

Winnipeg Parks Board Minutes Relating to Elmwood 1908-1964

Elmwood become part of the City of Winnipeg but there are no mention of anything relating to Elmwood until November 1908.

November 1908 – Alderman Charles Midwinter who represents Ward 7, Elmwood, suggests an area suitable for a park in Elmwood.

November 1908 – A delegation of residents from Elmwood headed by Mr, Keenleyside ask for a park for Elmwood. The delegation is told that a \$150,000 money bylaw for park purposes is to be held and if it passes some of the money will be passed will be used to purchase a park site in Elmwood.

September 1909 – Property in Elmwood (Midwinter Park) is obtained from the C.P.R. and assigned to the Parks Board.

April 1910 – Tenders are called for the purchase and removal of the house in Elmwood Park.

April 1910 – Parks Board Estimates for Elmwood parks;

Elmwood Park

Fencing - \$680

Plowing and Seeding - \$525

Trees - \$250

King Edward Park

Plowing and Cleaning \$150

April 1910 – A portion of King Edward Park is turned over to the Elmwood Gardening Association for one year subject to the superintendent of the Parks Board

June 1910 – Tenders are called for the fencing of Elmwood Park.

September 1910 – The section of King Edward Park east of the C.P.R. tracks are disposed of

January 1911 – Parks Board Estimates for Elmwood parks

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$488

Trees and Shrubs - \$225

Water Service - \$386

Fencing - \$880

General Improvements - \$2,250

Labour - \$450

March 1911 – Children are given permission to play on the grass in Edward Park after residents petition for this right.

May 1911 – A 4 inch watermain is to be laid from Harbison Avenue to the boundary of Elmwood Park to provide water service for the park.

May 1911 – The cost of erecting the fence at Elmwood Park is 30 cents per lineal foot and the contract is given to the Manitoba Anchor Wire Fencing Company.

July 1911 – A total of 3,700 feet of 2 inch pipe and 2,400 feet of 1 inch pipe are purchased for Elmwood Park.

December 1911 – The old Louise Bridge superstructure owned by the Parks Board is offered to the Municipality of Assiniboia for a proposed bridge over the Assiniboine River to Assiniboine Park

January 1912 – The Parks Board calls for tenders for the sale of the two-200 foot fixed spans of the old Louise Bridge

April 1912 – The Municipality of Assiniboia turns down the offer of the old Louise Bridge superstructure for use as a footbridge over the Assiniboine River.

April 1912 – A plan for a pergola in Elmwood Park is approved.

April 1912 – Parks Board Estimates for Elmwood parks

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$560

General Maintenance - \$480

Trees and Shrubs - \$365

Concrete Pool - \$155

Concrete Stage - \$462

Concrete Steps - \$65

Landing Stage - \$462

Pergola - \$400

General Improvements - \$2,637

King Edward Park

General Maintenance - \$75

Painting House - \$45

August 1912 – City Council decides not to sell any portion of the old Louise Bridge superstructure at this time.

November 1912 – A request is made to extend Sandhurst Avenue through a portion of King Edward Park.

November 1912 – Alderman Charles Midwinter is tasked to inquire about extending King Edward Park from its present northern boundary further north to Chalmers Avenue

January 1913 - Parks Board Estimates for Elmwood parks

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$560

General Maintenance - \$480

Trees and Shrubs - \$84

Concrete Pool and Rock work - \$286

Drinking Fountain - \$75

Water - \$45

King Edward Park
Excavating Lagoon - \$320
Clearing and Grading - \$1,500
Midwinter Park
General Maintenance - \$235
Trees and Shrubs Painting - \$112
Fencing - \$882
Water - \$15

June 1913 – City Council donates the superstructure of the old Osborne Bridge superstructure to the Parks Board in exchange for the superstructure of the old Louise Bridge.

July 1913 – Public picnics are prohibited in all public parks on Sundays

January 1914 – City Council agrees to the sale of a portion of King Edward Park to H.R. Eade but now he is not interested.

January 1914 - Parks Board estimates for 1914 for Elmwood parks

Elmwood Park
Caretaker - \$560
General Maintenance - \$440
Water - \$45
Shrubs - \$20
Painting Fence - \$35
King Edward Park
Grading and seeding lawns \$350
Cultivation of Land and growing corn - \$150
Midwinter Park
Maintenance - \$245
Water - \$15

April 1914 – A request is made to have a tennis court established in Elmwood Park but the board says no

August 1914 – The Elmwood Ratepayers Association ask for improvements in King Edward Park. They are told that the appropriations for the park will be expended fully this year unlike previous years when they were not.

September 1914 – Mr Atkins the tenant in the house in King Edward Park tells the board he will be vacating the house. The Parks Board Superintendent is authorized to find a suitable tenant to replace him.

October 1914 – The Elmwood Ratepayers Association requests information on the proposed improvements in King Edward Park

November 1914 – Mr. Arthur Cox donates a mounted buffalo carved in stone for Midwinter Park. A suitable foundation is to be built for the buffalo at the expense of the Parks Board. City Controller Charles Midwinter is to pay for the cost of setting up any additional carvings.

January 1915 – Parks Board estimates for 1915 for Elmwood parks

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$560

General Maintenance - \$475

Water - \$75

King Edward Park

Seeding Lawn - \$350

Hauling Cinders - \$75

Midwinter Park

General Maintenance - \$245

Water - \$15

November 1915 – The Elmwood Ratepayers Association ask when the improvements to King Edward Park will be done; they are told in the 1916 season

January 1916 – Parks Board estimates for 1916 for Elmwood parks

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$560

General Maintenance - \$475

Water - \$125

King Edward Park

General Maintenance - \$410

Midwinter Park

General Maintenance - \$245

Water - \$15

March 1917 – Parks Board estimates for 1917 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$595

General Maintenance - \$535

Water - \$125

King Edward Park

General Maintenance - \$230

Midwinter Park

General Maintenance - \$245

Water - \$15

Painting Fence - \$15

May 1917 – The grass areas on the King Edward Park site are to be set aside to produce a crop of hay for 1917

July 1917 – Lawn bowling facilities are requested for Elmwood Park. A special committee is to inspect Elmwood Park and consider whether the bowling facilities will meet the requirements of the community without additional expenses for the care and maintenance of the park this season.

March 1918 – Park Board estimates for 1918 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$630

General Maintenance - \$590

Water - \$100
King Edward Park
General Maintenance - \$150
Midwinter Park
General Maintenance - \$185
Painting Fence - \$15
Water - \$15

March 1919 – Parks Board estimates for 1919 for Elmwood
Elmwood Park
Caretaker - \$735
General Maintenance - \$707
Water - \$75
King Edward Park
General Maintenance - \$150
Midwinter Park
General Maintenance - \$185
Water - \$15

April 1919 – The Elmwood Ratepayers Association request improvements for King Edward Park, they request playground equipment, lawn bowling greens and tennis courts.

May 1919 – A special committee reports on King Edward Park, they recommend

1. A special appropriation of \$300 along with the original estimates of \$150 for a total of \$450 for the year
2. Construct a gateway entrance at or near the southwest corner of the park
3. A small football pitch (Soccer) with goal posts
4. Two swings, two teeters and children's sandbox
5. The superintendent is instructed to proceed with the work at the earliest possible time

May 1919 – Playground activities at Lord Selkirk School #1 during July and August with the appointment of student playground staff.

May 1919 – A tennis court is now in operation in Elmwood Park

May 1919 – Two sets of playground equipment costing \$600 are established at King Edward Park and one set of playground equipment at Lord Selkirk School costing \$300.

July 1919 – All Parks Board staff are forced to sign a document stating if they remain or join a union they will be instantly dismissed.

October 1919 - An ice rink is to be established on Talbot Avenue next to the fire hall at the same location as in 1918.

October 1919 – An indoor play centre for girls is to be established at Lord Selkirk School on Monday nights from 7 to 9 pm during the months of November, December, January and February.

November 1919 – The East Elmwood Community Club asks for a free skating rink for Chalmers Avenue. The Parks Board agrees to the request and provides a suitable shelter.

January 1920 – The average daily attendance at the skating rink at Talbot and Stadacona is 91, the lowest attendance figures for the 20 skating rinks in Winnipeg.

January 1920 – An average of 195 girls per night are using the indoor play facilities on Monday nights at Lord Selkirk School.

April 1920 – Park Board estimates for 1920 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

General Maintenance - \$822

Water - \$75

King Edward Park

General Maintenance - \$150

Playground Maintenance - \$150

Planting Trees - \$250

Additional Playground Equipment - \$375

Midwinter Park

General Maintenance - \$215

Water - \$15

Lord Selkirk School

Two sets Playground Equipment - \$750

October 1920 – Ice rinks are to be established at Talbot and Stadacona and on Chalmers between Wolfe (Gateway) and Grey

October 1920 m- Indoor play classes for girls are to be held for the winter months at Lord Selkirk School on Mondays from 4-6 pm and 7-10 pm.

February 1921 – Parks Board estimates for 1921 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

General Maintenance - \$968

Water - \$75

Repair to Pool and Water Services - \$38

King Edward Park

General Maintenance - \$150

Playground Maintenance - \$25

Planting Trees - \$250

Midwinter Park

General Maintenance - \$215

Water - \$15

May 1921 – S. Clydesdale, Secretary of the Elmwood Community Club asks for Elmwood Park to be improved

May 1921 – The dividing fence in King Edward Park is to be moved further east. The girls baseball diamond is to be moved from the King George V School grounds into King Edward Park. The football (soccer) goals posts are to be moved from the park to the school grounds and the play area of the larger

boys is to be confined to the school grounds. The play area for the girls, small boys and children not of school age are to be confined to the park.

February 1922 – A total of 191 Elmwood residents petition for better park and recreation facilities.

February 1922 – The male directors of the playgrounds responsible for boys are to receive \$80 for the months of July and August while female directors of playgrounds for girls are to receive \$65

March 1922 – Parks Board estimates for 1922 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

General Maintenance - \$865

Fence Repairs - \$36

Water - \$85

King Edward Park

Caretaker part time - \$218.75

General Maintenance - \$150.25

Fence and Building Repairs - \$26

Midwinter Park

General Maintenance - \$178

Fence Repair and Painting - \$35

Water - \$15

March 1922 – Average Daily Attendance at Skating Rinks during winter of 1920-1921 and winter of 1921-1922

Talbot and Stadacona 1920-1921 – 120, 1921-1922 – 91

Chalmers near Grey 1920-1921 – 197, 1921-1922 – 249

March 1922 – Average daily attendance for girls play centres at Lord Selkirk School during winter of 1920-1921 and 1921-1922

1920-1921 – 165, 1921-1922 – 166

May 1922 – The board looks at a location of 3.5 acres bounded by Nairn Avenue on the north, St Boniface Parish Lot 70, on Eccles Street to the east and Montcalm Street (Watt) to the west for a new park and recreation facilities. The land owned by Margaret K. Nairn is assessed with a value of \$14,400 and taxes of \$849.99 for 1922

June 1922 – Supervised summer playgrounds are to be established at Lord Selkirk School #1 at Brazier, McIntosh and Poplar and in King Edward Park starting on July 2, 1922

June 1922 – A wading pool is to be installed in Elmwood Park with the work to be completed on July 6, 1922

July 1922 – The board lays over the consideration of purchasing property on Nairn Avenue until August 1923. The board thinks the property can be purchased for \$10,000

November 1922 – Ice rinks are to be operated at Talbot and Stadacona and Chalmers between Wolfe (Gateway). The caretakers at each rink are to be paid \$125 for the three month season

February 1923 – Parks Board estimates for 1923 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

General Maintenance - \$865

Water - \$115

Children's Shelter and Lavatories - \$2,250

King Edward Park

Caretaker, part time - \$218.75

General Maintenance - \$150.25

Fence and Building Repair - \$26

Midwinter Park

General Maintenance - \$168

Fence Repairs and Painting - \$45

Water - \$15

July 1923 – A wading pool is to be installed in King Edward Park.

October 1923 – A indoor play centre for girls is to operate at Lord Selkirk School for the months of November, December, January and February on Monday nights. The Winnipeg School Division charges the Parks Board \$5.00 per night for the use of the building.

