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Jaczek affirmed as Liberal hopeful

Gets nod to run for 2nd term as MPP

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There is still much more to be done, which is why Helena Jaczek is running for a second term as MPP of Oak Ridges-Markham.

Ms Jaczek was declared the riding's provincial Liberal candidate on Monday.

"We've made some steady progress, but I want to keep the pressure on to get the services people want," Ms Jaczek said.

One of those services is the all-day two-way GO train to Markham-Unionville.

During her first term as MPP.

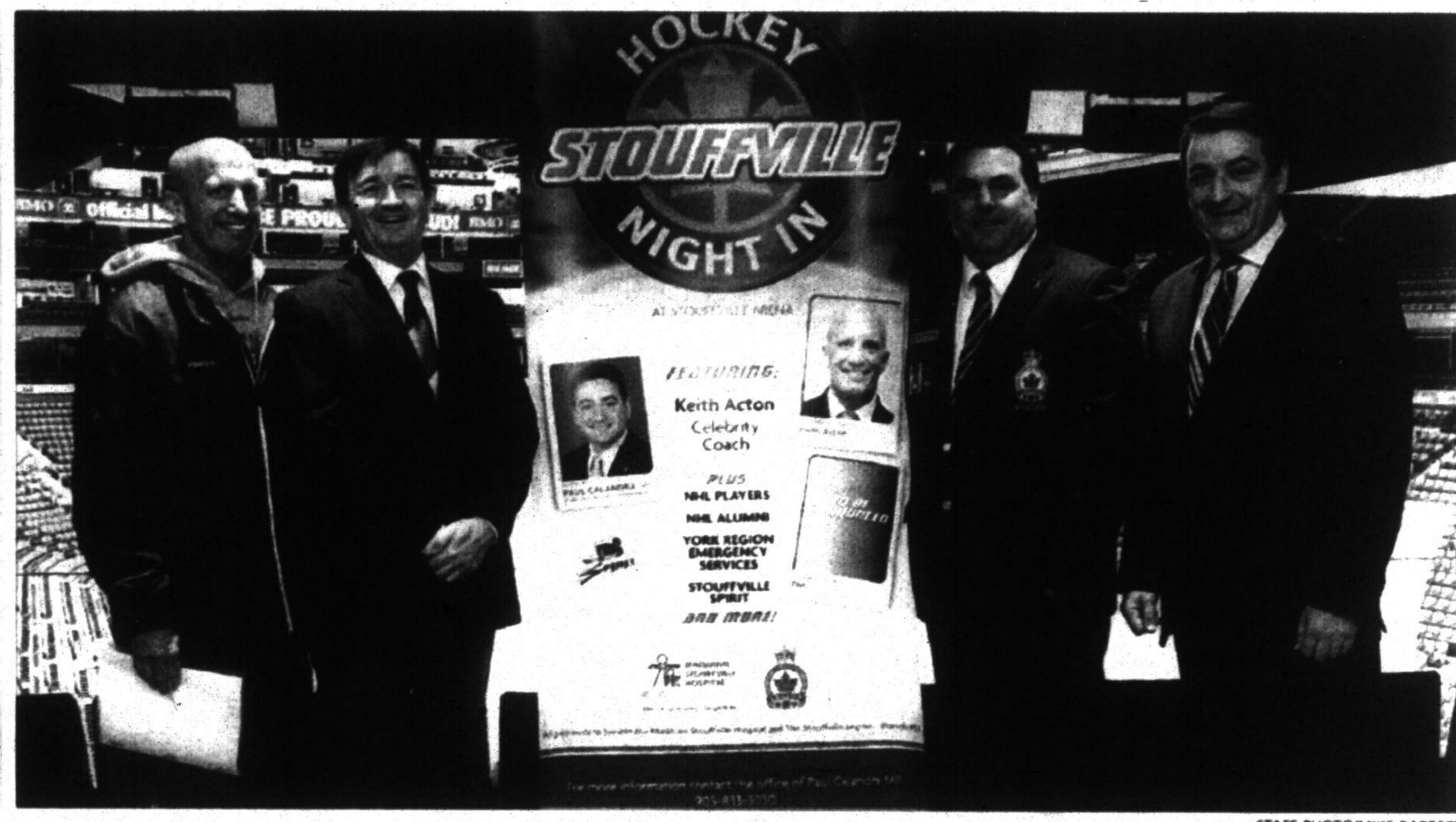
Ms Jaczek said she was proud
of her ability to get Markham
Stouffville Hospital's expansion
off the ground as well as implement full-day kindergarten.

Currently, 16 of the 48 elementary schools within Oak Ridges-Markham provide all-day kindergarten.

"I want to make sure that progresses," she said.

The past four years have not been all handshakes and ribbon cuttings. The Liberal government

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Guest coach Keith Acton of the Toronto Maple Leafs (from left), Allan Bell of Markham Stouffville Hospital, Murray Pattenden of Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion and Oak Ridges-Markham MP Paul Calandra launch Hockey Night in Stouffville at the Air Canada Centre Tuesday.

Big-league plans for hockey game

BY JIM MASON
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Paul Calandra never fashioned himself as much of a hockey player.

But the rookie MP for Oak Ridges-Markham loves the game and its impact on communities.

And he hopes to score big time when he hosts Hockey Night in Stouffville, a charity/celebrity event, at the Stouffville Arena Aug. 18.

The Stouffville resident unveiled

plans for the event Tuesday in the Air Canada Centre's Air Canada Club, as the Toronto Maple Leafs and then the New York Islanders practised in the background.

"No, I'm not a player," he said.
"I'll be on the bench."

The event will be a fundraiser for Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459, which was forced to move to Mostar Street this year due to the realignment of Ninth Line, and Markham Stouffville Hospital.

which will double in size by 2013.

The format is being styled after Hockey Night in Barrie, which Simcoe MP Patrick Brown has hosted for three years.

Mr. Calandra is inviting NHLers past and present from his riding to play in the game, alongside York Region emergency service workers and Stouffville Spirit Jr. A players.

One of the coaches will be Stouffville's Keith Acton, an assistant coach with the Leafs. The cancer survivor hosted charity games of his own at the Stouffville rink in 2003 and 2005. The other celebrity coach is to be announced.

Other events being planned for the day are a public skate, pregame tailgate party and post-game after-party.

Tickets are expected to go on sale in June.

Sponsors are being sought in the community. For more information, e-mail Calanp2@parl.gc.ca

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