



Future Home of the Hockey Resource Centre and Archives Breaks Ground.



(from left to right) HHOF President & COO Jeff Denomme joins the Chairman of the HHOF Selection Committee Jim Gregory and HHOF Chairman and CEO Bill Hay in the ceremonial ground breaking. (Phil Pritchard/HHOF)

Toronto (March 26, 2008) – Former Leafs captains Darryl Sittler, Rick Vaive, Wendel Clark and Doug Gilmour joined a prominent group of community leaders Wednesday at the ground breaking ceremony for the new Lakeshore Lions Arena, a community facility that will benefit youth hockey in Toronto.

Accessible to minor and amateur hockey teams, the 260,000 square foot facility is the first arena to be built in Toronto in 25 years. It replaces the existing single-pad Lakeshore Lions Arena, opened and operated by the Lions Club in 1951. The Lions Club will also operate the new facility.

The new Lakeshore Lions Arena will be the future practice facility for the Toronto Maple Leafs and its American hockey League (AHL) affiliate the Toronto Marlies. Construction is scheduled to be completed by September 2009 in time for Leafs training camp.

The Hockey Hall of Fame, another partner in the project, will move its Hockey Resource Centre and Archives to the new building. As well, Hockey Canada will operate their Ontario Regional Offices from the new facility and use the Olympic-sized pad for training and development of Canada's national teams. The arena will be the permanent home of the Etobicoke Dolphins, Canada's second largest women's hockey organization, and the Faustina Sports Club.

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