October 1923 – Skating rinks are again to be installed at Talbot and Stadacona and on Chalmers between Wolfe (Gateway) and Grey

January 1924 – Parks Board estimates for 1924 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

Labour and Trucking - \$741

Labour, Pool and Building - \$183

Repairs and Supply - \$35

Water - \$235

King Edward Park

Children's Shelter and Lavatory - \$2,150

Fence, Park and Playground - \$2,196

Playground Equipment - \$552

Planting and Improvements - \$800

Caretaker - \$218.75

Labour and Trucking - \$205

Repairs and Sundries - \$25.25

Water - \$150

Midwinter Park

Labour and Trucking - \$165

Fence Repairs - \$35

Water - \$15

March 1924 – Average daily attendance at indoor play centre for girls at Lord Selkirk School

November 1923 – 254, December 1923 – 262, January 1924 – 233, February 1924 – 237

March 1924 – Average daily attendance at skating rinks

Talbot and Stadacona – 1922-1934 – 169, 1923-1924 – 182
Chalmers Avenue – 1922-1923 – 248, 1923-1924 - 251

October 1924 – A program of physical culture and folk dancing is to be provided at Lord Selkirk School for girls on Monday nights during the months of November, December, January and February

October 1924 – Ice skating rinks are to be established at Talbot and Stadacona and on Chalmers near Grey

March 1925 – Parks Board estimates for 1925 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

Labour and Trucking - \$741

Labour, Pool and Building - \$183

Repairs and Supplies - \$35

Water - \$235

King Edward Park

Caretaker - \$220

Labour and Trucking - \$525

Trees, Shrubs and planting - \$1,570

Water Service Installation - \$1,553

Tool Shed - \$145

Repairs and Sundries - \$30

Water - \$150

Midwinter Park

Labour and Trucking - \$165

Fence Repair and Painting - \$35

Water - \$15

June 1925 – Playgrounds are to open at Lord Selkirk School #1 and King Edward Park on July 2

August 1925 – The Salvation Army Citadel Band to hold band concerts in Elmwood Park

November 1925 – Ice rinks to be operated at Talbot and Stadacona and on Chalmers between Wolfe (Gateway) and Grey

March 1926 – Parks Board estimates for 1926 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

Labour and Trucking - \$719

Labour Wading Pool - \$91

Water - \$235

King Edward Park

Caretaker part time - \$220

Labour and Trucking - \$432

Labour Playgrounds and Pool - \$230

Sundry Supplies - \$35

Water - \$150

Midwinter Park

Labour and Trucking - \$165

Fence Repairs and Painting - \$82

Water - \$15

Average daily attendance on skating rinks winter of 1925-1926

Talbot – December 1925 – 411, January 1926 – 300, February 1926 – 235, Average for season – 315

Chalmers – December 1925 – 286, January 1926 – 287, February 1926 – 278, Average for season – 284

May 1926 – Beatrice Gunn asks for the constructions of bowling greens in Elmwood Park

May 1926 – Boulevarding and tree planting is to be done on both sides of Glenwood Crescent between Hespeler and Harbison at a total cost of \$2,651 with a total of 130 trees are to be planted

September 1926 – Both sides of Leslie Avenue from Glenwood Crescent to Sylvia Street are to be boulevarded at a cost of \$730

November 1926 – The ice skating rink in East Elmwood is moved two blocks north to Thames and Allen

March 1927 – Parks Board estimates for 1927 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

Labour and Trucking - \$728

Supplies and Repairs - \$95

Water - \$235

King Edward Park

Caretaker part time - \$220

Labour and Trucking - \$432

Supplies and Repairs - \$45

Labour playground and pool - \$230

Water - \$150

New Tool Shed - \$122

Midwinter Park

Labour and Trucking - \$183

Supplies and Repairs - \$25

Water - \$15

April 1927 – The East Elmwood Community Club asks for bowling greens to be installed in Elmwood Park, the board says no as there is no site available in the park, there was a bowling green where the wading pool is now but it was never used.

April 1927 – William McGregor secretary of the East Elmwood Community Club asks for a bowling green in King Edward Park but the board says there are no funds for such a project

May 1927 – The East Elmwood Community Club again asks for bowling greens in King Edward Park

June 1927 – Summer playgrounds are to be operated at Lord Selkirk School # 1 and at King Edward Park

March 1928 – Parks Board estimates for 1928 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park
Caretaker - \$875
Labour and Trucking - \$393
Supplies and Repairs - \$105
Water - \$235

King Edward Park
Caretaker part time - \$220
Labour and Trucking - \$432
Supplies and Repairs - \$73
Labour Playground and Pool - \$230
Water - \$150

Midwinter Park
Labour and Trucking - \$183
Supplies and Repairs - \$25
Water \$15

April 1928 – Both sides of Cobourg are to be boulevarded and planted with 130 trees from Glenwood Crescent to Kelvin (Henderson Highway) at a cost of \$2,199.05 for the boulevard and \$650 for the trees. Hart Avenue is to be boulevarded from Beatrice to Kelvin at a cost of \$996 and \$410 for the 82 trees.

June 1928 – One band concert is to be held at Elmwood Park.

November 1928 – Skating rinks are to be established at Talbot and Stadacona and at Thames and Allen

February 1929 – Parks Board Estimates for 1929 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park
Caretaker - \$875
Labour and Trucking - \$728
Repairs and Sundries - \$115
Water - \$235
King Edward Park
Caretaker part time - \$228.50
Labour and Trucking - \$531.70
Repairs and Sundries - \$144
Labour for Playground - \$136.80
Water - \$150
Additional Playground Swings - \$120
Midwinter Park
Labour and Trucking - \$183
Repairs and Sundries - \$23
Water - \$15

March 1929 – Boulevarding and tree planting on both sides of Carman Avenue from Glenwood Crescent to Kingsway, boulevarding \$1,711.90 and 118 trees \$590. Boulevarding both sides of Martin Avenue from Glenwood Crescent to Kelvin Street (Henderson Highway), boulevarding \$1,455 and 97 trees \$485

May 1929 – A band concert is to be held in Elmwood Park.

November 1929 – Supervised ice skating rinks are to be erected on Chalmers between Wolfe (Gateway) and Grey and at Thames and Allen.

December 1929 – The board turns down a request to purchase a 2 acre site at Brazier and Riverton for a park. The board feels the \$20,719 price is excessive and that park space in the area is not needed.

February 1930 – Parks Board estimates for 1930 for Elmwood

Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875

Labour and Trucking - \$728

Repairs and Sundries - \$155

Water - \$235

King Edward Park

Caretaker part time - \$228.50

Labour and Trucking - \$531.70

Repairs and Sundries - \$144

Labour for Playground and Pool - \$236.80

Merry-Go-Round - \$300

Install Water and Sewer in Building - \$342

Water - \$150

Midwinter Park

Labour and Trucking - \$183

Repairs and Sundries - \$36

Water - \$15

March 1930 – A delegation from the Glenwood Community Club request an outdoor concrete swimming pool for Elmwood Park

May 1930 – The school grounds and the Lord Selkirk School building are to be used for playground purposes for July and August.

August 1930 – The boulevard on both sides of Gordon Avenue from Kelvin Street to Stadacona Street are transferred to the control of the Parks Board.

August 1930 – Mr. W. Berry suggests the Parks Board purchase property in East Kildonan adjacent to the northern boundary of Elmwood Park.

October 1930 – A delegation from the Glenwood Community Club ask for a supervised skating rink and hockey rink in the area bounded by Harbison Avenue, Hespeler Avenue, Kelvin Street and Glenwood Crescent. The delegation is told that a lack of funds prevents the board from creating more ice rinks. Supervised ice rinks are located at Thames and Allen and on Chalmers Avenue. Two ice rinks are to be flooded but not supervised on Union Avenue between Kelvin and Brazier and one on Harbison Avenue west of Kelvin.

February 1931 – The Glenwood Community Club, the Lion's Club and the Rotary Club ask for an open air swimming pool in Elmwood Park

February 1931 – Parks Board estimates for 1931 for Elmwood
Elmwood Park

Caretaker - \$875
Labour and Trucking - \$728
Repairs and Sundries - \$135
Water - \$325
King Edward Park
Caretaker part time - \$228
Labour and Trucking - \$632
Repairs and Sundries - \$205
Labour for Playground and Pool - \$236
Water \$150
Midwinter Park
Labour and Trucking - \$183
Repairs and Sundries - \$35
Water - \$15

February 1931 - Boulevarding and tree planting is to take place on both sides of Glenwood Crescent from Digby to Hespeler, boulevarding \$552 and 37 trees \$185.

March 1931 – The secretary of the Glenwood Place Community Club is told that the erecting of an outdoor swimming pool in Elmwood Park is impossible due to the lack of funds.

May 1931 – One evening band concert is to be held at Elmwood Park.

May 1931 – Summer playgrounds are to be operated during July and August at Lord Selkirk School and at King Edward Park. The salary of the male directors of the playgrounds are reduced by \$15 per month to \$65 per month. Female directors also see their salary reduced by \$15 per month to \$45 per month.

June 1931 - A proposal is made by the Winnipeg School Division to dispose of land at the south end of Talbot Avenue at Roland St and turn the property over to the Parks Board for a playground.

November 1931 – The Glenwood Place Community Club again asks for additional land to be purchased in East Kildonan adjacent to the north boundary of Elmwood Park to accommodate an outdoor swimming pool.

November 1931 – Supervised ice rinks are to be operated at Thames and Allen and on Chalmers between Wolfe and Grey.

January 1932 – Parks Board estimates for Elmwood for 1932

Elmwood Park
Caretaker - \$875
Labour and Trucking - \$725
Repairs and Sundries - \$125
Water - \$235
King Edward Park
Caretaker part time - \$228
Labour and Trucking - \$632
Repairs and Sundries - \$105
Labour, Playground and Pool - \$230

Water - \$150
Midwinter Park
Labour and Trucking - \$180
Repairs and Sundries - \$36
Water - \$15

March 1932 – The Board turns down a proposal to establish a playground on Hespeler Avenue between Glenwood Crescent and Beatrice as the area is too small for practical purposes.

October 1932 – Common labourers working for the Parks Board are to receive 42.5 cents per hour

October 1932 – The flooding of all community and supervised skating rinks is to be done but in order to save money the supervised skating rinks are not to operate until December 15

October 1932 – A supervised ice rink is to be operated on Hespeler Avenue between Glenwood Crescent and Beatrice.

January 1933 – Boulevarding and tree planting is to take place on Nairn from Allan to Roland at a cost of \$1,066.80 for boulevarding and \$405 for the planting of 81 trees; on Newton Avenue (William Newton) from Montcalm (Watt) to Stadacona, \$1,533.56 for boulevarding and \$565 for 113 trees.

January 1933 – The Board decides not to have any supervised playgrounds for July and August in order to save money.

March 1933 – The salaries of all Parks Board staff are reduced by 10%.

October 1933 – All married women without dependants employed by the Parks Board are to be terminated.

November 1933 – Supervised skating rinks are to be operated at Chalmers and Grey and Glenwood Crescent and Hespeler.

November 1933 – A skating rink is flooded at Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn.

February 1934 - The board decides to again not to operate any summer playgrounds for 1934 due to the financial situation.

June 1934 – The Glenwood Place Community Club asks for a bowling green for Elmwood Park

July 1934 – The board says no to a lawn bowling green at Elmwood Park as there are no funds available and no great demand has been shown for its need.

December 1934 – Parks Board employees receive a 3.5% bonus for the period July 1, 1934 to December 31, 1934

June 1935 – Summer playgrounds are to be operated at King Edward Park and at Lord Selkirk School

November 1935 – Alderman J. A. Barry of Elmwood asks for the establishment of another park for Elmwood.

December 1935 – Caretakers at the supervised ice rinks are to be paid \$81 per month

March 1936 – Male playground supervisors see an increase in their wages from \$40 to \$50 per month for the months of July and August, female playground supervisors wages to increase from \$35 to \$40 per month.

July 1936 – The hourly rate for Parks Board labourers are raised to 42 cents per hour from 40 cents per hour.

April 1937 – A tree is to be provided to each school to be planted by the school children on each school grounds to commemorate the coronation of King George VI

August 1937 – A total of \$50 in improvements is to be made to the caretaker's house in King Edward Park

June 1938 – The summer playground program at the various schools is turned over to the Winnipeg School Division.

July 1938 – Parks Board employees receive a 5% restoration in their wages

June 1939 – The summer playground program at the schools is again run by the Winnipeg School Division

January 1940 – Parks Board labourer's salaries rise to 45 cents per hour.

April 1940 – The Winnipeg School Division is to again run the summer playground program.

April 1941 – Parks Board employees receive a 5% increase.

April 1941 – Alderman J. Petley requests that the city property at Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn consisting of 3.5 acres be turned into a children's playground.

June 1941 – The Parks Board pays the Winnipeg School Division \$6,000 to operate the summer programs on school grounds.

June 1941 – Residents living near Montcalm and Nairn petition for the property at this location be turned into a playground.

October 1941 – Ice skating rinks are to be supervised at Thames and Allan, Chalmers between Wolfe (Gateway) and Grey and on the south side of Hespeler at Beatrice.

June 1942 – Playgrounds are to be operated in Elmwood Park and King Edward Park for the supervised summer programs. Male directors are to be paid \$1.60 per hour during July and August while Female Directors are to be paid \$1.40 per day.

October 1942 – An exchange is made between the Parks Board and the City. A part of King Edward Park is transferred to the city for a portion of city owned property located next to the park.

October 1942 – The Parks Board asks the City to reserve lots for future playground sites on the north side of Hespeler between Beatrice and Glenwood Crescent consisting of property 466 feet by 92 feet, on the east side of Silvia Street north of Leslie 126 feet by 100 feet and on Talbot Avenue between Kelvin (Henderson Highway) and Elmwood Cemetery 1200 feet of river frontage 175 feet in depth. Other land set aside include Brazier Street school property at the northeast corner of Riverton, 1.8 acres; “Beaman’s Bush consisting of 5 /3 acres at the southeast corner of Nairn and Montcalm (Watt), the Chalmers Avenue Athletic Field of 13 acres between the three railway tracks south of Chalmers, the north side of Chalmers consisting of 11.5 acres and a lot on the north side of Union Avenue between Brazier and Kelvin (Henderson Highway).

November 1942 – Supervised skating rinks are to be operated on Chalmers between Wolfe (Gateway) and Grey, at Thames and Allan and on the south side of Hespeler Avenue.

February 1943 – The estimates for Elmwood Park are reduced by \$76

May 1943 – The supervised summer playground for 1943 include Elmwood Park and King Edward Park

February 1944 – The board is asked to provide more skating rinks for Elmwood

June 1944 – Mr. G.M. Horne Secretary-Treasurer of the Glenwood Community Club asks for the use of the vacant property on the north side of Hespeler Avenue between Beatrice Street and Glenwood Crescent be used for playground purposes.

November 1944 – Supervised ice skating rinks for the winter of 1943-1944 are to be constructed at Thames and Allan, Chalmers between Wolfe (Gateway) and Grey and on the south side of Hespeler

December 1944 – Council donates to the Parks Board a piece of property obtained through a tax sale west of the property donated to the City by the Swift Canadian Company Ltd, on Midwinter.

