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The Elmwood community is very disheartened at the closure of the Elmwood Branch of the West Grey Library. Along with the loss of an important community resource, the Elmwood and District Chamber of Commerce was shocked at the lack of community consultation and the timing of a decision to close, which took place over Christmas during a pandemic.. Few people even knew that there was going to be a Zoom Community meeting, and that was due to a Facebook post just a few days prior. West Grey does manage the content of information on the electronic sign by the Lion's Park. There could have been a community mail-out. There should have been discussions with community partners, such as the Elmwood Seniors, St. John's Lutheran Church, The Elmwood Community Centre Board and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Elmwood and District Chamber of Commerce feels strongly that our community deserves the opportunity to clearly understand the decision to close our Library Branch, and to reach out to West Grey Council for direction as to how our community can be supported. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Executive is scheduled for Monday, February 22nd starting at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held by Zoom due to the pandemic lockdown. Should you be able to attend, please let me know and I will add your specific email address to our Zoom invitation.

Sincerely,

Dale Ahrens  
Vice-President  
Elmwood and District Chamber of Commerce.