relayed questions from West Grey Council regarding when the Elmwood Community Centre last reviewed or increased its rates and fees.

- The Board agreed to review the current rates and fees at the upcoming meeting on October 1, 2025.

**6. Next Meeting**

Wednesday October 1, 2025

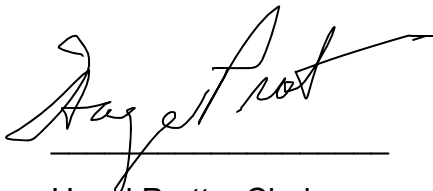
**7. Adjournment**

Moved by: E. Falkiner

Seconded by: S. Foerster

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby adjourn at 9:30 p.m. to meet again on October 1, 2025.

**Carried**



Hazel Pratt – Chair



Janine Jez - Secretary