March 1945 – The Elmwood Community asks that the property recently donated by Swift Canadian Company on Midwinter be laid out as a community sports and playground centre with a playground at one end for smaller children.

June 1945 – Glenwood Place and Elmwood District representatives Mr. J. K. Brown and W. J. Sisler ask that four sites more sites in Elmwood be reserved for recreational park areas.

July 1945 – The salaries of male directors of supervised playgrounds see their salary raised to \$2.00 per day and a cost of living bonus for July and August, female directors see their salary raised to \$1.70 per day.

July 1945 – The Recreation Committee of the Parks Board recommends that only the south side of Chalmers be said aside for recreational purposes. They also declare that the site at Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn is an ideal place for a children’s playground. They declare that the old Swift Canadian site on Midwinter should be left as is because of the many concrete foundations left from the old buildings and the complete lack of surface soil would make the development very expensive. They report that the land at Brazier and Riverton is very low which should not be used for building purposes but the land should be held for future development.

November 1945 – A concrete sidewalk is to be built across the Hespeler Avenue playground from Silvia Street to Hespeler and a proactive fencing is to be erected along the entire Hespeler Avenue frontage. New traffic regulations for Glenwood Crescent will increase traffic on Hespeler as traffic will not be permitted north on Glenwood Crescent.

January 1946 – Mr. W. Whitehead is employed as the caretaker at King Edward Park from April to October for \$155 per month.

February 1946 – The Elmwood Athletic Association with an office at 217 Kelvin Street asks for more playgrounds for Elmwood.

March 1946 – The fee charged for flooding private skating rinks is raised from \$6.40 to \$6.90 per flood.

March 1946 – The Elmwood Athletic Association formed on December 17, 1945 is formed for the purpose of coordinating all sports and recreation activities in the entire Elmwood area. A canvass for membership is being made of every home and business in Elmwood by 150 responsible male volunteers. The association expects to represent 10,000 residents by June 1946. Certain information is being asked by the way of a printed questionnaire for all homes whether they take out a membership in the association or not in order to get an overall picture of the recreation requirements of Elmwood. They ask that Elmwood Park be turned into entirely a children's playground with tennis courts, volleyball, softball with a skating rink and hockey rink built on the west side for winter activities. Mr. Bill Lumsden wants the northeast and southeast corners of Union and Kelvin (Henderson Highway) to be used by the Elmwood Athletic Association

April 1946 – The Finance Committee of the Board recommends that a small playground be constructed at the northeast corner of Nairn and Montcalm (Watt). The estimated cost of construction and maintenance for one year is estimated at \$2,000.

April 1946 – A small playground is to be constructed on Union Avenue near Watt at a cost of \$650.

July 1946 – The Elmwood Athletic Association asks for the permanent closing of Union Avenue between Kelvin and Brazier Street.

October 1946 – The Elmwood Athletic Association is told that the Parks Board does not supply caretakers for private skating rinks.

October 1946 – Property at Kelvin Street and Union Avenue is to be levelled off at a cost of \$1,200.

June 1947 – A lacrosse box is to be located at Kelvin and Union

June 1947 – Mr. F. B. McEwen President of the Y.M.C.A. asks for a clubhouse for the Sioux Club at Talbot and Figaro Street.

July 1947 – Final costs of the Union and Watt playground come to \$753.66. The grading, seeding and sodding of the Nairn and Montcalm (Watt) playground comes to \$2,606

October 1947 – The present clubhouse of the Elmwood Athletic Association at Union and Kelvin is to be moved to a new location. The Athletic Association request a new building at Kelvin and Union and a new building at “Giants Field to be made a priority.

October 1947 – East Kildonan asks the Parks Board to install two signs opposite Elmwood Park reading “Children’s Crossing” to avoid accidents as there is no sidewalk along the west side of Henderson Highway.

November 1947 - The Elmwood Home and School Association receives \$258.95 to assist hobby activities at George V and Elmwood Schools

December 1947 – The Elmwood Athletic Association asks for new flooring and outside repairs to the Talbot and Grey house. It also asks for the repairing and rewiring of the Elmwood Winter Club.

January 1948 – The Elmwood Athletic Association spokesman, J. S. McLean asks for \$412.79 for electric work at the skating and hockey rink at Union and Kelvin but the board says no.

February 1948 – The Elmwood Athletic Association receives \$116 for new flooring and outside repairs to the clubhouse at Talbot and Grey and it also receives \$381.01 for the rewiring and supplying outside lights at the Elmwood Winter Club at Brazier and Riverton

April 1948 – Playground projects suggested for Beaman’s Bush at Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn and at Union and Watt and on Johnson Avenue

April 1948 – The Elmwood Athletic Association ask for a small tot lot play pen on the north side of Hespeler Ave, a hockey pen and water services at Brazier and Riverton, improvements at Talbot and Grey, reservation of land on Talbot Avenue and the Grey site north to Talbot. The YMCA Sioux Club at Talbot and Figaro Street is not to receive any funding until the other projects are completed. The Board only covers 50% of the material costs and 75% of the labour costs of new construction with the local community contributing the remaining the rest.

May 1948 – A total of \$2,290.98 is to be spent on the tot lot on the north side of Hespeler between Beatrice and Glenwood Crescent.

June 1948 – Local Resident around King Edward Park complain that the gate at the Windsor Avenue entrance is being kept closed

July 1948 – The Property Committee of City Council asks that the property directly west of Birds Hill Road (Panet) bounded by Talbot and McCalman Avenue with a frontage of 450 feet and a depth of 350 feet be reserved for the Manitoba Bicycle Club for a 1/6-mile track.

July 1948 – Preliminary drawing for the Sioux Club cost \$187.50, for a clubhouse at Union and Kelvin \$630 and \$507.50 for Giant’s Field \$507.50

July 1948 – Landscaping, water service and seeding of the tot lot on Hespeler Avenue cost \$802

August 1948 – Mr. Bill Lumsden of the Elmwood Athletic Association tells the board that Elmwood is a working-class community and is unable to raise the additional funds needed for new construction. The average home has contributed \$1.00 per home and the Elmwood Athletic Association has engaged

over 1,000 teenagers through out the year. The Association's clubhouse project at Union and Kelvin is expected to cost \$18,000 and the clubhouse at Giant's Field is expected to cost \$9,000. The Board agrees to contribute the entire \$27,000 amount but the Association must pay for equipping and maintaining the buildings.

August 1948 – The merry-go-around and sand box at the tot lot on Union near Watt Street costs \$589.50.

September 1948 – The low tender for the club house at Union and Kelvin comes in at \$22,549.70

November 1948 – The Elmwood Athletic Association's club site at Union and Kelvin requires \$150 to be spent on fill, \$200 for a sewer line and catch basin and \$300 for earth and grading at the playground site. Raising and leveling the hockey pen costs \$200.

November 1948 – The clubhouse at Herbert and Foster requires \$650 for installing a water service and renovations to the building.

January 1949 – The board is to pay \$554.32 for the water service connection to the Elmwood Athletic Club's club house at Kelvin and Union

February 1949 – The contractor for the club house at Kelvin and Union, Swanson and Benson is paid an extra \$610.32 for extra work, painting \$230, plumbing \$65, partition in girl's room \$34, extra benches \$133.02, hat shelves and hooks \$74.70, door closers \$49.50 and oiling ground floor \$23.50

March 1949 – City Council orders a 20% cut in the Parks Board budget which results in a \$325 reduction in the estimates for King Edward Park.

April 1949 – A hockey pen is to be erected at the Elmwood Winter Club site at Brazier and Riverton for \$1,532.01. A total of \$2,635 is to be spent for the playground equipment, grading seeding, the driveway, sidewalk and fence construction for the Kelvin and Union site.

May 1949 – The low tender for the construction of the community club house and the sewer water at the Giant's Field Clubhouse comes to \$24,114 while the amount granted for the project is only \$21,000. The Parks Board asks for a meeting to reduce the costs or have the Elmwood Athletic Association contribute the extra \$3,114.

June 1949 – A total of \$4,500 is to be spent grading, seeding and levelling the grounds of Giant's Field with a further \$60 in over expenditures

July 1949 – Architect's fees for the clubhouse at Kelvin and Union come to \$517.45 and for the Giant's Field clubhouse \$1,333.66. A total of \$80 in over expenditures are approved for levelling and seeding at the Kelvin and Union site and a extra \$390 is approved for the additional reinforcement for the foundation at the clubhouse at Giant's Field.

October 1949 – A total of 77 shrubs are to be planted at the Kelvin and Union site with trees to be planted in 1950. The 850 feet of sewer and water pipes are laid to the clubhouse site at Giant's Field. A large portion of the finishing and decorating work at the two clubhouses are being done by community centre members who also provide the materials.

March 1950 – Mr. R. Sanders Secretary-Treasurer of the Sioux Community Club asks for permission to move the YMCA building on the Old Exhibition Grounds to the YMCA location at Talbot and Figaro Street.

April 1950 – The Swift Canadian Company is asked if the company would agree to the sale of the property on Midwinter at Levis if the city decides not to develop the property and use the money for recreational capital expenditures.

March 1950 – Proposed summer playgrounds for juniors at Elmwood Park, King Edward Park. Senior playgrounds are to be Giant's Field, Kelvin and Union and at Sir Sam Steele School.

May 1950 – The Sioux Community Club is now called the East Elmwood Community Club. The former Bull Dog clubhouse at the Old Exhibition Grounds has now been moved to its new location at Talbot and Figaro Street as the new clubhouse.

June 1950 – The Union and Kelvin site receives \$185 to cover a shortfall in the budget while the Giant's Field site receives an extra \$670.

July 1950 – A total of \$3,500 is to be spent to clean up and rehabilitate Elmwood Park.

September 1950 – The East Elmwood Community Club asks for assistance in levelling their grounds at Talbot and Figaro and for a supply of lumber for a skating rink enclosure.

September 1950 – A dike is to be built on Glenwood Crescent with the dike crossing Elmwood Park.

October 1950 – The Elmwood Recreation Association is to receive \$313 in flood cleanup costs for the Chalmers Avenue Centre and \$405 for the Kelvin and Union Centre.

October 1950 – The Elmwood Recreation Centre asks for money for building maintenance and for recreation program leadership.

December 1950 – The East Elmwood Community Club is to be given funds for lighting their skating rink provided that sufficient funds are available.

April 1951 – Neil Motors at Kelvin and Martin asks for permission to purchase 16 feet along the front of the Kelvin Community Centre to provide parking for their clients but the board says no.

May 1951 – The Elmwood Winter Club at Brazier and Riverton receives \$3,500 for toilet facilities and a heating system for their old clubhouse after the Health Department condemns the lack of sanitary facilities.

August 1951 – City owned property west of Foster between Talbot and McCalman is transferred to the Parks Board for the use of the East Elmwood Community Club presently being used as a hockey rink.

October 1951 – The playground site on the south side of Hespeler Avenue is put up for sale.

November 1951 – The Elmwood Winter Club requests that their clubhouse be turned over to the board due to financial difficulties.

December 1951 – The building of the Elmwood Winter Club is turned over to the board

December 1951 – A new site is proposed for the East Elmwood Community Club.

January 1952 – A site 115 feet by 400 feet on the west side of Foster Avenue between Talbot and Herbert is reserved for the Elmwood Athletic Association.

March 1952 – An allocation of the facilities at the Chalmers Community Centre is made for the Elmwood Giants Junior Baseball Club

April 1952 – City Council plans to exchange Parks Board property at Talbot and Figaro for a piece of property on Herbert Avenue

July 1952 – Money is to be spent to fully complete the existing community centre, \$2,500 for the Kelvin Community Centre, \$8,000 for the Elmwood Winter Club, \$8,000 for the Chalmers Community Centre. A total of \$3,000 is to be spent to finish the playground at Nairn and Montcalm (Watt) and \$16,000 is to be spent to build a new community centre in East Elmwood.

October 1952 – Supervised ice rinks for the 1952-1953 include one at King Edward Park at 739 Manhattan Avenue in East Elmwood at Talbot and Figaro and at Lord Selkirk School.

January 1953 – The Winnipeg School Board expresses interest in purchasing part of the land known as Giant's Field on the north side of Chalmers Avenue for a new school site.

February 1953 – A total of .94 acres of land located on the north side of Johnson Avenue from Brazier Street to the Hydro transmission line is released to the Property Committee of City Council for sale.

May 1953 – Mr. B. Koper of 377 Henderson Highway asks that a portion of Elmwood Park by the river be fenced off to prevent drownings but the board says no.

June 1953 – The rent for the living quarters for the caretaker at King Edward Park is raised from \$10 to \$22 per month

June 1953 – The YMCA donates the building at Talbot and Figaro to the new East Elmwood Community Club site at Kent and Manhattan

June 1953 – One baseball diamond at George V School is to be used for adult baseball three nights per week.

April 1954 – Playgrounds to be supervised for summer programs are Elmwood Park and King Edward Park

September 1954 – A Parks Board money bylaw vote is to be held to approve various projects that include an Elmwood Winter Clubhouse expansion worth \$6,000 and playground improvement worth \$3,000. Chalmers Community Centre is to receive \$1,000 for landscaping improvements, \$1,500 in playground equipment and \$1,600 for fencing. East Elmwood Community Club is to receive \$4,000 for grading, landscaping, and fencing, \$4,000 for a parking area, \$20,000 for a building and water service and \$1,800 for playground equipment.

