



The Lions Club of Beaverton
(Incorporated under the Laws of Ontario on August 18, 1954)

Wayne Ward (Director Parks, Recreation & Facilities)
The Corporation of the Township of Brock
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Subject: Response to Early Ice Installation Proposal for 2025/2026 Season

Dear Wayne,

Thank you for reaching out to the Lions Club of Beaverton regarding the proposed early ice installation at the Beaverton Arena for the 2025/2026 season. After discussing the matter with our Executive Committee and in consultation with the Board of Directors for the Beaverton Fall Fair, we regret to inform you that we are unable to support the proposed timeline due to its significant impact on our ability to host our annual Elimination Draw, a cornerstone event for our Club and the community.

The early installation of ice would present the following challenges for our Club:

- **Insufficient Notice for Event Adjustments:** Planning for the 2025 Elimination Draw is already well underway. The proposed ice installation timeline does not provide adequate time to adjust the event schedule, which is critical for its success.
- **Unsuitable Summer Conditions:** Holding our event earlier in the year would mean using the arena during the warmer months, which we do not feel would be a suitable environment. Our experience hosting the James Barker Band concert proved that the lack of airflow and excessive heat in the arena during the summer makes it uncomfortable for events of this size.
- **Conflict with Sunderland Lions Event:** Moving the Elimination Draw to the spring of 2025 would overlap with the Sunderland Lions' Blue Rodeo Concert. Scheduling two major community fundraisers so close together would strain the financial capacity of Township residents and potentially undermine both events.
- **Significant Financial Impact:** The inability to host the Elimination Draw as planned would result in a substantial monetary loss for our Club. This would, in turn, negatively affect our ability to provide essential donations and support to many community groups and programs, including those helping that use the Beaverton Arena space.

We value the collaboration between the Township of Brock and the Lions Club of Beaverton and understand the challenges associated with managing facility use and timelines. However, we believe that the proposed early ice installation would compromise our ability to serve the community effectively through this important event.

We thank you for your understanding, and for including our concerns as part of your report to Council. We would be happy to discuss this further or explore alternative solutions that balance the needs of all stakeholders in the future.

Thank you for your understanding and for giving us the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

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President, The Lions Club of Beaverton

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