

### WHO'S GOT IT?

Markham Islanders Minor Bantam 90 AAA, which includes players from Stouffville, played visiting Ilves Anaheim Major Bantam 89 AAA at Angus Glen Community Centre in North Unionville Sunday. Here, Islanders' Iye McGinn (right) tussles with Jusso Koskinen for the puck.

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## Re-open deal for 407, says former minister

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Frank Klees says he had a deal in place that could have avoided an upcoming rate hike for Hwy. 407 motorists.

The Oak Ridges MPP, who was transportation minister in the former Tory government, said the Liberals would be wise to re-open negotiations with the private company operating Hwy. 407 on what he says was known as "the Klees agreement" instead of threatening legal action over the one-cent-per-kilometre toll hike scheduled to take place Feb. 1.

He says management of 407 ETR had verbally agreed to a 20-point deal, including a hold on rate increases before the election call last fall.

The reasonable thing for (the Liberal government) would have been to pick up where I left off but they had already painted themselves into a box and began their posturing on the 407 by saying they would tear up the contract that had been signed by the government of the day, Mr. Klees said in an interview Friday.

The province advised the company Wednesday it could not implement a rate

increase without government approval, but 407 ETR says the contract it signed with the Tory government in 1999 gives it the right to establish higher tolls if prescribed traffic levels are achieved, a stance with which Mr. Klees agrees.

"They knew the nature of the contract at least a year ago and now they're going down the road on a multi-million dollar lawsuit, a lawsuit they will lose; I know what the contract is. This is a save-face lawsuit that's going to cost the taxpayers," he said.

The bond-rating company Standard & Poor's warned the government in November rolling back tolls or restricting toll hikes could cost taxpayers millions of dollars because of the "ironclad contract," which protects the company's interests against government interference.

York Region Liberal MPPs Mario Racco, Greg Sorbara and Tony Wong were not available for comment Friday.

The rate hike, the sixth in 52 months, will bring the price to 13.95 cents a kilometre in peak hours and 13.1 cents in off-peak hours.