September 1954 – Boulevards are to be created on both sides of Allen Street from Newton to Talbot and both sides of Desalaberry from Montcalm (Watt) to Nairn

September 1954 – Giants Field property north of Chalmers containing 11.5 acres of land of which 3.44 acres is sold to the Winnipeg School Division for \$10,700

September 1954 – Street ends are now to be maintained by the Parks Board, they include the junction of Nairn and Desalaberry road ends to 60 feet of the unimproved sloping bank and on Kelvin Street at the south side of Midwinter and on Hart Avenue at the Greater Winnipeg Sanitary District Flood Pumping Station.

September 1954 – Mr. Hans de Witt employed as Park Keeper Grade 1 at \$215 per month is moved from Elmwood Park is moved to a similar position at King Edward Park with added responsibility as the ice rink caretaker.

October 1954 – A report is made on the caretaker's residence at King Edward Park. It is described as a two-storey frame construction house with a brick and masonry basement. The basement has limited headroom and used for storage purposes only. A lean-to kitchen is joined to the back of the building and a further lean to shed adjoins the kitchen. This shed is decorated to serve as a room for summer use. The front door of the building is 70 feet from the CPR (Molson Branch) mainline and when a train passes by vibrations can be felt through out the entire building. The building has sewer, water and electrical service but it is all very dated. The only heat source in the building is supplied by two oil fed space heaters of a cabinet type. One is located in the kitchen and one in the dining room. The living room is 10 feet by 10 feet, the dining room is 10 feet by 12 feet, the lean-to kitchen is 15 feet by 9 feet, the bed room is 9 feet by 7 feet, the bathroom is 9 feet by 9 feet and the basement is 20 feet by 15 feet. The wooden steps at the front door are almost completely collapsed. The door, doorways windows and window frames are badly in need of repair. The kitchen floor has a bulge in the center of it. The walls and ceiling are badly cracked and in need of outside repairs.

October 1954 – The shelter at the eastern end of King Edward Park as a one storey building with one main assembly room and two smaller rooms portioned at the north end. A lean-to shed is connected to the south end of the building acting as a porch for the only outside door. There is electric lighting and water service but no sewer service. The stove has been removed and the external chimney is unsound and should be removed. The hockey pen next to it is also in poor condition.

October 1954 – New boulevards being created on both sides of Brazier from Talbot to the lane north of Harbison and both sides of Beatrice from Hespeler to Martin.

November 1954 – The caretaker's residence in King Edward Park is to be demolished by J. Bell of 374 Newton Avenue for \$185

November 1954 – Fall tree planting on both sides of Beach Avenue from Green (Chester) to Keenleyside, 81 Elm trees and on both sides of Kent Road from Talbot to Beach, 6 Elm trees.

May 1955 – Tree planting on both sides of Beatrice from Hespeler to Martin, 31 Elm trees, both sides of Brazier Street from Talbot to the lane north of Harbison, 79 Elm trees and both sides of Desalaberry from Nairn to Montcalm (Watt) 24 Ash trees.

May 1955 – R. Bowness is appointed as the Park Keeper Grade 1 at Elmwood Park for \$219 per month.

June 1955 – Mr. K. Peters, President of the East Elmwood Community Club advises his executive will accept the terms for the building construction of the centre. Peter Koop Construction Company is to build the new clubhouse for \$22,606 and with the architect's fees of \$1,356.36, the total cost is \$23,962.36. The club is to provide \$1,700 towards the construction costs with the work to begin immediately.

July 1955 – The city librarian asks for a site on the Kelvin Community Centre grounds to build a library, the board says no but suggests a location on the old Swifts Canadian site on the west side of Levis Street between Midwinter and the Red River. Swifts say no to that idea.

July 1955 – The Parks Board turns down an offer from North America Lumber and Supply to purchase property on Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn for a lumber yard as the board says this is proposed as park site and it will remain a park site.

July 1955 – There is to be no supervised summer programs at the East Elmwood Community Club in 1955 due to the building project under construction.

August 1955 – There is a small exchange of property between the Chalmers Community Centre and Kelvin Kartage Ltd.

September 1955 – The East Elmwood Community Club building is half finished, the roof and walls are completed except for the brick work

September 1955 – The Elmwood Winter Club plans include a new basement and foundation and alterations to the existing building.

September 1955 – Supervised ice rink sites in Elmwood for the winter include King Edward Park, Elmwood Winter Club, East Elmwood Community Club, Chalmers Community Centre and Kelvin Community Centre.

October 1955 – The Elmwood Winter Club alterations are to cost \$7,521 with the work to be done by Peter Koop Construction.

November 1955 – Mr. O. F. Moore of 273 Kelvin Street asks to purchase 20 feet of Kelvin Community Centre frontage immediately north of his property, the board says no.

November 1955 – The Elmwood Home and School Association ask that the property known as Beaman's Bush, the site at Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn and the old Swift's Canadian property be reserved for park development at a later development when money is available.

November 1955 – Winter activity centres are set up at Lord Selkirk School and the Boy's and Girls Club is to set up similar activities at the East Elmwood Community Club

December 1955 – The City Engineering Department is given permission to use part of the old Swifts property on Midwinter at the Louise Bridge for snow dumping.

January 1956 – Bill Lumsden of Elmwood is appointed to the Parks Board

March 1956 – The Elmwood Home and School Association asks for the development of the Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn site as a playground for young children. They want the site to be fenced and ask for the installation of sand boxes, swings, slides and benches. The group is told there is no money for such work and the Traffic Commission is opposed to a playground at this location.

April 1956 – The board is told of a conflict between the Elmwood Giants Baseball Team and the Chalmers Community Centre over the use of the baseball diamonds on the Chalmers Community Centre grounds.

May 1956 – The board announces that the former Swifts Canadian property on Midwinter will be beautified and developed as a park area as soon as finances permit.

May 1956 – A piece of property on Johnson Ave Lots 46-55 Plan 863 is deemed to be unsuitable for playground development and the board releases the property to the Property Committee of City Council.

May 1956 – Ernie O’Dowda of the Kelvin Community Centre is awarded a national award from the National Recreational Association.

June 1956 – The Traffic Commission recommends traffic lights at the intersection of Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn so no restricted speed signs will be placed at this location. The Elmwood Home and School Association is again told that the board proposes no development at this location at the present time.

June 1956 – Active Parks Board Property in Elmwood

Location	Area of Land	Value of Land	Value of Building	Financial Cost to Board in 1956
Hespeler	.5 acres	\$3,300	-	\$60
Union	.23 acres	\$1,210	-	\$199
Chalmers C.C.	21.1 acres	\$31,800	\$21,450	\$2,177
Winter Club	4.0 acres	\$17,410	\$4,950	\$3,277
Kelvin C.C.	4.45 acres	\$24,600	\$23,175	\$3,189
East Elmwood C.C.	4.77 acres	\$10,330	\$21,450	\$3,030

July 1956 – The Birds Hill Bicycle Track bleachers located at the southwest corner of Birds Hill Road (Panet Road) are to be moved to the East Elmwood Community Club site.

July 1956 – Chain link fencing is to be erected at King Edward Park at a cost of \$2,800.

September 1956 – A chain link fence is to be erected at the northwest boundary of the Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn playground site.

September 1956 – A boulevard is built on both sides of Silvia between Hespeler and Digby

September 1956 – The board negotiates with the Winnipeg School Division for the school board to take possession of all the property on the north side of Chalmers Avenue next to David Thompson School. The school board wishes to build a high school on this property.

October 1956 – Peter Koop Construction tells the board that due to circumstances beyond his control that the cost of work on the Elmwood Winter Club has exceeded the contract price by \$2,705.11. He states he is unable to bear the financial loss and he asks for financial assistance but the board says no.

October 1956 – An extension and improvements to the East Elmwood Community Centre are to cost \$7,521.

November 1956 – All of the remaining portion of Giant's Field located north of Chalmers and not needed for school purposes will be used for an overflow play purposes of the Chalmers Community Centre The assessed value of this land is \$16,690

December 1956 – The Kelvin Community Centre asks for lights for the front entrance of the community centre.

June 1957 – Boulevards are to be created on both sides of Keenleyside from Beach to Kent, both sides of McCalman from Kent Road to Green (Chester) and both sides of Kent Road from Beach to Keenleyside.

July 1957 – The old Swift property on Midwinter is rented out from August 19 to September 8, 1957 as part of a tent campaign by the Mennonite Churches of Winnipeg with seating for 700.

July 1957 – The Chalmers Community Centre is given permission to accept the offer of a lumber company to erect a grandstand at their new softball diamond free of charge, A sandbox and swings are also to be erected at the community centre.

October 1957 – Residents adjoining the proposed park site west of Levis between Midwinter and the Red River (Ernie O'Dowda Park) petition to have the snow dumping at the site discontinued. The Engineering Department is given permission to continue the practice but dumping fill at this location is ended.

November 1957 – Bill Lumsden calls for a full time trained recreation officer at each community centre as volunteers at community centres are dropping out due to burnout. He feels if volunteers continue to quit this will lead to some community centres closing.

January 1958 – The board informs the city surveyor that it intends to retain the old Swifts property (Ernie O'Dowda Park) on Midwinter. Some members of the City of Winnipeg Council want to sell the property but when Swifts donated the property in 1944 it did so on the condition that it being used for park and recreation purposes. The company has a legal veto to prevent the land being sold or used for other purposes.

February 1958 – The tool shed at King Edward Park is to be repaired at a cost of \$100 after vandals try to burn it down.

April 1958 – Mr. Doug Keith is hired as a Program Director at the East Elmwood Community Centre, Mr. Ken Peters, President of the Centre is happy with the decision.

April 1958 – The Hubert and Figaro property comprising .54 acres, 100 feet by 237 feet is reserved as a tot lot.

August 1958 – A proposal is made by John Dubo to purchase 165 feet along Midwinter to build a low-cost senior citizens project. The Board says no after Swifts Canada refuses to consent to it.

August 1958 – The Elmwood Winter Club asks for the erection of a fence around its tot lot.

August 1958 – Mr. Bill Lumsden asks for recreational equipment to be placed in Beaman's Bush located at Nairn and Montcalm (Watt)

August 1958 – New boulevards are created on both sides of McCalman from Keenleyside to Talbot and on Beach from Keenleyside to Stapleton, both sides of Chalmers from Kent Road to CPR Molson tracks and both sides of Martin from Grey to the CPR Molson tracks.

September 1958 – Additional expenditures to be made if money by-law passes at Elmwood Winter Club, grounds \$8,100, installation \$4,950, total \$13,050, East Elmwood Community Centre, grounds \$4,000, installation \$2,000, total \$6,000.

September 1958 – New boulevard construction
Both sides of Martin from Wolfe (Gateway) to CPR Molson tracks
Both sides of Grey from Harbison to north city limits
Both sides of Harbison from Green (Chester) to point 56 feet east of Green
Both sides of Manhattan from Kent to Green (Chester)
Both sides of Thames from Roland to Montcalm (Watt)

October 1958 – A parks money by-law money approved by the voters is to be spent on the Elmwood Winter Club property \$13,000 and on the East Elmwood Community Centre \$6,000

January 1959 – The Greater Winnipeg Gas Company is given permission to lay a gas main through Elmwood Park

January 1959 – The Manitoba Government is approached to have a private bill introduced which will allow a senior citizens housing project to be built on Midwinter on a part of the old Swifts property (Ernie O'Dowda Park) over the objections of Swifts Canada, the government declines to do so.

February 1959 – The Elmwood-East Kildonan YMCA is given permission to use Kent Road School for Saturday afternoon programs in cooperation with the East Elmwood Community Centre.

February 1959 – A permanent hockey pen including lighting is to be built at the East Elmwood Community Centre at a cost of \$2,000. A total of \$2,750 is also to be spent on grading, landscaping, planting shrubs and trees, sodding the pool area and laying crushed stone in the service area.

February 1959 – Spending at the Elmwood Winter Club includes a wading pool including sewer and water \$2,000; installing a chain link fence around the playground area \$1,280. Rail fence around shrubs \$110, hardball backstop \$650, two softball backstops \$560, playground equipment grading \$350, grading, seeding and sodding balance of grounds and crushed stone for playground and service area \$5,250

May 1959 – Swifts Canadian Company again refuses to allow Swifts Park (Ernie O'Dowda Park) to be used for purposes other than for park and playground purposes as it turns down again a request to allow senior citizen housing to be built.

May 1959 – Land at the rear of 258, 260 and 265 Gordon Avenue comprising part of the Elmwood Winter Club property is to be sold to property owners.

June 1959 – The Library Board is to operate a bookmobile location at Elmwood Park.

June 1959 – The Director of Recreation recommends that the boards of Chalmers Community Centre and the Elmwood Giants Baseball Team amalgamate.

August 1959 – New Boulevards Constructed on
Both sides of Harbison from Grey to Wolfe (Gateway)
East side of Grey from Nairn to 90 feet north of Nairn
East side of Harbison from Green (Chester) to Grey
Both sides of Keenleyside from Nairn to Talbot
Both sides of Kent Road from Nairn to Talbot
Both sides of Kent Road Herbert to Talbot
West side of Keenleyside from Talbot to Beach
McCalman Bay from Kent to Keenleyside
Both sides of Roch from Poplar to first lane north of Harbison
Both sides of Talbot from Stapleton to Birds Hill Road (Panet)
North side of Tweed from Allen to Allen

October 1959 – Size of Parks and Recreational properties in Elmwood

Elmwood Park - 6.51 acres
King Edward Park – 6.20 acres
Montcalm Playground – 3.30 acres
Hespeler Tot Lot - .5 acres
Union Tot Lot - .23 acres
Chalmers Community Centre – 13.44 acres
East Elmwood Community Centre – 4.77 acres
Elmwood Winter Club – 5.73 acres
Kelvin Community Centre – 4.45 acres
Herbert Tot Lot - .55 acres
Kent Park – 2.01 acres
Swift Park (Ernie O’Dowda Park)

December 1959 – It is proposed that in 1961 that a permanent shelter be built in King Edward Park to replace the existing three buildings and to provide a boulevard district office.

