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Kendall Sauro, 12, of the Stouffville Skating Club, gives a figure skating demonstration between free-skate sessions during a second annual March Break event sponsored by Tiny Seedlings, a United Soils youth initiative, Boston Pizza and York Regional Police at the Stouffville Arena last Thursday. She was dressed for St. Patrick's Day.

RESIDENTS OPPOSE CELL TOWER

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We use them every day — cellphones and WiFi signals — but at what cost?

That question's been sparked by a proposed wireless telecommunications antenna installation slated to be constructed on 5295 Durham Road 30 — in Pickering.

Normally, it wouldn't be an issue for Stouffville residents, but the proposed location of the cell tower is just across from a new subdivision of houses on Mantle Avenue, which is home to several families.

The tower's location has jolted unhappy residents into action, as they express concern over the health risks associated with a high frequency radio signal in such close proximity to their homes. Property values are also a concern for residents, as the 31-meter tall tower described as an "eyesore" stands in plain view from many homes nearby.

The protests are reminiscent of other campaigns in Whitchurch-Stouffville, including one that stopped Rogers from erecting a tower near the Stouffville train station two years ago.

"We understand there are areas in Stouffville that don't have great coverage," said resident Holly Freer, who lives within 500 metres of the proposed tower. "Because of the risks, we don't think this location is optimal."

Indeed, Freer and several other residents cite the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer on the health

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