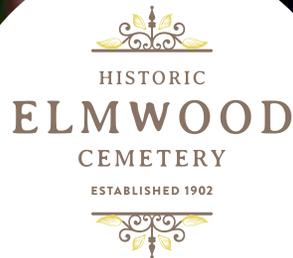


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A PUBLICATION OF THE HISTORIC ELMWOOD CEMETERY



Historic Elmwood Cemetery has been a trusted part of Winnipeg's rich tradition and history for well over a century. Since its founding in 1902, Historic Elmwood Cemetery has committed itself to providing outstanding service and beautiful environments for honouring heritage, remembering loved ones, and commemorating special events. We welcome and serve all faiths and cultures, and we offer a wide range of options for memorialization.

MOTHER'S DAY

This year Mother's Day falls
on Sunday, May 12.

From 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
members of Elmwood's Board of Directors
will be providing complimentary
carnations for mothers' graves.
Chrysanthemum plants will be available
for sale and can also be pre-ordered by
calling the office. Bagpipers from the Lord
Selkirk Robert Fraser Memorial Pipe Band
will also be in attendance.

*"Motherhood:
All love begins and ends there."*

—Robert Browning



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Report of the Executive Director



Bruce Birchard

As you read my report, I hope that spring is well on its way and we are looking forward to another glorious Winnipeg summer.

The fall and winter continued to be busy for the cemetery and its staff. There were several full burials this winter. As a reminder to our patrons, these sites can take until mid-June to clean up and add soil and seed. If you have a concern with a site, please let the office know and we will provide a timeline to you for repair of the site.

The office staff continues to work on a new mapping system for the cemetery and we are pleased that it is near completion. The final steps to be completed in the summer months include a double checking of available graves, identifying graves that are obstructed, and verifying some plot locations on our maps. In general, the new maps will help visitors find the grave locations of their ancestors and loved ones much easier. If you are planning a visit to the cemetery and do not know where your relatives' graves are located, please call the office and they can prepare a map for you in advance.

We continue to scan historical documents into our system so that an electronic record is available for easy recovery. We are interested in your family history; therefore, if you have obituaries or family histories, we would appreciate a copy that we can attach to our system.

Please note that our staff will have a very busy time spring cleaning and preparing the cemetery for Mother's Day due to the amount of snow this winter, the tree removal and pruning (see Save Our Elms report). Please help by placing all litter in the garbage cans. Move tree branches or the sod from edging your marker stones to the roadway where staff can easily access it for removal.

Last summer was extremely dry and several monuments moved, tipped, or fell over. We have been able to rectify most of these problems, but if a monument has moved or is leaning please see the office for a quote to fix the problem. If you are out of town, you can call the office and we will check the monument for you.

This summer we will again be working in the infant sections and will continue to repair old damaged monuments. We will also continue our volunteer program to edge around flat marker stones making them easier to find. This service does not include raising and levelling the markers. If this is required, please contact the office for a

quote. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office.

We have hundreds of military graves in our cemetery and we will be working with Veteran Affairs and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission this summer to clean, replace, raise and level over 200 markers and monuments. We will also assess remaining military monuments and markers for future work. We thank Veteran Affairs and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for their direction and help with this work.

We had a successful past year and I thank you for your generosity and support as we cannot keep the cemetery in top shape without you. Every dollar donated is invested in our endowment fund at The Winnipeg Foundation which provides inflation protected investment income to Elmwood Cemetery in perpetuity.

The Friends of Elmwood Cemetery are dedicated to preserving and ensuring the cemetery is maintained forever. We wish you well over the summer months and we look forward to seeing you in the future.

Bruce Birchard

NHL Hockey Players Interred at Elmwood

As far as research shows, there are four former National Hockey League players buried at Historic Elmwood Cemetery.



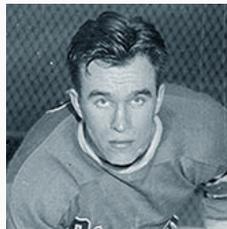
Henry Hiram Harris was born on April 25, 1905 in Kenora, Ontario. Over the years he played in 7 hockey leagues including the NHL. In 1930 he traveled to Boston to play 32 games as left wing for the Bruins and 12 games for the Bruins' affiliate, the Boston Tigers. On December 31, 1975 in Winnipeg, Henry Harris passed away at the age of 70 and he was interred at Elmwood Cemetery.