December 1959 – A small part of Clyde Road is to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Parks Board.

December 1959 – The Chalmers Community Centre is told to exact payment from the Elmwood Giants Baseball Club for the use of the Chalmers facilities.

December 1959 – An additional knock down hockey pen is to be constructed at the East Elmwood Community Centre.

February 1960 – The board turns down an offer to purchase 85,000 square yards of property for \$45,000 at 105 Stadacona Street.

February 1960 – The Kelvin Community Centre asks for a second caretaker.

May 1960 – The Board is told that the Elmwood Giants Baseball Club have suspended their operations

May 1960 – A total of \$15,000 is to be spent replacing the existing three buildings at King Edward Park

June 1960 – Tree plantings on

Both sides of Chalmers from Kent Road to CPR Right of way – 35 Ash Trees

Both sides of Grey Street from Martin to City Limits – 6 Elm Trees

Both sides of Grey Street from McCalman to point 90 feet north – 5 Elm Trees

Both sides of McCalman Bay from Keenleyside to Talbot – 89 Ash Trees

Both sides of Kent Road from McCalman to Nairn – 14 Ash Trees

Both sides of Keenleyside from Nairn to McCalman 11 Ash Trees and 8 Elm

North side of Midwinter from Kelvin to Levis – 28 Ash Trees

July 1960 – Boulevards are created on

North side of Talbot from Grey to CPR Tracks

West side of Stapleton from McCalman to first lane north of Nairn

Both sides of Talbot from Keenleyside to Stapleton

West side of Archibald (Watt) from Nairn to Desalaberry

August 1960 – Boulevards created

West side of Cameron from Talbot to Herbert

West side of London from Talbot to McCalman

September 1960 – New boulevards created

West side of Allan from Tweed to Talbot

Both sides of Beach from London to CPR Tracks

Both sides of Herbert from Kent Road to McCalman

East side of London from Talbot to McCalman

October 1960 – A total of 13 dead trees are to be removed on Kelvin Street (Henderson Highway) to the approaches of the Disraeli Approaches

October 1960 – Kent Park Playground on 2 acres of land is to be developed in 1963 at a cost of \$15,000

October 1960 – The Seventh Day Adventist Church asks to purchase part of Swift Park (Ernie O'Dowda Park) for a school and recreational area but again Swifts Canada vetoes the proposal.

November 1960 – The Riverelm Home and School Association is to prepare the Archibald (Watt) and Nairn site for an ice rink, they are given three free floodings

November 1960 - A new boulevard is to be constructed on the west side of Archibald (Watt) from Nairn to Desalaberry.

December 1960 – The play area at the Elmwood Community Centre is to be hard topped at a cost of \$3,000.

March 1961 – The tool shed, lunchroom and headquarters at King Edward Park is to be built at a cost of \$15,000.

March 1961 – Reported Needs of Elmwood Community Centres

Elmwood Winter Club

1. New lighting for hockey rink
2. Alterations to basement windows to comply with inspector
3. Auditorium to be constructed to east wall of clubhouse
4. Window to be installed in canteen
5. Vents to be installed in boys and girls washrooms
6. Hard Surface
7. Football Field
8. Grading ball diamond

East Elmwood Community Centre

1. Lighting of permanent ice rink to be mounted permanently on steel standards
2. Water system to be extended to baseball diamond for upkeep of grass
3. Area around clubhouse which is now gravelled to be hard surfaced along with permanent rink
4. Replace Windows
5. Retile auditorium floor entrance and office floor as tiles are in bad shape
6. Addition to club

Chalmers Community Centre

1. Permanent hockey pen
2. Knockdown pen
3. Permanent lighting fixtures on steel standards for hockey and skating area
4. Development of grounds for football and baseball, two backstops and stands for spectators for football and baseball
5. Fence and surface parking area as automobiles are trespassing creating a mud bowl when wet
6. Traffic barrier to prevent entry of automobiles onto playing area
7. Two dressing rooms, one office, one storage area, one game room and one activity area for meetings, crafts etc.
8. Hard surface area for volleyball, basketball etc.

Kelvin Community Centre 10-year Plan

1. Two dressing rooms, one storage area, one common skate change room. The present dressing rooms are too small and grossly inadequate as is the storage facility, the lounge is presently by used as a skate change room.
2. One chain link fence to encompass the athletic field and lanes borders on the north and south
3. Hard surface area within permanent hockey pen as lacrosse is a popular activity at Kelvin, hard surface for basketball and volleyball area
4. Further lighting in hockey pens area
5. Repair boys baseball diamond in the west end of field which is in very poor condition
6. Resurface lounge floor

April 1961 – The executives of the East Elmwood Community Centre, Elmwood Winter Club and the Chalmers Community Centre protest over the deletion from the 1961 City Budget for community centre renovations and construction by turning in their keys to the Recreation Director. The Presidents blame the city for laying the financial responsibility of the community centres onto the boards.

April 1961 – The board turns down the offer of property just east of boundary of the Kelvin Community Centre saying the property is unsuitable for use by the community centre.

May 1961 – Location of Senior and Junior playgrounds for summer use
Senior Playgrounds

East Elmwood Community Centre 927 Beach Avenue – 1 pm to 10 pm

Kelvin Community Centre, Kelvin and Union – 1 pm to 10 pm

Chalmers Community Centre, Chalmers and Raleigh – 1 pm to 10 pm

Junior Playgrounds

East Elmwood Community Centre 927 Beach Avenue – 12 noon – 9 pm

Elmwood Park, Kelvin and Harbison – 12 noon – 9 pm

Elmwood Winter Club, Brazier and Riverton – 12 noon – 9 pm

Kelvin Community Centre, Union and Kelvin – 12 noon – 9 pm

King Edward Park 139 Manhattan Avenue – 12 noon – 9 pm

May 1961 – A flooded ice rink is to be installed at King Edward Park for the 1961-1962 season.

May 1961 – A new knock down ice skating pen 80 feet by 160 is to be installed at the East Elmwood Community Centre.

June 1961 – Tree planting on

Both sides of Roch from Poplar to Harbison – 44 Ash Trees

Both sides of Talbot from Keenleyside to Stapleton – 39 Ash Trees

North side of Talbot from Grey to point 340 feet east of Grey – 8 Ash Trees

June 1961 - Boulevards are created on

East side of Keenleyside between Talbot and Beach

Both sides of McCalman from Kent to Keenleyside

July 1961 – Red River Realty asks to purchase part of the Kelvin Community Centre in order to build an apartment block.

August 1961 – Proposed spending on modification and improvement to Parks Board property in Elmwood

Chalmers Community Centre - \$24,230

Kelvin Community Centre - \$24,860

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$24,350

Elmwood Winter Club - \$1,860

King Edward Park - \$15,000

Montcalm Playground - \$15,000

Herbert and Figaro Tot Lot - \$2,500

Kent Road Playground - \$12,000

Swift Park (Ernie O'Dowda Park) - \$9,000

September 1961 – The Recreation Committee suggests the amalgamation of the Kelvin Community Centre and the Elmwood Winter Club. The committee says the Kelvin Community Centre is very close to East Kildonan with many people patronizing the centre from East Kildonan. The Elmwood Winter Club has very few people using the club and there are not enough people in the area to support both

centres. As the Elmwood Winter Club property is larger than Kelvin all of the activities should be moved there with the Kelvin property being sold.

September 1961 – Wading pools constructed since 1950 include one at the East Elmwood Community Centre and at the Elmwood Winter Club

November 1961 – Tree planting to take place on
Both sides of London from Talbot to McCalman – 13 Ash trees
West side of Stapleton from Talbot to Nairn – 12 Ash Trees

November 1961 – Ernie O’Dowda on behalf of the Kelvin Community Centre strongly opposes the amalgamation of Kelvin with the Winter Club.

November 1961 – Users of the Kelvin Community Centre and Elmwood Winter Club
Kelvin – Ages 0 to 5 – 580, Ages 6 to 16 – 820, Ages 17 to 20 – 175, Adults 3,730
Elmwood Winter Club – Ages 0 to 5 – 270, Ages 6 to 16 – 405, Ages 17 to 20 – 90, Adults – 150

February 1962 – Riverelm School uses the supervised ice rink at the Montcalm Playground which is reserved for their exclusive use on Mondays to Fridays from 12:30 to 1:15 pm.

April 1962 – The Recreational Committee reports that the Elmwood Winter Club is the only community centre in Winnipeg that does not have a full time program director. The Recreational Branch recommends that the centre become a winter and summer playground in 1963 rather than a community centre.

June 1962 – Tree planting on
East side of Keenleyside from Talbot to Beach – 4 Ash Trees
East side of Grey from McCalman to Nairn – 4 Elm Trees
East side of Grey from Talbot to lane north of McCalman – 1 Elm Tree
McCalman Bay – 25 Ash Trees

June 1962 – Community Centres and Neighbourhood rinks participating in the playground hockey program during winter of 1961-1962
Kelvin Community Centre – Playground A, Playground B, Playground C
Elmwood Park – Playground C
Chalmers Community Centre, Playground A, Playground B, Playground C
King Edward Park, Playground A, Playground B, Playground C
East Elmwood Community Centre, Playground A, Playground B, Playground C

August 1962 – A 15 mph speed limit signs are to be installed on Brazier between Chalmers and Martin

August 1962 – Community Centre Water Bills, Heating Bills and Electricity Bills for past year

Community Centre	Water	Heating	Electricity
Chalmers Community Centre	\$52.74	\$415.06	\$301.85
Elmwood Winter Club	\$252	\$430.46	\$312.65
East Elmwood Community Centre	\$353	\$378.12	\$575.34
Kelvin Community Centre	\$147.23	\$726.90	\$344.90

September 1962 – David Thompson Junior High is being used for Chalmers Community Centre programs on Saturdays from 10:45 am to 2:15 pm, Elmwood High is used for programs by the Kelvin Community Centre on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm and on Fridays from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm. Elmwood High is being used for programs by the East Elmwood Community Centre on Thursdays from 6:45 pm to 9:15 pm

October 1962 – Alf Lewsey is the Community Recreational Supervisor at the Kelvin Community Centre

October 1962 – Supervised ice rinks in Elmwood for 1962-1963 winter
King Edward Park – 1 rink, 1 knockdown shelter
Montcalm Park – 1 rink, 1 knockdown shelter
East Elmwood Community Centre – 1 knockdown hockey pen
Kelvin Community Centre – 1 knockdown hockey pen

November 1962 – The Parks Board is to pay the utility bills of the community centres

November 1962 – Tree planting on
North side of Beach from London to CPR Tracks – 11 Elm Trees
South side of Beach from Cameron to CPR Tracks – 5 Elm Trees

November 1962 – New Boulevard constructed on
Both sides Beach from Clyde Road to Stapleton
South side of Clyde Road from Beach to Highway 59, Panet Road
Clyde Road Bay

February 1963 – Community Centres Hockey Team Survey
Chalmers Community Centre – 8 volunteers, 7 teams, 105 players
East Elmwood Community Centre – 26 volunteers, 10 teams, 163 players
Elmwood Winter Club – 4 volunteers, 2 teams 30 players
Kelvin Community Centre, 20 volunteers, 10 teams, 215 players

April 1963 – Proposed plans for Swifts Park (Ernie O’Dowda Park) on the west side of Levi between Midwinter and the Red River are brought to the board.

April 1963 – John Mark is transferred to the Chalmers Community Centre replacing Grant Rowan as Community Recreation Supervisor.

May 1963 – The bleachers from the Chalmers Community Centre are removed due to the poor state of repair and their unsafe condition. They are to be replaced with movable bleachers.

May 1963 – Wading pool attendants are hired for the wading pools at \$1.00 per hour, only high school boys are hired as it is felt high school girls can perform only certain parts of the job.

May 1963 – A four-foot-high chain link fence is to be built at Swifts Park to separate the parks and recreation area from the snow dump area.

June 1963 – Tree planting on
West side of Grey from Herbert to Nairn – 7 Elm Trees

Both sides of McCalman from Kent Road to Keenleyside – 43 Ash Trees
Both sides of London from McCalman to Nairn – 9 Ash Trees
Silvia Street – 1 Birch, Tree, 1 Chestnut Tree

June 1963 – New boulevard constructed on north and west sides of Clyde Road from Beach to Panet

July 1963 – New boulevard construction on
Culver from Kent Road to Manhattan
East side of Keenleyside from Kent Road to first lane north of Kent
North and East sides of Kent Road from Keenleyside to Beach
South and west sides of Kent Road from Culver to Beach
Both sides of Magnolia from Talbot to Herbert
South side of Manhattan from Keenleyside to Stapleton
East side of Stapleton from Manhattan to Beach

February 1964 – A \$15,000 playground shelter is to be built at the Montcalm Playground. Renovations and an addition to the Kelvin Community Centre is to cost \$20,000.

March 1964 – The low tender for both the construction of the addition to the Kelvin Community Centre and the shelter building for the Montcalm Playground both come in over budget. H. J. Funk and Sons Ltd win both contracts \$20,440 for the Kelvin addition and \$19,468 for the Montcalm Playground shelter.

March 1964 – A four-foot-high fence is to be constructed around the Kent Road Tot Lot.

