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## Water levels dropping near Stouffville: Smith

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council meeting earlier this month.

Of the five active wells in town, wells 1 and 2 draw water from a deep aquifer, while 3, 5 and 6 are in a shallow aquifer.

Wells 5 and 6 are between Hwy. 48 and Ninth Line, south of Bloomington Road. Well 3 is off Tenth Line in the area of the Stouffville Country Market. Wells 1 and 2 are around the York/Durham Line and Main Street area.

The York Region presentation pointed to a deep rock-like layer called "Newmarket till" that separates the deep and shallow aquifers. If water levels drop in deep aquifers, this won't have an effect on shallower wells, including private wells.

The region doesn't believe it is necessary to convert Stouffville to 100-per-cent lake-based supply in the near future, Debbie Korolnek, the region's manager of water and waste water said, adding, "the groundwater supply in Stouffville is a sustainable source of drinking water"

Mr. Smith, who is part of the Rouge Park Alliance, said water levels near the village of Stouffville have been

declining since 2000.

"There has been a general decline in that aquifer for a long time," Ms Korolnek said.

There has been a drop in the water level in the deep aquifer of approximately 20 metres, Mr. Smith said.

The water level recovered by five metres, but was lost again, he said, adding water taking increased by 100 per cent.

Don Ford of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority said there has been a local decline immediately around Stouffville, but it doesn't mean the water supply isn't sustainable.

Mr. Smith is concerned the increased growth in town is putting too much stress on the municipal wells.

He added the conservation authority recommended new homes should be supplied with lake water, not wells.

All the development areas are serviced by the watershed in Aurora and Newmarket, Ms Korolnek said.

"We are growing," Mr. Smith said. "We will not put the residents in jeopardy."

"If we don't have the water, we will not be building the houses."

### ATC Corral may leave town

The ATC Corral, which has been on Stouffville's Main Street since 1983, may move to Uxbridge.

The owners are eyeing the former general store in the heart of Goodwood.

Before this, the century-old building housed the Art Haus studio.

The proposal includes adding a showroom for vehicles such as snowmobiles and ATVs.

A public meeting is likely to be held in January.

### Three musicals coming

Mark your calendars for the musical theatre season in Stouffville.

Beginning late next month, the York Durham Academy of Performing Arts will present three musicals: High School Musical, 101 Dalmatians and The King and I.

High School Musical takes place from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 at Orchard Park Public School.

101 Dalmatians, with the academy's junior cast, is in April.

The date and location are still to be confirmed.

From May 29 to 31, the King and I will be presented at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church.

The non-profit youth theatre group boasts about 100 members, including several adults.

While the company has rehearsal space at the former site of the Stouffville Christian School just east of town till the end of June, it is still on the hunt for more permanent arrangements for its performances, spokesperson Susan Dekker said.

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### Spirit on win streak

LAST WEEK: Sunday - won 6-5 against Couchiching Terriers. Now 20-11-3-43 on season, fifth place in North Conference, three games in hand on fourth-place Couchiching Terriers.

COMING UP: Thursday vs. Orangeville Crushers at Stouffville Arena, 7:35 p.m.; Friday at Collingwood Blues, 8 p.m.

GAME NOTES: The Spirit received an early Christmas gift last Sunday when they travelled to Orillia to face the fourth-place Couchiching Terriers and skated

