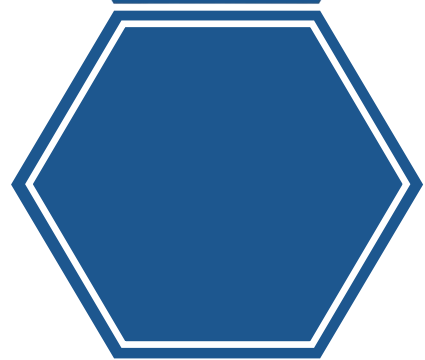


NEW SPORTS FIELD

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We are pleased to let you know that the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is entering into an agreement with the Toronto Scottish Rugby Football Club (TSRFC) to enhance the field at Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute (LPCI) to benefit the school, the TDSB, and the community.

The idea first brought forward by members of the LPCI School Council in 2022 led to a public Request for Proposal issued by the Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC), working with TDSB, seeking a community not-for-profit partner to invest in the enhancement. Following that process, which included letters of support from the school and the broader community, a proposed agreement was approved by the TLC and TDSB Boards in 2024. The final agreement with TSRFC to replace the current sports field at LPCI will see \$1,500,000 invested by the club into a new artificial turf field, matched by an investment by the TDSB.

The upgraded sports field will meet the World Rugby standard making it suitable for professional and international competition and improving the overall experience for all users. The field will also have markings making it compatible with football, soccer, and field hockey.

Given the size requirements of the regulation field, the school is unable to replace a 4-lane track around the entire field. However, a new 4-lane 100m running track will be added to the site along with a 2-lane 400m walking track for track practice, warm-ups, jogging, etc. For competitions and training requiring a 400m track, accommodations have been made to ensure LPCI students can use facilities at John Polanyi CI or North Preparatory JPS.

Students at LPCI will have priority on this new sports field on regular school days up to 6 PM. TDSB will permit the field for community use on Monday and Friday evenings and throughout the day on Sunday. TSRFC is a Toronto-based rugby club that currently fields two senior men's teams, a senior women's team, and a junior rugby program. Their permitted use of the field for training, practice, and hosting games will include Saturdays from 9:30 AM – 6:30 PM and evenings Tuesday-Thursday from 6 PM – 9 PM.

Establishing a true partnership between the TDSB and TSRFC, where both parties have specific responsibilities and commitments to this asset's ongoing operation and maintenance, will benefit the school and the community. TLC is also currently exploring implementing this model in other parts of Toronto.

Construction is currently slated for July 2026, aiming to have the new field ready by the fall of 2026. The school's administration is planning accommodations for school athletics during the field's construction, if necessary.

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