April 1964 – Mrs. Albert Toupin of 121 Harbison Avenue asks that a fence be erected at the foot of Elmwood Park bordering the river. The request is denied as the fence would be damaged each spring by ice flows. A fence would require an expensive cleanup of the riverbank each year. Children could also climb the fence and fall off which would be a death trap especially in times of high water. If a child fell into the river and there was no fence they could scramble back onto the grass which they couldn't do if there was a fence. The maintenance of such a fence would be costly because bank is low and it gradually slopes back to the dike. The cost estimate for 400 feet of fence is \$1,300.

June 1964 – Tree planting on boulevards
North side Beach from Clyde Road to Stapleton– 8 Elm Trees
South side Beach from Clyde Road to Stapleton – 11 Elm Trees
Both sides Clyde Road from Talbot to Beach – 8 Ash Trees
Both sides of Clyde Road Bay – 13 Ash Trees
Both sides of Clyde Road from Beach to Panet – 58 Ash Trees
East side of Keenleyside from Kent Road to first lane north of Kent – 2 Ash Trees
South and West sides of Kent Road from Culver to Beach – 24 Ash Trees
North and East sides of Kent Road from Stapleton to Beach – 22 Ash Trees
North side of Kent Road from Keenleyside to Stapleton – 22 Ash Trees
East side of Stapleton from Manhattan to Beach – 6 Elm Trees

June 1964 – Kelvin Community Centre now has a hard surface hockey pen suitable for lacrosse

June 1964 – Spotlights with screens are to be installed at Chalmers Community Centre at a cost of \$67.20, East Elmwood Community Centre at a cost of \$110.65, Elmwood Winter Club at a cost of \$114.65 and at Kelvin Community Centre at a cost of \$72.95.

September 1964 – The official opening of the addition to the East Elmwood Community Centre takes place on September 29, 1964

September 1964 – Roziere Construction is given the contract for the alterations and addition to the Chalmers Community Centre for \$20,089.

September 1964 – W. Verasky is transferred to the Kelvin Community Centre replacing A. Lewsey as Community Recreation supervisor.

September 1964 – Electricity costs for the community centres from September 1963 to August 1964; Chalmers Community Centre - \$315.87, East Elmwood Community Centre - \$479.18, Elmwood Winter Club - \$333.61 and Kelvin Community Centre - \$487.99

October 1964 – A boulevard is constructed on the south side of Kent Road from Keenleyside to Milford

November 1964 – Tree planting on both sides of London from Union to city limits

November 1964 – The City of Winnipeg Council passes a by-law to dissolve the Winnipeg Parks Board as of January 1, 1965.

Annual Reports of Winnipeg Parks Board Relating to Elmwood 1909 – 1971

1909

Elmwood Park bought in 1909 for \$22,878 containing 5.95 acres

King Edward Park bought in 1909 for \$10,580 containing 6.51 acres

Midwinter Park donated to City of Winnipeg by C.P.R. in 1909 containing .3 acres

Expenditures, Elmwood Park - \$25, King Edward Park - \$10

1916

Total expenditures on Elmwood Park - \$1,188.46, King Edward Park - \$103.19, Midwinter Park - \$169.50.

The caretaker's house in King Edward Park is rented to A. Chrisp for 5 months for \$25 per month and to T. Holtom for 7 months for \$35 per month. The house has an \$700 worth of insurance on it.

1929

A total of \$22,467.12 was spent on Elmwood Park from 1909-1922; in 1923 - \$3,909.17, 1924 - \$2,004.69, 1925 - \$1,911.30, 1926, \$2,005.45, 1927 - \$2,01.08, 1928 - \$1,731.54, 1929 - \$1,923.96

A total of \$3,813.86 was spent on King Edward Park from 1909-1922, 1923 - \$1,532.02, 1924 - \$5,201.03, 1925 - \$2,320.26, 1926 - \$1,064.40, 1927 - \$1,216.95, 1928 - \$1, 263.97, 1929 - \$1,406.50

A total of \$3,976.11 was spent on Midwinter Park from 1909-1922, 1923 - \$203.78, 1924 - \$203.46, 1925 - \$204.65, 1926 - \$259.78, 1927 - \$219.52, 1928 - \$201.25, 1929 - \$177.60

A lattice fence was built to screen the caretaker's house in King Edward Park and some repairs were made to the house.

Tree planting In 1929

Both sides of Hart from Glenwood Crescent to Kelvin Street (Henderson Highway) – 126 trees

Both sides of Cobourg from Glenwood Crescent to Kelvin – 110 trees

Equipment and buildings at Elmwood Park, 1 slide, ladder and trestle, 1 pergola, 1 tool shed, 1 wading pool, 1 children's dressing room

King Edward Park, 11 teeter tooters, 2 swing sets, 1 sandbox, 2 slides and trestles, 1 dwelling house, 1 wading pool, 1 children's dressing room and 1 tool shed

1930

A total of 7 trees and 20 shrubs were planted in King Edward Park and a new merry-go-around was erected in the park. A sewer and water connection were made to the caretaker's house. A total of \$1,881.40 was spent on maintenance at Elmwood Park, \$1,567.93 at King Edward Park and \$131.80 at Midwinter Park.

1931

Park maintenance at Elmwood Park totalled \$1,817.72, King Edward Park, \$1,395.07 and \$178.17 at Midwinter Park.

1932

Park Maintenance expenses at Elmwood Park, \$1,315.16, King Edward Park, \$1,051.60 and \$168.35 at Midwinter Park. Assessed value of Elmwood parks, Elmwood Park, land \$26,000, buildings \$2,000; King Edward Park, land \$10,500, buildings \$2,800 and Midwinter Park, land \$13,000

1933

History of Elmwood Park prior to 1933, 6.51 acres. The neighborhood park was improved soon after it was acquired in 1909. Play features were added, a wading pool, swings, children's dressing room and lawn tennis courts. It is described as the most beautiful of the small parks; it is appreciated and visited by citizens generally. The walks in the park need to be hard surfaced and a lighting system is badly needed as the park is greatly used during the evening hours.

History of King Edward Park, the park was fenced, graded and the lawn sown in 1913-1914 but further work was suspended until 1924. Two acres of the 5.95 acres site is used as a fully equipped playground with a wading pool, dressing room and lavatories for children. The balance of the park is a lovely small park with a lily pond. It is an ideal neighbourhood park and is intensively used. All walks should be hard surfaced and a lighting system needs to be installed. The dwelling house occupied by the caretaker's house should be removed as it is a distraction to the park.

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park, \$1,665.74, King Edward Park \$1,342.33 and Midwinter Park \$91.79

1934

Park Maintenance expenses, Elmwood Park \$1,598.44, King Edward Park \$1,185.88 and Midwinter Park \$93.76

1935

The Midwinter Park lawn was regraded with 300 yards of soil used and the fence was repaired. At King Edward Park a new curb was built around the edge of the pond with the banks regraded and sodded.

General Maintenance expenses at Elmwood Park \$1,797.61, King Edward Park \$1,460.02 and Midwinter Park \$363.12

1936

General maintenance expenses, Elmwood Park \$1,912.44, King Edward Park \$1,586.34 and Midwinter Park \$166.92

1937

General maintenance expenses, Elmwood Park \$1,790.28, King Edward Park \$1,651.98 and Midwinter Park \$188.80.

1938

The old lilac hedge in Elmwood Park is cut down to the height of 3 feet and the ground is fertilized to assist in the formation of new growth.

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park \$1,971.34, King Edward Park \$1,709.27 and Midwinter Park \$177.81

1939

The estimated summer playground attendance in 1939 at Lord Selkirk School in July 11,985 and in August 18,115. The director was G. Harrop.

Expenditures on park maintenance, Elmwood Park \$1,771.32, King Edward Park \$1,345.13 and Midwinter Park \$207.10

1940

The King Edward Park's caretakers house is repaired and two rooms are decorated. The estimated summer playground attendance at Lord Selkirk School for July and August 11,685

Expenditures on park maintenance, Elmwood Park \$1,830.74, King Edward Park \$1,529.41 and Midwinter Park \$112.22

1941

The attendance at the summer school programs at Lord Selkirk School 12,780

Expenditures on park maintenance, Elmwood Park \$1,744.75, King Edward Park \$1,482.94 and Midwinter Park \$178.91

1942

Park playground attendance during July and August, Elmwood Park 16,100, average daily attendance 260, maximum daily attendance 450. King Edward Park 12,000, average daily 160, maximum 275

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park \$1,886.37, King Edward Park \$1,806.22 and Midwinter Park \$218.67

1943

Park Playground attendance during July and August at Elmwood Park 16,100 and at King Edward Park 13,100

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park \$1,836.18, King Edward Park \$1,383.80 and Midwinter Park \$220.84

1944

Swifts Canadian Company Ltd donates the 5.2 acres along Midwinter Avenue, the former site of its meat packing plant through its Winnipeg Manager J. K. Carroll. The condition of the donation is that the land must be used for park and recreation purposes and it can not be sold to any party without the permission and agreement of Swifts.

Park playground attendance for July and August, Elmwood Park 13,464 and King Edward Park 10,452

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park \$1,954.94, King Edward Park \$1,478.53 and Midwinter Park \$227.74

1945

Park Playground attendance during July and August, Elmwood Park 6,535 and King Edward Park 6,005

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park \$2,083.04, King Edward Park \$2,051.75 and Midwinter Park \$239.96

1946

A total of 600 feet of new pipe is installed in Elmwood Park to renew the water service. At Union Avenue and Kelvin Street (Henderson Highway) 1 ¼ acres of Parks Board property was plowed and roughly graded. At Union and Watt, a small play lot is created 100 feet by 85 feet

with swings a slide and sandbox. At Nairn and Montcalm (Watt) called Beaman's Bush a future playground site was under brushed and plowed.

The Kiddes playground attendance during July and August was 15,980 at Elmwood Park and 7,346 at King Edward Park. School program attendance at Lord Selkirk School 2,560. Supervised Ice rink attendance during winter at King Edward Park 7,285 and 6,720 at Hespeler rink.

Playground site development expenditures at Beaman's Bush at Nairn and Montcalm (Watt) \$2,557.58, Union and Watt Tot Lot \$105.24, Brazier and Riverton \$20.80, Talbot and Foster \$205.46 and Union and Kelvin (Henderson Highway) \$969.05.

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park \$2,056.47, King Edward Park \$2,038.99 and Midwinter Park \$265.61

1947

A boundary fence 100 feet by 104 feet was erected around the boundary of the tot lot at Union and Watt. A combination lacrosse box and hockey pen with a cinder and shale base was constructed at Union and Kelvin (Henderson Highway). A bleacher with a capacity of 300 was constructed and the levelling of the ground adjacent to the lacrosse box at the Kelvin and Union frontage. At Giants Field 2 ½ acres of land was cleared of scrub, graded and prepared as a playground and moveable bleachers with a capacity of 500 was constructed next to the baseball field.

Supervised kiddie playground attendance during July and August at Elmwood Park 10,498, King Edward Park 9,745 and at Elmwood School (Riverelm) on Talbot 2,140. Supervised ice rink attendance at Thames and Allan 4,437, at King Edward Park 5,520 and Hespeler and Beatrice 11,051.

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park \$2,029.10, King Edward Park \$1,807.96 and Midwinter Park \$234.80.

Property on the north side of Hespeler Avenue .5 acres is transferred by City Council to the Parks Board. Other Parks Board property in Elmwood

South side of Hespeler between Beatrice and Glenwood - .45 acres

Northeast corner of Brazier and Riverton – 4 acres

South side of Union 50 west of Watt - .23 acres

Southeast corner of Montcalm (Watt) and Nairn – 3.3 acres

Land north of Chalmers east of Watt – 11.5 acres

South of Chalmers and east of Watt – 13 acres

Swift Park on Midwinter – 5.2 acres

Construction costs at Union and Kelvin (Henderson Highway) \$2,812.54, Union and Watt \$753.66 and at Giants Field on Chalmers \$10,475

1948

The Elmwood Athletic Association prepares plans for Giant's Field where a clubhouse is to be built, tenders are advertised for but none are received so project is proposed for the spring of 1949.

The Hespeler Tot Lot on the north side of Hespeler 100 feet by 220 feet is properly leveled and enclosed with 656 feet of fencing. Two gates provide access with concrete steps at the Hespeler entrance. The playground equipment consists of a small swing, a medium swing, a merry-go-around, a sand box and slide. The Union and Watt Tot Lot has a merry-go-around and sand box added to it.

The supervised kiddie playgrounds during July and August have an attendance of 13,289 at Elmwood Park and 10,013 at King Edward Park.

Attendance at supervised ice rinks, Thames and Allan 7,575, King Edward Park 5,775 and at Hespeler and Glenwood 3,561

Park maintenance expenditures at Elmwood Park \$2,416.71, King Edward Park \$2,082.90 and Midwinter Park \$329.80.

Capital expenditures made at Union and Kelvin (Henderson Highway) site \$17,659.89, Nairn and Montcalm (Watt) \$305.65, Union and Watt Tot Lot \$247.32, Giant's Field \$1,894.41, Elmwood Athletic Association at Giant's Field \$2,172.62, Hespeler Avenue Tot Lot \$1,199.44, Hespeler Avenue south side park \$249.50 and Herbert and Foster site \$506.05

1949

At the Elmwood Athletic Association's Union and Kelvin site the clubhouse is completed, the development is to include a driveway, fencing, construction of the kiddie's playground, seeding and landscaping with 77 shrubs planted. At the Giant's Field site along with the construction of the clubhouse, over 850 feet of sewer and waterpipe built to the clubhouse. The clubhouse to be completed in 1950. A large portion of the furnishing and decorating is being undertaken by members of the community centre who provide much of the material and labour. The site for the hockey pen was levelled and the labour for erecting the hockey pen was done by members of the Elmwood Athletic Association.

The Hespeler Avenue Playground was completed in 1949 with the sodding and landscaping finished.

