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Dear Council Members and Staff,

The Beaverton Lions Club appreciates the opportunity to provide input regarding the proposed installation of early ice at the Foster Hewitt Community Centre and its potential impact on our longstanding fundraising event.

Our annual Elimination Draw fundraiser has been held at this facility the weekend following the Fall Fair for several decades. The proceeds from this event have enabled us to support a wide range of community initiatives, including local sports programs, schools, and non-profit organizations. Additionally, we have contributed to the development of community infrastructure such as splash pads, skate parks, and gazebos.

If the facility becomes unavailable during this critical weekend due to early ice installation, the Club would be forced to either cancel the event or seek an alternative venue. Cancellation would significantly reduce the funds we are able to raise for the community, while relocation could result in increased operational costs.

The Beaverton Lions Club would support the implementation of early ice in Beaverton for the 2026 season, provided the Sunderland Arena remains under renovation. However, beginning in 2027, we recommend that early ice be installed in the Sunderland Arena, which, following a \$10 million modernization investment, will be best equipped to accommodate such use.

We thank Council for considering the broader impact this decision may have on our Club and the community we serve.

Thanks

Lion Bill Graham  
President