

Markham group opposes development of fairground

MARKHAM — Now that Markham Fair Board has purchased 104 acres of land as the larger site of Markham's annual fair, the former 31 acre site at Highway 7 and 48 has been proposed for residential construction.

Local developer Doug Meharg has teamed up with a Vancouver company, Ira Young Associates Ltd., to purchase the land for \$2.1 million, and plans to construct 63 single units, 80 semi-detached, and 41 townhouses on the site. However, a group of area residents, along with the Markham Ratepayers Association, is opposing residential development

on the land, and fighting for parkland or some other alternative. They say they want to preserve the site, on which the fair has been held since 1855, as a piece of Markham history.

Meharg, who sold the town 3.4 acres of land last year, and donated 2.5 acres for the municipal arena, received a signed agreement from the town held since 1855, as a piece of Markham history, giving him rezoning priority at that time.

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MARKHAM — GO Transit introduced additional runs between Uxbridge, Markham and Toronto last week. Daily shuttle trips to the Finch Avenue subway station now leaves the 9th line and Highway 7 in Markham at 40-minute intervals, 11 times daily.

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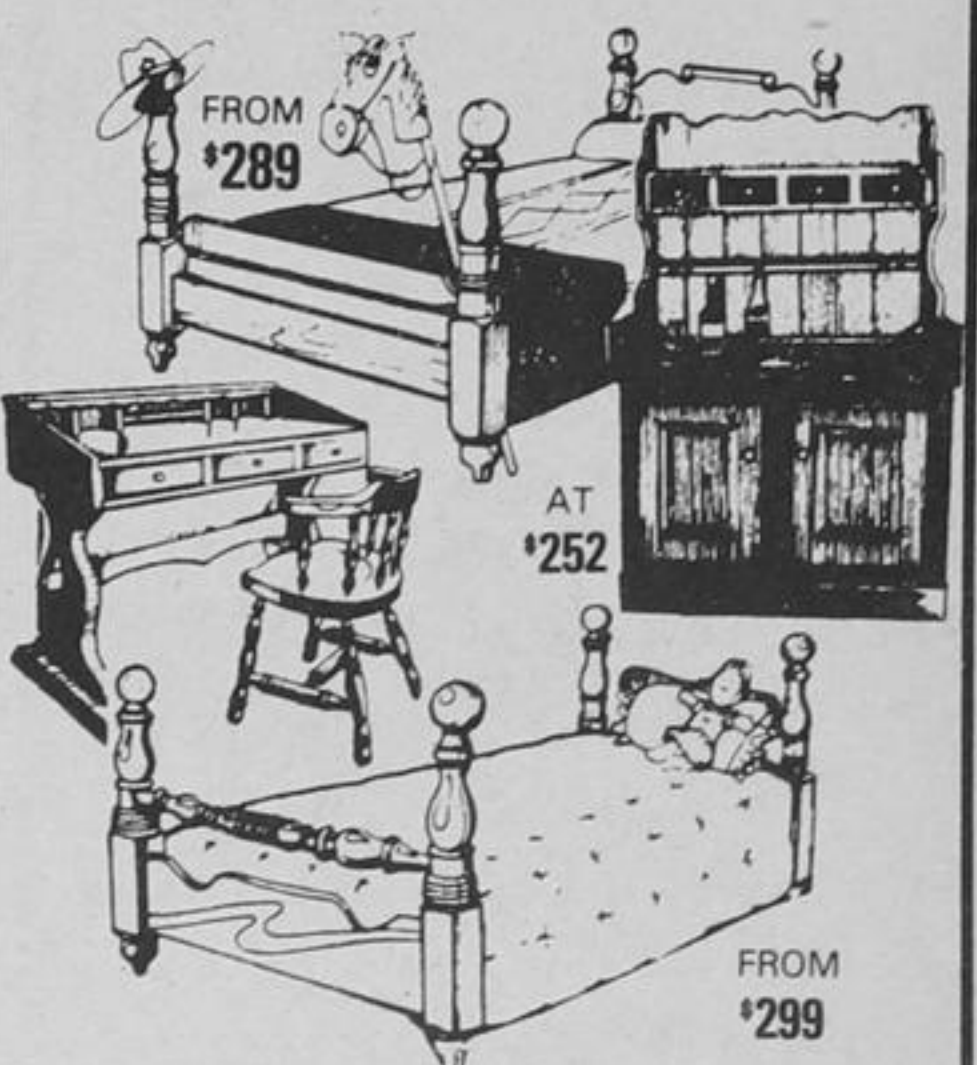
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