Playground attendance during July and August at, Elmwood Athletic Association site at Union and Kelvin 15,820, at Elmwood Park 12,836 and King Edward Park 17,837.

Activity Centres Programs during 16 weeks during fall and winter attendance at Elmwood School (Riverelm) 3,896, George V School 3,786 and Lord Selkirk School 2,140

Supervised ice rink attendance at Sir Sam Steele School site at Nairn and Green (Chester) 1,915, King Edward Park 4,603, Hespeler and Beatrice 2,680 and Thames and Allan 4,150

Park maintenance expenditures at Elmwood Park \$2,337.62, King Edward Park \$2,655.30 and Midwinter Park \$384.61

Recreation Capital Expenditures from 1947-1949 at

Union Avenue and Kelvin site - \$34,546.19

Nairn Avenue and Montcalm site (Watt) - \$1,817.04

Union and Watt Tot Lot - \$1,273.07

Giant's Field Community Centre (Chalmers) - \$30,337.17

Hespeler Avenue South Playground - \$249.50

Hespeler Avenue North Tot Lot - \$3,286.02

Herbert and Foster Site - \$600.61

1950

The Chalmers Community Centre clubhouse was finished with volunteer labour and officially opened on March 25, 1950. A total of 304 square yards of the centre's property was seeded, 325 feet of fencing was built, 300 square yards of the driveway and service yard was graded and laid with crush stone from Chalmers to the clubhouse. The gravel was largely reclaimed from use in the flood. The lumber and lighting for the hockey pen were supplied by the community along with the labour. The Kelvin Community Centre received added soil to help fill in the part of the grounds that had settled in the old creek bed.

Summer playground attendance during July and August at Kelvin Community Centre 21,808, Chalmers/Giant's Field 16,498, King Edward Park 14,145 and Elmwood Park 24,791.

Boy's and Girl's Club art activities attendance, George V School girls' attendance 943, George V School boys' attendance 1,125, Elmwood School (Riverelm) girls 890, boys 600, Lord Selkirk School Number 2, Attendance 848

Supervised ice rink attendance not including community centre attendance, King Edward Park 5,276. Sir Sam Steele School site 3,602

Park maintenance expenditures, Elmwood Park \$1,906.42, King Edward Park \$1,832.07 and Midwinter Park \$167.50

1951

The official name of the Parks Board was changed to the Parks and Recreation Board of Winnipeg

The Glenwood Dike was landscaped at a cost of \$1,141.18.

Number of flowers planted at Elmwood Park, 1,120, King Edward Park 8,908 and Midwinter Park 820. A total of 157 shrubs are planted at the Kelvin Community Centre

Male supervisors of playground activities receive 76.5 cents per hour while female playground supervisors receive 63.5 cents per hour.

The active centre at Lord Selkirk School had an attendance of 487.

The Manitoba Cycle Club with leased property at Talbot and Birds Hill Road (Panet) construct a bank dirt track. The hard surfacing of the track and the construction of a grandstand is delayed pending improvements to the club's financial position

Park maintenance expenditures at Elmwood Park \$3,359.70, King Edward Park \$2,414.57 and Midwinter Park \$200.14

Capital Expenditures 1947-1951 at

Kelvin Community Centre - \$34,762.60

Nairn and Montcalm (Watt) Playground - \$1,817.04

Union and Watt Tot Lot - \$1,273.07

Chalmers Community Centre - \$31,043.57

Brazier and Riverton/Elmwood Winter Club - \$1,985.12

Talbot and Figaro - \$187.50

Hespeler Avenue North Tot Lot - \$3,286.02

Hespeler Avenue South Lot - \$233.00

Assessed value of property

Elmwood Park – Land \$11,400, Building \$1,840

Chalmers Community Centre/Giants Field – Land \$31,840, Building \$21,450

Kelvin Community Centre – Land \$24,780, Building \$23,175

King Edward Park – Land \$10,470, Building \$3,900

Midwinter Park – Land \$8,490

1952

A total of 1,000 plants were planted in Elmwood Park, 8,610 in King Edward Park and 700 in Midwinter Park.

At Kelvin Community Centre 375 cubic yards of soil were added to the grounds with 305 square yards graded. A total of 201 trees and shrubs were planted at the Nairn Avenue Dump.

The caretaker's residence and the tool shed at King Edward Park were painted and the roof was repaired.

Lord Selkirk School Number 2 was the location of a craft centre from January to March and from September to December. The crafts taught were cooper tooling, clay modelling, English smocking, leather tooling, millinery gloves, square dancing and Turkish lace. In the spring session, 77 persons registered with \$154 in receipts received with an average attendance of 66 people nightly with a total attendance of 530. In the fall term a total of 135 registered with 270 in receipts with an average weekly attendance of 109.7 with a total attendance of 878.

At the supervised ice rinks not including the community centres, attendance was 7,030 at King Edward and the December attendance at Talbot and Figaro was 3,531.

At the Manitoba Cycling Club track consisting of 4.62 acres at Talbot and Birds Hill Road (Panet) track work was done but no permanent buildings were constructed.

Park maintenance expenditures were \$2,032.03 at Elmwood Park, \$2,491.13 at King Edward Park and \$187.70 at Midwinter Park

Assessed property values of

Elmwood Park – Land \$11,400, Building \$1,875

Chalmers Community Centre, Land \$31,840, Building \$21,450

Kelvin Community Centre - Land \$24,600, Building \$23,175

Elmwood Winter Club – Land \$17,410, Building \$3,450

King Edward Park – Land \$10,470, Buildings \$3,900

Midwinter Park – Land \$8,490

Hespeler Avenue Tot Lot – Land \$3,080

Union Avenue Tot Lot – Land \$1,110

1953

Plants and flowers planted at Elmwood Park 1,560, at King Edward Park 8,440 and Midwinter Park 560.

Two new fixed seats were erected in the flower garden of Elmwood Park. A portion of the drain in the lagoon of King Edward Park was taken up. The East Elmwood Clubhouse was moved to the Kent and Manhattan site and placed on a timber foundation. At the Elmwood Winter Club, the walls of the dugout under the east side of the building were shored up and made safe and a new heater was purchased for the dressing room. The City Engineering Department constructed a new sewer and catch basin to better drain the grounds of the Kelvin Community Centre and a new water tank was installed in the clubhouse.

The Arts Activity Centre at Lord Selkirk School had a total registration of 271 with total receipts of \$542 with a total attendance of 1,739.

Movie nights at

Elmwood Winter Club, six shows 750 children In attendance

East Elmwood Community Centre, six shows, 1,200 children in attendance

Junior playground attendance during July and August at Elmwood Park 8,787 at King Edward Park 6,475

Senior playground attendance during July and August at Kelvin Community Centre 12,865.

Supervised ice rink attendance at East Elmwood Community Centre during December 713

Park maintenance expenses, Elmwood Park \$2,670.02, King Edward Park \$2,463.76 and Midwinter Park \$155.72

1954

A total of 1,390 plants and flowers were planted at Elmwood Park at King Edward Park 8,060 and 590 at Midwinter Park with an additional 189 trees and shrubs planed at Elmwood Park

The caretaker's residence at King Edward Park was sold but it was not removed In 1954. A new drinking fountain was installed at Kelvin Community Centre. Steps were built at the east door of the East Elmwood Community Centre.

The supervised ice rink attendance at King Edward Park was 6,980.

The activity centre at Lord Selkirk School had a spring term registration of 135 and total attendance of 912 with a fall term registration of 151 and a total attendance of 983.

Park maintenance expenses at Elmwood Park \$3,848.62, at King Edward Park \$2,952.56 and at Midwinter Park \$183.74

1955

Annual plants and flowers planted at Elmwood Park 1,320, at King Edward Park 8,180 and at Midwinter Park 620

The undeveloped area at the Elmwood Winter Club is cleaned up with all undesirable trees and bushes removed. The greater part of the area is filled in with 10,000 cubic yards of earth and graded to provide a larger area for recreation and a small park area. Peter Koop Construction renovated the building.

Kelvin Community Centre has 2,000 cubic yards of soil to build up the low areas with 11,000 square yards graded, 1,445 square yards sodded with 9 trees and shrubs planted. The Boys' shower room is moved to the basement and completely rebuilt.

The East Elmwood Community Club receives 2,000 cubic yards of earth fill with 8,000 square yards of the property graded. A new clubhouse for the East Elmwood Community Centre is built by Peter Koop Construction Company.

A total of 15,000 cubic yards of soil are added to the Chalmers /Giants Field on the south side of Chalmers Avenue. A new oil burner furnace is installed in the Chalmers Community Centre clubhouse paid for by the club.

The old caretaker's residence at King Edward Park is removed.

Children's' Activity registration at Community Centres,

Kelvin Community Centre – 776

East Elmwood Community Centre – 90

Chalmers Community Centre -841

Kelvin Community Centre Seniors Club – 65

Lord Selkirk School Arts Registration 128, Total Attendance 833

Park Maintenance expenses, Elmwood Park \$3,404.33, King Edward Park \$3,692.29 and Midwinter Park \$273.69

Recreation Capital Works funds expended

Elmwood Winter Club - \$9,000 plus \$500 raised by club for a new building

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$26,086.80 plus \$2,500 raised by club

Chalmers Community Centre - \$1,991.34

1956

Plants and flowers planted at Elmwood Park 1,380, at King Edward Park 8,120 and at Midwinter Park 640

Chalmers Community Centre receives 3,240 cubic yards of earth and 5,700 square yards of the field are graded.

The Elmwood Winter Club receives 3,200 cubic yards of earth fill with 4,700 square yards of the field graded. The new club building opened in 1956

East Elmwood Community Centre receives new playground equipment.

Registration for Children's activities at Community Centres

Kelvin Community Centre – 894

Chalmers Community Centre – 670

East Elmwood Community Centre – 558

Elmwood Winter Club – 169

Community Centre Adult Registrations

Kelvin Community Centre – 640

Chalmers Community Centre 400

East Elmwood Community Centre – 335

Elmwood Winter Club – 85

Boys and Girls Club Registration at

Kelvin Community Centre – 64

East Elmwood Community Centre – 175

Junior Summer Playground Attendance

East Elmwood Community Centre – 2,864

Elmwood Park – 6,220

King Edward Park – 6618

Senior Summer Playground Attendance at Kelvin Community Centre 6.618

Supervised Ice Rink Attendance

Kelvin Community Centre – 1,938

Elmwood Winter Club- 5,260

Chalmers Community Centre – 6,480

East Elmwood Community Centre – 4,781

Lord Selkirk School Adult Activities, Registered 187, Attendance 1,172

Park Maintenance expenses at Elmwood Park \$2,725.60, at King Edward Park \$3,446.06 and Midwinter Park \$260.44

Capital Works Funds Expenditures

Elmwood Winter Club - \$8,541.58

Chalmers Community Centre -\$767.11

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$2,656.97

1957

Flowers planted at Elmwood Park 1,440, King Edward Park 8,060 and Midwinter Park 600.

A total of 300 cubic yards of earth are added to King Edward Park with 3,700 square yards of the park are regraded. A total of 400 square yards of Midwinter Park are regraded and 400 square yards are seeded.

Ground Improvements, at Kelvin Community Centre with 12 trees and shrubs planted, at Chalmers Community Centre 1,200 cubic yards of earth fill, 1300 square yards graded and 35 trees and shrubs planted. At the East Elmwood Community Centre 1,200 cubic yards of earth fill are added and 5,500 square yards of the club are graded. The Elmwood Winter Club receives 300 cubic yards of earth fill and 2,000 square yards are graded. The Elmwood Winter Club also receives playground equipment.

The Boys and Girls Club activities at the East Elmwood Community Centre include square dancing with 82 signing up with a total attendance of 553.

Supervised ice rink attendance a Chalmers Community Centre 9,699, East Elmwood Winter Club 4,950, at East Elmwood Community Centre 640 and at Kelvin Community Centre 2,476.

Summer Playground attendance, Junior Playgrounds

East Elmwood Community Centre – 3,640

Elmwood Winter Club – 2,296

Elmwood Park – 8,890

Summer Playground attendance, Senior Playground attendance at Kelvin Community Centre 2,476

Adult activities offered at Lord Selkirk School included Glove and Suff Bag, Copper Tooling, Painting, Dress Making and Aluminum Etching. The spring and fall sessions included 129 participants with a total attendance of 786.

There was \$556.84 in capital works expenditures made at the Elmwood Winter Club and \$217.05 at the Chalmers Community Centre.

Assessed value of Parks and Recreation property

Herbert Avenue - \$1,470

McCalman Avenue - \$990

Elmwood Park - \$11,400, Building \$1,875

Chalmers Community Centre - \$48,740, Building \$21,450

Kelvin Community Centre - \$24,600, Building \$23,175

Elmwood Winter Club - \$17,410, Building \$11,700

East Elmwood Community Centre \$10,760, Building \$22,500

King Edward Park - \$13,080, Building \$2,400

Midwinter Park - \$8,490

Nairn and Montcalm (Watt) - \$11,570

Swift Canadian Park (Ernie O'Dowda Park) - \$22,460

Union Avenue Tot Lot - \$1,210

Hespeler Tot Lot - \$3,300

Total Capital expenditures from 1955-1957

Elmwood Winter Club - \$11,441.23

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$26,072.24

Chalmers Community Centre - \$3,497.47

1958

Capital Expenditures

Elmwood Winter Club - \$229.75

Chalmers Community Centre - \$417.82

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$3,365.58

Flowers planted at Elmwood Park 1,440, at King Edward Park 8,100 and at Midwinter Park 730

Park site improvements

Elmwood Park – 150 cubic yards of earth fill

King Edward Park – 1,200 cubic yards of earth fill and 4.300 square yards graded

Chalmers Community Centre – 2,000 cubic yards of earth fill, 16 trees and shrubs planted

East Elmwood Community Centre – 1,200 cubic yards of earth fill, 92,000 square yards graded

Elmwood Winter Club – 2,000 square yards graded

Kelvin Community Centre – 12 trees and shrubs planted

Hespeler Tot Lot – 8 trees and shrubs planted

East Elmwood Community Centre – wading pool installed, softball backstop installed

The adult program at Lord Selkirk School had 393 persons registered in Aluminum Etching, Copper Tooling, Dressmaking, Ceramics and Painting

The Boys and Girls Club at the East Elmwood Community Centre had a total of 806 participants in 3 activities.

