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## Call to cap assessment increases lauded

Private member's bill backed by some Grits

BY JOE FANTAUZZI  
 Staff Writer

A proposed private member's bill designed to cap your property assessment increases at 5 per cent a year, is a "great start" in reforming the way homes are taxed, Vaughan resident Richard Lorello says.

Erie-Lincoln Tory MPP Tim Hudak's Homestead Act, which has received second reading, also allows homeowners up to \$25,000 in renovations without penalty and eliminates taxes for elderly and disabled on the first \$10,000 of assessed value for their primary home.

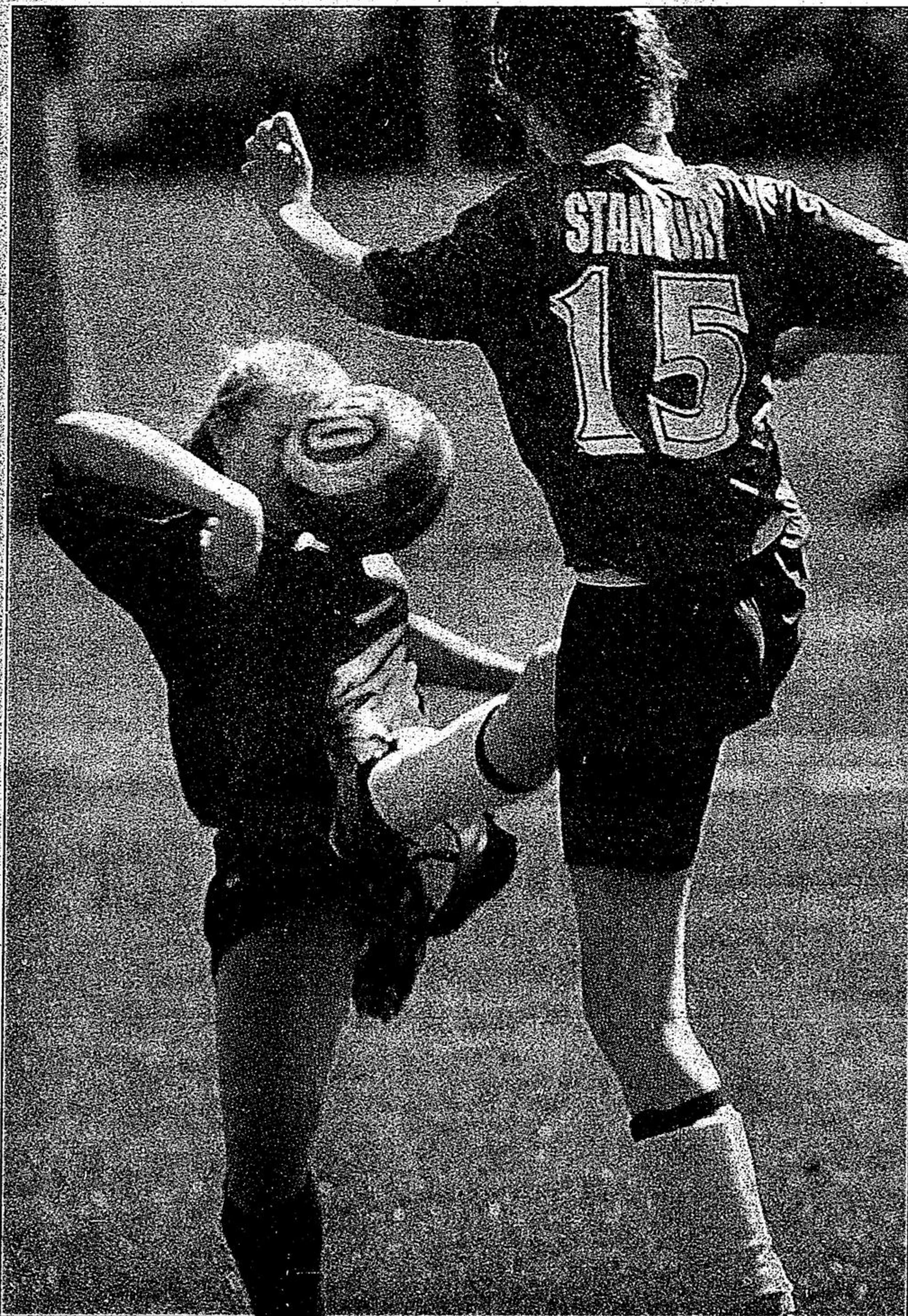
As a private member's bill, the act has little potential to be passed into law but has received some support from Liberal backbenchers.

The bill was designed to tell Premier Dalton McGuinty action must be taken on "out of control" property assessments", Mr. Hudak has said.

In late March, provincial Ombudsman André Marin released a landmark report on the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation after receiving nearly 4,000 complaints from taxpayers. An investigation showed MPAC failed to ensure property owners received suff-

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## On the button



Stouffville Spartan Kayla Moule takes the ball to the nose and a boot to the midriff courtesy of Richmond Hill Raider Kim Stanbury during a York Region high school soccer match Thursday at Stouffville District Secondary School. The Spartans won 5-1.

STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## 1 in 3 trucks pulled off road

Enforcement not enough, York police say

BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE  
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Thirty-five per cent of the trucks inspected by York Regional Police during a two-day blitz this week were pulled off the road for safety reasons.

"It's highly unacceptable," Staff-Sgt. Chris Bullen said, "especially when you consider all the commuters who share the roads with these vehicles in York Region every day."

But Ontario Trucking Association senior policy adviser Barrie Montague argues the numbers from this week's blitz are not a reflection of what's really going on in the trucking industry.

Officers inspected 527 commercial motor vehicles Tuesday and Wednesday, 187 of which were taken off the road. A total of 253 tickets were issued, seven drivers suspended and one arrested for assaulting a police officer during inspection.

Infractions ranged from major to minor and included bald tires, broken axles, incorrect trip logs, permits and outdated vehicle inspections.

"This was not about generating tickets or revenues, that's not our focus," Staff-Sgt. Bullen said. "We are focused on saving lives."

The 35 per cent taken off the road must have been achieved by targeting only trucks that appeared to have some safety issues, Mr. Montague said, adding the provincial average

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