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Lights out tonight for Earth Hour, Stouffville

Town facilities setting example for residents

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It's the little things that make a huge difference.

Whether it be replacing french fries with baked taters in an effort to drop a couple of pounds or turning your lights off when you leave the room to save money on your hydro bill.

In an effort to bring awareness to energy conservation and climate change, Earth Hour organizers are hoping you can go without lights for just an hour tonight between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

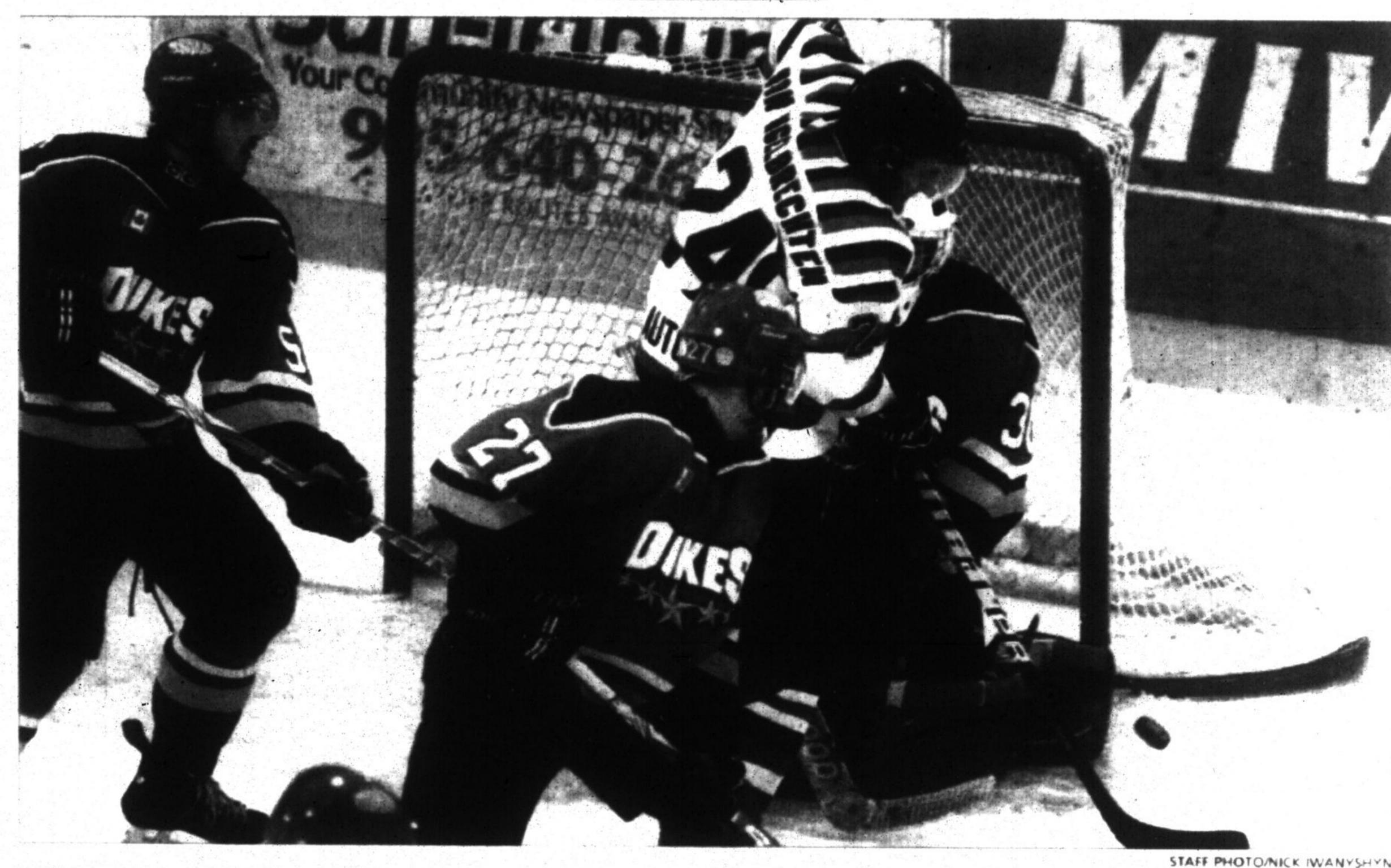
Even the town is participating.

"Whenever some large group is trying to make an effort, people think: 'If they can do it, we can do it,'" said Mike Richardson, manager of facilities and parks for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The municipality has participated in Earth Hour since 2008, when the event went global.

"Every little bit can make a huge difference," Mr. Richardson said. "There are little things in our daily lives, when done en-

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Wellington Dukes goaltender Jordan Ruby pushes away Stouffville Spirit forward Tyler von Engelbrechten during Jr. A playoff action at the Stouffville Arena Thursday. Von Engelbrechten scored in the 2-1 Spirit win. See story on page 11. See more photos at yorkregion.com

Mullets, dye jobs under helmets during run

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The Stouffville Spirit players aren't out to make any fashion statements during their run in the Ontario Junior Hockey League playoffs.

Nor are they out to win any awards with their new, eye-catching looks.

But with a good number of players displaying a high degree of artistic creativity by sporting a psychedelic appearance with their hair, they insist it's for a good cause.

It's all in the name of team unity, explained captain Declan Gunovs-ki, whose Spirit hosts Game 4 of the OJHL semifinal series tomor-

Rusty sniper nets game-winner, Spirit return home Sunday night/page 11.

row at 7:30 p.m. at the Stouffville Arena.

"It's a way for the guys to relax and to have everyone on the same page when the playoffs start. It's a good thing to start with and it shows a commitment to the team." he said.

In past postseason appearances, Gunovski recalled some players would cut their hair in a specific design and dye it with a specific colour – most often a platinum

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