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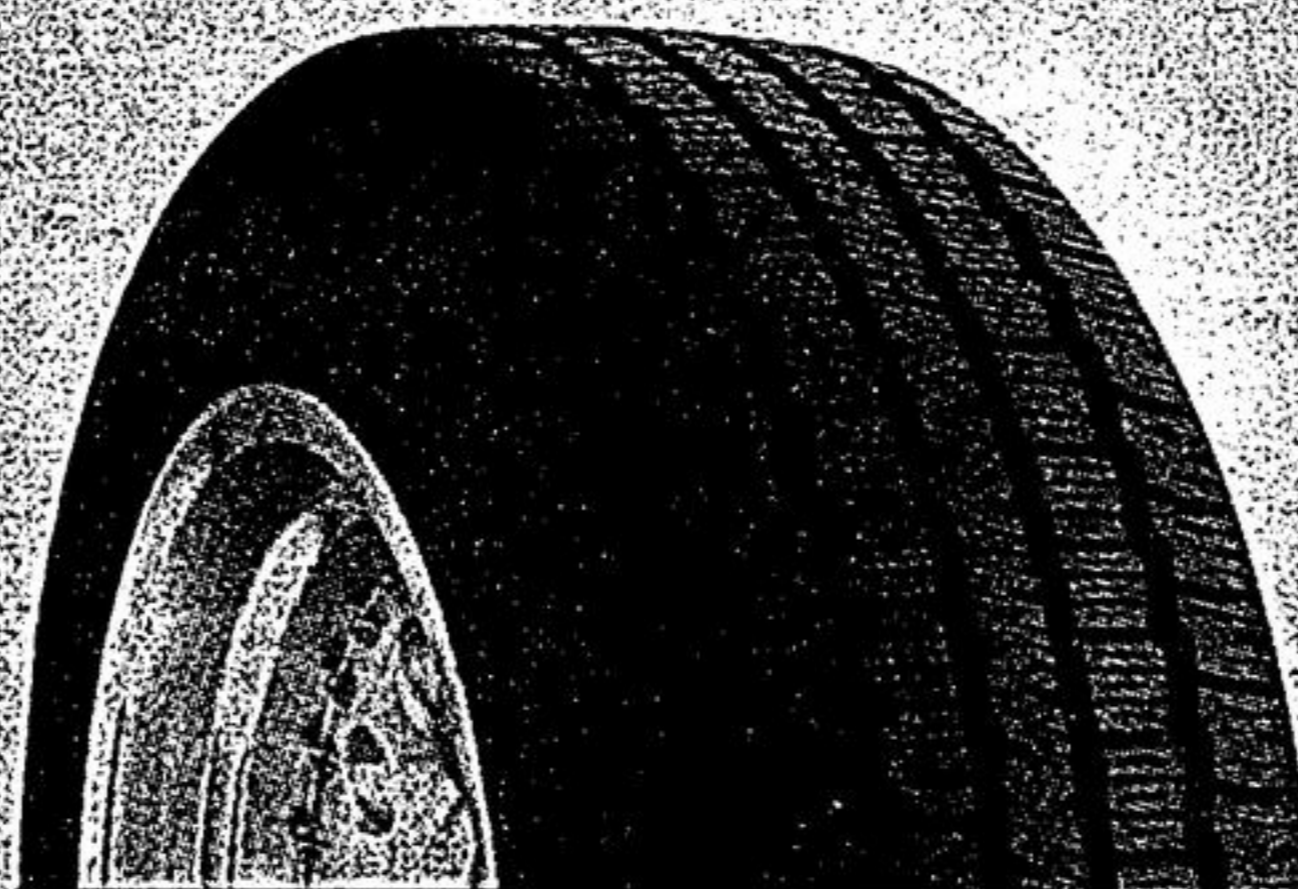
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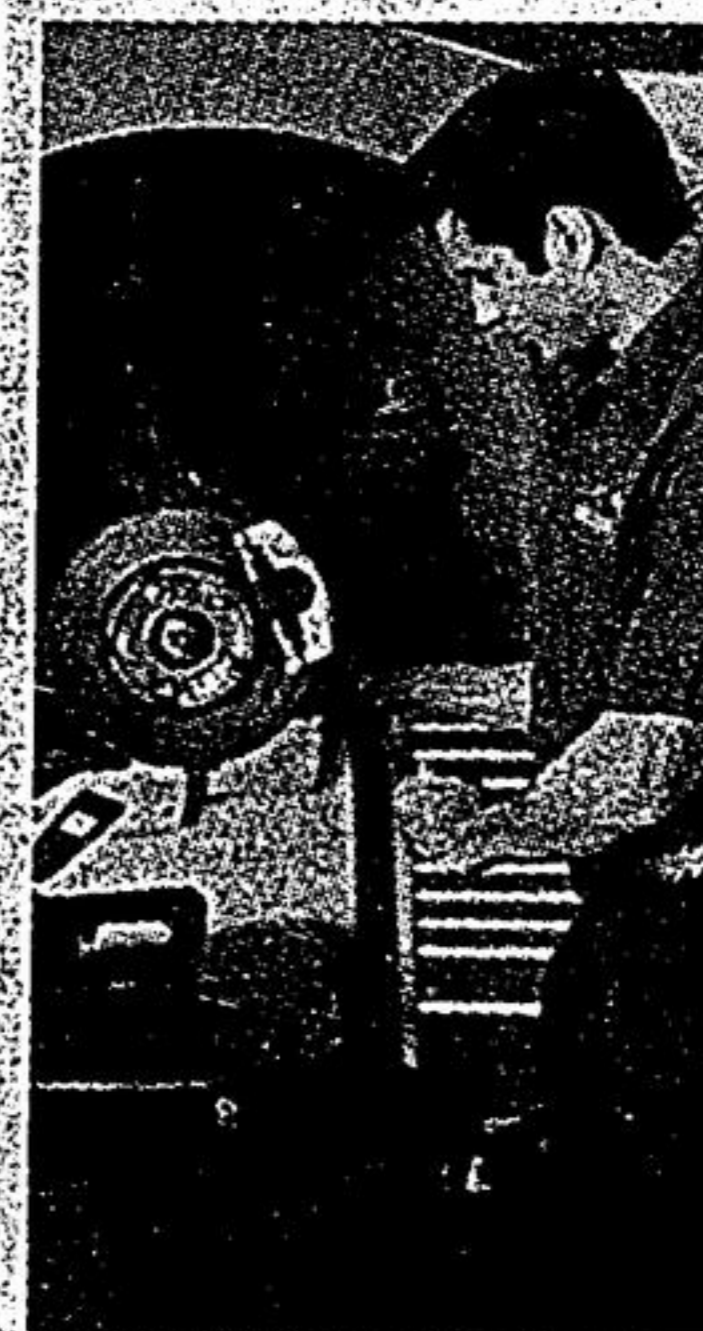
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