Harold Lang Winkler, known as "Hal", was born in Gretna, Manitoba on March 20, 1894. He began his professional hockey career with the Edmonton Eskimos in 1922 as a goaltender. He moved on to the Calgary Tigers, the New York Rangers, and the Boston Bruins. Winkler still holds the record of 15 shutouts in 44 games for the 1927-28 season with the Boston Bruins. In the 1957-58 season Winkler's name was added to the Stanley Cup as member of the 1929 Bruins. This was done posthumously as Hal Winkler died on May 29, 1956 in Winnipeg at the age of 62.



William James Douglas Allum was born in Elmwood on October 9, 1916. He attended Lord Selkirk School. In 1937 Allum was signed by the New York Rangers who reassigned him to the New York Rovers. He then played for the Philadelphia Ramblers and was loaned for a few games to the Black Hawks and the Rangers. During World War II Allum played for Royal Canadian Navy teams. After a lengthy and strenuous career Bill Allum coached the 1959 Memorial Cup-winning Winnipeg Braves. Bill Allum passed away in Winnipeg on March 14, 1992 at the age of 75.



On December 14, 1914, **Joseph Cooper** was born in Winnipeg. Twenty years later Joe Cooper began his professional hockey career in New York playing in the EHL. At 6'1" and 200 pounds he was one of the strongest players of his day. In his first year he had 5 goals in 21 games and 70 minutes in penalties. He was a formidable opponent on the ice and rival team members dreaded facing him by the back boards. Ultimately Joe played for the Chicago Black Hawks, Hershey Bears, Brooklyn Crescents, Philadelphia Ramblers, and St. Louis Flyers. In his final year he netted 30 goals and 96 points in 414 NHL games. On April 3, 1979 at the age of 64 Joe Cooper died in Winnipeg and was laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery.



Manitoba's First Red Cross Commissioner



There are many 'memorable Manitobans' whose final resting place is in Historic Elmwood Cemetery. Among them is George John Seale. He was born in Kingston, Ontario on June 1, 1877 the son of John and Elizabeth Seale. After 15 years of working for the Royal Bank, he was promoted to manager of the Grain Exchange Branch here in Winnipeg. Although he wished to enlist at the outset of the First World War, George was refused on medical grounds. Wanting to do his part, he became the first Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society in Manitoba in 1918. He coordinated the collection of aid for soldiers. George Seale was also the founder and first president of the River Heights Community Club. Sadly George Seale died suddenly at his home on January 29, 1924. He was just 45 years old, survived by a wife and daughter.

Calling All Gardeners

We need volunteers to maintain the flower beds at the cemetery over the summer. Have you moved to an apartment or condo and do you miss yard work? Then this is the perfect opportunity for you to spend some time outdoors and to help beautify the grounds at the same time. Volunteers are also needed for edging markers.

Please call the office for further information.



ANNUAL SLEIGH RIDE

About 200 people enjoyed the sleigh ride through the cemetery on Louis Riel Day in February. Coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies were distributed in the office to all who participated.



Dr. Gordon Bell

Dr. Bell was born in 1868 in Pembroke, Ontario. After receiving a science degree at the University of Toronto, he moved to Winnipeg to attend the Manitoba Medical College in 1880. After graduating Dr. Bell became the Superintendent of the Brandon Mental Hospital. By 1896 he was the provincial bacteriologist and pathologist while simultaneously teaching in the Department of Pathology at the Faculty of Medicine at the U. of M. From 1897 until 1915, Dr. Bell was the Head of Department. Dr. Bell spearheaded plans to combat both diphtheria and tuberculosis through clean drinking water. To this end he was one of the architects for the aqueduct between Shoal Lake and Winnipeg. Dr. Bell was also instrumental in the planning and execution of Ninette Sanitarium for tuberculosis patients. His life was a series of amazing accomplishments. In August of 1923, Dr. Bell developed a fatal throat infection. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery after a life of service to Manitoba. Gordon Bell High School is named in his honour.

Save Our Elms

The cemetery is losing its tree cover at an alarming rate as mature elms are succumbing to Dutch Elm Disease. Over 80 mature elms were removed over the last two winters. With the Emerald Ash Borer now infecting ash trees in Winnipeg we can soon expect to lose ash trees as well.

We have planted 60 trees in the last couple of years and will plant a further 40 this fall. These trees will take decades to mature.

In order to save the existing canopy of trees, management and the Board of Directors have developed a plan to slow the loss of mature trees. The plan and actions to date are outlined below.



