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Saving the planet starts at home:  
**David Suzuki**

TV show host has area likes, dislikes

BY MIKE ADLER  
 Staff Writer

The future of the planet depends on what local communities decide, Dr. David Suzuki says.

And in planning a new pedestrian-friendly downtown, Markham has a chance to avoid bad choices North American communities have embraced over a half-century, the broadcaster and scientist suggested Saturday to an audience at the town's Civic Centre.

After his family moved to London, Ont. in 1949, the boy who would later host *The Nature of Things* on CBC tried to spend every free moment at a swamp where he learned lessons in biology.

Visiting London since, he has been astounded by the changes. The Thames River, where he used to fish, is polluted; his grandparents' former farm "grows high-rises" and "the magic swamp that gave me such inspiration is covered by a giant shopping mall," Dr. Suzuki said.

"Had London planned ahead in 1949, I don't think they would have picked the London that is present today."

He stressed that humans, "however sophisticated we may think we are," are animals which need clean air, water, earth and energy to survive.

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YORK REGION INSPECTORS SEARCH WORKPLACES FOR ASHTRAYS, CIGARETTES

## SMOKE POLICE 'WENT TOO FAR'

BY JEFF MITCHELL  
 Staff Writer

Frank Findlay says it was when he was wrestling to close his office door to keep out a health inspector that he concluded enforcement of York Region's smoking bylaw is going too far.

Mr. Findlay, who locked the door of his downtown Newmarket office and would not allow regional

enforcement officer Robert Hewitt in on that August day, has been charged with obstructing an officer conducting an inspection. He is to appear in court in Richmond Hill court later this month.

Mr. Findlay claims he has been harassed by the region's enforcement department. He said the harassment culminated when the inspector demanded to be let into

his office to check for evidence of tobacco use.

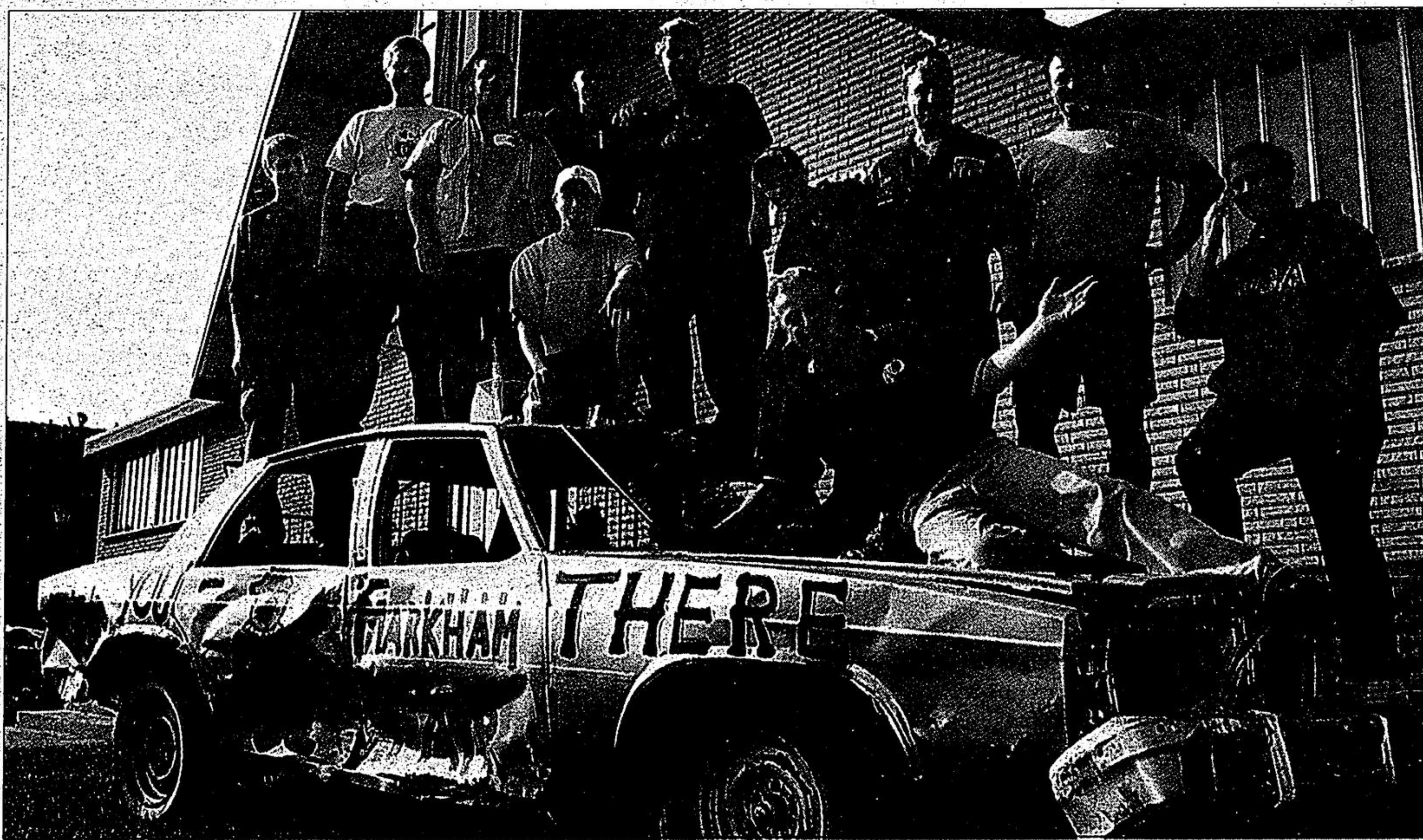
"This goes beyond the benign way they try and pitch the bylaw ... some enforcement practices are very, very questionable," Mr. Findlay said during an interview this week in his Timothy Street office.

He claims the foiled attempt to enter his office marked the third

time York Region enforcement officers visited, following up on a complaint from another tenant in the building. Mr. Findlay admits he had been smoking in the office, but was startled when inspectors searched the premises for ashtrays, cigarettes and other tobacco paraphernalia.

"Your mouth is just open," he said. "You think, 'What the hell do

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### CHURCH HEADS FOR TONIGHT'S DERBY

Members of the Stouffville Missionary Church youth group prepare one of five cars they have entered in tonight's Markham Fair demolition derby by standing on top to test its strength. The derby, which is filled with 70 entries, begins at 7 p.m. The fair runs until Sunday. Go to [markhamfair.ca](http://markhamfair.ca) for more information.

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