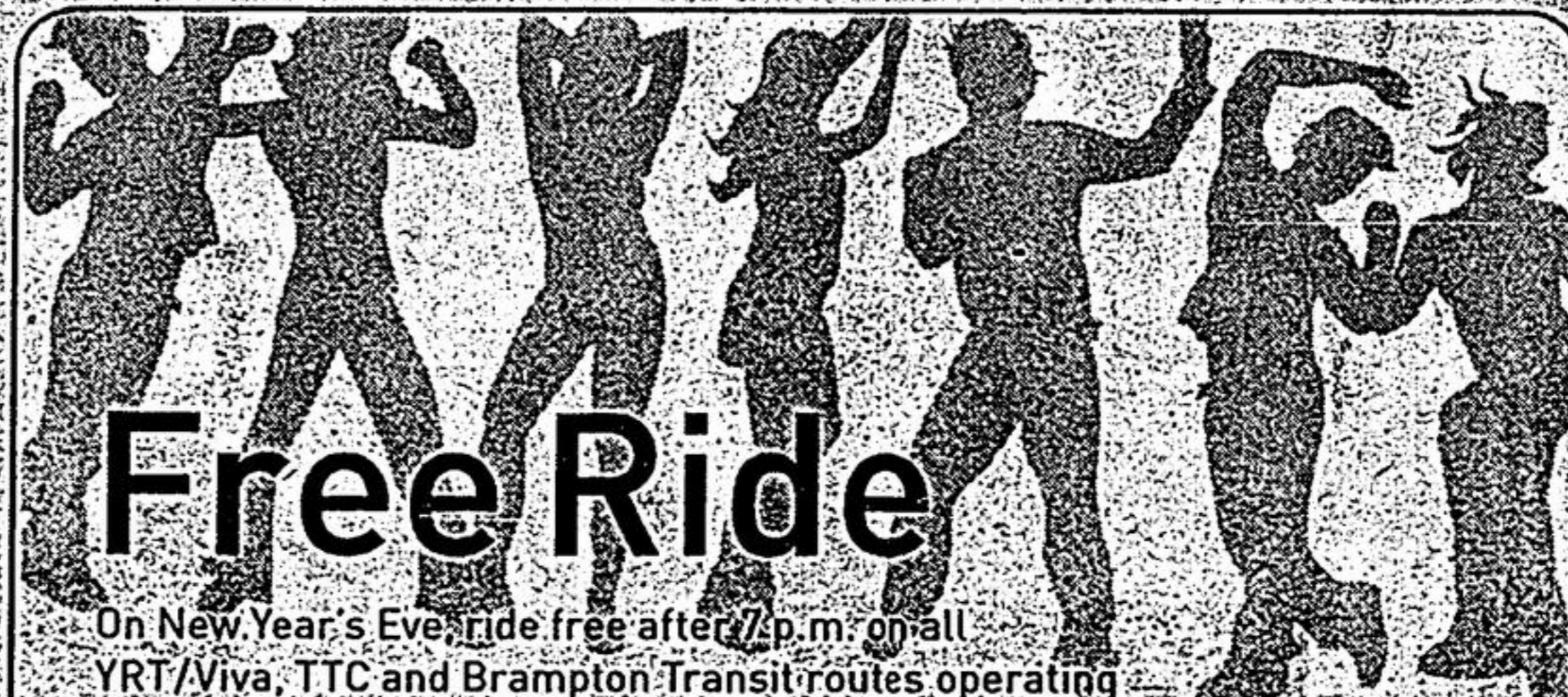
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off with a 6-5 victory, their sixth triumph in the last seven outings. The Spirit accounted for all of its offence in the first period, taking a commanding 6-2 lead. Randy Johnston ignited the Spirit offence with two goals, including the game opener at the 25-second mark. Craig McDowell, with a power-play effort, James McIntosh, Ethan Werek and Mark Sullivan added singles. With Kori Coelho replacing Kimmel in goal, the Terriers appeared to get a spark and capitalized on a couple of Spirit penalties to score two power-play goals and whittled the Stouffville lead to 6-4

through two. The Terriers scored once in the third and outshot the Spirit 32-25.

NOTEBOOK: Spirit defence man Daniel Spivak recently accepted an offer from Rochester Institute of Technology.

While the 2008-09 season is still a ways off, Spirit general manager Tom Milne has announced the dates for the club's rookie camp at the Stouffville Arena. The camp is April 26 for goaltenders only from noon to 3 p.m. The main rookie camp will take place May 3 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and May 4 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



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