



COUNTY OF BRANT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

2026

St. George Lions Club

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Hometown: St. George

Established: 1945

- The first meeting of St. George Lions took place on March 28th, 1945 in the Masonic Hall in St. George. There were 26 charter members present.
- The connection between St. George Lions and community sports was evident from the beginning, starting with softball sponsorship and Lions members volunteering to coach.
- In 1950, a lighted ball field was constructed by the club on the school property. In 1952, a rink was located near the present Russell Heights Apts. In the summer it was used by the tennis club. The rink was located on the site of an old creamery which Bill Taylor and Dr. Dinniwell bought and donated.
- From 1954-1974 Lions maintained the local rink and ball park. Many improvements such as a concession booth, fencing, gates and screens were undertaken as well as yearly clean-ups of both facilities.
- Kids' trips to Paris for skating in the winter and swimming lessons in the summer were organized and partially subsidized by the Lions up to 1977.
- In the years between 1967 and 1971, monthly car draws, cash draws and door to door solicitation by members, raised funds for a new arena. The club made a 3 year commitment of \$50,000 towards the cost.
- St. George Lions supported the first Junior D Hockey Club from 1971-1985. Members took turns on the executive.
- Tennis courts were constructed and opened in 1975. The Lions supplied a share of the initial capital (\$10,000).
- In the 1990's the club made a major purchase of five acres, now known as Elliott Field, for soccer pitches.
- In 2012 St. George Lions made another commitment to the county pledging \$320,000 to facilitate an extension to the arena.
- In 2016, Lions lead a community fundraising campaign, and donated \$50,000 toward the splashpad installed at Sunny Hill Park.
- The ice surface at Sunny Hill Park is maintained for public use by Lions members.
- St. George Lions food trailer and other fundraising activities allow the club to financially support South Dumfries Figure Skating Club, St. George Minor Hockey, Baseball and Soccer as well as Brantford Special Olympics.