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New rules for decks, driveways, big homes

Out-of-date zoning law difficult for public, town

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Monster homes, garages, driveways and back decks are all subject to new regulations in Whitchurch-Stouffville, thanks to a zoning bylaw overhaul.

It was the first time since 1987 the entire municipal bylaw has been revamped.

The municipality, until January, was working with two zoning bylaws – one from 1972 and another from 1987 – the latter having been amended more than 550 times.

"Both of them are out of step with the town's official plan," said Alan Drozd, manager, planning services for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. "Anytime you pass a zoning bylaw in Ontario, it must conform with the official plan."

If being non-compliant with the official plan were not problematic enough, trying to find information for residents who wanted to tweak their property was.

"Trying to administer the bylaw, telling the public what their zoning was, from a customer service perspective, it was

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VISITORS FORCE GAME 7 WITH 5-1 WIN IN FRONT OF 900 FANS AT ARENA



STAFF PHOTO/SUSIE KOCKERSCHIEDT

Stouffville Spirit defenceman Trevor Carrick is rejected by Newmarket goalie Jimmy Sarjeant during Newmarket's 5-1 win in Ontario Junior Hockey League playoff action in Stouffville Tuesday. The teams meet in the decisive Game 7 of their quarter-final series in Newmarket tonight.

Jr. A season on line in Newmarket tonight

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One game, winner take all. That's the scenario facing the Stouffville Spirit and Newmarket Hurricanes in their best-of-seven Ontario Junior Hockey League quarterfinal series today.

Holding a three-games-to-two lead entering Tuesday's sixth game at the Stouffville Arena, the Spirit failed to wrap up the series on home ice before a gathering of 900,

losing 5-1.

That sets the stage for a seventh and deciding game tonight at the Ray Twinney Complex in Newmarket at 8 p.m. It will be broadcast on Rogers TV and Whistle Radio.

Newmarket head coach and general manager Brian Perrin was quick to downplay any notion home ice will be beneficial to his club. The visitors have won four of the first six games, two per team, in the series.

"It's who shows up to play," said the Whitchurch-Stouffville resident and former Spirit head coach. "Right now, it's a player's game. It's up to them. As coaches, we can only prepare them so much. They have to execute."

Paving the way for the Hurricanes' victory Tuesday was a solid effort between the pipes by netminder Jimmy Sarjeant, who handled 42 of 43 shots.

Fifteen of those came during a

first period that saw the Hurricanes nurse a 1-0 lead on a goal by Morgan Bonner.

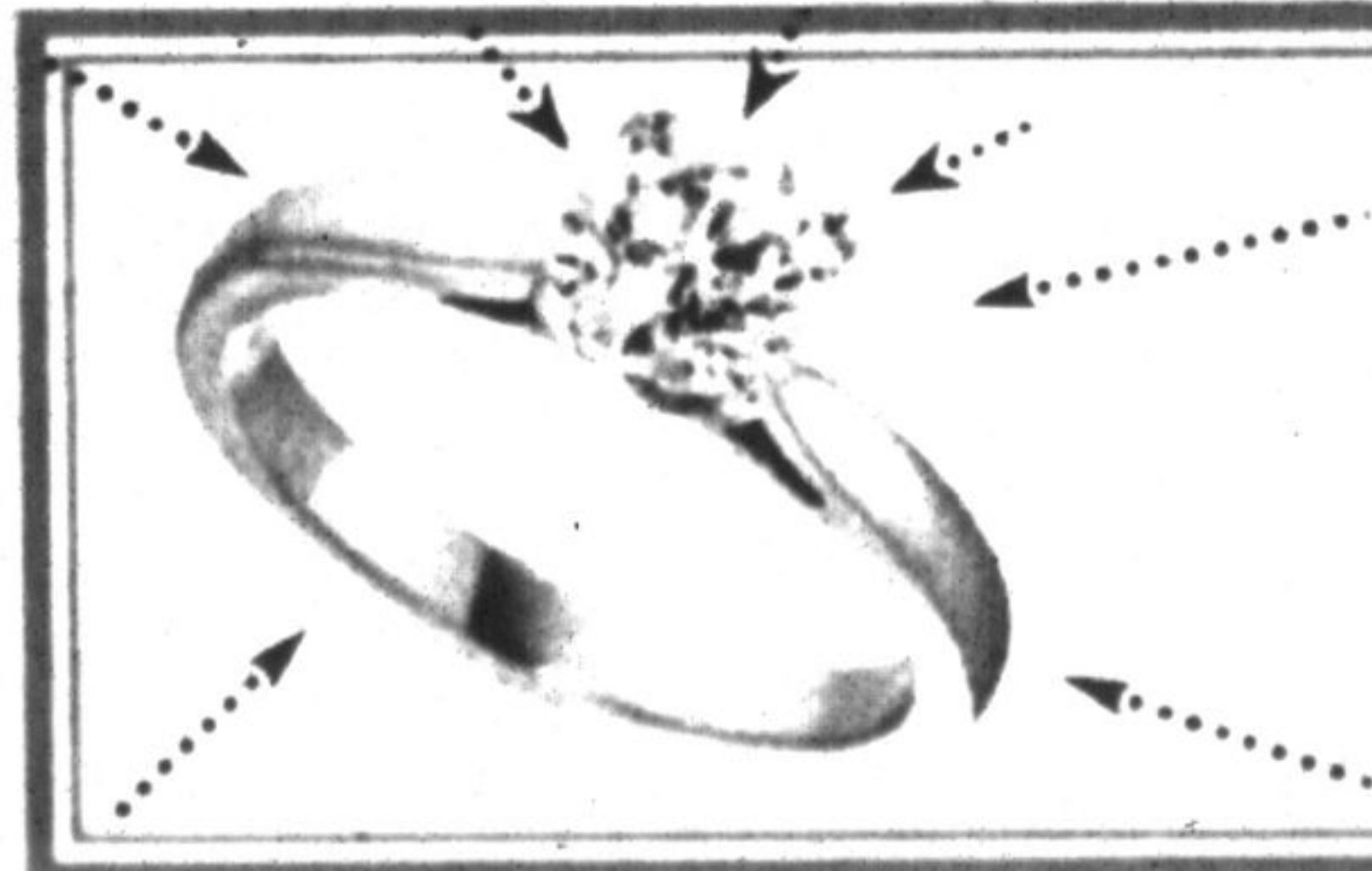
"If we had scored in the first period, it's probably a different game," said Spirit head coach Craig Donovan, who has coached with Perrin in Newmarket and Stouffville. "Sarjeant played well."

Also propelling the Hurricanes to victory were their penalty killing

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