

October 31, 2025

City of Toronto

The Weston Lions Club is pleased to support the vision of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) Foundation for the reimagining of our home, Weston Lions Arena, as a future Launchpad site.

While the Weston Lions Club is thrilled that Weston Lions Arena will house MLSE's impressive programming and transformational opportunities for our community's youth, we're sad to lose our beloved arena and home to our major fundraising activity. Weston Lions Arena has been our physical and benevolent connection to the Weston community for decades, specifically through the proceeds generated by the Weston Lions Snack Bar.

Proud of our 76 years of stewardship of this building, the Weston Lions Club recognizes that the rink has a special place in the hearts of hockey families and the broader Weston community. The Weston Lions Club will be sad to leave our home at the end of March 2026, but we are confident that the MLSE Foundation and their Launchpad program will continue to honour the Weston Lions Club's legacy in service to the youth of our community.

Background:

Constructed in 1949 by the Weston Lions Club, Weston Lions Arena has been the club's home and major community service project for the past 76 years. The lands now known as Weston Lions Park were transferred by the Town of Weston to the club in the 40's to facilitate the creation of the rink for public recreation. The Lions Club transferred the lands, including the rink and pool constructed by the club back to the municipality of York (now City of Toronto) in 1970, entering into a lease to continue rink operations.

The Lions Club recently received notice from the City of Toronto that our lease for Weston Lions Arena will end March 31, 2026.

Yours truly

Weston Lions Club

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