1959

Capital Expenditures on East Elmwood Community Centres \$3,345.32 and Elmwood Winter Club \$4,913.98

Flowers planted at Elmwood Park 1,320, at King Edward Park 8,100 and at Midwinter Park 840.

Improvements made to

Elmwood Park – 1,000 square yards graded, 1,000 square yards seeded and 1 tree planted

King Edward Park – 850 square yards graded, 850 square yards seeded and 404 trees and shrubs planted

East Elmwood Community Centre – 56 trees and shrubs planted

Elmwood Winter Club – 40 trees and shrubs planted, face board applied to clubhouse, roof reshingled, hardball backstop erected and wading pool constructed.

Program attendance at Community Centres

Kelvin Community Centre – Baton Twirling 421, Bingo 2,453, Junior Dance 2,404, Six Man Football 3,212, Hockey 7,340, Skating 5,623, Movie Nights 1,188, Jam Pail Curling 706, Meetings 94, Senior Citizens 1,798, Volleyball 302, Basketball 172, Games 61, Baseball 60, Adult Fastball 118, Badminton 70, Tiny Tots 778, Adult Square Dancing 26, Junior Square Dancing 55, Ballet 245, Tap Dancing 467, Figure Skating 205, Whist and Bridge 192, Women's Auxiliary 71, Soccer 299, Doll Contest 345, Tether Ball 283, Softball 473, Lacrosse 116 and Sports Day 190

East Elmwood Community Centre – Baton Twirling 1,373, Bingo 8,417, Youth Dance Senior 357, Six Man Football 2,267, Hockey 7,340, Skating 9,305, Movies 1,478, Table Tennis 1,079, Meetings 110, Senior Citizens 379, Volleyball 192, Basketball 214, Games 535, Baseball 1,012,

Adult Fastball 506, Badminton 214, Tiny Tot 310, Gymnastics 98, Junior Square Dancing 429, Figure Skating 165, Children's Crafts 46, Adult Crafts 48, Wrestling 14, Soccer 43, Broomball 404, Softball 36, Shuffleboard 16, Ball Hockey 185, Cross Country Race 28, Sports Day 75, School Sports 32, Brownies 1,728, Cubs 1,330 and Guides 608.

1960

A permanent hockey pen is built at East Elmwood Community Centre for \$1,933.50

A wading pool is built at the Elmwood Winter Club for \$1,852.13 along with a 565 foot long chain link fence for \$1,262.63, a hardball backstop for \$626.91 and a softball backstop for \$534.74.

Flowers planted at Elmwood Park for 1,320 and at King Edward Park 8,220.

Landscape construction at Chalmers Community Centre 4,000 square yards graded and 11 trees and shrubs planted. At the East Elmwood Community Centre 17,700 square yards graded and 17,700 square yards seeded. At the Elmwood Winter Club 2,000 cubic yards of earth fill, 16,350 square yards graded and 22,350 square yards seeded.

Asphalt planks were installed in the common rooms of the Elmwood Winter Club and the East Elmwood Community Centre

An Empress Jam Pail Bonspiel was held at the Kelvin Community Centre in February 1960 with 84 boys and girl rinks of ages 15 and under.

Program attendance at Community Centres

Chalmers Community Centre – 36,433

East Elmwood Community Centre – 67,129

Elmwood Winter Club – 11,438

Kelvin Community Centre – 82,572

1961

Chalmers Community Centre has a softball backstop installed

A total of 1,320 flowers were planted at Elmwood Park and 8,220 at King Edward Park

Ground and Landscaping improvements

Elmwood Park 258 trees and shrubs planted

King Edward Park 40 trees and shrubs planted

Chalmers Community Centre 500 cubic yards of earth fill and 5,000 square yards graded

Kelvin Community Centre 9 trees and shrubs planted

Montcalm Playground, 2,200 square yards graded and 2,200 square yards seeded

Two sets of concrete steps were built at the rear of the Kelvin Community Centre and 2 steel rugby goals were erected in the field.

Recreation attendance at

Chalmers Community Centre – 41,021

East Elmwood Community Centre – 75,471

Kelvin Community Centre – 76,597

Elmwood Winter Club – 9,423

Assessed value of Parks and Recreation property

Chalmers Community Centre - \$69,540, Building \$19,800

Elmwood Park - \$70,890, Building \$2,775

Elmwood Winter Club - \$29,610, Building \$11,700

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$42,250, Building \$21,675

Kelvin Community Centre - \$61,490, Building \$23,775

King Edward Park - \$47,100, Building \$5,100

Kent Park - \$2,740

Midwinter Park - \$1,310

Montcalm Playground - \$21,690, Building \$1,650

Swift Park (Ernie O’Dowda Park) - \$37,440

Union Tot Lot - \$2,620

Hespeler Tot Lot - \$6,670

Herbert Tot Lot - \$4,670

1962

The Midwinter Park is regraded and the monument is moved to a more prominent position with the shrubs and flower beds laid out to give the area a new look. A total of 2,210 square yards were graded, 1,875 square yards were sodded and 87 trees and shrubs were planted.

A new park called Kent Park of 2.1 acres is created at Kent Road and Stapleton. A total of 1,000 cubic yards of earth fill is used to create the park, 11,255 square yards are graded and 10,000 square yards are seeded with 290 shrubs and trees were planted.

At King Edward Park 53 trees and shrubs were planted and 600 square yards graded

The East Elmwood Community Centre receives 100 cubic yards of earth fill, 450 square yards are graded and 470 square yards are sodded.

The Elmwood Winter Club receives 200 cubic yards of earth fill and 1,600 square yards are graded.

1963

At Swift Park (Ernie O'Dowda Park) a total of \$7,027.87 is spent on landscaping, 14,520 square yards graded and seeded, \$135.13 on a baby swing, \$66.69 on a picnic table and \$1,033.44 on removing the hydro poles.

Recreation Capital Spending

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$313.41 spent on soil testing and \$963.03 on metal posts and floodlights.

Kelvin Community Centre \$2,764.05 spent on metal posts and flood lights

Chalmers Community Centre \$542.04 spent on metal posts and flood lights and \$1,351.58 on fastball and softball backstops

Elmwood Winter Club \$2,125.54 on metal posts and floodlights and \$1,758.63 on a hockey pen

1964

At the Montcalm Playground a \$18,685.23 playground building is built. The Elmwood Winter Club, post barriers installed on north boundary and a slide set is installed in concrete. At the Kelvin Community Centre receives an addition to the clubhouse, a post barrier between the lane and building, a new hockey pen and asphalt planking flooring. In the hallways. The Chalmers Community Centre receives a \$20,000 addition to the clubhouse, 2 basketball and volleyball spaces and a tether ball area and 2 flood lights are installed for the pleasure skating rink, East Elmwood Community Centre receives a new addition, a new baseball backstop in the northeast corner of the property, a concrete floor in the common room and asphalt planking flooring in the dressing rooms, washrooms and passageways. A total of \$1,207.77 is spent improving Elmwood Park and \$325.91 spent improving Kent Park.

1965

The Parks and Recreation Board was abolished on January 1, 1965 with a committee of the City Council of Winnipeg taking over the responsibility for all parks and rec matters.

Expenditures on new buildings and additions from 1961-1964

Montcalm Park - \$18,899.82

King Edward Park - \$17,596.13

Chalmers Community Centre - \$20,242.52

Kelvin Community Centre - \$20,423.31

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$22,728.73

Improvements and Development

Clyde Bay – Boulevard Construction, 100 cubic yards earth fill, 1,600 square yards graded, 16 square yards seeded and 99 trees and shrubs planted

Elmwood Park – 700 square yards graded, 700 yards sodded and 300 trees and shrubs planted

Kent Park – 26 trees and shrubs planted

Talbot at Disraeli Bridge – 1,300 square yards graded and 1,300 square yards seeded

Chalmers Community Centre – 12,000 square yards graded and 12,000 square yards seeded

1966

Improvements and landscaping

A new water system of 2,850 feet long was installed at the Chalmers Community Centre football field.

Swift Park (Ernie O’Dowda Park) – 600 square yards graded and 133 shrubs and trees planted

Swift Park Snow Dump – 1,300 square yards graded

Chalmers Community Centre – 75 square yards of crushed stone for parking lot. Two 50 foot wings added to hardball backstops, exterior of new addition painted, window installed in office, rubber base in new addition and a drinking fountain installed in the hallway

Elmwood Winter Club Five hundred square yards graded and 30 cubic yards of crushed stone installed in parking lot, wall benches installed in dressing rooms, a slop sink installed in basement, front entrance way and canteen floor tile replaced.

Kelvin Community Centre, 550 square yards graded and 35 cubic yards of crushed stone added to parking lot, barrier posts replaced, new equipment storage building built by club, replaced two hydro poles, community centre sign erected on wall, wall benches installed in common room, 2 back doors and frames replaced and hard surface installed in hockey pen

Herbert Tot Lot, 800 cubic yards of earth fill, 2,600 square yards graded and 70 cubic yards of sand

East Elmwood Community Centre, wall benches and coat hangars installed in dressing rooms, asphalt plank flooring installed in dressing room and erection of community centre sign.

1967

Improvements made in 1967

East Elmwood Community Centre – A new 1,800-foot-long water system is installed, panic hardware on south exit door, drinking fountain installed in play area, exterior trim painted, 500 feet of chain link fence erected on east boundary and 58 barrier posts erected on north boundary. A total of 8,500 square yards graded, 8,000 square yards seeded and 500 square yards sodded

Elmwood Park, 12 trees and bushes installed

Union Tot Lot, 1,000 square yards graded and 900 square yards seeded

King Edward Park, 400 square yards graded and 700 square yards seeded and a new wading pool old playground building demolished.

Elmwood Winter Club, seven barrier posts replaced, exterior trim painted, asphalt planking installed on storm porch and drinking fountain installed in basement

Kelvin Community Centre, 500 square yards graded, panic hardware installed on east door of addition, new permanent hockey pen replacing old pen, 800-foot-long chain link fence around play area and fire damage repaired.

1968

Landscaping work done

King Edward Park, 5,600 square yards graded, 1,225 square yards seeded, 2,465 square yards sodded and 173 shrubs and trees planted

Montcalm Park 500 square yards graded

East Elmwood Community Centre, 100 square yards seeded, 200 square yards sodded and 15 trees and shrubs planted

Elmwood Winter Club, 50 cubic yards of earth fill, 800 square yards graded and 50 cubic yards of sand

Kelvin Community Centre, 300 square yards graded and 50 cubic yards of crushed stone

Building and Equipment improvements

Chalmers Community Centre, exchange two wash basins in basement, install new floor in auditorium, reshingled roof, build storage area in shower area and replace doors in auditorium

East Elmwood Community Centre, install vent caps on roof, erect tennis courts install pipe barrier at lane exit doors

Elmwood Winter Club, replace baseboard in boy's washroom, install Masonite on dressing room benches, installed plywood ceiling in record room, new cupboards in canteen and extra flood lights for pleasure skating area

Kelvin Community Centre, toilet bowl replaced, fire extinguishers in storage buildings, exterior of building painted, light mast erected at each end of hockey pen, 6 foot high chain link fence installed at north, south and east boundaries

1969

Building and Equipment Improvements

Chalmers Community Centre, replaced water pipe from basement to washrooms, installed water service for soft drink dispenser, installed 5 window screens on east wall, repaired leaking main water service to building, painted exterior of building and erected post barriers at parking lot

East Elmwood Community Centre, installed screen on exhaust fan, replaced floor tile in front entrance, relocated front double doors and installed additional rear door.

Elmwood Winter Club, sink and drinking fountain hooked up to sanitary sewer and wings erected on northwest backstop

Kelvin Community Centre, panic hardware installed on hallway door, hot water tank replaced, new door and frame installed in passageway and applied asphalt plate to basement exit doors.

1970

Capital Improvements to Chalmers Community Centre totaling \$2,543.22 and Kelvin Community Centre \$57.03

1971

A total of \$2,564.15 in capital improvements made to the East Elmwood Community Centre, \$1,024.32 to the Chalmers Community Centre, \$144.06 to the Elmwood Winter Club and \$1,635.44 to the Kelvin Community Centre

Assessed value of Parks and Recreation property in Elmwood

Clyde Bay property - \$3,710

McCalman Avenue - \$7,380

Chalmers Community Centre \$69,540, Building \$28,125

Elmwood Park - \$70,660, Building \$2,100

Elmwood Winter Club - \$31,060, Building \$11,700

East Elmwood Community Centre - \$42,250, Building \$30,150

Kelvin Community Centre - \$70,900, Building \$32,400

King Edward Park - \$47,100, Building \$21,750

Kent Park - \$20,030

Midwinter Park - \$1,310

Montcalm Park - \$16,370, Building \$13,950

Swift Park (Ernie O'Dowda Park) \$37,440

Talbot Corner at Disraeli - \$1,950

Union Tot Lot - \$2,620

Hespeler Tot Lot - \$6,600

Herbert Tot Lot - \$4,910