Working with Matt Vinet of Green Drop Tree Care we were able to convince the City of Winnipeg to treat the cemetery as a park in their Diseased Dutch Elm Tree removal system. This means that all of the diseased elm trees are removed in a concentrated stretch each winter by March 31. This prevents the migration of beetles in the spring. By removing the elms, we hope to slow the progression of the disease in the cemetery. We also thank Matt, for getting the City to concentrate on removing elms in the Elmwood area, which helps our situation. Thank you, City of Winnipeg.

Working with Green Drop Tree Care we have developed an electronic map and inventory of mature trees. Each tree has been inspected and rated on urgency of care. A work plan for all trees has been developed and a budget for the work completed. The map and inventory are live and as work is completed the map is updated.

The good news is that there are just under 1,000 mature trees in our cemetery even after the removal of elms and 13 other trees this winter for

various reasons (dead, diseased, safety, etc.). The bad news is that to protect the canopy the plan will cost in excess of \$200,000 spread over a few years.

We have 367 elms, 57 oaks and 90 ash trees in the cemetery. This winter we pruned and trimmed 51 elm trees leaving just over 300 to go. Our plan is to prune these remaining elms over the next 3-4 years at which point we will switch to other species. Removal of stumps will be ongoing throughout the year.

The next step in the Save the Elms campaign is to inject 16 elm trees in early July with Arborect® 20-S fungicide, a product developed by BioForest Technologies Inc. which will protect each elm from Dutch Elm Disease for 3 years. This costs between \$500 and \$1500 per tree. Green Drop has chosen some of the largest and healthiest trees for this step.



In late August we will also continue to spray our trees with Basal to help prevent the overwintering of elm bark beetles which carry the Dutch Elm Disease fungus.

So how can you help? To start with, any donation to the cemetery builds the perpetual fund which provides the income for these projects; however, for a \$500 donation you can Adopt A Tree. For a \$500 donation we will specifically inject an elm tree and attach a plaque with your family name, if desired, to the tree. The more trees adopted the faster we can protect the elms. I would like to thank the families who have adopted a tree over the winter and I encourage everyone to help as much as they can. Please just mark your donation slip or let our staff know if you are adopting a tree.

Bruce Birchard



Please meet our dedicated Board of Directors & Cemetery Staff

Our Board of Directors

- Mr. Richard Schwartz, *Chair*
- Mr. Jim Baker, *Director*
- Mr. Hollingsworth Cowan, *Director*
- Mr. Ron Hector, *Director*
- Mrs. Alison Mendres, *Director*
- Mr. Harry Sklar, *Director*
- Mrs. Linda Klassen, *Director*
- Mr. Rudy Klassen, *Director*

Our Operations Team

- Mr. Bruce Birchard, *Executive Director*
- Mrs. Nancy Borne, *Office Manager*
- Mr. Richard Joy,
Director of Cemetery Operations and Maintenance

Long Term Care Program

The ten year 'long term care program' includes planting and watering flowers annually at the monument. Levelling the ground, seeding grass, raising, levelling, and cleaning of markers and the monument is done as required. Adjoining graves get "care" but no flowers. A tax receipt is issued for the full amount.

First grave\$1500

Each adjoining grave\$800

If you have received this newsletter in error, or if your address has changed, please call the cemetery office so we can update your information.

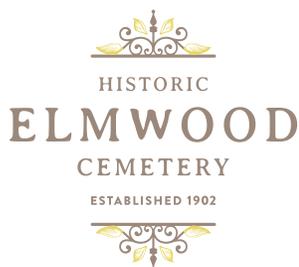
If you know of friends or family who would like to be added to our mailing list, please let us know.

Why do your donations matter?

For Historic Elmwood Cemetery to be financially self-sufficient in the future, the annual amount of our investment income will have to cover most of our annual operating costs.

Our policy is to place 100% of all donations into the Perpetual Endowment Fund thus growing the fund and increasing income each year. Income from the fund covers over 50% of current operating costs with the remainder split between plot and niche sales and fees for interments and maintenance. Some time in the future the plots and niches will be sold, and this source of revenue will cease for the cemetery. This income, currently \$125,000 annually, will have to be replaced by investment income. Based on a current payout ratio of 5% this would require the endowment fund to grow a further \$2.5 million from today's base.

So your donations matter because each dollar donated moves us closer to ensuring the care of the cemetery in perpetuity for your loved ones.



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