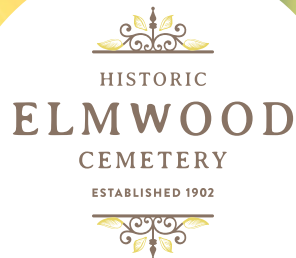


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A PUBLICATION OF THE HISTORIC ELMWOOD CEMETERY



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 Mine

A mother's heart has many charms,
And love is ever in her arms.
And in her eye's a faith devine,
And home is YOU, O mother mine.

– C.J.B.

Please join us for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10th.

This year Mother's Day falls on May 10th. From 10 a.m to 2 p.m members of the Elmwood Cemetery Board of Directors will be handing out free carnations to visitors while supplies last. A limited number of potted chrysanthemum plants will also be available for sale.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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Report of the General Manager



Michaela DeJong

First and foremost, I would like to say hello and introduce myself to all our lovely supporters!

My name is Michaela DeJong, and for the past year I have been the Office Manager here at the Cemetery. If you have called or emailed the cemetery over this past year it would have been me you were conversing with. I have now moved into the General Manager position (previously Executive Director title) as our previous Executive Director, Brian Walker, has since resigned. Thank you to Jim Baker for acting as the interim Executive Director.

We would like to thank Brian for his hard work and the impact he made here in his short time with the Elmwood Cemetery. He made visitors feel welcome to the cemetery with his caring and cheerful personality, and with his ability to exchange stories and make connections with the public. Best wishes to you Brian on your journey going forward!

This season we are hoping to get the ball back in motion with the planning of a new Columbarium section. As cremation burials are becoming more popular it is important that we adapt to this growing demand and continue to allow Elmwood Cemetery to be the final resting place for people that wish it to be. Thanks to Brian, we have also created a Facebook page. Again, keeping with the relativity, sustainability and growth of the cemetery, we are hoping to reach the public more via social media. It is still in the beginning stages, but feel free to look us up at "Friends of Elmwood Cemetery" and follow our page for more pictures and updates in the future about the Cemetery!

Thank you for your continued support in the cemetery. Donations received from Christmas were abundant, and with your continued support and donations we will continue to thrive. I look forward to this summer and my write up for the fall newsletter as well. Talk soon!

General Manager,
Michaela DeJong

Ways to Donate

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

Elmwood Cemetery provides a number of convenient options which make it easy to donate. Donations via cash, cheque, credit card or debit card can be made in person at the Cemetery office. Credit card donations can be made over the phone and cheques can be mailed in. Please do not mail cash.

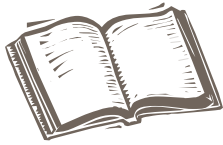
We can also assist in setting up automatic monthly donations, which can be made either directly to the Cemetery or the Winnipeg Foundation to Friends of Elmwood Cemetery Inc. An endowment fund within your will or estate is also an option. Please contact us for more information.

Your consideration and generosity is greatly appreciated. Friends of Elmwood Cemetery Inc. does not receive funding from any level of government, federal, provincial or municipal.



Happy Spring!





Board News

Tell Us a Story

As we mentioned in our fall newsletter we are planning to publish a 125th Anniversary Book in 2027.

If you have an idea for a compelling story about a friend or loved one who is buried or interred at Historic Elmwood Cemetery we would love to hear from you.

Drop us a line in the mail or email us at office@elmcem.ca. Include a brief description of your idea. One or two paragraphs will do. We will be in touch if we need additional information. All ideas will be considered but may not make it into the book. You can also reserve a copy of the book by emailing office@elmcem.ca. There is no obligation to purchase and payment can be made at a later date.



Horse-Drawn Wagon Ride September 20

Please join us on Sunday, September 20th from noon to 3pm for a horse-drawn wagon ride through the cemetery.

This is an event the whole family will enjoy. Cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.



Jim Baker

Many thanks to Jim Baker who is stepping away from the Board of Historic Elmwood Cemetery after many years of dedicated service. His tenure dates back to 1998 when due to the financial and physical disrepair of the cemetery a new ownership group “The Friends of Elmwood Cemetery Inc” was formed. This initiative was spearheaded by Bill Norrie, Bob Filuk and Charlie Birt.

Jim has served the Board in several capacities including: Board Director, Treasurer, Chair of the Board and

Executive Director. Along with his sound accounting advice he has consistently provided an enthusiastic and thoughtful approach to cemetery projects and initiatives.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Jim for his invaluable service and countless contributions. He will continue to mentor the cemetery in an advisory role.

Also we are pleased to welcome two new Board Directors, Barbara Lawton and Holly Wiersema. Barbara has a background in marketing and communications and Holly is a Member Services Manager in the credit union system. Moving forward their expertise will be a valuable asset.

Did You Know?

- Lewis Benjamin Foote became one of Winnipeg’s most prolific historical photographers. It was he who captured the angry mob overturning the streetcar during the 1919 general strike. Foote is buried in Elmwood Cemetery.
- The word funeral was first used in 1386 by Geoffrey Chaucer in *The Knight’s Tale*, one of the stories in *The Canterbury Tales*. He refers to a “funeral servyse” after the passing of a character.
- The word “cemetery,” from the Greek meaning “sleeping place” is land set aside specifically for burials. A “graveyard,” on the other hand, refers to a burial ground within a churchyard.



Photo of 1919 General Strike by Lewis Benjamin Foote



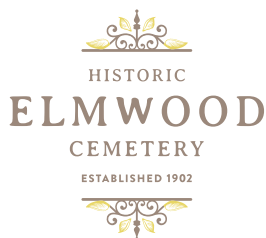
Please meet
our dedicated
Board of Directors
& Cemetery Staff

Our Board of Directors

- Mr. Richard Schwartz, *Chair*
- Mr. Hollingsworth Cowan, *Director*
- Mr. Harry Sklar, *Director*
- Mr. Léo Boiteau, *Director*
- Mr. Keith Burr, *Director*
- Mr. Don James, *Director*
- Ms. Barbara Lawton, *Director*
- Ms. Holly Wiersema, *Director*

Our Operations Team

- Ms. Michaela DeJong,
General Manager
- Mr. Richard Joy,
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Monday to Friday
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(April to October)
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
(October to April)

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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 need to cover most of our annual operating costs.

Our policy is to place 100% of all donations into our Perpetual Endowment Fund held at the Winnipeg Foundation. This grows our fund and provides increased investment income each year. Income from our fund covers over 50% of our operating costs, with the remainder split between plot and niche sales and fees for interments and maintenance. Sometime in the future our plots and niches will be sold, and this source of revenue will cease for the cemetery. This income, currently \$100,000 annually, will have to be replaced by investment income. Based on our current payout ratio of 5% this would require our endowment fund to grow a further \$2 million from today's base.

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



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.



Yes, I would like to help preserve and care for Historic Elmwood Cemetery:

- Please accept my gift of \$_____ (return envelope enclosed)
- Annual Donation \$_____ Monthly Donation \$_____
- Please accept my credit card donation: (please print)

To make a gift by credit card fill out this form or call 204-667-9481

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MONTH YEAR

To receive a charitable tax receipt please include the following information:

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Please make cheques payable to Friends of Elmwood Cemetery Inc.