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Outdoor smoking bylaw fizzles

User groups asked to butt out at sports fields

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Whitchurch-Stouffville council is hoping a letter requesting users of the town's sports fields, along with peer pressure, will be enough to get coaches, parents and spectators to butt out.

"Why would a coach stand behind a bench with a bunch of kids and smoke? It doesn't make sense," Mayor Wayne Emmerson said during a council meeting Tuesday night.

Last month, York Region council adopted a recommendation that all nine of its municipalities consider implementing a smoke-free bylaw for outdoor recreational spaces. The ban could also include, but is not limited to, transit stops and uncovered outdoor restaurant patios.

Whitchurch-Stouffville council voted that request down Tuesday in favour of sending letters to user groups. Councillors Ken Ferdinands and Phil Bannon were not at the meeting.

"Our bylaw staff are already strapped and you shouldn't put

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STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Susan Poutanen shows daughter Sophie, 2, how sap is collected in buckets, while Tomi Poutanen and daughter Anna, 4, walk by during opening day of the annual Bruce's Mill Sugar Bush Festival Saturday. The event runs through April 10. For additional photographs, turn to page 3.

Spirit home for pivotal Game 4 tonight

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The Newmarket Hurricanes needed a quick fix for their ailing offence.

Daniel Leavens provided the tonic. Whether it turns out to be a cure-all, well, it's a bit early to say.

Leavens scored a pair of first-

period goals, including his first of the playoffs less than two minutes into the game, as the Hurricanes skated to a 4-1 Game 3 victory over the Stouffville Spirit at the Ray Twinney Complex Tuesday night to climb back into a best-of-seven Ontario Junior Hockey League quarter-final playoff series.

The Spirit hold a two games to

one lead heading into the pivotal Game 4 tonight at Stouffville Arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

For Newmarket, which had been outscored 11-2 in the first two games of the series, it was a crucial start, and win. The Hurricanes came out storming and outshot the Spirit 13-2 in the opening 20 minutes.

Leavens beat Stouffville netminder Jon Hall from point blank range on a pass from Chris Brown at 1:56 of the first period and made it 2-0 from a sharp angle in the 14th minute when his shot caromed off a Spirit defender's skate and through Hall's legs.

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