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## GOVERNMENT

### Fitness centre may move into wellness complex

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The Lebovic Leisure Centre's fitness facility may move to the new town hall.

Relocating the fitness centre would create more multipurpose room space, while at the same time utilizing some of the 14,000 square feet of available space at the former Cook Canada building the town is renovating and turning into its new home.

The town offices are expected to move from atop the Imperial Centre, at Main Street and Sandford Drive, next door to the Cook building this summer.

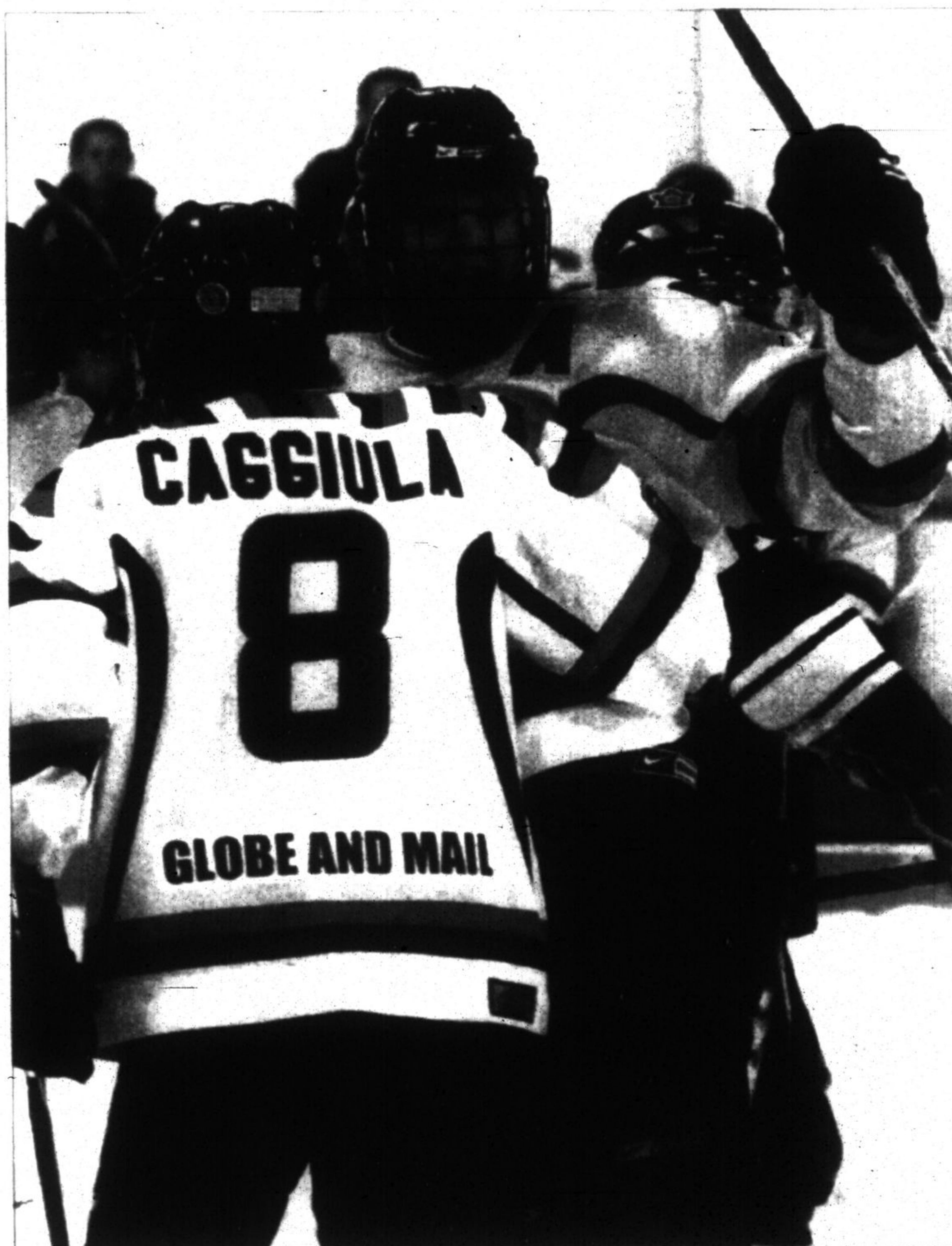
The fitness area would be a part of a larger seniors/wellness centre.

