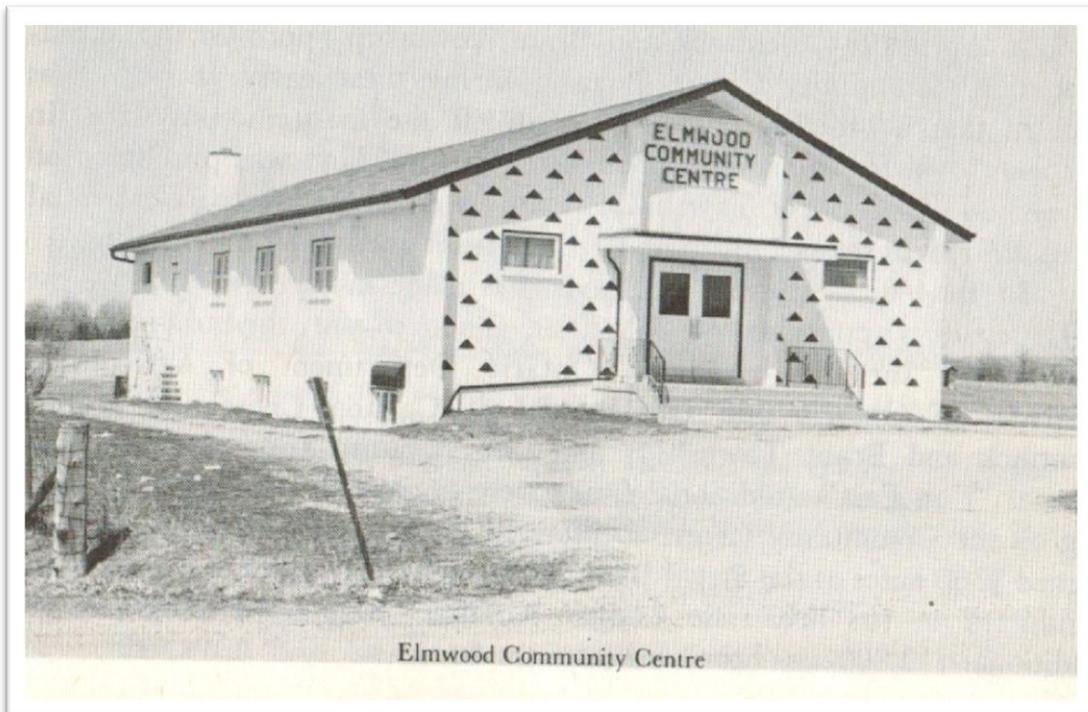




Elmwood Community Centre Celebrates 50 years!

The ELMWOOD COMMUNITY Centre (ECC) was built in 1967 to provide the community and surrounding areas with a gathering place to play and celebrate. A group of community leaders came together several years earlier to form the Elmwood and District Chamber of Commerce, an organization which coordinated the fundraising and construction of the original building. Many original members took out personal loans in support of this building. The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce remains as the main fundraising organization in support of the Community Centre and its grounds.



Eventually through the support of the former municipalities of Bentinck and Brant, the Elmwood Community Centre Board was established to oversee the operation of the facility. Today, the Municipalities of West Grey and Brockton help to fund this important community resource through a joint recreation agreement that supports the endeavours of the ECC.

Over the years families have come together for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and family reunions. Trade shows, agricultural events and weekly bingos are just a few of the activities that continue to use the ECC.

Dale Ahrens, Chair of the ECC Board, stated, "It is the community spirit and hospitality that has families and organizations returning to the ECC".



This year the Municipalities of West Grey and Brockton have approved and are supporting the renovation of the ECC kitchen. The planning process has already begun through fundraisers and generous donations.

Amenities the ECC offers include a baseball diamond, children's playground, picnic shelter with kitchen and bar. Situated on the outskirts of Elmwood, the ECC has a large lot with plenty of parking.



The hall itself offers a large auditorium with the original dance floor, downstairs the banquet hall is used for many dinners. The Chamber Caterers and area Women's Institute groups are famous for their roast beef dinners including tasty homemade pies. Linda Thompson, the ECC Booking Agent, enjoys meeting the various people who rent the hall. She says, "Everyone is looking for a place that is clean, spacious and is willing to accommodate their requests". The ECC is the perfect choice.

In 2018 the ECC Board is planning on creating a website for people to have easy access to the view the hall's availability, virtual tour of the facility and photos of past events.

A lot is planned for the ECC in 2018 and beyond.

So congratulations Elmwood and here's to the next 50!

Elmwood Community Centre Board.