



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

Township of Brock Council  
c/o Wayne Ward, Director  
Parks & Recreation  
Township of Brock  
1 Cameron Street,  
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Dear Members of the Township of Brock Council,

With the King Street Park redevelopment in near completion, The Lions Club of Beaverton is reaching out to clarify and conclude our final commitments to the project. We are also requesting that Council approve an appropriate renaming of the King Street Park to the Lodwick Park.

It is our understanding from communication with Township of Brock Staff, that the improvements to the park are scheduled to wrap-up this Spring once the Contractor returns for final enhancements. As part of the original discussions with Staff, and as communicated with Council, the Lions Club of Beaverton will partner with the Township on the following items:

1. Replacing of the King Street Park trees that were removed as part of the project.
2. Installation of a plaque recognizing the funding contributors:
  - a. The Harold Lodwick Citizenship Committee
  - b. The Don and Gladys McCaskell Reserve Fund
  - c. CN Rail
  - d. The Township of Brock
  - e. The Lions Club of Beaverton

### **Park Renaming:**

The King Street Park took many years of planning, that included much deliberation with Council and Staff to move the project forward. Last Fall, the Harold Lodwick Citizen Committee and the Lodwick family approached the Lions Club of Beaverton and the Township offering a significant contribute to the project. As a result, this transformed into a larger collaboration, community partnership, and success for our Community (Beaverton).

The money donated by the Committee and supported by Harold Lodwick's family was a welcomed surprise. The funds raised by the Committee started in 2009 following Harold's untimely death. Since then, Harold's extended family have continued to raise funds through their annual "Family Fun Run," held each October and other donations. The Harold Lodwick Citizenship Award was subsequently created and presented annually to a Beaverton or Thorah Township resident each year during our annual Canada Day celebrations. This award included a donation to a local cause in honour of the recipient. Sixteen (16) awards and community donations have been made in Harold's honour.

Harold Lodwick was known as a community champion, volunteer, and influential voice for the Beaverton community. He was elected to three (3) terms of Council representing the Beaverton area of Ward 2. Harold was deeply involved in the community, serving on many local boards and involved in many local clubs

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including the Beaverton Agricultural Society (Beaverton Fall Fair), the Beaverton-Thorah-Eldon Historical Society, and the Heart of Ontario Snowmobiling Club to name a few.

Harold spearheaded the original track locating at the old Beaverton Public School location. This brought track and field to the historic school for both our students and the community at large. As a Member of the Board of Director for the Beaverton Agricultural Society, he additionally introduced the annual cross-country race as an ongoing event for youth participation. The donation to the King Street project is a fitting contribution that will benefit generations to come.

The Lions Club of Beaverton not only wants to recognize the legacy of Harold but also the decades of community service and commitment by his extended family. Harold's wife Geraldine, and his siblings Pat (Glenn), Betty (Bev), Carol (Bob), and the late Cliff (Mary) are intertwined into the fabric of our town. Consisting of former Beaverton Public School teachers and local business owners/operators such as Lodwick Transport (founded by Cliff Lodwick Sr.) and L&T Homes, the Lodwick family have contributed to the history and development of the town for many years. They have contributed financially to community events and various organizations including sponsoring local clubs, youth sports, and transporting Santa Clause through our town each year during the parade. As previously mentioned, and most importantly, Harold's family's involvement with the Beaverton Agricultural Society and the annual Fall Fair was near and dear to him. The family has spent countless hours planning, organizing and sitting on the Board which is now entering its 170<sup>th</sup> year.

Harold's children (Wendy, Rob, and Becky) and his countless nieces and nephews (too many to name) who are now raising children and grandchildren of their own, continue to be involved and dedicated to their communities. Many continue to live and contribute locally, and others have taken their civic duty to other communities, giving back as volunteers and organizers further highlighting the reach and impact of Harold's kindness and love for our town and its residence.

The renaming of the park will recognize generations of Lodwick family members that have and continue to give back to our community by honouring their volunteerism, civic duty and commitment to being community champions. We thank you for considering this request and look forward to sharing in acknowledging Harold and the Lodwick family!

On behalf of The Lions Club of Beaverton,

Ron Hodgson, President

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