"We would be a real leader in terms of our approach to a wellness centre," said Dave Cash, CAO of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville during last week's leisure services master plan update.

"Our version (of the wellness centre) envisioned a new 55-plus centre, along with complimentary functions such as the fitness centre, meeting space, space for health service providers, either York Region and/or private clinics and practices, that would

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## THAT'S THE SPIRIT



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Stouffville Spirit forward Chris Porter celebrates his goal with Drake Caggiula during the Spirit's 6-2 win over the Markham Waxers at the Stouffville Arena Sunday. The red-hot Spirit trails the second-place Waxers by two points in the OJHL. See page 22 for more.

## HARGRAVE HOPES TO 'SAVE POOL'

Residents deserve say on fate of Memorial Park facility: Councillor

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The outdoor pool is old, but a landmark and even a selling feature for some people moving to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Which is why Councillor Rob Hargrave is holding a Save Our Outdoor Pool meeting Feb. 5 at the Lebovic Leisure Centre from 1 to 3 p.m.

"Let the residents determine the fate of that pool, not leisure services," Mr. Hargrave said.

Earlier this month, council was informed by town staff the Stouffville Memorial Park facility needs at least \$980,000 in repairs for it to remain open.

Instead of recommending going ahead with the repairs, staff advocated an accessible water park-type of facility be constructed.

There are no plans to open the pool this summer as no money has been set aside for it in the budget, according to Andrew McNeely, director of planning and building services for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"I think it's up to the taxpayers," Mr. Hargrave said, noting before the Jan. 7 report to council, he was not made aware of the pool's potential closure.

The facility is located in Mr. Hargrave's ward.

"This is not sitting well with me. This reminds me of what they did with the tobog-

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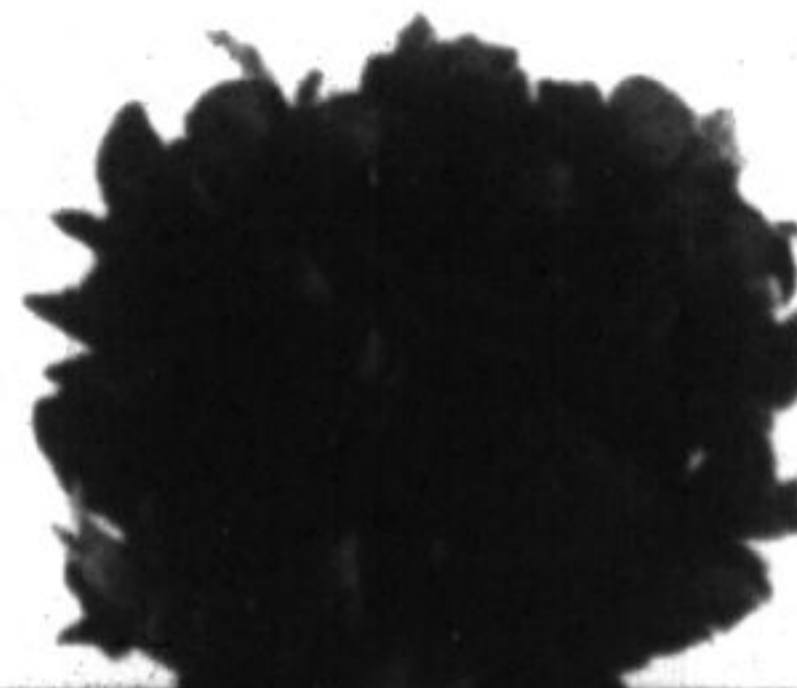
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